



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Hanging of the Greens  
 Soup & Salad Supper  
 December 3

Methodist Men Workday  
 December 9

Salvation Army Bell  
 Ringing Challenge  
 4-8 PM @ Hobby Lobby



### 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)

Dec. 3	Hope	"O Come, O come, Emmanuel"
Dec. 10	Faith	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Dec. 17	Joy	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Dec. 24	Love	"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship "Silent Night"	
	Discipleship Classes	9:30 AM
	One Worship Service for All	10:30 AM

### Candlelight Worship Services

Contemporary Family Worship	Gym	4 PM
Traditional Worship	Sanctuary	6 PM

### 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

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**12/31 Wesleyan Covenant Service  
 with Communion  
 11 AM  
 (No 8:30 AM Worship Service)**

# Ministry Calendar

12/1	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
12/2	9:00 AM	Confirmation Trip
12/3	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/ Arbor Oaks
	4:00 PM	Soup & Salad Luncheon
	6:00 PM	Hanging of the Greens
12/5	9:30 AM	TMW: General Meeting
	7:00 PM	BVYSCO Concert
12/6	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
12/7	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study - Advent study
	1:00 PM	Hospice BV Celebration of Life
	4:00 PM	Confirmation Bell Ringing Challenge @ Hobby Lobby
12/8	6:30 PM	Generation of Power
12/9	7:30 AM	Methodist Men Workday
12/10	5:00 PM	Christmas Family Night: Follow the Star
12/11	10:30 AM	Time Like Hannah's Breastfeeding Support Group
	6:00 PM	Finance Committee Special Session
12/13	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
12/14	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study - Advent study
	12:00 PM	Guild of Organists Recital
	12:30 PM	Koinonia Christmas Social
12/17	1:30 PM	Brazos Breeze Flute Choir
12/18	6:00 PM	Finance Committee
	6:00 PM	Service-Mission Team
	7:00 PM	Church Council
12/20	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
12/21	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study - Advent study
12/22	6:30 PM	Generation of Power
12/24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship Service
12/25-12/26		Campus Closed - Christmas
12/27-12/29		Church Office - Limited Hours (9AM-12PM)
12/31	1:00 PM	12th Annual FMC BRYAN, Jeff Hobbs, Benefit, Ping Pong Tournament



**FMC Bryan campus will be closed  
December 25-26 for Christmas.**

**The church office will have  
limited hours (9 AM—12 PM)  
Wednesday, December 27—  
Friday, December 29.**

## FMC BRYAN CLERGY & STAFF

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# Prayer Requests

**Kairos Team Update:** Prayer of Joy from Mark Jurica - For the first time ever the Kairos Team has been invited by the incarcerated Christian community to attend worship service on 11/19 inside the jail. Several men will be making public professions of faith and will be baptized. Christ is alive in the prison! Men are turning to Jesus inside the Wallace Pack Unit. Thank you for your prayers and support of Kairos and its mission.

**Rehab/Nursing Care:** Joy Allega, Ray Anthony, Jim Bradford, Marilyn Colby, Dixie Copeland, Donna Durocher, Daphne Eller, Billie Gray, Donna Lamar

**Prayers of Healing:** Pat Atmar, Betty Carter, Nancy Conlee, Janice Elsik, Sue Futrell, Billie Gray, Ed Janosky, Esther Mancillas, Judy Miller, John Millhollon, Linda Millhollon, Bill Pishek, Nancy Janosky Schnell, Ann Marie Vick, Grace Ashley, Chuck Schroeppel, Alma Fonseca, Delia Garza, Sharon Dent, Ann Fancher, David Kipp, Keith Reece, Kelly Callaway, Lynda Pool, Betty Thompson, Mark Conlee, Nancy Reynolds, Andrew Monroe, Gerald Whitfield, Jake & Lyndsi's twins, Robert Tessen, Michael Smith, Jesse Mitchell, Linda Whitfield, Sharon Wehring, Patt Gandy, Irv Sabrsula, LaVerne Degelia

**In Need of Prayer? Here are some options to help you find others to pray with you:**

- Weekly Prayer List e-mail to congregation on Mondays. Write your prayer requests on your Connect Card or e-mail a FMC Bryan staff member.
- Caring Ministry Facebook Page—Private Facebook page for our church congregation. If you do not use Facebook, you may send prayer requests to [natalie.patterson@fmcbyryan.org](mailto:natalie.patterson@fmcbyryan.org).
- Sunday School Classes
- Discipleship Bands
- Upcoming Kairos and Emmaus Walks

Welcome  
to our  
New Members

Joined November 5, 2023

Nicole Cruz

Ana Lilena Alarcon Pinilla

Luis Alberto Gonzalez



## Undershepherd Udderings

We are entering the Advent Season filled with the joy of celebrating our Savior's birth. Christmas and Easter provide the greatest opportunities of the calendar year to witness to our family and friends about the real reason for these special holy days. The world thinks of them as holidays, but they are holy days to us. I hope and pray that you will pray for the salvation of any relatives and friends during this season. Pray for God to give you the right time to share the gospel with those you love. I can't think of a better gift than the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. It's why we give gifts. Please invite your family and friends to our special worship services during the advent season.

On behalf of all the staff and clergy of FMC Bryan, thank you all for allowing us to serve in ministry together with you! We count it a blessing!

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Rick Sitten*

# Church News & Upcoming Events

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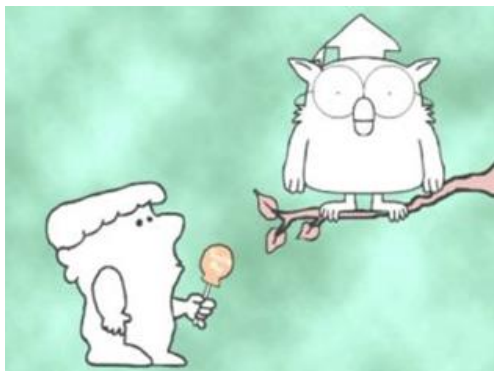
## Hanging of the Greens Soup & Salad Supper

Sunday, December 3rd  
Heritage Room 4–5PM

Donations Accepted for  
Kids Choir Camp at Lakeview 2024

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### How Many Ways Are There?...



Opportunities abound in today's technical society for different avenues to donate. *First*, there is the traditional method of placing money/check in the offering plate. This provides a moment to teach the younger generation about giving. Our children watch what we do and hopefully learn what God would want us to do.

*Second*, most financial institutions have programs for an online bill pay service. Did you know that the donations received by the mail and members using bill pay are a substantial amount of the monthly gifts received by the church? It's fast, convenient and simple to complete the automated process. Neither of the first two options cost donors or the recipients fees.

*Third*, First Methodist Church has an online giving option through the church web site. Currently, there is a DONATE button under the "More" tab on the church web site in which you can utilize software in conjunction with the church membership records. PayPal is still an option however the church is focusing on an option that allows for the simplification of processing time. Most online systems allow for the donor to absorb the processing fees or pass it on the church.

A *fourth option* is to give stock to First Methodist Church. Once it is received and sold with the proceeds going to the church. Please contact the church office if this is something that you wish to do.

*Lastly*, if your age and circumstances allow, you could use your required minimum IRA distribution as a gift to the church. Please contact your financial advisor and the church business manager if this is an option you wish to consider. There may be tax benefits for you in completing this option. As always, thank you for your gifts of service and donations to assist in God's ministry at First Methodist Church, Bryan. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Winkle, Director of Business & Facility Operations at 979-779-1324 X109 or [eileen@fmcbyran.org](mailto:eileen@fmcbyran.org)



# Missions & Evangelism

Habitat for Humanity is in dire need of volunteers!

Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity's ReStore is a nonprofit, home-improvement store that sells new and gently used [donated](#) furniture, appliances, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. This store is a part of Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity and helps to build up our community through the sale of donated materials.

As with all Habitat for Humanity ReStores, B/CS ReStore is independently owned and operated by B/CS Habitat for Humanity. 100% of the proceeds support B/CS Habitat's mission of building decent and affordable homes for individuals and families in our community.

Have any questions? Call the store at (979) 775-8122.



## Calling All Men!

# METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men will have a work day at the church on Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with a devotional and breakfast at 7:30am. Maintenance is always a challenge for such a large church campus. The men help out in little ways that mean a lot! Contact the church Facilities Manager, Eileen Winkle or Methodist Men President, Ron Johnson for more details.

Together **Everyone Achieves More!**

## 12th Annual FMC Bryan, Jeff Hobbs, Benefit, Ping Pong Tournament

BRAZOS  
church pantry

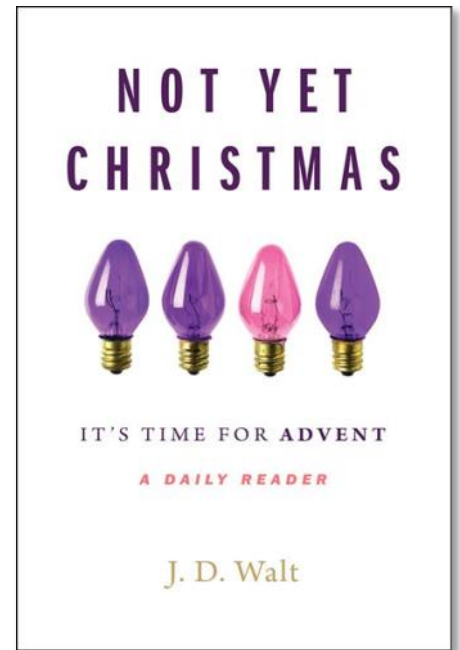
Sunday, December 31st at 1:00 p.m. in the Gym.

\$10 to enter. All proceeds go to the Brazos Church Pantry.

# Adult Ministries

- Be challenged to refocus your heart for the Christmas season.
- Discover what it means to embrace Advent in a culture that loves Christmas.
- Journey through poetry and prayers as you prepare yourself and family for Advent.

It's time to stop the consumeristic commercialism of Christmas. Instead of bashing the culture for making Black Friday bigger than Thanksgiving, let's do something different this year. Let's do Advent. Instead of quibbling over saying "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas," let's recover what it means to celebrate Holy Days. Instead of our cheesy slogans about "the reason for the season," let's practice a sacred season for the sake of the reason. Let's joyfully embrace the fact that we will do Advent amid a culture that loves Christmas but doesn't really understand it. When the church reclaims Advent, the culture will behold Christmas. Advent study offers an opportunity for individuals, groups, and communities to get on the same page in preparation for the Christmas season. Here you will find the trusted texts that have guided the church for centuries combined with daily insight and prayers composed by some of the best Christian poets of our time.



For purchase from Seedbed:

<https://my.seedbed.com/product/not-yet-christmas-its-time-for-advent-a-daily-reader/>

PDF for downloading:

<https://cdn.seedbed.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Not-Yet-Christmas-Intro-and-First-Days.pdf>

## *Amazing Grace Bible Study*

“When You Pray”

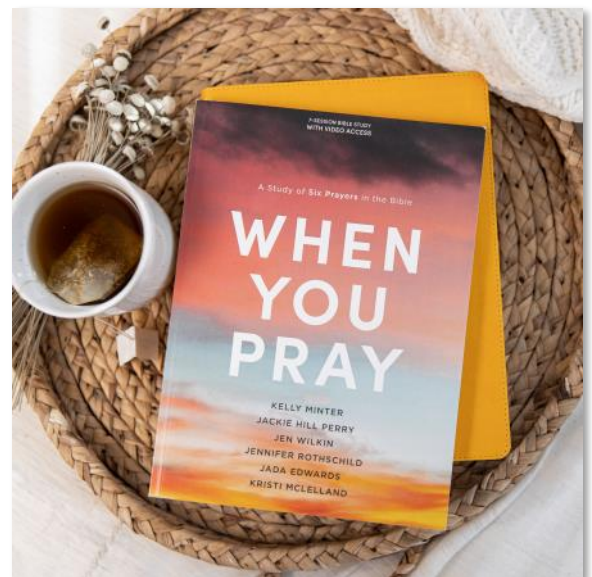
January 18, 2024 – February 29, 2024

Do you have trouble thinking of words to say to God when you pray? Are you afraid some emotions are too intense to express to God? Do you reach the end of a day only to realize you haven't prayed at all? You're not alone. Prayer is the way we relate to God, but sometimes it's a struggle. Throughout God's Word, we encounter many voices who teach us how to pray.

Join six beloved Bible study teachers in this 7-session study and learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray.

Books will be ordered for those who sign up by December 15.

Lifeway.com <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/when-you-pray-bible-study-book-with-video-access-P005837641>





# Children & Family Ministries

## Follow The Star

A one room Christmas event for families.

Sunday, December 10th

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner in the Heritage Room at 5:00 p.m.

The event will follow dinner in the gym.

\$10 per family.

Register at

<https://fmc-bryan.org/events/christmas-family-night>



## 10th Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing Challenge

Thursday, December 7th

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

at Hobby Lobby

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**GLOBAL**  
METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAYS AT 7:30 PM**  
CONTACT PASTOR JEREMY AT [JEREMY@FMCBRYAN.ORG](mailto:JEREMY@FMCBRYAN.ORG)

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