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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Methodist Women Meeting—Heritage Room
April 2

Charge Conference
April 10 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Church Council
April 22

El Rio de Dios Relaunch Lunch Celebration
April 28

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

506 E. 28th St.
Bryan, TX 77803
979-779-1324
979-775-2173 (Fax)

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

Friday
8:30 am to 3:00 pm

www.fmc Bryan.org



FIESTA OF HOPE

SATURDAY APRIL 27—10AM-1PM



**MUSIC, FREE FOOD, KIDS
GAMES & BOUNCE HOUSE**

Sponsored by the FMC Bryan Hispanic Ministry



Maundy
Thursday

March 28

7 PM
Sanctuary



Good
Friday

March 29

7 PM
Sanctuary



Easter
Sunday
March 31

7:05 Sunrise Service
On the Playground
Breakfast Following in Heritage Room

Easter Resurrection Celebration
8:30 & 11 AM in the Sanctuary
9 AM in the Gym

FMC Bryan to Raise Funds for Carillon Bells



Have you heard church bells in the distance letting you know the house of God was waiting for you? We are soon to be a part of that tradition. FMC Bryan has received approval from the Board of Trustees to begin to raise funds for the purchase of Carillon bells. Donations are now being accepted. Classes and individuals are welcome to donate. Please write "Bells" on the memo line of any checks and forward to Eileen Winkle, eileen@fmc Bryan.org.

Ministry Calendar

4/1		Campus Closed - Easter
4/2	9:30 AM	TMW: General Meeting
	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee
4/3	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
4/5	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
4/6	6:00 PM	Dinner Date & Discussion
4/7	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/Arbor
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
4/8	10:30 AM	Time Like Hannah's Breastfeeding Support
	6:00 PM	Service-Mission Team
4/10	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
4/12	6:00 PM	Generation of Power
4/14	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
4/15	6:00 PM	Finance Committee
4/17	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
4/19	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
4/21	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
4/22	6:00 PM	Church Council
4/24	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
4/26	6:00 PM	Generation of Power
4/27	7:30 AM	Methodist Men Workday
	9:45 AM	Confirmation at Church Pantry
	10:00 AM	Fiesta of Hope
4/28	11:00 AM	Worship - EL Rio De Dios Relaunch
	12:00 PM	El Rio de Dios Relaunch Lunch Celebration
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir



Welcome
to our
New Members

Linda McQueen (pictured left)
Lynn Cagle
Joined February 29, 2024

Claude Cash
Adam and Ashley Drake
Joined March 24, 2024

FMC BRYAN CLERGY & STAFF

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Rocio Hitt
Josh Sweed

Prayer Requests

Pray for the upcoming Kairos Walk: April 10 – April 13

If interested in participating, contact: Mark Jurica markjjurica@yahoo.com or 979-777-4283

Long Term Prayers:

Rehab/Nursing Care: Joy Allega, Ray Anthony, Jim Bradford, Marilyn Colby, Dixie Copeland, Donna Du-rocher, Daphne Eller, Keith Reece

Prayers of Concern and Care: Cailey Cotner

Prayers of Healing: Pat Atmar, Betty Carter, Nancy Conlee, Janice Elsik, Sue Futrell, Esther Mancillas, Judy Miller, John Millhollon, Bill Pishek, Nancy Janosky Schnell, Ann Marie Vick, Grace Ashley, Chuck Schroeppel, Alma Fonseca, Delia Garza, Sharon Dent, David Kipp, Shirley Reece, Kelly Callaway, Lynda Pool, Betty Thompson, Nancy Reynolds, Andrew Monroe, Gerald Whitfield, Jake & Lyndsi's twins, Robert Tessen, Jesse Mitchell, Linda Whitfield, Irv Sabarsula, LaVerne Degelia, Terry Davis, Jeff French, Madeline Falls, Michael Smith, Joyce Fuller, George Combs, Rosemary Garrett, Theresa Hardman, Bob Prock, Nell Stauch Gitschnel, Marcy Halterman-Cox, Mary Lou diZerga

CHARGE CONFERENCE

A special Charge Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall in order to vote on changes to the clergy salary approved at the previous Church Council meeting in February. All members of the Church Council may vote at the Charge Conference.



We are in need of Office Keepers to help in the church office. Please contact LeeAnn Broeker to volunteer at leeann@fmcbyran.org.

Monday Afternoon 1 PM—5PM

Wednesday Mornings 9 AM—12 PM

Wednesday Afternoons 1 PM—5 PM

The goal of Kairos Prison Ministry is to develop a Christian community on the inside of a prison. Free-world volunteers show the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with incarcerated men during a 3 1/2 day weekend through talks, meditations, chapel visits, music, and fellowship. Meal preparation, agape coordination and prayer partnering is a function of Kairos and is performed by the Support Team who serves the mission from outside of the prison.

2024 KAIROS CALENDAR

KAIROS WALK 7

Walk Weekend: 4/10-4/13

Training Dates (Christ Church):

2/10 3/9 4/6

2/24 3/23

KAIROS WALK 8

Walk Weekend: 10/9-10/12

Training Dates (Christ Church):

8/10 9/7 10/5

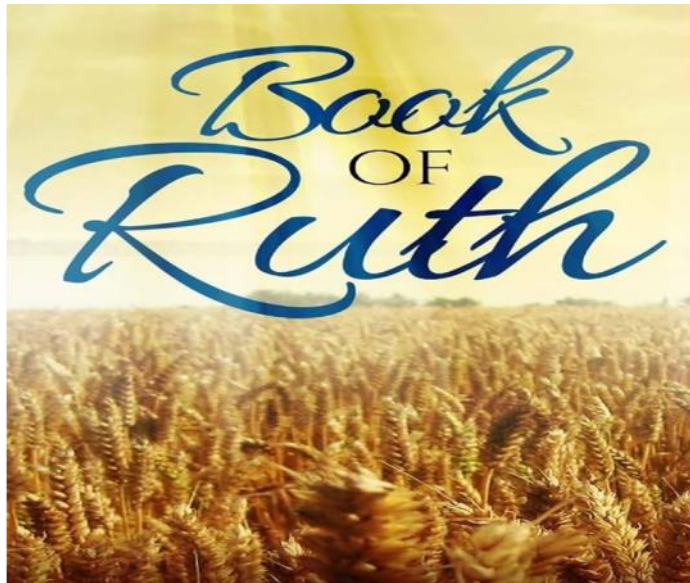
8/24 9/21



If you are led to participate in Kairos Agape or have questions about Kairos, please contact: Mark Jurica
979-777-4283 or markjjurica@yahoo.com



The Amazing Grace Bible Study made Easter gift bags for Crestview Affordable Housing.



Amazing Grace Bible Study

The Book of Ruth

Thursdays April 4–May 2

10:00 am–11:30 am

Room E209

No study book needed—just your Bible!

**The
Methodist
Women**
Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Heritage Room

9:30 Gathering
10:00 Meeting

Speaker: Christine Labertew
Unbound Now

Exists to serve survivors and resource communities to
fight human trafficking.

Praying Together

Last year I felt the Lord tell me to start a prayer meeting at the church. Originally, we started in the mornings, but this year we switched it to Wednesdays at noon. Each week we gather together, spend some time listening to what Jesus wants us to pray about and lean into what we're hearing in prayer. It has quickly become my favorite time of the week. What I love about this time is as we gather the Lord shows us His heart for this church, and also our shortcomings and sin He wants us repent from. It is a special time, a holy time. Each week I gain a deeper understanding of where God is leading us as a result of this. There is also something special that comes when we as members of this local body gather together to pray for our church.



I fully believe that we need to be a church that seeks God's face in prayer **before** we make decisions and not after. This is a great space for us to find out what God desires. If you are free during your lunch hour on Wednesday, then we would love for you to join us. You don't have to be an expert in prayer, just simply have a desire to meet the Lord. This is your official invitation to come, and I would love to see you!

-Pastor Jeremy Bass



WALK TO EMMAUS

THE UPPER ROOM®

If your spiritual battery is low, you may want to attend a Walk to Emmaus. It is a three-day immersion in God's grace and love. The name comes from Luke's resurrection story of two disciples' heartwarming encounter with the risen Christ as they walked to the village of Emmaus. The focus of this course is self-renewal and is conducted in a manner which strengthens faith and deepens one's Christian beliefs. The weekend is filled with fun, singing, worship, prayer, discussions, small-group sharing, good food and daily communion.

Upcoming Walks at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, TX

Men's Walk 130 - Thursday, April 11th - Sunday, April 14th

Women's Walk 131 - Thursday, April 25th - Sunday, April 28th

For more information, contact Jill Hobbs at (979)204-0076 or jillmhobbs@hotmail.com



THANK YOU to those who participate in the Kroger Community Rewards program.

During November 2023-February 2024, we raised \$40.86 in donations.

Proceeds go towards missions.

Adult Ministries



Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:16

Natalie Patterson

"Watch Me"

From my puppy Molly's first day with me I began to teach her to trust me. The first and very important command is "watch me". This gets her to focus her attention on me. Once this focus and trust occurs obedience begins. She now fully relies on and trusts me.

In this time following Easter. I encourage each of you to focus on what Jesus did for us and trust him with your life.

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Hispanic Ministries

EL RIO DE DIOS

It is very exciting, every day we are closer to the relaunch of the Hispanic ministry with the name of EL RIO DE DIOS. For a long time we have been praying for a revival in our church, in our services and ministries. The relaunch will happen on April 28th, and we are inviting everyone at FMC Bryan to celebrate together during the relaunch of EL RIO DE DIOS at the 11am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. At 12:00 noon, will have an Olive Garden luncheon for the whole church in the Heritage Room.

FIESTA OF HOPE

Our community family event, Fiesta of Hope, is April 27th from 10am to 1pm. We need your help and collaboration. We will be inviting the families of the Fannin Elementary neighborhood, our friends and community. There will be games, bounce houses, and Christian music. Also, we will be serving hotdogs, sodas, and cookies. It is a celebration of our Methodist church family and our love and support for each other. Thank you for your prayers. If you want to register as a volunteer, please contact the church office.

COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET

We have a place of great blessing in our church called the Community Clothing Closet (CCC). This room is on the second floor of the Christian Life Center (room C210 - straight down the hallway from the elevator).

You can drop off your donations at the church office during business hours. Any kind of clothing (men, women, children) including coats and shoes in good condition are welcome. Remember that some things that you no longer use can be a treasure for those in need.

The CCC is open on Thursdays from 2-4pm for anyone in need. We would appreciate anyone who could volunteer from 1 to 2 to help with the organization of donations each week.

-Pastor Augusto Sarria

Children & Family Ministries

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**MONDAY, JULY 29TH -
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST**
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
**AGES 4 YEARS OLD -
COMPLETED 5TH GRADE**

**WE WILL BE EXPLORING HOW TO FORGIVE
THROUGH **SORRY**, HOW JESUS IS THE ONE
WAY THROUGH **UNO**, HOW PETER GOT OUT
OF JAIL FREE THROUGH **MONOPOLY**, AND
THE 4 WAYS THAT THE EARLY CHURCH
CONNECTED THROUGH **CONNECT 4**.**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS
APRIL 1ST.**

**THANK YOU! We collected over 400 boxes of cereal for
the children at Fannin Elementary.**





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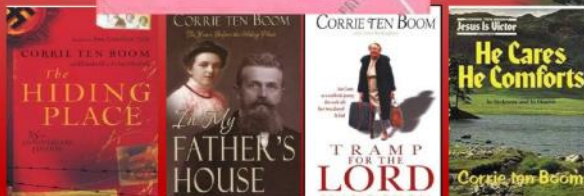
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FMC Library

Featured Author Corrie ten Boom



Celebrate the ultimate Christian love with Corrie ten Boom's true stories about hiding Jews from the Nazis during the Holocaust of WWII. From the hiding place, to prison, to a concentration camp, she witnessed God's miracles as He protected the faithful when it seemed impossible under the threat of death.

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