



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Wake Up Your Faith with Seedbed's Wake-Up Call

In the busyness of life, many of us long for a simple and meaningful way to stay rooted in God's Word each day. We know spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident—it happens through consistent time with the Lord. That is why I want to encourage our church family to consider a wonderful daily resource called **Wake-Up Call** from Seedbed, hosted by J.D. Walt.

Wake-Up Call is a daily Scripture-based podcast and video devotional designed to help believers begin each day centered on Jesus Christ. Each episode includes a reading from God's Word, thoughtful reflection, prayer, and encouragement for everyday discipleship. It is practical, biblical, and deeply inspiring. Whether you are new to daily devotionals or have walked with Christ for many years, this resource can help strengthen your faith.

One of the things I especially appreciate about J.D. Walt is his heart for revival and spiritual awakening. He has a gift for making Scripture come alive in a way that is both accessible and challenging. His teaching is warm, faithful, and encouraging. Rather than simply giving information, he helps listeners encounter the living God through His Word.

On a personal note, J.D., Kimberly, and I attended Asbury Theological Seminary together years ago. It has been a blessing to watch how God has used him through this ministry. I believe what he is doing through Wake-Up Call is making a real difference in the lives of many people.

The beauty of Wake-Up Call is its simplicity. You can listen while having your morning coffee, during your commute, while walking, or sitting quietly with your Bible open. You can watch on YouTube or listen through various podcast platforms. There is no requirement to purchase anything. While additional study materials are available for those who want them, all you really need is a willing heart, an open Bible, and a few minutes each day.

Imagine what could happen if more of us began each morning with Scripture, prayer, and a renewed focus on Christ. Families would be strengthened. Hearts would be

encouraged. Faith would deepen. Our church would be blessed by people who are daily abiding in Jesus.

If you are looking for a fresh way to grow spiritually, I encourage you to give Wake-Up Call a try. Start with one week. See how God meets you there. Sometimes the smallest daily habits become the seeds of the greatest transformation.

You can learn more and sign up at seedbed.com/wakeupcall. My prayer is that many in our church family will discover the joy of beginning each day awake to the presence, power, and promises of God.

Grace and Peace,

DAVID BRASHER

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy May! In April, we enjoyed Club M&M and Club 118. The kids worked on gardening projects for the church courtyard and in front of the church office. We look forward to seeing them bloom soon! At Club 118, we enjoyed getting together at the Morris home. Thank you, Morris family! Also in April, the kids sang a fun song for both worship services on Palm Sunday. They did a great job!

During Sunday School time, the kids continue to enjoy music time together before we split into our age group classes. All kids are encouraged to join us.

Please save these upcoming dates:

Children and Youth Ministries Summer Kick Off Celebration: Join us at **iJump on Sunday, May 17**, for jumping and pizza, and fellowship!

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 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., May 17, May 24, May 31, in the FLC; Also, Wednesday, May 13, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.**

Any questions, please call or text me!

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung
(903) 343-2857

STUDENT MINISTRIES

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 17. Please celebrate our graduating seniors with us. They will be recognized in the early and late services with a reception to follow the late service in Harper Hall.

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, May 5, 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.

METHODIST WOMEN

Bullard Methodist Women will meet on **Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor** to study lesson 4, "A Prayer of Distress" based on Psalms 57. Carole Myers will give the devotion. We are accepting monetary donations this month to purchase plants for New Creations Womens Center.

Following the meeting, we will go to lunch at FD's Grillhouse in The Village at Cumberland.

LADIES' SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH

Ladies, welcome to summer, where the visiting is easy! We will be starting Summer Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, June 3, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a potluck luncheon in Harper Hall.** This is an opportunity to meet and visit with the women of Bullard Methodist. We especially want to encourage new members and those who work during the school year to join us. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship. If you have questions, contact Mary Kay Bailey at (253) 740-7666.

HIWAY 80 OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Hiway 80 Rescue Mission provides an opportunity for a new start in life for men whose lives have been derailed by substance abuse or other destructive behaviors. The Hiway 80 organization believes that permanent change in an individual begins with a relationship with Christ.

A small group of men from BMC has joined together to lead an evening of fellowship and learning each month at the Triumph Village facility in Tyler. Our mission is to provide support to the men and help nurture their relationship with Christ. We start our evenings by serving a home-cooked meal. After dinner, we use the onsite chapel facility to deliver a biblically-based life lesson to the men, and we close out our evening with a musically inspired praise time. If you would like to be part of this outreach, please contact Brett Hatley at (713) 301-1231.

MISSION BARREL – MAY

This May, our Mission Barrel will support *The men of Triumph Village at Highway 80 Mission*, a ministry dedicated to helping broken men rebuild their lives with dignity, stability, and hope with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone.

We have the opportunity to come alongside them in a simple but meaningful way. Throughout the month of May, we are collecting men's toiletries to help meet everyday needs.

Suggested items include:

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Other basic hygiene essentials

These may seem like small items, but they make a big difference, offering not only physical care but also encouragement and a reminder that someone cares.

As we fill the Mission Barrel this month, let us also be intentional in prayer. Lifting up the men of Triumph Village and the work being done there. May we ask God to continue transforming lives, restoring hope, and drawing each man closer to Him.

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE 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, May 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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 there is someone 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 March, 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, May 13, 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 May, bring a food item that reminds you of summer.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship. Attendance in April was approximately 50 people. 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, May 7, at 9:00 am, in the FLC.** We will pray for the recipients of the quilts at 11:30 a.m.

At our April meeting, we photographed completed quilts, coordinated fabrics, and prayed for the recipients of the quilts.

In 2026, we have distributed **65** quilts. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and April 13, 2026, we have distributed **352** quilts. We still have 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 MAY

Brett & Susan Hatley
Jake & Vanessa Krause

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

NEWS AND NOTES

BLUEBONNET COMMUNION MINISTRY

We were missing some of our regulars on Easter Sunday, but did minister to eight residents. Singing was led by Lisa Escolas with Lois Evans at the piano. The message was brought by Mike Walker. Lisa Escolas led the communion service with assistance from Mike Dunklin, Mike Walker, and Glen Sheets. Carole Myers sang one of her songs, "God's Sacrifice."

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.

CLASS OF 2026

Luke Alexander, Bullard High
Willow Hamilton, Bullard High
Jayke Jones, Bullard High
Kesley Lawrence, Legacy High
Jules LeVrier, Whitehouse High
Wyatt Long, Bullard High
Libby Neeland, Whitehouse High
Landon Paddock, Bullard High
Ella Roddy, Bullard High School
Lucy Shultz, Bullard High

Brynn Allen, Baylor University
Carley Pawlak, Texas A&M University
Carter Paddock, Texas A&M University
Alison Walker, Master's in Education Curriculum &
Instruction
Windom Hamilton, UT Tyler
Read Blakeney, Stephen F. Austin University

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.

QUILT Ministry, Prayer Ministry, and Communion Ministry

Touching the Community More Than We Realize

I attend Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). A couple of weeks ago one of our questions was--“What do you personally do to serve your church?”. I mentioned that I was in a quilt ministry. My leader began asking me a few questions about it, including “What church do you attend?” and “What does your ministry do?” I answered all of her questions, explaining that we have a quilt ministry at Bullard Methodist where we make quilts, distribute them to people in need, and pray over each quilt.

Later that week, I got a text from my BSF leader asking if our church was the church that takes communion to Bluebonnet Rehab. She informed me that she has a long-term family friend who is recovering at Bluebonnet. Her friend was so thrilled when she found out that Bullard Methodist was coming on Easter to bring communion. After I read my leader's text, I thought, “We need to take her a quilt!” I then returned her text and informed her that, indeed it is our church who will be coming on Easter to bring communion. I also asked her to give me her friend's name, room number, and favorite colors. Upon hearing of her favorite colors (bright colors- green, pink, and blue) I explained that I would like to take her a quilt. My leader was speechless! She was so excited and overwhelmed that we would do that.

The following Sunday (Easter), before the early service, I went to look at our quilt inventory, and lying on the very top, I found the perfect green, pink, and blue quilt with Easter eggs on it! It was definitely a “God Moment” for me! After the early service, we went to Bluebonnet and took the quilt to her room. She was so thrilled; tears came to her eyes. We had a nice visit, and I reminded her of the communion service at 2:00 p.m. She told me how excited she was to be able to have communion on Easter.

The following day, a picture of the recipient holding the quilt was shared with our quilt ministry. When Pam Martin, a member of our quilt and prayer ministries, received the picture, she called me immediately to let me know that she knew her from Pollard United Methodist several years ago. What a small world we live in!

The next week, when I went to BSF again, my leader thanked me for taking the quilt and told our group about the quilt. All of a sudden, the lady beside her spoke up and said, “I have gotten a couple of quilts for family members from that

ministry!" (To my surprise, this lady was Lisa Escolas' sister, Sandy Barbour!) Another lady spoke, "Yes, I have gotten three quilts for loved ones from them as well!" (This was Judy Donnelly's neighbor). This started a huge discussion.

It made me smile knowing that our quilt, prayer, and communion ministries are making a difference in the lives of so many people all over our community that we do not even know! But...God does!

Thank you all as a congregation for supporting us in our mission of sending God's love into our community and beyond through our quilt, communion, and prayer ministries.

Leah Williams

OUR PRAYERS

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

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.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

1 Becky Laborde
Kelsey Thrasher
3 Carole Myers
4 Jack Florence
5 Herb Jones
6 Emersyn Burns
Randy & Jackie Hopman
8 David Crawford
9 Janet Burns
11 Matt Florence
Tom & Candyce Phelps
Larry Staten

13 Alison Walker
15 Piper Florence
16 Mary Kay Bailey
Lucy Norlie
17 Sloan Willis
18 Steve & Debbie Bembenek
20 Camille Lawson
21 Hannah Krause
Dean & Hazel Mason
22 Ron Martin
24 Mike Walker
26 Ronda Jackson
29 Jason & Jennifer Blakeney
Joe & Patti Maxwell
31 Larry & Nelda Perry

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

Holy Spirit, Come

Holy Spirit, come now, come to us today.
Come and make thy dwelling in our hearts, we pray.
Holy Spirit, come now, overflow our hearts.
Come with all thy fullness never to depart.

The Master said that He would send
A Comforter, a Guide, a Friend.
And on that day at Pentecost
The power came down to reach the lost.

Let us be the vessels of God's love on high,
Reaching out to others with life before they die.
Holy Spirit, come now, fill us with Thy power,
Quicken all the body in this final hour.

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 |
|-------|--------|----------|
| May | 3 | |
| | 10 | reserved |
| | 17 | |
| | 24 | reserved |
| | 31 | |
| June | 7 | |
| | 14 | |
| | 21 | |
| | 28 | |
| July | 5 | |
| | 12 | |
| | 19 | |
| | 26 | |

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

BINGO



EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK



GAME DAY



METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



April 3



April 10



April 24

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY TRIP

Quilting "Angels" at the Quilt Show



CONTACT US

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

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

903.894.6762 (*office*)
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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