



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Choir Rehearsals Begin  
August 9

Handbell Rehearsals  
Begin  
August 23

First Family Dinner and  
Wednesday Bible Study  
September 6

FMC Garage Sale  
September 8-9

## 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)

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## Undershepherd Udderings

Rest. I've been on sabbatical for 30 days and I am grateful to the church and the SPRC for the gift of the first real sabbatical in my life. I am grateful to Beverly and Donnis for the gift of their cabin in Ruidoso, New Mexico (for 10 days) where I was able to begin the sabbatical with a four-day clergy and spouse retreat led by Still Waters Renewal ministry. In God's providential grace, I was on the waiting list to go the retreat (which happened by God's providence to be in Ruidoso) and the day before the sabbatical began, a slot became available for Karen, Jacob and me.

I read several books on prayer and engaged in another pastor's renewal ministry online called Soul-Shepherding - a ministry dedicated to those who shepherd souls. I prayed and meditated upon scripture and ended my sabbatical with a bible prophecy conference named after the last prayer of the bible: "Maranatha." Maranatha means "Come, Lord." I'm looking forward to the Lord's coming again and I want to develop more and more the mindset of eager anticipation that the Messiah will come at any time. Meanwhile, biblical "rest" means to know His presence is with you at all times through the Holy Spirit who lives in you. RESTING in Him is the key to our daily walk.

I was told I needed to rest, but I don't think people understand what rest means. At the end of my sabbatical, my loving wife (we celebrate 45 years of marriage this month—praise God!) told me, "You don't know how to rest." She meant I stayed busy the entire time of sabbatical. There is physical rest, but I didn't need that. There is the kind of rest when you die and they lay you to rest. That's certainly not the kind of rest I was looking for and I'm glad to wait on that rest a little while longer. The word rest in the bible can be found over 500 times. It has various meanings depending on the context. If you ask me "Do you feel rested?" then my response is "I'm resting in Him." Being "busy" and "resting" are not mutually exclusive. Actually, I don't think I can be busy and fruitful in ministry (nor can our great staff) unless I am truly "resting" in the Lord. His yoke is easy. His burden is light. Rest is a mindset. It is having the mind of Christ in all things. I'm working on "resting." I hope all of you are working on resting by meditating upon this truth: **"Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28 NLT"**

*Pastor Rick Sitton*

# Ministry Calendar

8/2	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
		Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/Arbor Oaks
8/6	2:00 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
8/7	11:30 AM	Fannin Teacher Appreciation Lunch
8/9	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8/11	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
8/13	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
8/15	6:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
8/16	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8/20	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
8/23	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8/25	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
8/27	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
8/28	6:00 PM	Finance Committee
	6:00 PM	Service-Mission Team
	7:00 PM	Church Council
8/30	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Begins

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## 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

**Prayers of Healing:** Frances Allen, Pat Atmar, Zoe Ann Broughton, Betty Carter, Nancy Conlee, Janice Elsik, Sue Futrell, Billie Gray, Ed Janosky, Buddy McGown, Esther Mancillas, Judy Miller, John Millhollon, Linda Millhollon, Bill Pishek, Nancy Janosky Schnell, Helene Steck, Ann Marie Vick, Grace Ashley, Chuck Schroepel, Alma Fonsceca, Sandy Lewellen, Delia Garza, Sharon Dent, Ben Winkle, Ann Fancher, David Kipp, Keith Reece, Kelly Callaway, John Raney

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# Church News & Upcoming Events



Pastor Fany and Pastor Augusto at the GMC Annual Conference at Christ Church

## Congratulations to Pastor Fanny Quezada Escobar

Pastor Fany was officially ordained during the Service of Ordination at the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church on July 22, 2023.



Kairos Prison Ministry's mission is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

To get involved and learn more on how you can serve please visit the Missions page at [www.FMCbryan.org](http://www.FMCbryan.org) or contact Mark Jurica 979 777 4283.

"...I was in prison, and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36) - Jesus Christ

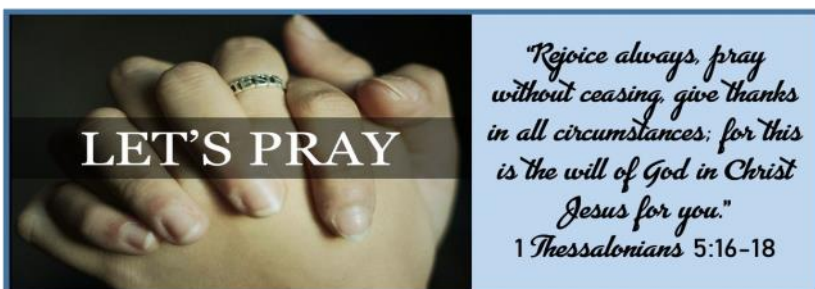
## Weekly Prayer Meeting to Begin on August 2nd

When I preached to all 3 service on July 9<sup>th</sup>, I announced how I felt the Lord has been calling me to start a prayer meeting here at FMC Bryan. If you didn't listen to it, you can find that message on our podcast channels! This prayer meeting will start on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7am in the Chapel and will continue taking place on Wednesday mornings at 7am. I used to not be a morning person, but Elias has quickly changed that.

I don't have an agenda for these meetings, I just firmly believe in my soul that we as a church need to seek the face of God in prayer together. I am excited about what God will do in these meetings! It will be a time of guided prayer, so there won't just be sitting in silence in a room for an hour. I believe this meeting will also stretch us out of our comfort zone, and that's ok! The ministry of Jesus in our lives is always beckoning us deeper to where it's uncomfortable because it forces us to hold onto him.

I was listening to an interview by Tim Keller before he passed away and the interviewer asked him what he would go back and change in his ministry. He paused and said "I wish I had prayed more." What my hope is for this church is when we look back on this season that we can look back on it and say *"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God."* (Psalm 40:1-3).

-Pastor Jeremy Bass



LET'S PRAY

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## Women's Prayer Retreat

Saturday, October 14th  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm



## Mission Trip to Peru

After postponing the mission trip due to the dengue epidemic that hit northern Peru, Fany traveled to Peru on June 28th. On the evening of June 29th, she officiated a wedding and celebrated the anniversary of this ministry. God is our provider and this time. He used our brother Jon H., who gave us a special offering that allows us to pay for the tickets and purchase of the theater for the Generacion de Poder ministry. The missionary work is done with those who pray, those who give offerings and those who go to the field. We ask for your prayers so that when Fany opens her mouth, the word of God will be given to her, while He extends his hands so that signs and wonders will be done.

The following is a report from Pastor Fany on her time in Peru:

I am happy to be able to briefly tell you what happened on my missionary trip to Peru.

1. I arrived in the city of Lima on June 29, 2023 at 11:00 p.m., leaving for Trujillo at 12 a.m. I arrived at 9:00 am and everything was ready for the 2nd anniversary of the God My Refuge Ministry. I was able to preach in the morning. In the afternoon, the celebration ended with the wedding ceremony of Denise and Jessy. A total of 100 people participated in the anniversary

2. Three people were baptized, a married couple and a teenager.

3. We traveled with ten people to Yamaluc for three days, where I was able to visit the workplace, preach in the open air, and worship in the town church.

4. Mocupe was visited where worship was held at Demetrio's and Teresa's house; their home has become a preaching center. In Mocupe, used clothing was distributed to the residents of the town. Clothing had been donated by the God My Refuge Ministry. I preached in the open air, and five people received Christ.

5. A family worship service was held in La Esperanza Trujillo at the house of Jessica's sister-in-law, who is very ill due to diabetes problems.

6. A family worship service was held only for couples at the house of Jessica's brother, Genaro.



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**September 8-9, 2023  
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**Drop Off Dates: September 5-6  
Drop Off Location: Fellowship Hall**

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# Adult Ministries

I recently began searching for 2024 planners. It's important to get "just the right one". It is vital to coordinate work, home, family, personal, "to do lists", medical appointments, veterinary care etc. Even our cell phones are programmed with calendars & reminders!

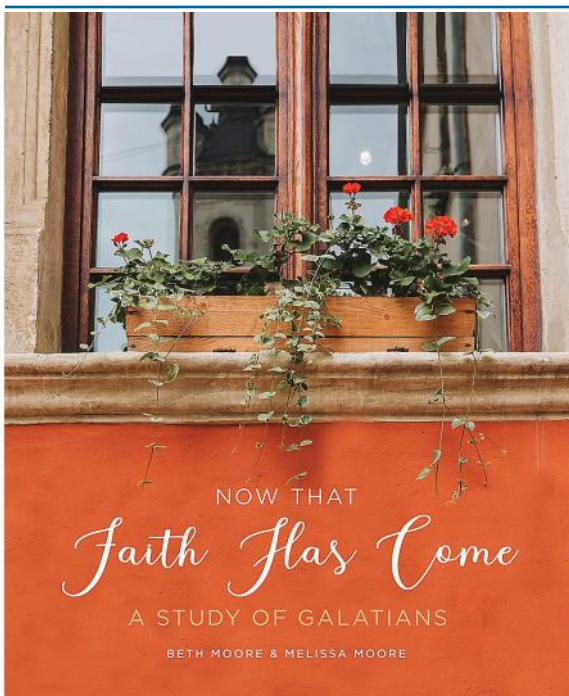
Prioritizing responsibilities is crucial. Something as important as a schedule can't wait until the last minute. It's important to get your priorities scheduled first then work other activities around those priorities.

But what are your priorities and responsibilities in your spiritual life? Do you need reminders? Are you taking time to sit quietly in the presence of the Lord? Are you spending time in The Word? Is attendance at worship services on your priority list? Do you put your worldly needs before your spiritual needs?

*<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:3-8 NIV

Natalie Patterson



## Amazing Grace Bible Study

September 14– November 2, 2023

10:00 – 11:30 am

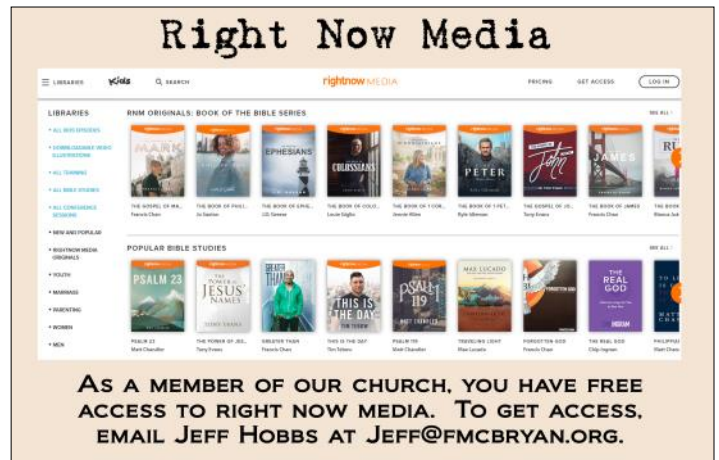
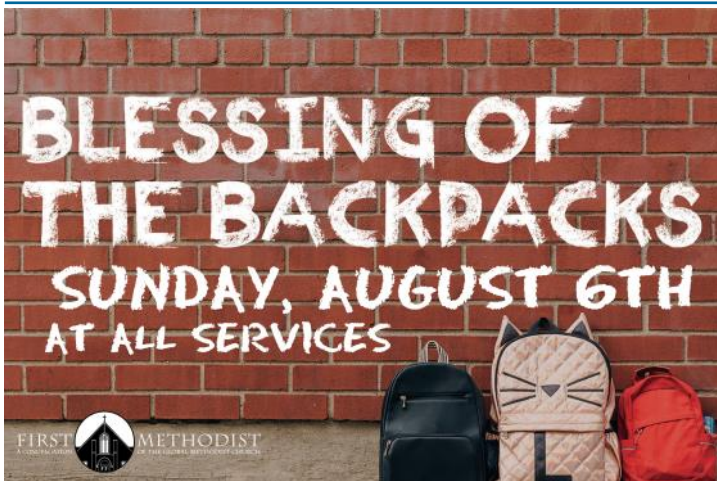
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# Children & Family Ministries



Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Natalie Patterson or Lanny Parker.

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## CCC: Community Clothes Closet



CCC program has begun! **You may drop off your donations in the church office.** We accept adult and children's clothing.

- All clothing must be freshly laundered
- In addition to clothing we accept shoes, bags and accessories such as hats, belts etc. — Shoes must have their laces

### Items we do not accept:

- No clothing with permanent stains
- Ripped or torn items
- Bedding such as pillows, duvet covers, sheets etc.
- Costumes
- Used underwear, socks or swimwear. *Unworn undergarments with tags still attached may be donated.*





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