



He is not here
HE IS RISEN
Holy Week and Easter 2023

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

All Worship Services

Palm Sunday worship will begin with our children waving the palm branches as we remember Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

EASTER SUNRISE CELEBRATION, APRIL 9TH

7:05 AM ON THE FMC BRYAN PLAYGROUND

Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the playground. Bring your own chair or you may stand. We will have hymn singing, special music, and an inspirational message as we begin our Easter Worship experiences.

Following service, breakfast will be served in the Heritage Room.

EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

Easter Sunday Morning @ 8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

Outstanding Music by the Sanctuary Choir

Inspirational Message by Rev. Rick Sitton, Senior Pastor

EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

Easter Sunday Morning @ 9:00am in the Gym

Inspirational Message by Rev. Jeremy Bass, Associate Pastor



**EASTER SUNDAY
EGG HUNT**



Easter Sunday Morning @ 10:15am—Meet in the Gym

Please bring 1 dozen prefilled eggs on or before Easter Sunday
For children 5th grade and under

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Lily Deadline
April 2

Blood Drive
April 19

Mission Mexico Soup and
Salad Fundraising Lunch
April 23

FRAN Day
April 23

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship
(Gym)

11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m.
Bilingual English/Spanish
Worship
(Fellowship Hall)

CHURCH OFFICE

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Monday-Thursday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Friday
8:30 am to 3:00 pm

www.fmc-bryan.org



Ministry Calendar

4/2	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center
	5:00 PM	Journey to the Cross
4/3	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee
4/4	9:30 AM	TMW: General Meeting
	6:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Continuing Education
4/6	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study Easter Gathering
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
4/7		Campus Closed - Good Friday
	7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship Service
4/9	7:00 AM	Worship - Easter Sunrise Service
4/10		Campus Closed - Easter
4/11	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees
4/12	5:30 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
4/14	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
4/16	7:30 AM	Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drive
4/17	6:00 PM	Service-Mission Team
4/18	9:30 AM	TMW: Contemporary Study
	6:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
4/19	5:30 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
4/20	1:00 PM	D.A.R.
4/22	9:45 AM	Confirmation at Church Pantry
4/23	12:00 PM	Mission Mexico Fundraiser Luncheon
4/24	6:00 PM	Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council
4/26	5:30 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
4/28	12:00 PM	Meals of Love



Lilies will be displayed in all three Easter worship services! Forms are available at all welcome desks and in the church office. The suggested donation is \$20.00.

Deadline for donations will be Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023.

Prayer Requests

Rehab/Nursing Care: Jim Allega, Joy Allega, Frances Allen, Ray Anthony, Jim Bradford, Marilyn Colby, Dixie Copeland, Donna Durocher, Daphne Eller, Billie Gray, Donna Lamar, Wilma Simmons, Linda and Bob Prock

Prayers of Healing: Frances Allen, Pat Atmar, Zoe Ann Broughton, Betty Carter, Nancy Conlee, Cindy Lamar Davis, Janice Elsik, Sue Futrell, Michelle Gatlin, Billie Gray, Tom Hamilton, Ed Janosky, Buddy McGown, Esther Mancillas, Judy Miller, John Millhollon, Linda Millhollon, Bill & Martha Pishek, Linda and Bob Prock, Nancy Janosky Schnell, Helene Steck, Ann Marie Vick, Ben Winkle, Grace Ashley, Chuck Schroepel

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Church News & Upcoming Events

SOUP AND SALAD FUNDRAISER!
Heritage Room
4/23 11AM-1PM

Benefiting the 2023 Mexico Mission Trip
\$7 Suggested Donation



Undershepherd Udderings

Holy Week and Resurrection Day is upon us. I hope you will invite your friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors to worship with you during this season especially. I call these people your FRANS. (Not original) I am hoping to create a culture of invitation and welcoming at our church so on the fourth Sunday of the month we will have FRAN Day. The other Sundays we will be praying for our FRANS. A wonderful man who recently joined the church turned to my wife at our first FRAN Day and told her that he had invited three people, but they all turned him down. This may make you feel like you are back on the dating circuit in school. Believe it or not, research shows it takes an average of seven times before someone will say yes to this invitation to "Come and See" Jesus and be a part of following Him. The Holy Spirit is at work all around us and that includes in the life of your FRANS and the Lord is, by His prevenient grace, drawing them to Himself. The Lord does not have a plan B. Plan A is you being His witness and inviting others to church events, including worship. I hope you will begin to pray for your FRANS and that God will give you a heart and passion for the lost (those who don't know Christ as Lord and Savior). I am praying for a revival in the church and I will know it is happening when there is a heart for the lost and many people coming on FRAN Day to hear the Word of the Lord of His grace, mercy and love. I bet someone once invited you to church. It happened to me and changed my life. I'm glad for that friend that naturally asked me to go to church because Jesus had changed his life and he wanted to share his faith. That's our calling and churches grow who create a culture where FRANS are welcome and we share the gospel with them. Pray for your FRANS and invite them.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rick Sitton

Mexico Mission 2023 T-Shirts



How to Get One:

\$20 Donation

- Week days in the church office
- After The Awakening in the Heritage Room
- After the 11 AM Traditional Service in the Narthex

Thank you for supporting our 2023 missionaries!

Every 4th Sunday of the month is FRAN day! Please bring a FRAN on April 23rd!

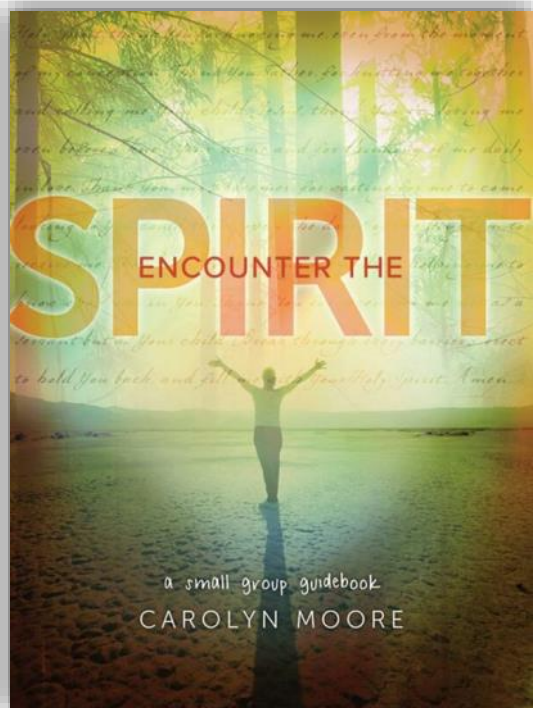


Friends
Relatives
Acquaintances
Neighbors

Spotlight On: The Methodist Men



On Saturday, March 11th, the Methodist Men partnered up with 3 members of Christ Church's Methodist Men and Rebuilding Together BCS to build a very nice front deck and wheelchair ramp for a family in need. The existing porch had rotted away so much that it was not safe to walk on. Nine of our Methodist Men helped in this project and need a huge pat on the back!



Amazing Grace Bible Study

Encounter the Spirit

Thursdays in E209

April 13 – May 25

10:00 am

GIVE BLOOD.ORG

First Methodist Church of Bryan

Sunday, April 16
8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Donor Coach

Contact Eileen Winkle
(eileen@fmcbyran.org)

PROMO: Free T-Shirt!
Scan to make your appointment:



Eva, blood recipient



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

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Adult Ministries



Praying the Good News!

When Jesus went about telling people the good news, he gave them a prayer to pray. The word gospel means “good news”. The prayer gives us an important way of getting inside the good news or rather, letting the good news get inside us! We can become “good news” people through prayer. Jesus was the ultimate “good news person” so the prayer that he gave his followers is the best place to start. The prayer we call the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) is well known. The Lord’s Prayer is not just a list

of key topics, it is a list of priorities. The way we become good news people is to learn to pray this prayer in the order that Jesus taught it. But let’s walk backwards through this prayer.....

- **Help** It is without a doubt that people who don’t normally pray will in times of stress say some sort of prayer. At times all we can pray is HELP! “Lead us not into temptation” We are looking for some good news.
- **Forgive us** For many Christians, this simply is the good news. God has dealt with our sin so we can now be forgiven. If my sins are forgiven, I can be at peace with God and enjoy his presence right now! YES!! This IS GOOD NEWS! This part of the Lord’s Prayer reflects the larger ministry of Jesus. It reflects his assurance of forgiveness to many people during his ministry and Him giving his life as a ransom for many at the end.
- **Daily bread** This aspect of the good news is firmly rooted in the ministry of Jesus. Jesus fed hungry people! This was symbolic of the coming kingdom in which everyone would be given what they needed. What Jesus was saying about good news was linked at every point of his teaching with what he was doing to embody it. “Give us our daily bread” points to the reality that his own life and death would become the transformative “food” that would enable people to live as “new creation” people.
- **Here and now** “may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as in heaven.” Up to this point we have focused on our own needs. Now we look at the larger plan. Jesus is telling us to look up, beyond our concerns, and beyond the way everything should work out.

If we approach the Lord’s Prayer backward as many Christians do, then we make the mistake of reducing God’s kingdom to God doing what we want him to do.

The whole point of the Lord’s Prayer, at the heart of Jesus’s good news, is to see everything the other way around. The good news is that the living God is indeed establishing his kingdom on earth as in heaven, through the finished work of Jesus, and is inviting people of all sorts to share not only in the benefits of this kingdom but also in the work through which it will come to its’ ultimate completion. To grasp that good news will mean being turned inside out by it, so that our self-centered prayers will turn into the God-centered prayer for God’s kingdom to come in God’s way.

The good news (GOSPEL) is that God has been supremely honored in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The ultimate good news is that God has come to be with us to make all things new!

When we pray the Lord’s prayer the right way around, we become good news people! The truth of being the “good news” people becomes clear when you pray this prayer and allow it to work through you in how you pray and how you live. Praying this prayer allows us not only to know and believe the good news but to become part of it ourselves. This prayer looks back to Jesus as the one whose life, death and resurrection are forever **Simply Good News!***

Natalie Patterson

*Excerpts from “Simply Good News” by N.T. Wright

Children & Family Ministries



Our Confirmation Class served at the Brazos Church Pantry as a part of their retreat in March.

Summer Camp Registration Info

We will be attending the 2nd session of camp which is Monday, June 26th - Friday, June 30th. Cost is \$575 per child/youth. The church will pay \$275 of that for each child that is in attendance at worship and Sunday School and/or FFD at FMC Bryan at least twice a month starting in April. You must also register by June 4th.

Non-members must contact Jeff Hobbs or Will Pepper before they register with our church.

Completed 3rd Grade to Completed 12th Grade may attend. If your child has never been to a camp before, please talk to Jeff before you register your child. You will pay the \$300 to Lakeview on their registration page. You can pay on your \$300 each month until June.

Lakeview offers scholarships, but you will need to apply early.

We also need adults to serve as counselors at camp. We cannot go if we do not have enough adults.

A colorful poster for 'Summer Camp at Lakeview Shine'. The title 'SUMMER CAMP AT LAKEVIEW' is in large, bold, red letters with a black outline. Below it, the word 'Shine' is in a large, white, cursive font with a black outline. The background features a stylized sunset with orange and yellow rays, and several evergreen trees. Below the title, it says 'LAKEVIEW ★ PALESTINE, TEXAS' and 'Comp. 3rd Grade - Comp. 12th Grade'. The dates 'JUNE 26 - 30, 2023' are in large, bold, blue letters. Below the dates, it says 'YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT [HTTP://LAKEVIEWMCC.ORG](http://lakeviewmcc.org)' and 'ALL FMC CHILDREN AND YOUTH GET \$275 OFF SO THE COST WILL BE \$300*. DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR OUR CHURCH IS JUNE 4TH.' At the bottom, there is a QR code and a small illustration of a duck in a pond.

SUMMER CAMP AT LAKEVIEW

Shine

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Comp. 3rd Grade - Comp. 12th Grade

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