



U.M. ARMY Serves the B/CS Community Through FMC Bryan

This past month, First Methodist Church, Bryan was honored to host U.M. ARMY (United in Mission Action Reach-out Mission by Youth) from The Woodlands Methodist Church. Our campus became a vibrant hub for 170 youth and 100 adult volunteers who stayed, ate, worshipped, and launched their mission efforts from our facilities.



Throughout the week, teams built wheelchair ramps, performed home repairs, and painted homes across the Bryan/College Station area. These service projects were made possible through referrals from local agencies such as Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity. In total, 40 mission teams worked across 30 different sites,

striving to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in need.

The impact of their work is nothing short of inspiring. U.M. ARMY's mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ through acts of service—and they have done just that.

This summer also marked a significant milestone: the final year of Jeff Reinhardt's service as U.M. ARMY Camp Director. Jeff has faithfully led this ministry for 22 years, and for 15 of those years, First Methodist Church, Bryan has proudly served as a host church. We are deeply grateful for his leadership and dedication to serving others.



Luke Addington and Lanny Parker cooked 320 burgers to support UM Army. We had a team of 27 volunteers of Methodist Men and Methodist Women to help feed the UM Army upon their arrival. A huge thank you to both organizations helping in this effort.

FMC Bryan Provides Flood Bucket to Disaster Relief Efforts in Central Texas

A HUGE thank you to those who donated their time and help provide funds to make this mission effort a success! We were able to put together 52 flood buckets to aid in the disaster relief efforts in Central Texas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 10

Teacher Blessing Sunday

August 17

Confirmation Brunch & Information Meeting

August 17

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
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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

Ministry Calendar

8/2	5:00 PM	College Ministry Game Night
8/3	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/Arbor Oaks
8/4	5:30 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee: Special Meeting
8/6	9:00 AM	College Ministry @ Polite Coffee
	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 PM	Gospel of Mark Lecture Series
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8/7	11:45 AM	Men on Main
	1:30 PM	MYF Open Gym Day
	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee: Special Meeting
8/8	7:00 AM	Meals of Love
8/9	7:30 AM	Youth Excursion / Schlitterbahn
8/11	10:30 AM	Fannin Elementary Back to School Lunch
	6:00 PM	Service-Mission Team
8/13	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 PM	Gospel of Mark Lecture Series
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8/14	11:45 AM	Men on Main
8/17	10:00 AM	Confirmation Brunch & Information Meeting
8/18	7:30 AM	One Day Academy (First Day of Classes)
	6:00 PM	Finance Committee
8/19	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee: Special Meeting
8/20	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 PM	Gospel of Mark Lecture Series
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8/21	11:45 AM	Men on Main
8/22	7:00 AM	Meals of Love
8/25	6:00 PM	Church Council
8/27	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 PM	Gospel of Mark Lecture Series
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8/28	11:45 AM	Men on Main
	6:00 PM	Impact College Ministry Fair @ Central Church

FMC Bryan Presents a 9 Week Course for Financial Freedom

Learn *God's ways*
of handling money.



Cost: \$100, Includes Workbook
Childcare Provided

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September 4–October 30 | Thursdays at 6-8 PM in C113

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Prayer Requests

- Staff Parish Committee for wisdom and God's direction as they search for our new senior pastor.

Rehab/Nursing Care: Joy Allega, Ray Anthony, Marilyn Colby, Donna Durocher, Esther Mancillas, Bob Prock

Prayers of Concern and Care: Cailey Cotner, Matthew Arriaga, Ashton

Prayers of Healing: Betty Carter, Janice Elsik, Judy Miller, John Millhollon, Bill Pishek, Nancy Janosky Schnell, Ann Marie Vick, Chuck Schroepel, Kelly Callaway, Lynda Pool, Nancy Reynolds, Jake & Lyndsi's twins, Sam Tessen, Irv Sabrsula, Jeff French, Michael Smith, Rosemary Garrett, Pete Paul, Cynthia McBride, Adam Bolline, Cindy Brack, Bobby Vance, Cyndi Weber, Nick Turnham, Niko Paskos, Betty Horn, Brandi DeAtley, Baby Wade, the Ponzio family, Jack Walker, Bill Vance, Linda Whitfield, Shirley Vasovski, Danny Robertson, Keaton Smith

Celebrate a Legacy: Give to the Heritage Endowment

At First Methodist Church of Bryan, we are blessed by the faithfulness and generosity of those who have come before us. One meaningful way their legacy lives on is through our **Heritage Endowment Fund**—a vital resource that helps meet the present and future needs of our church.

The Heritage Endowment is our church's **largest and most flexible endowment fund**, supporting both **special ministry and mission projects**—locally and beyond—and **extraordinary needs related to our church property**, such as major repairs, expansions, and improvements. This fund ensures that we can respond when opportunities arise or unexpected needs emerge.



Unlike general fundraising, **endowments are designed to last**. Gifts to the endowment are invested, and the **principal remains intact**, with only a portion of the earnings used each year. This allows the Heritage Endowment to provide a **reliable and predictable source of funding** for the church's mission, not just today—but for generations to come.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the **Heritage Endowment Fund in memory or in honor of someone special**—a loved one whose faith shaped your life, a mentor who inspired your service, or a friend who walked with you in your spiritual journey. Your gift becomes a **living tribute**, helping ensure that our church continues to grow, serve, and shine Christ's light well into the future. If you're interested, please save the date for the Texas

Methodist Foundation presentation below.

To learn more or make a gift, please contact the Eileen Winkle, Business & Facilities Manager at eileen@fmcbyran.org. Let us give thanks for the legacy we've inherited—and be part of the legacy yet to come.



Texas Methodist Foundation

Presentation on Philanthropy, Gift Planning,
Estate Planning, and Endowments

Planting the Seed Today for Tomorrow

Tuesday, September 16th

6 PM in the Heritage Room

For more information, contact the Business Manager,
Eileen Winkle at Eileen@fmcbyran.org.

Join the Joyful Sound of Handbells!

Do you have a love for music and a desire to serve in a fun, meaningful way? Our Handbell Choir at First Methodist Church Bryan is looking for new members! Whether you're a seasoned musician or just eager to learn, we welcome all who are willing to practice and praise. We meet every **Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary starting September 3rd. No prior bell experience needed—just a good sense of rhythm and a joyful heart. Come ring with us and be part of something special!

For more information, contact Chris Caffee, Director of Music Ministries, chris@fmcbyran.org.



MEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 3-4, 2025

REST, RELATE, REJOICE

MESSIAH'S RANCH, 10061 TAYLOR RD, BRYAN, TX

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: BRANDON SHOOK

REGISTRATION: \$185, INCLUDES MEALS

RETREAT WILL BEGIN FRIDAY EVENING AND WILL CONCLUDE SATURDAY AT NOON



Scan to Register or
Visit fmcbyran.org



September 3rd-November 19
For Ages 4-6th Grade
5:45-6:30pm
Sanctuary Building
2nd floor

All New Musical Curriculum with Songs, Games, and Bible Study!!



First Family Dinner

Wednesdays in the Heritage Room
September 3-November 19
Dinner at 5:15 PM
Bible Studies For All at 6 PM

Adult Ministries

Humility and Having the Mindset of Jesus

Philippians 2:3-5

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Imagine having the same mindset as Jesus, learning to see like he sees, listen like he listens, think like he thinks, imagine like he imagines, and do things like he does things.

To **“have the same mindset as Christ Jesus”** means to be filled by the same power that filled Jesus—who is the person of the Holy Spirit.

We are to have the mindset of Christ **“in your relationships with one another”**

God created us to be in community with Him and others. Through serving we become what God made us for.

The Hill Country floods brought out the best in us as people reached out to others in need.

- rescuers using their own personal boats to help people escape the flooding and to search for the lost.
- truckloads of donations pouring in from all over the US
- flood buckets prepared to help with the cleanup.



Neighbors helping neighbors, strangers helping strangers regardless of color, religion, income, or status. People helping others regardless of their own faith. Communities of service to others being formed, doing what God created them for. This is how we demonstrate prevenient grace which is the grace that “goes before”—that grace which precedes human action and reflects God’s heart for his creation. God is already there waiting for us to respond and reach out. This is God meeting us in a beautiful way as we serve others.

Don’t wait for the next crisis or natural disaster to serve others. God calls us to service now!

-Natalie Patterson, Director of Adult Ministries & Member Involvement

College Ministries

LIGHTHOUSE
COLLEGE MINISTRY AT FMC BRYAN

Kick Off Event

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH | 7-9 PM
2406 KENT STREET, BRYAN
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED



LIGHTHOUSE
COLLEGE MINISTRY AT FMC

Welcome Home With a Taste of Home!

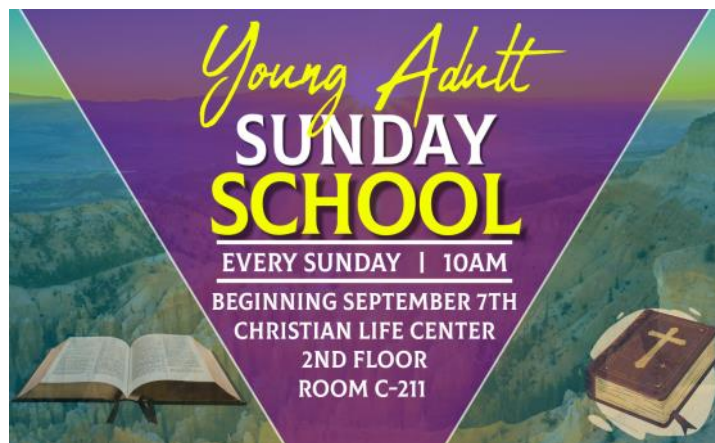
**We need baked goods for
The Lighthouse College Ministry's
Kick-Off!**

**Goodies will be bagged up in the
Heritage Room on
September 6th from 2-3 PM.**

No nuts please!



Youth & Young Adult Ministries



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 our **Young Adult Sunday School Class** — 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.

Beyond The Walls: A Mission Trip That Overflowed With Joy



We are home from **Beyond The Walls: Mission Trip to Western North Carolina**, and our hearts are forever changed. Our students and adult volunteers had the privilege of serving the resilient community of **Bat Cave**, which is still recovering from devastating flooding last September.

Over the course of two days, our team built **Mission Sheds**—simple but powerful structures that serve as storage and hope for families rebuilding their lives. What deeply impacted us, though, wasn't just the work of our hands. We were **richly poured into by Ed and Barbie Johnson**, the faithful couple called by God to lead the Mission Shed

ministry. Their unwavering trust in the Lord for every need reminded us that faith isn't about having all the answers but about leaning on the One who provides.

Perhaps the most unforgettable part of our journey was witnessing the **JOY** of the Bat Cave community—joy that cannot be shaken by disaster, a joy that clearly flows only from God. In a place where most of us cannot imagine living day-to-day, we saw firsthand that God's presence is enough.

We want to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our entire church family. Your generous financial gifts, your nourishment and snacks, your words of encouragement, and—most importantly—your faithful **prayers** made this mission possible. You were part of every prayer prayed, every nail hammered, and every moment of hope we shared.



A Family Devotional: Finishing Summer Well

As summer winds down, it's easy to let our minds race toward the busyness of fall—school, sports, and new routines. But before we shift into the next season, let's take a moment to pause and remember where our true rest and joy come from.

Scripture: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."* — Matthew 11:28-29

Family Reflection:

- Where have you seen God at work in your life this summer?

- What burdens are you carrying into the new season that you can lay at Jesus' feet?

How can your family be intentional about making space for God even as schedules get busier?

Family Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the gift of summer and all the ways You have been present with us. As we enter a new season, help us to rest in You, to trust You with our plans, and to stay focused on the things that matter most—loving You and loving others. Amen.

Take some time this week to pray as a family, thanking God for what He's done and asking Him to guide you into the new season with peace and purpose.

Youth Worship Band Rehearsals Begin Soon!

Do you have a student who loves music and has a desire to lead others in worship? Our **Youth Worship Band** will begin rehearsals on **Sunday, September 14, at 4:30 PM.**

No matter their skill level, if they have a heart for worship, we would love for them to join us! Please **sign up using the link provided** so we can plan for the group and assign parts.



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Children & Family Ministries

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH
AT ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

COME RECEIVE A BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR AND SOME COOL STUFF FOR YOUR BACKPACK.

FUTURE PING PONG CHAMPION

TEACHER BLESSING SUNDAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH
AT ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

WE WILL BE SAYING A BLESSING OVER ALL TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. TEACHERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE A GIFT.

506 E. 28TH STREET
 BRYAN, TX 77803

WORSHIP SERVICES AT 8:30, 9:00, & 11:00 A.M.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

The 3rd Grade Bible Presentation will be Sunday, September 14th at every worship service. If your child is entering 3rd grade, please send Jeff Hobbs your child's name as you want it engraved on their Bible by Sunday, August 10th. You can email Jeff at Jeff@fmcbyran.org

FIRST FAMILY DINNER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
FALL 2025
EXODUS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
STARTING SEPTEMBER 3RD
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.



BRYAN, TEXAS

506 East 28th Street
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Mark: A Gospel Discovered, A Savior Revealed

WEDNESDAYS | JUNE 11-AUGUST 27 6 PM IN THE CHAPEL

This summer, you are invited to enter the Gospel of Mark—not merely to study it but to *walk* it. This is no lecture series; it is a sacred expedition. Mark writes with urgency and clarity, leading us through moments that move fast, cut deep, and refuse to leave us unchanged. Together, we will trace the footsteps of Jesus, feel the shock of His miracles, wrestle with the weight of His teachings, and stand in awe before an empty tomb. In these pages, a Savior is not only revealed—He is encountered.



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