



GETTING TO KNOW YOU



A series where we get to know our church staff. This month, we're highlighting:

**DAVID
BRASHER**

What is your role at Bullard Methodist Church, and what do you love most about it?

I am the Senior Pastor at BMC and have been at the church for around 15 years. I love working with such a great church and staff. We have such talented people who love Jesus and want to see others come to know the saving love of Jesus Christ and grow in faith and service.

How did God lead you into ministry or to serve in your current role?

The short answer is that the Bishop of our former denomination appointed me to serve at our church, then First United Methodist Church, back in 2011. Regarding my calling into full-time ordained ministry, God spoke to me back in 1993, just after I graduated from college, while I was doing an internship at the Texas Tech Wesley Foundation, and He invited me to join Him in ministry as a pastor. I began the ordination process, went to seminary at Asbury in Wilmore, KY, served my first church in Fritch, TX, and was ordained.

What's a Scripture verse that has shaped your life or ministry?

Philippians 2:3-4 is one of my favorites. *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."* To me, it speaks of servant leadership. As a pastor, I'm here to serve people and to help them come to know Christ, to grow in Christ, and to serve in Christ's name.

If you could have dinner with any biblical character (besides Jesus), who would it be and why?

Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan and grandson of King Saul. He is best known in the Bible (2 Samuel 9) for receiving King David's mercy and kindness. Crippled at age five, he lived in obscurity until David restored his family's land and

brought him to dine at the royal table as a covenant gesture to Jonathan. It's one of the most powerful stories of God's grace in the Old Testament. I want to hear in his own words what that experience of grace was like for him.

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?

I used to lead worship at the Texas Tech Wesley Foundation. It's where I met Kimberly. I was playing guitar, and she was the one changing the lyrics on the overhead. We were very "old school" back in the day.

When you're not serving at the church, what's your favorite way to spend a day off?

Enjoying time with my family and also reading.

What's your favorite worship song or hymn right now?

Contemporary: I Speak Jesus. Traditional: And Can It Be.

What's a hidden talent or quirky skill you have that most people don't know about?

I can ride a unicycle.

What's your go-to comfort food or favorite local restaurant in Bullard/Tyler?

Currently, for fast food, it's Hawaiian Brothers. But I love a good steak from Texas Roadhouse or Longhorn Steakhouse.

What's one thing you hope people experience when they come to Bullard Methodist Church?

The overwhelming love and grace of Jesus!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy April! In March, we enjoyed Club M&M and Club 118. The kids worked on planting some flower seeds and bulbs for the church courtyard. We look forward to seeing them bloom soon! At Club 118, we enjoyed getting together at the Dean home. The kids had some fellowship and also stuffed some Easter eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg-splasion!!!

During Sunday School time, the kids continue to enjoy music time together before we split into our age group classes. We are learning some new music which the kids are planning to share on Palm Sunday! All kids are encouraged to join us.

Please save these upcoming dates:

Club M&M: **Sunday, April 12: from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in Harper Hall:** kids ages 4yr-3rd grade join us for devotional, mission project, crafts, music, and pizza!

Club 118: **Sunday, April 19: from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Morris home:** kids in grades 4th-5th join us for devotional, mission project, fellowship, and pizza!

Children's Ministry upcoming dates: Please mark your calendar for our annual Easter Eggsplasion! This will be **Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.** This is a very fun and special event for children and their families! Everyone in the community is invited to join us for breakfast, a petting zoo, pony rides, crafts, story time, and a huge egg hunt! If you can help with this event, please let me know!

Summer kickoff event: **Sunday, May 17:** we will celebrate the beginning of Summer with pizza and fun **at iJump!** More details to come soon.

Vacation Bible School! Please save the date for **July 13-16 from 9:00 a.m. until noon!!!** Please help us get ready by collecting cardboard tubes of all sizes, such as toilet paper tubes, paper towel roll tubes, wrapping paper tubes, etc. Please also join us for these upcoming work dates: **Sundays from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m.: April 26, May 3, May 10, May 24, May 31, in the FLC.**

Any questions, please call or text me!

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung
(903) 343-2857

ADULT MINISTRIES

BLESSED BITES MEAL MINISTRY

Do you know of any Church Family in need of a ready-to-eat meal? The Blessed Bites ministry team prepares and delivers meals to our Church Family members who are going through a difficult time. Please contact Susan Hatley at (713) 202-7019.

METHODIST COFFEE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join the Methodist Coffee Club, which meets here in Bullard on **Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m., at Coffee Around the Corner.** This is a time of fellowship and coffee drinking. Everyone is welcome.

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please join the BMC Hunger Heroes on **Tuesday, April 7, at East Texas Food Bank.** We pack food boxes for distribution throughout East Texas. We volunteer **from 8:30**

a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and enjoy great fellowship while we help our community.

The address is 3201 Robertson Rd. Tyler 75701. For more information, contact Mary Kay Bailey or Brett Hatley.

METHODIST MEN

We will meet on the **fourth Tuesday of each month except November and December.** We have booked a spot with Bella's Italian Cafe and Restaurant, located at 16700 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Unit 1800, Tyler, TX 75703. Their telephone number is (903) 581-2389. We will meet from 6:00 p.m. until we finish dinner and our business meeting. We have this location booked all the way through the October meeting. Bella's is not charging us for the meeting space.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Methodist Men are looking for High School Seniors to apply for scholarships. Scholarship forms are available to apply. Please contact Wayne Bailey for an application form. Wayne's contact information is: Cell phone (253) 740-7700, and email address is nx7k@suddenlink.net

METHODIST WOMEN

Bullard Methodist Women will meet on **Wednesday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.** The Bible study will be "A Prayer of Trust" on Psalm 62. Please bring 4 signed Easter cards for Sideline Saints. We are also collecting cleaning supplies for the New Creations Women's Center. Contact Mary Kay Bailey at (253) 740-7666 for more information.

MISSION BARREL – APRIL



Volunteer Day:

**May 16, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 11:00
a.m.**

Come serve with us at Church Under the Bridge

GAME DAY

Game day is on the **third Thursday** of the month, **April 16, 2026, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.**

Bring a game you like to play, and I am sure you will be able to find a like-minded person who likes to play that game. If you would like to learn a new game, I'm sure someone is willing to teach you how to play. Here are some examples of games which you may want to bring/play, Dominos, Uno, Mexican Train, Bridge, Mahjong, Rummikub, Checkers, Chess, and any number of card or board games. Puzzles 300-500 pieces, which may be finished in the time allotted.

In February, we had a dozen or so people playing Mahjong, Dominoes, and Rummikub.

There is some prep work, you need to bring a lunch with you or a phone to call for delivery. There is a microwave available.

If you have any questions, please call Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The Potluck with a Purpose dinner will be on the second **Wednesday** of the month, **April 8, at 5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** New time, to benefit our working members. Bring a dish to share and a nonperishable donation for the Bullard Mission House Food Pantry. In March, you were asked to bring an item of your choice, and the response was really good, so let's do it again in April.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship. Attendance was slightly below average due to spring break in March. We hope to see everyone back at dinner in April. It is after Easter, so you do not have to worry about any Lenten diet restrictions, and with the time change, it is still light outside when we are finished!

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will be meeting on the first **Thursday** of the month, **April 2, at 9:00 a.m., in the FLC.** **We will pray for the recipients of the quilts at 11:30 a.m.**

At our March meeting, we photographed completed quilts, coordinated fabrics, discussed design for the Raffle Quilt, and prayed for the recipients of the quilts. On April 24 we will be attending the Quilters Guild of East Texas Quilt Show. In 2026, we distributed **34** quilts. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and March 15, 2026, we have distributed **321** quilts. We still have an inventory of over 100 quilts, so don't hesitate to request a quilt for someone who would receive comfort from one. We distribute to those in

the military, with health issues or going through a rough time. We depend on feedback from all of you to know who may be in need of prayers for healing and a quilt for comfort. If you have a close friend or relative who lives out of town, you may request a quilt, and we will give it to you to forward it to its final destination. If you would like a service member to receive a patriotic-themed quilt, or an alternative color, please contact us.

If you have any questions, please contact Flo Tarrant at (903) 894-6416 or Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR APRIL

Joe & Patti Maxwell
Justin Morris
Violet Morris

The full church calendar can be viewed on our website at <http://bullardfumc.org/calendar-2>

NEWS AND NOTES

BLUEBONNET COMMUNION MINISTRY

We ministered to twelve residents and guests at the March Communion Service. Singing was led by Lisa Escolas with Lois Evans at the piano. Lisa brought a beautiful message written by her daughter, Patty. Lisa also led the communion service, assisted by Mike Dunklin and Mike Walker. Carole Myers recited her poem, "And the Word Says." We recently lost one of our regular attendees, Carl Lintner. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

We are looking for people from our church who would like to help by sharing a brief devotional with the residents of Bluebonnet Place. We go **every 1st Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.** to serve communion and share a devotional. If you can help, please sign up today! If you would like to participate, please contact Lisa Escolas at (774) 226-6153.

BMC DIRECTORY

Updated pictures and information requested

We are preparing to publish our latest edition of the church directory. We want to make sure that everyone's information and pictures are up to date. If you'd like to update your picture or if you have an updated address, phone number, or email, please email Venus Burns at venus@bullardmethodist.org and let her know.

If you are new to BMC and are a member or an active guest who would like to be included in our directory, please send your picture and information (including names, address, phone numbers, and email addresses) to Venus as well.

DEADLINE: April 17, 2026.

GRADUATING SENIOR INFORMATION NEEDED

If you know of anyone that is a 2026 High School, College, or Trade School Senior, please contact Venus at the church office (903) 894-6762.

BULLARD METHODIST CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED



WE'RE HIRING!

Children's Music Director

BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH
Bullard, Texas

- ✓ Do you have a love for music and a passion for working with children?
- ✓ Experience in vocal performance and leading children in song?
- ✓ We'd love for you to join our team!

Position Highlights:

- Weekly rehearsals (September–May)
- Lead children's music for Christmas & Easter programs
- Prepare kids to sing in church services every 6–8 weeks
- Help lead VBS music in the summer
- Collaborate with children's ministry & tech teams

Salary:
\$20-\$25/hour

For more information or to submit an application, please contact Bullard Methodist Church at (903) 894-6762.

BULLARD METHODIST NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Applications are available in the church office. Please contact Kimberly Brasher for additional information.

OUR PRAYERS

Our Homebound – Side-Line Saints - Members & Friends:

James & Kathleen Kyles
Dirk Streely
Nellene Tannert

Active Military Personnel:

Matt Pearce, Luke Sprinkle, and Grant Troxell

OUR GIFTS

BMC has a brokerage account for securities donated to the church. The purpose of this is to be able to accept donations of stocks and bonds and convert them to cash for use by the church as designated by the donor.

If you have securities you wish to donate to the church and avoid capital gains taxes, please consult with your financial advisor and then contact the church's Finance/Business Administrator, Teri Rogers, or the church office.

SPECIAL GIFTS

(Gifts as of March 31, 2026)

In Memory of Fred Provence

Given by:
Ronald & Ruth Niketh

In Memory of Richard Dinwiddie

Given by:
Carol Scoggins

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Wednesday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.**, for the May 2026 newsletter. Email articles to bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL

1	Marsha Jones Peggy Lawson Joe Samford
2	Eddy Hobbs
3	Teri Rogers
4	Jonathan Leung
5	Dollie Thibodeaux
6	Kelly & Venus Burns Tim Plumb
7	Wayne Bailey
8	John & Ashlee Jones Andy Williams
9	Tyler Lamberth
10	Russell & Beth Geesing Canyon & Monica Hamilton
11	Erin Florence Nina Marshall
12	Rebekah Brasher Jules LeVrier Matthew Walker
15	T.J. & Katie Rankin
16	Shanan Jones Lucy Shultz
17	Sherri Henry Charlotte Lawson

- 18 Debbie Orey
- 19 Charlie Morton
- 20 Brian Vestal
- 21 Jim & Linda Neuman
Jacob & Alison Walker
- 24 Byron & Miranda Pierce
- 26 Vanessa Krause
- 27 Howard & Deanne Kravetz
Tom Phelps
- 29 Carl Coleman

NEED A NAME TAG?

Active members' and visitors' name tags are located on the shelf (in alphabetical order) in the foyer of the Sanctuary and the entrance of the FLC. If you need a name tag, please put a note in the offering plate, or call Venus at the church office at (903) 894-6762.

UPLIFTING WORDS

God's Sacrifice

Jesus hung on the cross that day,
Died to carry our sins away,
Died to reconcile God and man,
Died to fulfill the Father's plan.

Satan thought that he had won,
Hadn't he murdered God's own Son?
Little did he know that fateful day
In dying, Christ would take his power away.

Jesus looked down into Hell,
Said "Satan, you think that you've done well,
But no one took my life from me,
I gave it up on the rugged tree."

In power Christ arose that morn,
By God's own spirit, He was reborn
To be the elder of many sons.
The battle was over, God had won!

Jesus hung on the cross that day,
Died to carry our sins away,
Died to reconcile God and man,
Died to fulfill the Father's plan.

Crucified there for you and me,
God's sacrifice to set us free!

By Carole Myers

ALTAR FLOWERS: POLICY & PRICE

Altar flowers are a way of honoring a beloved person, remembering the deceased, or recognizing an anniversary or birthday.

To participate in this expression of your appreciation, complete an Altar Flower Form found below the glass case in Harper Hall near the children's wing, or go to our website, bullardmethodist.org, and drop down the Online Giving tab. A payment of \$45.00 must accompany your request. To pay online, use a credit card. To pay by check, indicate on the subject line that it is for altar flowers and place the check with your request in the offering plate, or take it to the church office.

When you take the altar flowers home, please leave the green plastic containers at the church. These are reused each week.

The next three months are listed below. Check the glass case in Harper Hall for the calendar.

Month	Sunday	Name
April	5	reserved
	12	reserved
	19	
May	26	
	3	
	10	
	17	
	24	
June	31	
	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	

WELCOME TEAM

We need volunteers to serve on our Welcome Team each Sunday. This group of volunteers makes sure every person who comes through our doors is warmly welcomed and that our first-time guests are given a gift. You simply need to be at worship a few minutes early and wear a smile. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

RECENT EVENTS

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK





Jo Jean Smith
(joined March 11)

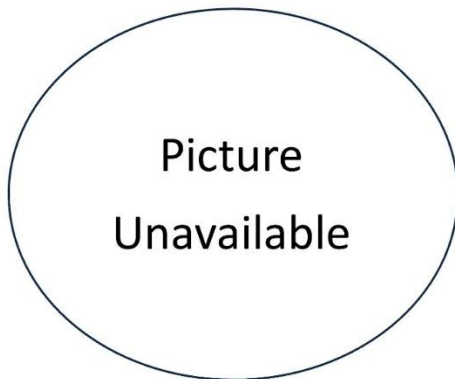


NEW MEMBERS OF BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH



Don & Ronda Jackson
(joined March 29)

METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



The Davis Family
Sanford & Myrle Davis
(joined February 25)



POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE



PRAYER & SENDING – BEV DILLON



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY



CONTACT US

If you would like to know more about how to become a member of Bullard Methodist Church, contact our Pastor.

Bullard Methodist Church
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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

903.894.6762 (*office*)
903.894.3245 (*fax*)

Office: bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org
Pastor David: david@bullardmethodist.org

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Encounter (FLC)
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional
5:30 p.m. Youth

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness around the globe.

All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel, equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance of:

CLERGY

Senior Pastor, Rev. David Brasher
Associate Pastor, Pastor David Thrasher

PROGRAMS

Student Ministries Director, Katie Rankin
Children's Director, Deirdre Leung

WORSHIP

Director of Traditional Music, Robert Boren
Pianist, Kerry Baham

SUPPORT

Administrative Assistant, Venus Burns
Finance/Business Administrator, Teri Rogers
Nursery Supervisor, Kimberly Brasher
Custodian, Louis White

TRINITY CONFERENCE

Bishop, Rev. Dr. Scott Jones
Presiding Elder, Rev. Nick Sholars
Presiding Elder, Rev. David Brasher
Connecting Elder for BMC, Rev. Ed Wandling