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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 14TH



12:00 PM & 6:30 P.M.*

*FOLLOWING FIRST FAMILY DINNER AT 5:30

FMC BRYAN SANCTUARY

Undershepherd Udderings

I've called the church to pray for revival. Pray for revival in you, in your family, your church and our beloved country. Pray for those on our prayer list.

I've been preaching on the biblical template for revival found in 2 Chronicles 7:14. (Those messages our on our website)

Our church is gathering for prayer each Wednesday at noon in the chapel. I've asked that you fast one meal per week. I've had a burden on my heart to pray for our church, our staff, and our clergy. I hope you are setting aside time each day to pray and, as part of that prayer time, praying for revival that results in an

If My people who are called by
My name will humble themselves,
and pray and seek My face,
and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

outpouring of the Holy Spirit that gives us a passion for the lost and a hunger for His presence. I truly believe that the Lord can do more when God's people unify in prayer and truly seek Him than all the human effort apart from Him.

Faith without works is dead. Works without faith is futile. Let's pray with all of heart to the God who hears us.

The Lord who can do far more, exceedingly abundantly, than we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV).

Unless the builds the house,

its builders labor in vain.

PSALM 127:1

Pastor Rick Sitton



The Methodist Women Meeting February 6

Dinner Date & Discussion February 16

Relaunch of The River Contemporary Worship February 18

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

Friday

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

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Ministry Calendar

2/3	10:00 AM	Generation of Power
2/4	8:40 AM	Confirmation Trip
		Worship - Crestview Retirement
	2:00 PM	Center/Arbor Oaks
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
	7:30 PM	College/Young Adult Ministry
0/5	10.20 AM	Time Like Hennelle Dresette ding
2/5		Time Like Hannah's Breastfeeding
2/6	6:00 PM 9:30 AM	Staff Parish Relations Committee
		TMW: General Meeting
2/7		Prayer Meeting
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
0/0	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
2/9	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
2/11	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
0/40	7:30 PM	College/Young Adult Ministry
2/12		Service-Mission Team
2/14	12:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
2/15	1:00 PM	D.A.R.
2/16	6:00 PM	Dinner Date & Discussion
2/17	10:00 AM	Generation of Power
2/18	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
	7:30 PM	College/Young Adult Ministry
2/19	6:00 PM	Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council
2/21	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
2/23	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
2/25	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
	7:30 PM	College/Young Adult Ministry
2/28	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
2/28	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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Church News & Upcoming Events

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: OFFICE KEEPERS

We are in need of volunteers to help in the church office. Our office keepers are a vital part of our administrative ministry team. They assist with answering phone, assisting visitors to the church office and many clerical duties. Computer knowledge is appreciated, but not a requirement. Please contact LeeAnn Broeker to volunteer at leeann@fmcbryan.org. The following shifts are available:

Monday Afternoons 1 PM—5PM Wednesday Mornings 9 AM—12 PM

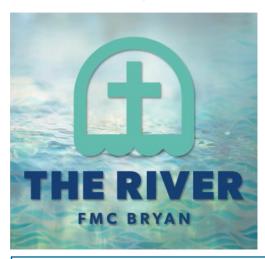
Wednesday Afternoons 1 PM—5 PM

church name.



We are very grateful and blessed to have been gifted a new ID printer from the Asbury Sunday School Class! The printer will create hard, plastic badges for us again. If you are in need of a new ID badge, please contact the church office or sign up for one in the Sanctuary narthex. If you have an ID with our old logo, please request one with our new logo and

Contemporary Worship Relaunch on February 18th



I am so excited about this relaunch that we've been working on for the past 8 months! On February 18th we are relaunching the contemporary worship service as "The River." I would like to personally invite you to this relaunch as we celebrate what the Lord is doing in our midst. This will be a day of newness: New changes in the space, new order, new bulletin, new branding, yet in the middle of that the same God who has been faithful to this church for over 150 years.

My challenge for you is to invite someone to this service. According a study conducted by Thom Rainer, 82% of unchurched people would be likely to go to church if invited, later in that study it said that 80% of people who came to Christ did so because they were invited by someone they knew. We have handouts that make it easy to invite someone, and this is a great opportunity to do we. I am excited to see what God will do with this service and to meet the people that you invite!

Pastor Jeremy Bass

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Attend a three-day immersion in God's grace and love.

The weekend is filled with fun, singing, worship, prayer, discussions, small-group sharing, good food and daily communion.

Upcoming Walks at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, TX: Men's Walk 130 - Thursday, April 11th - Sunday, April 14th Women's Walk 131 - Thursday, April 25th - Sunday, April 28th

For more information, contact Jill Hobbs at (979)204-0076 or jillmhobbs@hotmail.com



The goal of Kairos Prison Ministry is to develop a Christian community on the inside of a prison. Free-world volunteers show the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with 42 inmates (residents) during a 3 1/2 day weekend through talks, meditations, chapel visits, music, and fellowship. After the weekend, small groups called Prayer and Share are held weekly and Reunions groups are held months with free-world volunteers to help the residents remain accountable for their walk with Christ.

2024 KAIROS CALENDAR:

<u>Kairos Walk 7</u>
Walk Weekend: 4/10-4/13
Training Dates (@ Christ Church): 2/10
2/24

3/9 3/23 4/6 Kairos Walk 8
Walk Weekend: 10/9-10/12
Training Dates (@ Christ Church): 8/10

8/10 8/24 9/7 9/21 10/5

For more information, please contact Mark Jurica at (979) 777-4283 or markjjurica@yahoo.com https://www.kairostexas.org/



THANK YOU for Your Christmas and Advent Offerings

The total received for the Advent & Christmas Eve offerings was \$7,248.62! Both the Advent & Christmas Eve offerings will be designated for the budgeted \$6,000 annual gift obligation of Society of St. Stephen's to the Brazos Church Pantry.



Teresa Smith is Remarkable!

Longtime church member, Teresa Smith, was nominated and received the Daniel Stark "Be Remarkable" award. Teresa is definitely someone who selflessly dedicates her time and energy to serve others. She is a remarkable leader and inspiration to those who prepare, cook and serve meals to residents at the Crestview Affordable Housing program. She was interviewed today and received the \$500 gift from Daniel Stark Attorneys, which she has already directed to the Meals of Love program. The Meals of Love ministry has been feeding Crestview residents twice a month for over 8 years. Keep an eye out for the interview on KBTX. It will be aired at some point in the near future.







Adult Ministries

Praying the Scriptures

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." —Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Recently, I underwent a successful outpatient surgical procedure. The issues are now corrected. Thanks, to the power of prayer plus support from my family, my church family, and friends. Thank you, Lord!

There is power in praying scripture.

This was very evident when a friend encouraged me to pray Psalm 139.

¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;

you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for

ne,

too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there:

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

and the light become night around me."

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to

the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

Í know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,

when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your

thoughts, God!

How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them,

they would outnumber the grains of sand—

when I awake, I am still with you.

¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked!

Away from me, you who are bloodhirsty!

²⁰ They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,

and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

²²I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart:

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Motalie Patterson



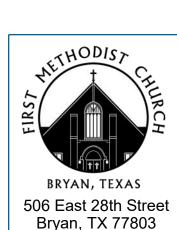
Children & Family Ministries



The winner of the 12th Annual Ping Pong Tournament is Tony Fazzino. Elle Snow won the 13 & Under Tournament. \$220 was raised for the Brazos Church Pantry.



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