



The Vine Bullard First United Methodist



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

May 2016

NEWS BRIEFS

Ushers for May

Kirol & Sandy Barbour
Bill & Frances Cox

Teachers' Appreciation

Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for all those who are interested in helping with the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

This meeting will take place on
May 23 at 6:30 pm in Harper

Hall. Luncheon will be on
August 15.

If you would like to know more about how to become a Member of Bullard First United Methodist Church, contact
Rev. David Brasher at
(903)894-6762 or
david@bullardfumc.org

During the month of May, we will be kicking off a new missions giving opportunity for our congregation called **The Dollar Mission Club**. Everyone is being encouraged to bring \$1 each Communion Sunday, and leave it on the altar rail. Throughout the year, on a quarterly basis, we will take these donations and give them to a different mission project or need outside of our local church. So, each quarter of the year we'll have a different mission project or need that will be met and blessed by our generous donations.



from the Pastor's desk

\$1 may not seem like a lot all by itself, but just imagine what we could do to meet a need in the world by each one of us bringing \$1 on the first Sunday of the month. Pooling those dollars together over a three month period adds up to something significant.

And here's something else important: we will then be reporting back to you where the money went and how it was used to bless others. We'll show you a video, hear from a recipient, or learn about the particular ministry we, together, were able to give to through The Dollar Mission Club.

We are currently in the second quarter of the year. This quarter's Dollar Mission Club mission project is one that is being organized by the Texas Annual Conference. The Conference is collecting donations in order to purchase school supplies for some of the poorest areas along both sides of the border. Each year the Texas Annual Conference sends a mission team down to the border to do mission work. This year when they go, they want to take school supplies with them. This is a conference wide missions emphasis. They are not asking for us to provide actual school supplies. They are asking for donations, so that they can purchase supplies in bulk. Just think, your Dollar Mission Club donations will be added to donations given from church all around east Texas and Houston areas, to make a difference in some of the poorest schools in Texas and Mexico.

One dollar per person, once a month, toward 4 mission projects, to touch hearts and lives in practical ways. That's Jesus stuff! Feed the hungry, clothe the poor, find the need and meet it. That's what the church is to be about.

See You Sunday,
David Brasher

National Day of Prayer

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Everyone is invited to attend the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast which is held on the National Day of Prayer, **May 5 at 6:30 am, at the Brook Hill school cafeteria.** Join us for breakfast and a time to pray for our nation and our leaders. This is sponsored by the City of Bullard and the Bullard Area Ministerial Alliance.



Church Dinner



Wednesday Night Family Dinner

May 11, 2016

6:30 p.m. in Family Life Center

(Main dish, BBQ Chicken, provided)



Please join us for a special Covered Dish Supper on **Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30pm.** This supper is special because the main dish, BBQ Chicken, will be provided by the church and cooked by John Jones. Everyone is asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts. Covered Dish nights are a great way to get to know other church members and have a great time of fellowship and food. See you there!

Congratulations

Class of 2016

Sarah Hastings

Bullard High School



Baccalaureate Service

This year First Baptist will host the Baccalaureate service for graduating seniors. Join us on **Sunday, May 22 at 6 p.m.** to give thanks to God and celebrate the academic accomplishments of these graduating seniors.



United Methodist Men

Friday, May 6 and

Saturday, May 7

(BFUMC Storage Building)



A Message from the Youth Director

What's Going On With The Youth

We are more ready than ever for our summer fun going into May. Camp plans are in full swing, as are youth group meetings and normal schedules. With that being said, I'd like to take a moment to invite our newer members or guests, with youth from the grades 7-12, to come and hang out with us if they have not before. **We meet on Sunday evenings from 5-7 pm.** There's a dinner provided, small devotional and plenty of activities. An average of 12 youth attend each evening, and as always, we want that to grow. We have a great group of kids and always encourage friends and newcomers to come and check us out. It's a great time which provides an opportunity for kids to continue to grow in Christ, have some fun, plus make new friends in a Christian setting. If you are reading this and know families or kids who might want to hear more, please have them contact me, Chad King, at 903-952-1482 or email at chad.king@suddenlink.net. I'd love to hear from them and get them plugged in. We love our youth!

Blessings.

Chad C. King



Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, May 25 – Last Day to Register for District Youth Camp

Sunday, May 29 – No UMYF

Find Your Place...

Want to get **PLUGGED IN** with a fun,
creative, 21st century ministry?
Find a place on our Technology Team!



Teens & Adults – Ladies & Gentlemen!

Learn to run the sound board, create graphics and run screen presentations for sermons. Update our church website and more!

We need more volunteers! Contact Bruce Woodard or Phil Shipp for more information – bruce@woodardbenefits.com or (903) 941-0381.

Kids on a Mission

Learning about our invitation into Gods kingdom



Online Giving

Are You Traveling? Don't Carry a Checkbook? Do All Bill Paying Online?

We have an easy way for you to support the church with your financial gifts, no matter where you are! You can give from your hotel room in Mexico or from your seat in the pews on Sunday.

What is Online Giving? Our giving tools provide the ability to donate on our website from your computer or on your mobile device! After creating an account, you're able to give a donation, or schedule a series of donations, directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

To create your online account, visit our website and click on our Give button: <http://www.bullardfumc.org/give-now>. Once on this page, you will go to the Give Online graphic in the middle of the page and be directed to a secure, encrypted page, where you may give once or set up automatically recurring giving. You never have to wish you had cash to put in the offering plate or remember to write that check at home!

Try it and see how easy it is!



District Camp

District Youth Camp Now Taking Registrations!

Calling all 5th-12th graders! District summer camp is now open for registration. This is our annual district summer camp at Lakeview campus in Palestine, Texas. This year's camp will be from **Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24**. Registration ends May 25. The cost per camper is \$300. **(Half off for church members - \$150)**

Food and lodging provided. Payments can be made through the front office of the church. Youth who have participated in fundraising activities should request balances to see how much their camp tuition will be. This camp encourages spiritual growth for youth, broken into by different age groups, with activities and lessons planned specifically for them. There are all sorts of activities, including swimming, archery, canoeing, "ga-ga ball" and much more. United Methodist churches from the Northwest District will be participating, meaning this is a great camp for kids to meet new friends. Bullard FUMC would encourage all of our youth from 5th-12th grade to participate this year. If you have any questions, please contact Chad King. Registration can be done through www.lakeviewmcc.org. Sign up today!

Blessings,
Chad C. King



United Methodist Women

Our United Methodist Women will have the last meeting, before our summer break, on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

We are so blessed to have Martha Dinwiddie lead our Bible Study each and every month, and this month is no different. We are continuing our study of Acts 9:32—10:48 "Salvation for Every Nation".

In our business meeting in April, we had our pledge service, and will have pledge cards available for those absent at that time. Another decision made was to adopt The Sewing Kit as UMCOR recommended for 2016. Barbara Gotcher will again help by obtaining supplies needed.

As a special treat to ourselves, we are going to have lunch at Hidden Gardens. Every lady who belongs to Bullard United Methodist Church is automatically a member of The United Methodist Women, and we would welcome the opportunity to get to know you better. Please try us on for size.

Love and Prayers,
Kathleen VP



United
Methodist
Women

Birthdays & Anniversaries



May 2016



3 Jack & Sharon Starwalt

4 Justin Rogers

12 Zaylee Zahirniak

14 Gary Alfred

Meril & Melva Taylor

18 Steve & Debbie Bembenek

20 Dean & Hazel Mason

Mack & Barbara McElroy

21 Benjamin Barbour

Clint Rivers

22 Todd & Tammy Lundgren

Ron Martin

26 Alma McBride

David & Marilyn Tietz

28 Stephen Head

29 Joe & Patti Maxwell

31 Jacob Lundgren

Larry & Nelda Perry

Wee Cats Sunday School

Hints for May:

1. Number 7 solves the problem!
2. What does it mean, Philip?
3. I can understand you!
4. Call me a Christian!
5. We can spread the good news!

There's always room for one more chair! Come join us at **9:30 a.m.**
every Sunday (three years through Kindergarten)

Pam Morton



BFUMC Youth Activities

BISD Color Run



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BFUMC Youth Activities



Acolytes



We are so proud of our acolyte team. Being part of our worship service is an honor and a privilege.

These young saints are our church's future! Come join us!

2nd through 6th grade (or more)

For more information
or questions contact:

Pam Morton
pammy1943@yahoo.com
903-894-5154



Memorial Day

BFUMC Office Schedule

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.



Children's Corner

VBS is just around the corner! Please pray for a safe and fun event for the kids of our church and community. We still need a few more adult volunteers. If you are able to help, please let me know, or sign up at the Children's Ministry board.

In the month of May, we will continue Kids in Mission for our spring session. We will be learning about praying and The Lord's Prayer, so bring your kids and friends! Any adults who are available to help Wednesday nights, please let me know! We also need help with our granola bars mission project, which is explained in more detail in this issue. Our last Kids in Mission for the semester will be May 25, during which we will celebrate the beginning of summer with a pool party at the Geesings!

I look forward to working alongside you in ministry in the church and the city. Please join me to pray for doors to be opened, to share the love of Christ.

Blessings and Peace,
Deirdre



Children's Sunday School

In the month of May

Pre-K-Kindergarten will be taught by Pam Morton

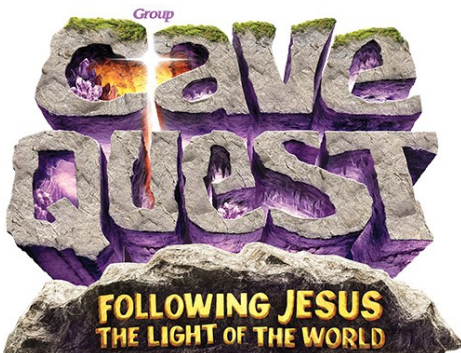
1st-3rd will be taught by Sandy Barbour

4th and 5th will be taught by TBA

Please bring your friends and join us every Sunday morning for adventures into the Word of God! Sunday school teachers are still needed for substitute teaching. Please also consider a one month commitment to teaching one of our classes! The kids will benefit from learning from You, and you will be blessed by them as well!

VBS

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars for **June 27-July 1**, as we have a "Cave Quest: Following Jesus the Light of the World" and tell your friends and neighbors!!! We have started working on some exciting decorations for this fun event, and we need your help! Please let Deirdre know if you can help. More information to follow!!!

Sunday School Volunteer

CHILDRENS/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Have you had it on your heart or made any resolutions this year to get plugged into any of the many ways to serve our church? If so, have you thought about teaching a Sunday school class for the children and youth of Bullard FUMC? Our children and youth are in need of volunteer Sunday school teachers who are willing to rotate every few months and lead a classroom of wonderful kids. This need extends to all age groups, from the little children, all the way to the high school students. We are looking to create rotations of individuals on a monthly basis, plus establishing back-up teachers as well. We can only grow our Sunday school programs for our kids and youth through the commitment of our volunteer teachers, who have a desire to work with youth and children, to help them grow spiritually in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and God's Holy Word. If this is something you would like to be part of, we would love to get you involved! Please contact Deirdre Leung and Chad King regarding your interest, and we will discuss classes and curriculum that may work best for you. We very much appreciate your contributions and your time.

God Bless,

Deirdre Leung and Chad C. King (Children and Youth Directors)



Altar Flowers

Per the Worship Committee, the Altar Flower policy for the church is as follows:

Set price for altar flowers/per Sunday is \$35.00 (there will be no special requests for kinds of flowers). If a second person signs up for a Sunday, then one of two things can happen:

1. You can split the cost of \$35.00 (for the two arrangements), if first person is agreeable.
2. If you want a complete complement of flowers which can be placed on the organ or piano (not the altar), you'll need to make your own arrangements with your florist, including payment.

When signing up for flowers:

1. Choose a date.
2. Print clearly the name of person/persons in "Memory or Honor of"
3. Print clearly the name of person/persons giving the flowers.



Please note that you can take the altar flowers home; the green plastic containers that the flowers are in need to stay at the church. If you have any questions/concerns, contact the church office (903) 894-6762.

Bullard Mission House & Mission Clinic

Bullard Mission House

Information & Schedule

Mission House Clinic

307 West Cain Street

For an appointment, please call
(903) 894-0109

The fax number is (903) 894-3411

Bullard Mission House Number
(903) 521-5711

Bullard Mission House

Food Pantry

202 Phillips Street
(BFUMC Storage Building)



Praise God that we served:

24 families, with a total of 81 people, of which 55 were adults (16 seniors) and 26 were children under 18 years old. Two new families were served in April.

PLEASE NOTE:

Bullard Mission House Food Pantry will be open on **Wednesday, May 18**
and **Tuesday, May 23 from 9 am until 1 pm.**

We have vacated the Old Mission House and awaiting its being moved. What wonderful memories we left behind, but what wonderful memories we will make when the Mission House and Mission Clinic come together under one roof in the near future! The Food Pantry is still open and seeing clients in one of the buildings near City Hall. Thanks to the Ambit group, they helped us move everything that needed moving. The Mission Clinic remains operational during this phase, too. The Clothes Closet will no longer be receiving clothes until the New MH/MC has reopened.

The Golf Tournament had to be rescheduled for **June 13**, (our first time in 10 years), because of a rain soaked golf course. Looking forward to a new date and lots of golfers!

We are still accepting donations for our Mission House work.

God bless,

Katherine

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Upcoming Important Date



Sunday, May 22

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, May 22

2016 Senior Recognition



Special Gifts

Special Gifts

(Gifts as of April 30, 2016)

In Memory of

Jane Spencer

Given by:

Janiece H Yarbro
& Heffner Family



Youth Group Dinners

We continue to plan for Youth Group Dinners through 2016.
We greatly appreciate any adult who can volunteer to bring a meal.
Please contact Tammy Lundgren or feel free to sign up on the sheet
posted in Harper Hall for any days you can assist.



New Deadline

All Vine articles will be due by 3:30 p.m. on the 15th of the month. This “set” date will help everyone, including myself, especially during busy or shorter months.

Please email an article as soon as possible, OR if you do not have an article for this next month, please let me know and I will adjust accordingly. (NOTE: If there is no response by 3:30 p.m. on the 15th, I will presume that you are not submitting an article.)

For any questions, please contact me at the church office.

Venus Burns

Thoughts from a Layman

The great Chicago fire came in 1871, and with the many stories that came out of that fire, came the story of a man of great loss and great faith. He was an attorney named Horatio Spafford, who had made a fortune in real estate, but lost almost all of it in the fire. Two years later he decided to take his family on vacation in England and forget his business for a while, but first there was some last minute business to attend. He sent his wife and four daughters on ahead to Paris with plans to meet them shortly, and then tragedy struck a second time. There was a collision at sea with another ship, and the *SS Vile du Havre* quickly sank, losing three fourths of her passengers and crew. Mrs. Spafford sent her husband a cable reading, "Saved alone." Devastated by the loss of their children, Spafford wrote the following words that we know of as, "It Is Well With My Soul."

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is
well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should
come, let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord haste the day, when my faith shall be
sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall de-
scend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

The Spaffords later had three more children, a son and two more daughters, but tragedy would strike a third time. Their son died of pneumonia. Spafford again took up his pen and wrote a fifth verse that he inserted between the existing third and fourth verses:

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pain shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Because of, or maybe in spite of their tragedies, the Spaffords and eleven other adults set out for Jerusalem to set up what the American press called "Overcomers." These Colony members engaged in philanthropic work, gaining the trust of all the people of Jerusalem. During and following World War I, the American Colony ran soup kitchens, hospitals, orphanages and whatever other deeds they could do to support the people of Jerusalem. Spafford died there and was buried in Jerusalem.

Thoughts from a Layman continued

How would I handle Spafford's tragedies? How do I handle the existence of Jesus Christ who died for my sins? Sometimes not so well. We are here to bring peace, joy, spread the good news, and no matter what happens, to live as the "Overcomers."

See you in church Sunday,



Kids on a Mission

Kids in Mission will continue Wednesday nights in May, at 6:30 pm. Join us for praise and worship music, Bible Story and activities. Please mark your calendars for our "Start of Summer Celebration", on **May 25 at 6:30 pm** at the Geesing's home. Join us for hot dogs, devotional and swimming! Also don't forget our mission project is collecting and assembling granola bars this season. If you are able to donate any of these ingredients, please do, and help us help others!

Rolled oats
Shredded coconut
Dried cranberries
Peanut butter
Honey
Chocolate Chips

Any questions please call Deirdre 903.343.2857

Children's Time in Worship

April 24



Our Faithfulness

Our Prayers

We pray for this week's prayer requests...

Ronnie Alford	Ashley Oliver
Taylor Andre	William Oxford
Don Bodi	The Family of Bette Perry
Marie Bomer	Rock Piernick
Matthew Bunce	Cheryl Plybon
Julia Cody	Steve Plybon
David Cornelias	Dr. Marjorie Roper
Sarah Geesing	Janet Shupe
Jim & Mildred	Steve Singletary & Family
Gillenwater	JoAnn Smith
Doug Hansen	Dick Spencer
Kathy Hise	Dana Swanson
Rita Kidd	Matthew Swanson
Joanie Lendermon	Renie Vance
Keely MacWhirter & Family	Vernon Weeks
Pam Martin	Chasity Widman
Hazel Mason	Neil & Maryann Wisecup
Dean Mason	Coral Hand's Grandfather
James Maxwell	Coral Hand's uncle, Bryan
Chad Moens	Nelda Perry's niece,
Teresa Morriss	June
Pam Newman	Bruce Woordard's
Victoria Newman	Mother
Barbara Odom	Unspoken prayers

**If there are additional names to be added or removed, please call the church office. Also note: Names will remain on the list for one month, unless we are notified differently.

We pray for... AWOL – Students & others who are “Away With Our Love”

Active Military Personnel: Weston Amaya, Jordan Anderson, Justin Anderson, Benjamin Barbour, Daniel Barbour, Rusty McElroy, Jessica Roper, Tyler Scarborough and others...

We pray for...Our Homebound - Side Line Saints -

Members & Friends:

Mary Cook
Ella Griffiths
Lorna Loftin
Grace McAlpine
Sue Ann McCullars
Kay Ritch

Our Gifts

Financial Results for March 2016:

	March	Year-to-date
Contributions	\$ 36,476.85	\$ 130,267.62
Actual Expenses	\$ 41,346.43	\$ 121,977.50
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 40,106.00	\$ 122,172.00

Our Presence

Average Attendance: March: 254

Year to date: 208

Please Let Us Know

Didn't receive The Vine by email?

Don't miss important information and events each month due to not receiving emails sent by Pastor David or the church office. If you haven't been getting The Vine or emails, please put a note in the offering plate, or call Venus at the church office (903) 894-6762.

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.

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center"><u>Important Upcoming Dates to Remember:</u></p> <p><u>Early Voting (Harper Hall): May 2 & 3 (7am-7 pm)</u> <u>Voting Day: (Harper Hall): May 7 (7 am - 7 pm)</u></p> <p><u>Deadline for The Vine articles (June issue): Sunday, May 15</u></p> <p><u>Deadline for District Camp: May 25</u></p>						
1 Children's VBS Working Meeting (FLC) 2:00 pm UMYF (FLC) 5:00 pm	2 Bullard Mission House Meeting 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (Harper Hall) 6:00 pm	3 Kiwanis (FLC) 12:00 pm AA (FLC) 8:00 pm	4 UMW (Parlor) 10:00 am Kids on a Mission 6:30 pm	5 National Day of Prayer  Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	6 UMM Garage Sale Men's Prayer Group 6:00 am AA (FLC) 8:00 pm	7 UMM Garage Sale
8 Mother's Day NO UMYF	9	10 AA (FLC) 8:00 pm	11 Church Dinner (FLC) 6:30 pm	12 Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	13 Men's Prayer Group 6:00 am AA (FLC) 8:00 pm	14
15 Day of Pentecost UMYF (FLC) 5:00 pm	16 Girl Scouts (Harper Hall) 6:00 pm	17 Kiwanis (FLC) 12:00 pm AA (FLC) 8:00 pm	18 Bullard Mission House Food Pantry 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Kids on a Mission 6:30 pm	19 Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	20 Men's Prayer Group 6:00 am AA (FLC) 8:00 pm	21
22 Promotion & Senior Recognition Sunday UMYF (FLC) 5:00 pm	23 Girl Scouts (Harper Hall) 6:00 pm	24 Bullard Mission House Food Pantry 9:00 am - 1:00 pm UMM 7:00 pm AA (FLC) 8:00 pm	25 Kids on a Mission Pool Party 6:30 pm	26 Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	27 Men's Prayer Group 6:00 am AA (FLC) 8:00 pm	28 
29 UMYF (FLC) 5:00 pm	30 Office Closed 	31 AA (FLC) 8:00 pm				



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*The Vine deadline is Sunday, May 15
for June newsletter.*

Email articles to bullardfumc@bullardfumc.org

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Monday-Friday
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903.894.3245 (fax)

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

Music Director	Robert Boren
Musicians	Kerry Baham and Dr. Marjorie Roper
Nursery Supervisor	Ashlee Jones
Youth Director	Chad King
Children's Director	Deirdre Leung
Administrative Assistant	Venus Burns
Financial Secretary	Patti Maxwell
Custodian	Tammy Lundgren
Pastor	Rev. David Brasher
District Superintendent	Rev. Marlin Fenn
Bishop	Janice Riggie Huie