



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our church is in the middle of an important time in its history. Our church has entered into a process of discernment with at least 200

other United Methodist Churches in the Texas Annual Conference to consider whether we will remain in the UMC or join the Global Methodist Church. As with most discernment periods, it comes with feelings of uneasiness and maybe even fear. We ask ourselves a lot of "what if?" questions. On top of that, we hear rumors of things that may or may not contain a grain of truth. It can leave us exhausted and confused.

For example, some have expressed concern that they don't want to join the GMC because it will mean we will no longer be Methodist. That's not true. Our church was formed on August 6, 1885, with an outdoor revival on the corner of Philips and Emma streets. At that time, we were a part of the Methodist Episcopal South Church. In 1939 we became a part of The Methodist Church when the ME South and ME North merged. It wasn't until 1968 that we became part of The United Methodist Church. So what about 2023? Whether we join the GMC or remain in the UMC, we'll still be part of the Methodist movement throughout history. We'll still have John and Charles Wesley as our founders, we'll still have our rich history, and our worship experience on Sundays will remain the same. We won't stop being Methodists.

Information is important. The correct information is even more important. I hope you'll plan to join us for one of our Discernment Meetings in August. Everyone who is a part of the Bullard FUMC family is invited to attend one of these meetings. These meetings are for Bullard FUMC members and regular attendees only and are not intended for persons of other congregations. Attendance in each meeting is limited to 12, and Pastor David Brasher will lead them. **Reservations are required.** Reservations can be made by contacting Venus Burns in the church office at (903)894-6762. Dates include:

- Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 3:00 pm,
- Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 2:00 pm,
- Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm,
- Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:00 pm,
- Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 2:00 pm,
- Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

As you can see, we have scheduled meetings at various times on various days to accommodate as many people as possible. Additional meetings will be added as needed.

As I said earlier, times such as these can cause anxiety in our lives, but don't worry. God is still in charge. Instead of worrying, please make plans to get your questions answered at one of our Discernment Meetings, or, if you'd like, you are welcome to make an appointment with me. I'd love to talk to you more about these matters in person.

Grace and Peace

DAVID BRASHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST MISSION BARREL

The August Mission Barrel will be collecting school supplies for the Bullard Early Childhood campus. You may pick up a supply list on the tables next to the Mission Barrels or look on the Bullard FUMC Facebook page.



SPLASH KINGDOM FAMILY NIGHT - SIGN UP TODAY!

Splash Kingdom Family Waterpark



Please make plans to join us at Splash Kingdom on August 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm! Free for everyone! Bring your family and friends! Everyone must register, registration is now open on our

website at Bullardfumc.org under upcoming events!

NEW LADIES' SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH

In July, 17 ladies with free time and looking to have fun, went to lunch. Ladies' Summer Lunch Bunch, new this year, finds more fun and interesting ladies joining each month. We meet on the **first Wednesday of the month during the summer at 12:15 pm at Hidden Gardens Tearoom in Bullard. August 3** is our last together lunch outing this summer. This gathering is open to all the ladies of the church and their friends. To ensure we have adequate seating, please email, call, or text me by the Monday prior to the luncheon so I can give the restaurant a head count. This month contact me at pauljudy82@sbcglobal.net or 281-450-2300 by August 1. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

In July we have some fun family-style playdates! Thank you to the Bly family for hosting our Swim Party on July 10! And thank you to everyone who came to participate on July 31 at our Bowling Night at Grand Slam.

Please make plans to join us at **Splash Kingdom on Sunday, August 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm!** Free for everyone! Bring your family and friends! Everyone must register, registration is now open on our website!

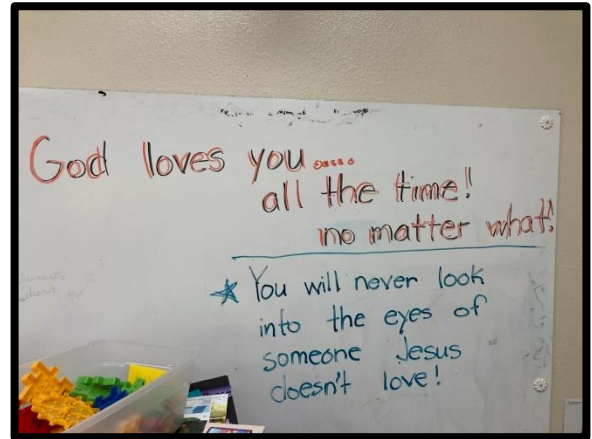
Please also plan to join us **Sunday, August 21 from 3:30-5:30 pm for a Back-to-School Swim Party at the Vestal home!** Supper will be provided. Please let me know if you can come so I can have enough food!

With Joy,
Deirdre
903-343-2857

WEE CATS SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the next few weeks, we will look at how God's power is shown through Jesus's amazing acts of healing. Come meet with us! We're right down the hall from the donuts! Cousins and friends are always welcome!

Pam Morton "Miss Pam"



SWIM PARTY



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUMMER EVENTS FOR YOUTH

Pool Youth:

August 7 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Hatley's home.

Splash Kingdom Family Night:

August 14 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Canton, TX

Other News

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Everyone is invited to Milton Odom's 90th Birthday Celebration. It is a "Come and Go" celebration on **Saturday, August 13 from 2:00 until 5:00 pm in Harper Hall**. Your presence is his birthday gift!

TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR AUGUST

Mary Kay Bailey
Richard & Martha Dinwiddie
Meredith Farquharson

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 7 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 14 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 21 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, August 28 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The next meeting of the United Methodist Men will be on **Tuesday, August 23, at 6:00 pm at the Milano's in Bullard**. All the men of the church are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and ministry.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We are taking a break for the Summer, travel and children/grandchildren's activities keep us busy during these months. We will resume our regular meetings and Bible Study on **Wednesday, September 7, at 10:00 am**. Watch the Vine for more information.

NEED A NAME TAG?

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



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.

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 either below the glass case in church entrance hall, below the glass case in Harper Hall near the children's wing, or go to our website, bullardfumc.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.

The next three months are listed below. Check the glass case in Harper Hall or online for an entire year's calendar.

Month	Sunday	Name
August	7	
	14	
	21	reserved
	28	
September	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	
October	2	
	9	
	16	
	23	
	30	

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

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Monday, August 15, at 4:30 pm** for the September 2022 newsletter. Email articles to bullardfumc@bullardfumc.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR AUGUST

- 1 Deanna Kravetz
Leah Williams
- 2 Cheryl Plybon
Nellene Tannert
- 3 Ashlee Jones
Hazel Mason
Tim & Kristi Plumb
- 4 Debbie Bembenek
Jason Jones
Pam Kimble
Donald LeVrier
John & Chronda Wilson
- 7 John & Debbie Kelly
Maya Morris
- 8 Velma Carson
Brett & Susan Hatley
- 10 Milton Odom
- 11 Dennis Mason
Don & Tresia Holcomb
Wade & Sharon Troxell
- 12 David & Kimberly Brasher
Gene & Katherine Bunce
Kelly Burns
Maren LeVrier
Courtney Willis
- 13 Mike & Pat Dunklin
John & Greta Faulkinberry
Brett Hatley
Susan Paddack
Scott & Maylena Williams
- 14 Barbara Odom
Larry & Debbie Staten
- 17 Lou & Theresa Mascola
- 19 Greg & Maggie Nordyke
Cory & Sandy Zahirniak
- 20 Eddy & Carrie Hobbs
Dana Swanson
Bill & Nellene Tannert
- 21 Stefanie Clevenger
David & Savannah Holik
Renee' Steele
- 23 Chad Long
James Wood



- 24 Wayne & Mary Kay Bailey
Luke Hemple
Justin Morris
- 25 Dex Jenkins
John Wilson
Abigail Wood
- 26 Wyatt Long
Carter Paddock
- 29 Tony Blakeney
Louise Hurm
- 31 Landon Grogan
Zane Matejka

OUR PRAYERS

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

Tommie Aulie
Ruby Cables
Velma Carson
James & Kathleen Kyles
JoAnn Smith
Emilie Stroble
Ron & Dana Swanson
Jean Weatherly

Active Military Personnel:

Benjamin Barbour, Bryton Blakeney, Jessica Roper, Tyler Scarborough, Victor B. Sheldon and his wife Katy Sheldon, Grant Troxell, and others

OUR GIFTS

The Board of Stewards has authorized the Finance Committee to establish a new 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 Finance Secretary, Patti Maxwell, or the church office.

Financial Results for June:

	June	Year-to-date
Contributions (Actual)	\$ 37,900.91	\$ 291,296.13
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 40,041.00	\$ 283,806.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 49,357.20	\$ 268,952.63
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 45,313.00	\$ 268,637.00

OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance (includes In-person & Online):

June: 196
Year to date: 212

CONTACT US

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

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Pastor David: david@bullardfumc.org

Our Mission is to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

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

CLERGY

Pastor, Rev. David Brasher

PROGRAMS

Student Ministries Director, Katie Gage
Children's Director, Deirdre Leung
Director of Connections, Jill Siler

WORSHIP

Director of Traditional Music, Robert Boren
Encounter Worship Leader, David Thrasher
Pianist, Kerry Baham

SUPPORT

Administrative Assistant, Venus Burns
Financial Secretary, Patti Maxwell
Nursery Supervisor, Kimberly Brasher
Custodian, Louis White

DISTRICT/CONFERENCE

District Superintendent, Rev. Charles Anderson
Bishop, Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

