



Easter tide stretches all the way to Pentecost. Here is a poem for the season:

Easter

Love has bled
 Love has died
 Eden has been rectified

Hell smolders
 Hell simmers
 Grave threats grow ever dimmer

Stare at the crypt
 Stare at the stone
 Scoff at death overthrown

Blinding fear
 Blinding light
 New Creation dawning bright

Buried seed
 Buried strife
 Sprouted resurrection life

An empty tomb
 An empty me
 Filled with vivacity

Still the scars
 Stilled is death
 Alive am I with God's breath

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor Jonathan Bynum



Palm Sunday, March 29

All Worship Services

This worship service celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the people waved palm branches in the air. Join us as we prepare our hearts to receive the passion story of Jesus. Adults, youth and children are invited to wave palms during worship and will meet in the back of worship prior to services.

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 2

7 PM in the Sanctuary

Join us for a communion worship service and a Living Last Supper presented by the Sanctuary Choir and the men and youth of our church portraying Jesus and his disciples.

Good Friday Worship, April 3

7 PM in the Sanctuary

Join us for a Tenebrae Service as we come together to contemplate the death of Christ after he was nailed to a cross. Presented by the Sanctuary Choir & Instrumentalists with readings by the youth of our church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Week
 March 29-April 5

Monthly Mission Opportunity
 April 7 & April 9

Faithful Parent Project
 April 25

Intergenerational Worship & Prayer Night
 April 26

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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

10:00 a.m.
 Bilingual English/Spanish
 Worship
 (Chapel)

CHURCH OFFICE

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

Friday
 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

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EASTER SUNDAY
at First Methodist Church

7 AM SUNRISE WORSHIP <i>Playground</i>	10 AM BILINGUAL WORSHIP <i>Chapel</i>
8:30 AM & 11 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP <i>Sanctuary</i>	10 AM DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
9 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP <i>Gym</i>	10:15 AM CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT <i>Gym</i>

Ministry Calendar

4/1	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Hand Bell Room
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
4/3	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
		Campus Closed - Good Friday	
4/5		Easter Sunday	
	7:00 AM	Sunrise Easter Worship	Playground
	10:15 AM	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	Gym
	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/ Arbor Oaks	
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage
4/6		Campus Closed - Easter	
4/7	9:30 AM	The Methodist Women: General Meeting	Heritage Room
4/8	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary: 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Hand Bell Room
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
4/10	7:00 AM	Meals of Love	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
4/11	12:30 PM	Rising Generation Youth Worship Band	C214
4/12	6:00 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)	C214
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage
4/13	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee	C105
4/15	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary: 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Hand Bell Room
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
4/16	6:00 PM	Endowment Committee	C105
4/19	5:00 PM	Baby Shower for the Bass Family	Gym
	5:00 PM	Brazos Breeze Flute Concert	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage
4/20	6:00 PM	Finance Committee	C105
4/22	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary: 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Hand Bell Room
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
4/24	7:00 AM	Meals of Love	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
4/26	3:30 PM	Rising Generation Youth Worship Band	C214
	6:00 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)	C215
	6:00 PM	Worship & Prayer Night	Gym
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage
4/27	6:00 PM	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
4/29	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary: 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Hand Bell Room
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

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Prayer Requests

Rehab/Nursing Care: Bill Pishek, Joy Allega, Ray Anthony, Ann Vick, Marilyn Colby, Esther Mancillas

Medical and Health Concerns: Terri Caffee, Russ Ford, Rocio Hitt, Jennifer Sweed, Becky Davis, Terry Davis, Shannon Gutowski, Linda Thorell

Grief: The family of Tom Kimbrough

IN NEED OF PRAYER? Fill out our [Prayer Request Form](#) on our website to be added to our weekly Prayer List or contact the church office at (979) 779-1324.



Food Manager: Part-Time Position

The Food Manager would oversee all food preparation in both kitchens, maintain records of Food Handler certifications, ensure proper food storage, and help minimize waste. Coordinate meals for church events, such as First Family Dinners, recruit volunteers, organize, schedule, and oversee volunteers while planning and preparing weekly meals. This position ensures proper food preparation, volunteer coordination, financial accountability, and compliance with church policies and state food handling laws.

- Qualifications
- Experience as a chef cooking for large groups (life experience may be considered).
- Ability to recruit, train, and supervise volunteers.
- Maintain Food Manager's License.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Ability to operate commercial kitchen equipment.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation regulations.

To apply, please contact
Jayne Keyser at
applyfmcbyran@gmail.com



Church-Wide Baby Shower Honoring Pastor Jeremy, Erika, and Elias Bass Sunday, April 19th at 5 PM in the Gym

Join us for a church-wide baby shower celebrating the upcoming arrival of the Bass family's two little blessings. FMC will be providing a meal.

The Bass family is registered at babylist.com.

Gift cards to local restaurants are also greatly appreciated. Restaurant Suggestions: Chick-Fil-A, Cane's, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Sushi Masa, Gringo's, Mess Waffles, Sunbeam Bagels, Koala Cafe, C&J's, Napa Flats, Torchy's, Chipotle.



Luggage Needed for BVCASA

Carry on sized luggage is needed for BVCASA residents who are going home. Please bring donation to The River service on Sunday mornings or to the church office during business hours.

Monthly Mission Opportunity



Our April mission opportunity will benefit Family Promise of Bryan-College Station. Family Promise arranges transitional housing for families who are experiencing homelessness by providing shelter, meals and support services. Family Promise provides a safe environment in which families can stay together and become self-sufficient.

We will be cooking for the residents of Family Promise on Tuesday, April 7th and Thursday, April 9th. Please meet in the kitchen next to the Heritage Room at 4:30 p.m.

Offerings left on the rail during Communion on April 12th will be donated to Family Promise of Bryan-College Station.



Thank You for Your Cereal Donations!

Due to our church family's donations, we were able to provide Fannin Elementary with over 400 boxes of cereal. The goal was to help the students of Fannin go home with a box of cereal prior to Spring Break.

Wow! Thank you everyone!

BIG Event & Methodist Men

Texas A&M Volunteers helped spread mulch around the church campus during the BIG Event, along with FMC Methodist Men.

Volunteers consisted of men from the Brother's Under Christ fraternity and the ladies from the Kappa Phi Beta sorority.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the Methodist Men, to fellowship with the two Christian organizations.



Offering Team Needs Volunteers



The Offering Team is a group of volunteers who assist with counting the Sunday offerings on Monday mornings.

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Jeanette Leese at 979-240-0467 or jeanette.leese@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

The offering team would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Nick Turnham, who has faithfully served as a volunteer for 25 years. Nick is retiring from his position and will be greatly missed!

H O P E PREGNANCY CENTER

The Service-Mission team is looking for a new liaison to Hope Pregnancy Center. There are only two things the new liaison needs to do: 1) attend one of the six annual meeting options and 2) facilitate the baby bottle boomerang in our church. If you are interested in the liaison position, please contact Ana-Lisa Liotta at (979) 220-5421 or analisa.liotta10@gmail.com.

ENDOWMENT SPOTLIGHT Matthew Idom Summer Camp Endowment



In 2006, the church joyfully celebrated a generous gift from Mel and Johanna Schroeder to support children and youth in experiencing the life-changing impact of summer camp. This meaningful gift establishes an endowment dedicated to making camp accessible for young people who may otherwise be unable to attend.

Most of the summer camps have taken place at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, where the mission has long been to provide a place for spiritual growth and transformation. Wherever summer camps are determined to be held, campers are welcomed into an environment where faith is nurtured, friendships are formed, and unforgettable memories are made through worship, fellowship, and fun.

Earnings from this endowment will fund scholarships for children and youth with financial need, opening the door for them to encounter God in a unique and powerful way. Scholarship recipients are considered by the Senior Pastor of First Methodist Church, Bryan.

This gift is a lasting investment in the faith journeys of young people, ensuring that generations of youth will have the opportunity to grow and be transformed.

Those who feel called to support this ministry are invited to contribute to the endowment, either in memory or in honor of a loved one. Such gifts not only celebrate meaningful lives and relationships, but also extend opportunities for young people to encounter God through the life-changing experience of summer camp.

Veteran Voices: Celebrating 250 Years as a Nation

Richard Keelan 3 Generations of Keelans



The first generation was my grandfather, Paul Keelan, who served in Europe during WW I.

My father, John Paul followed suit. He was a senior at Texas A&M when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He, along with most Aggies at the time left college to join the WW II war effort. He was a B-17 pilot in Europe and flew 17 missions. He was shot down twice, once in the North Sea where he had to ditch his plane. He and his crew were picked up by a Danish fishing vessel and returned to England where he continued to fly bombing missions. The second time he crashed landed at his base in England because his plane was shot up so badly. He returned to the United States and served as a B-29 instructor pilot until the war's end. He returned home to Grimes County where he continued farming. He never went back and finished his degree.

My Aggie classmate (Bob Keeney who flew F-15's in the USAF) who is a tremendous painter reconstructed my dad's ditching in the North Sea from his flight logs! This painting proudly hangs in our home!

I entered Texas A&M in the fall of 1967 and graduated in the Spring of 1971. Sixty-four fish started out in our Corps outfit (Animal 8), and by our senior year there were only eight of us left. I was commissioned upon graduation from A&M a 2nd LT and entered the USAF as a Deputy Combat Crew Commander at Whiteman AFB, Missouri. I pulled alert tours at ICBM Minuteman nuclear sites throughout Missouri. In 1973 I upgraded to a Combat Crew Commander and pulled alert tours at the Alternate Command Post – a hardened Launch Control Center that would take over command of the missile wing if the surface base was destroyed. This was during the Vietnam war, and when the US started bombing North Vietnam, we were placed on a higher state of readiness. Exciting times to say the least with some very tense moments! During this time, I was able to work on my master's degree at the local college (Central Missouri State). I received my Master of Science Degree in Safety in 1975. I left the Air Force on March 19, 1976, and went to work in the oil fields until I retired in 2012. I stayed in the inactive Air Force reserves until ~1980!



My younger brother, Phillip, served in the Navy as a helicopter gunner in Vietnam. Together, we were the third generation of Keelans to serve in the military.

Serving was an honor. You learned discipline, organization, leadership skills, team work, decision making (under pressure), and many other qualities that I still carry with me.



As we prepare to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, we want to honor the brave men and women of our church who have served in the Armed Forces. We'd love to feature your experiences in our church newsletter. Your stories of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism will inspire our congregation. Please contact Eileen Winkle at eileen@fmcbyran.org to share your story!

Sunday School Spotlight

SUNDAY MORNINGS 10 AM

The Vine: Young Adults Class

Are you 18 or older and looking for a place to grow in your faith, connect with others, and dive into God's Word? Join The Vine, our Young Adult Sunday School Class meets in Room C206 — a supportive and committed group where we study the Bible together and encourage one another through life's journey. This class is open to all young adults (18+), whether you're in college, starting your career, or navigating early adulthood.

Along with weekly Bible study, we enjoy building community through quarterly fellowship events and a monthly lunch gathering. The group is facilitated by a team of leaders dedicated to creating a welcoming space for conversation, learning, and spiritual growth.

For more information, contact Meredith Pennington, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at meredith@fmcbyran.org.

INTERGENERATIONAL

Worship and Prayer Night

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

6 PM IN THE GYM

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

April begins in the joy of Easter and continues in the invitation to live as people of the resurrection. While Easter is a single day on the calendar, it is a truth we are called to carry with us every day. Because Jesus is alive, we are never without hope. Because He has overcome sin and death, we are invited to walk in new life—not just in moments of celebration, but in our daily choices, attitudes, and relationships. As a ministry, our prayer is that students and families would not leave Easter behind, but would carry the hope, freedom, and joy of the resurrection into everyday life. We are grateful to walk alongside you as we continue to grow in Christ together.

Upcoming News & Events



MYF – Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sundays | 5:30–7:30 PM

Heritage Room, Gym & Youth Room

- NO MYF – April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday)
- April 12, 2026
- NO MYF – April 19, 2026 (Bass Baby Shower)
- April 26, 2026



Diving Deeper

Diving Deeper – Wednesday Nights

5:30–7:30 PM

Heritage Room & Youth Room

- April 8, 2026
- April 15, 2026
- April 22, 2026
- April 29, 2026



Beyond The Walls Registration Opens

Registration for Beyond The Walls Mission Camp is open. REGISTER NOW using the link below.

All students who have completed 6th–12th grade during the 2025–2026 school year are eligible to attend. Beyond The Walls is a powerful week of serving, worship, and spiritual growth. We encourage families to register early. We will be serving in the Port O'Connor, TX Community.

Visit <https://fmcbyran.org/ministries/youth> to register.

Faithful Parent Project – First Gathering

April 25, 2026

6:00–8:00 PM

Heritage Room

Behind the Screen: What Parents Should Know

The Faithful Parent Project exists to come alongside parents as they navigate the challenges and joys of raising children. Our heart is to provide Christ-centered encouragement, practical strategies, and a community of support so that families can grow strong in faith together—because parenting was never meant to be done alone. This gathering is open to anyone 13 & up.

If your child is younger and you would like them to attend, please email Jeff Hobbs at Jeff@FMCBryan.org.

Please let us know if you plan to join us! Scan the QR code to register.



SCAN TO REGISTER



Senior Sunday & Senior Celebrations

We are excited to celebrate our graduating seniors and the incredible ways God has worked in their lives.

Senior Sunday—May 3, 2026

A special morning as we honor and pray over our seniors as they step into what God has next.

Senior Dinner (Students & Families)

Friday, May 8, 2026

5:00–7:00 PM in the Heritage Room

A meaningful evening to celebrate, reflect, and encourage our seniors alongside their families.

Senior Dinner Series

Rooted in Christ, Ready for What's Next

These dinners are designed to pour into our seniors as they prepare for their next chapter.

- April 9, 2026 – RX Pizza
- April 23, 2026 – Koppe Bridge
- May 14, 2026 – Hopdaddy Burgers

More information will be sent via email.

I love attending the students' activities throughout the year. The link below or the QR code allows you to give me all the details about your student's upcoming events.

[Youth Activity Calendar Request](#)



Walking in Resurrection – A Family Devotional

Scripture: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here.”*

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

Easter is not just something we celebrate—it is something we live . Because Jesus rose from the dead, we are invited into a new way of living. A life marked by grace, forgiveness, hope, and purpose.

Resurrection means:

- We do not have to stay stuck in our past
- We are not defined by our mistakes
- We can walk in new life every single day

Following Jesus is not about getting everything right. It is about daily choosing to walk with Him.

A Simple Family Practice: Live the Resurrection Daily

Notice

Ask as a family: Where did we see God at work today?

Choose

Each day, choose one way to live like Jesus:

- Show kindness when it's hard
- Offer forgiveness
- Speak encouragement
- Serve someone in need

Remember

Place a cross or small object somewhere visible in your home. Each time you see it, pause and remember: **Jesus is alive—and that changes everything.**

Family Activity:

Resurrection Walk Take a walk together and reflect on:

Where have we seen new life?

What is God growing in us right now?

Who can we encourage this week?

Close your walk by thanking Jesus for His presence in your everyday lives. Easter is not the end of the story—it is the beginning of how we live differently.



Stay connected with us on social media:
Follow us on [Facebook](#)

Follow us on [Instagram](#)



Young Adult Ministry: The Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches..." — John 15:5

Sundays | 10:00–10:50 AM
 Room C206 - NEW ROOM

What to Expect:

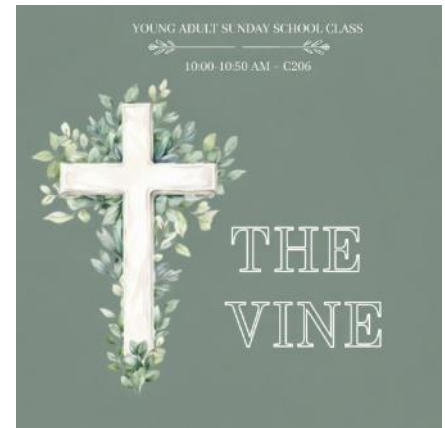
- Current Study: *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller
- Weekly Bible discussion
- Meaningful relationships
- Faith that carries into everyday life

Upcoming Vine Events

- NO Lunch out - due to Easter
- Boards and Board Games | 4/24/2026

Stay Connected

- For more information, visit our website:
www.fmcbyran.org/ministries/youngadults
- Follow along on Instagram
- Join GroupMe for updates



FAITHFUL PARENT PROJECT

"BEHIND THE SCREEN"

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

A DINNER & DISCUSSION WITH PARENTS AND TEENAGERS ABOUT THE MOST RECENT DANGERS OF PHONES, APPS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA. WE WILL HAVE AN OFFICER FROM THE BRYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 15TH



We Want Children in Worship!

From infant on up, children are welcome in our worship services. Children learn to worship by watching their parents and grandparents. We understand that children may fidget and make noise from time to time. We know adults that do that too! We have a children's sermon at each service except on Communion Sunday. Worship activity books are available at each service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 27 -
JULY 30**

6:30-8:30 P.M.

AGES 4 - COMP. 5TH GRADE

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1ST



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OR GO TO
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JOIN THE TEAM
VBS VOLUNTEERS

SCAN TO REGISTER

**VBS IS JULY 27TH - 30TH
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.**

**VOLUNTEERS MEETING -
SUNDAY, JULY 26TH AT 12:15 P.M.**

EASTER EGG HUNT
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
10:15 A.M. IN THE GYM

**PLEASE BRING 1 DOZEN PREFILLED EGGS
ON EASTER SUNDAY**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP & ARTS CAMP 2026



For Children Going Into 1st - 6th Grade
Sunday June 14-Thursday, June 18
5:30-8:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Nightly Dinner & Devotional



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT FMCBRYAN.ORG
Musical Performance During Worship on Sunday, June 21st at 11 a.m.