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2025 - 2026

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION PACKET

LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

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BE ON GUARD. STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH.

BE COURAGEOUS. BE STRONG.

-1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

FMC Mission Statement

Love, Witness, Serve

Goals For Confirmation

- To make firm our commitment to Christ.
- Gain an understanding of what it means to profess the Christian faith and make membership vows to First Methodist Church, Bryan.
- Learn what it means to Love, Witness, and Serve.
- Learn about the history of the Christian Church and how we got to where we are now.
- Become familiar with the basic doctrines of the Methodist Church.
- Learn the meaning of Communion and Baptism in the Methodist tradition.
- Experience worship at other churches to compare with ours.
- Experience service and mission as an integral part of Christian living.
- Build a strong group that will integrate into the youth ministry at FMC Bryan.

Schedule 2025-2026

August 10, 2025 - Class Begins - 10:00 a.m.

August 17, 2025 - Confirmation Brunch/Information Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

September 21, 2025 - Helping with Children's Worship Festival - 9:30 a.m.

October 5, 2025 - Visit Santa Teresa Catholic Church

November 2, 2025 - Church Visit to Salvation Army

November 9, 2025 - Faith Friend Sunday

November 22, 2025 - Working at Brazos Church Pantry - 9:45 a.m.

December 4, 2025 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing Challenge

December 13, 2025 - Trip to Seafarer's Center - 9:00 a.m.

December 24, 2025 - Helping with Children's Christmas Eve Service

January 11, 2026 - Church Visit to The Woodlands MC - 8:30 a.m.

February 1, 2026 - Church Visit to Lee Chapel MC - 8:40 a.m.

February 28, 2026 - Confirmation Retreat at FMC

March 21, 2026 - Faith Friend Sunday

April 5, 2026 - Helping with Children's Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 a.m.

April 25, 2026 - Working at Brazos Church Pantry - 9:45 a.m.

April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10 - Pastors Teach

May 3, 2026 - Information Sheets & Letters to Jeff are due

May 8, 2026 - Confirmation Scavenger Hunt

May 15, 2026 - Confirmation Rehearsal and Dinner

May 17, 2026 - Confirmation Sunday

Faith Friends

Parents will need to choose one person from the church to be your child's Faith Friend. Faith Friends must be out of High School and a member of FMC, Bryan. Faith Friends can be of the opposite sex, if the parents so choose. Parents will want to pick a person from the church that might already have a bond with the child such as a family friend. Faith Friends serve as a mentor/sponsor during the Confirmation year. They are welcome to share their story, come to Sunday School occasionally, participate in trips and social events, and encourage the Confirmand along the way.

Please contact the person that you would like to be your child's Faith Friend. Let Jeff Hobbs know who you have chosen as soon as possible. If you would like Jeff to find a Faith Friend for you child, please let him know. Please have a Faith Friend picked by November 9th.

Parents' Responsibilities

Parents are the number one faith influence in their children's lives. Parents are just as much Confirmation teachers as the teachers and the pastors.

Parents are expected to get their Confirmand to class and events in a timely manner. Do not miss Confirmation without good reason. Please make Confirmation a priority in your family's life this year.

Confirmation is what you make it. If it is important to you, it will be important to your child.

Detailed Schedule

September 21, 2025 – Helping with Children's Worship Festival

- The Confirmands need to be in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. to help get ready for the service. They will be greeters and ushers. Some of them may have a part in the skits or reading scripture. They will be done helping at noon.

October 5, 2025 - Visit Santa Teresa Catholic Church

- Meet at FMC at 9:15 a.m. We will leave FMC Bryan at 9:20 a.m. We will attend their 10:00 a.m. mass and have a question and answer time afterwards. Parents and Faith Friends are invited to attend. Please dress appropriately for mass. No shorts. We do NOT take communion at the Catholic church.

November 2, 2025 - Church Visit to Salvation Army

- We will be going to the worship service at the Salvation Army. Please have your Confirmand at the church for Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. We will leave FMC to go to the Salvation Army at 10:40 a.m. You can meet us there if you miss us at the church. The service starts at 11:00 a.m. The Salvation Army is located on Cavitt in the old St. Paul's UMC church. We will attend the worship service and then have a Q&A with the Captain afterwards. Parents and Faith Friends are welcome to attend. We should be back at FMC around 12:30 p.m.

November 9, 2025 - Faith Friend Sunday

- Faith Friends are invited to Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. This is just an opportunity for the Faith Friends to come to class and be with their Confirmand.

November 22, 2025- Working at Brazos Church Pantry

- We will meet at the Brazos Church Pantry at 9:45 a.m. We will stuff bags with food and help carry food to client's vehicles. We will work until 11:30 a.m. Faith Friends and parents are invited to attend but it does get crowded in the pantry with too many people. The Brazos Church Pantry is located at 304 A West 26th Street in Bryan.

December 4, 2025 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing Challenge (Tentative)

- We will be ringing the Salvation Army Bell at Hobby Lobby from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in a competition against A&M UMC.

December 13, 2025 - Trip to Seafarer's Center

- We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 7th to go to the Seafarer's Center in Houston to deliver Christmas boxes. The boxes are made by our Methodist Women and contain many items useful to seafarers while they are away from home. We will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will go to the Seafarer's Center, drop off the boxes and get a tour. We will then go somewhere for lunch. Please send \$15-20 with your child for lunch. We should be back around 4:00 p.m. Parents and Faith Friends are welcome to go. Please RSVP so Jeff knows how many to expect.

December 24, 2025 - Helping with Children's Christmas Eve Service

- If you are here at Christmas, we need your help at the Children's Christmas Eve Service. Please be in the Gym at 3:15 p.m. for the 4:00 p.m. service. Confirmants will serve as ushers and greeters and may have a part in the service.

January 11, 2026- Church Visit to The Woodlands MC

- This serves as our big church visit. We will attend the 11:00 a.m. service at The Woodlands MC. We will leave FMC at 8:30 a.m. Be at FMC by 8:15 a.m. We will have lunch on the road on the way back to Bryan. Send \$15-20 with your child for lunch. Dress appropriately. No Shorts. We should return to FMC about 4:30 p.m. Parents and Faith Friends are welcome to go. Please RSVP.

February 1, 2026 - Church Visit to Lee Chapel MC

- We will go to Lee Chapel MC in Bryan. This is our Black church visit. We will leave FMC at 8:40 a.m. and attend their 9:00 a.m. service. Meet by the van in the Hanover-Johnson parking lot on 27th street. We will return to FMC around 10:40 a.m. Parents and Faith Friends are welcome to attend.

February 28, 2026- Confirmation Retreat @ FMC Bryan

- We will work at the Brazos Church Pantry, have lessons on grace, and play fun games.

March 21, 2026 - Faith Friend Sunday

- All Faith Friends are invited to attend class with their Confirmand. Parents and Faith Friends are welcome to attend.

April 5, 2026 - Helping with Children's Easter Egg Hunt

- If you are here at Easter, we need your help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Please be in the Confirmation Room at 9:45 a.m. Confirmants will be hiding the Easter Eggs and taking the children to the different hunt sites.

April 25, 2026 - Working at Brazos Church Pantry

- We will meet at the Brazos Church Pantry at 9:45 a.m. We will stuff bags with food and help carry food to client's vehicles. We will work until 11:30 a.m. Faith Friends and parents are invited to attend but it does get crowded in the pantry with too many people. The Brazos Church Pantry is located at 304 A West 26th Street in Bryan.

April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10 - Pastors Teach

- Do not miss these Sundays. The pastors will be teaching on these days to make sure the Confirmants know what they need to know before they are confirmed. This is the Confirmants' chance to ask the pastors any questions they may have about faith or the church. Be in class no later than 10:00 a.m.

May 3, 2026 - Information Sheets & Letters to Jeff are due

- Sometime in April Jeff will give the Confirmands information sheets to fill out about themselves. These sheets will go in the bulletin insert on Confirmation Sunday. The Letters to Jeff are simply: “Dear Jeff, I want to be confirmed...” and why. The Confirmands need to tell Jeff in their letter why they feel they are ready to be confirmed and talk about their Confirmation year. It only needs to be a half page. Parents can help their Confirmand with this, but should not write it. This is nothing to stress about. Jeff just wants to hear the Confirmand’s honest answers.

May 8, 2026 - Confirmation Scavenger Hunt

- We will meet at a restaurant for dinner, then go to the Bush Library for a Scavenger Hunt. Parents can pick up their confirmand at the library.

May 15, 2026 - Confirmation Rehearsal and Dinner

- Meet in the Heritage Room at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. After we eat, we will go to the Sanctuary for rehearsal. Parents, siblings, Faith Friends and their spouses are invited to attend.

May 17, 2026 - Confirmation Sunday

- Be at the church in the Sanctuary an hour before the service starts. We will take pictures and get ready for the service. The Confirmands will process in with the pastors and sit in the front row. The Confirmands will be professing their faith in Christ that day and will be joining God’s church. They will then take the membership vows to become full members of First Methodist Church, Bryan.