



Turners *in* Tanzania



A missionary family equipping Tanzanian pastors
to lead thriving, self-sustaining churches.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Guest:
Rev. Dr. Tim Turner
June 7

**Rise Up Camp at
Lakeview**
June 6-12

Worship & Arts Camp
June 14-18

**Beyond the Walls
Summer Mission Camp**
June 21-27

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship
(Gym)

10:00 a.m.
Bilingual English/Spanish
Worship
(Chapel)

11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

CHURCH OFFICE

506 E. 28th St.
Bryan, TX 77803
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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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A MORNING
WITH

Rev. Dr. Tim
Turner



Sunday, June 7th

10:00 a.m.

FMC Bryan Sanctuary
During the Sunday School Hour

All are invited to hear the story of
God's work in Tanzania and
partnership opportunities for this
conference-sponsored mission

Tim, Katie, Sybil, and Emmy Turner are an approved Global Methodist missionary family preparing to move full-time to Tanzania as official Trinity Conference GMC missionaries. God has called Tim into the work of equipping pastors and economically empowering local churches for sustainable ministry. The long-term vision involves launching a seminary in East Africa that trains pastors with models of formation suitable to the extreme rural conditions and limited resources of East Africa.



**TRINITY
CONFERENCE**
Global Methodist Church

Ministry Calendar

6/1	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee	C-105
6/3	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
6/3	5:30 PM	MYF What-A-Hangout	
6/3	6:00 PM	Bible Study: Apostles' Creed / Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed	Heritage Room
6/3	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal @ Christ Church	
6/4	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study	E-209
6/4	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
6/7	10:00 AM	Special Guest: Rev. Dr. Tim Turner	Sanctuary
6/7	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/Arbor Oaks	
6/7	5:30 PM	MYF Deep Dive Devo	
6/7		Children's Ministries: Promotion Sunday	
6/8	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees	C-105
6/8-6/12		Rise Up Camp At Lakeview	Palestine, TX
6/10	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
6/10	6:00 PM	Bible Study: Apostles' Creed / Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed	Heritage Room
6/10	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6/11	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study	E-209
6/11	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
6/12	7:00 AM	Meals of Love	Education Building Kitchen
6/14-6/18	5:30 PM	Worship & Arts Camp	Heritage Room/ Sanctuary
6/15	6:00 PM	Finance Committee	C-105
6/17	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
6/17	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6/18	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study	E-209
6/18	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
6/21-6/27		Beyond the Walls: Summer Mission Camp	Port O'Connor, TX
6/21-6/27		FMC Bryan Hosting IMPACT Ministry Youth Ministry Group	
6/22	6:00 PM	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
6/24	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
6/24	6:30 PM	Jumping World Family Event	
6/24	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6/25	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study	E-209
6/25	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday
Prayer Meeting**
Noon in the FMC Bryan Chapel

Strengthen your faith through prayer.

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Do you remember how we used to look forward to summer? School was out. We could play and swim and ride our bikes all day. We looked forward to picnics and cookouts. Our families went on vacation and we spent time visiting our grandparents. Baseball games and fireworks were on the agenda, too. All the while, we were refreshed by warm water out of garden hoses.

Somewhere along the way, we began to dread summer.

Why?

What else but the hellish temperature?

As kids, we were impervious to heat. We knew it was hot, but that didn't stop us. Then, we wanted fun in the sun. Now, we prefer iced tea in the A/C.

You can thank the printed word for your air conditioning. In the early 20th century, two extremely hot summers disrupted business for Sackett-Wilhelms Lithographic and Publishing Company in Brooklyn. The high temperature and humidity caused the pages to swell and the prints to blur. They had to find a way to keep their inventory cool. Help was on its way because of a 25-year-old experimental engineer named Willis Carrier. He developed a crude cooling system that reduced humidity around the printer: an industrial fan blew air over steam coils filled with cold water, causing the excess humidity to condense on the coils and produce cool air.

With their products saved, people noticed they were comfortable, too. Other inventive ways to cool buildings had been attempted in the past, yet few people took the idea of refrigerating a building seriously. Starting a fire in your home to stay warm was a no-brainer, but to make it cooler was seen as defying nature and God's will. Willis Carrier had the knowledge and charisma to begin to change minds. Of course, it wasn't until after World War II that people started to see A/C as a necessity rather than a luxury.

While you are chilling out indoors in yet another hot Texas summer, don't allow yourself to get parched. Take the time to enjoy a big swig from the Fountain of Life and be refreshed. Jesus stood next to a well and said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (John 4:13-14). Listen as the psalmist invites you to sink your roots into the Living Water, "Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither" (Psalm 1:1-3). Immerse yourself in the Word of God; take a big gulp of the Word of God; splash around and soak others in the Word of God. As long as you are hydrating like that, the heat is no threat because Satan will wither.

Like Jesus said, become just like a child and enjoy this season once again.

-Rev. Dr. Jonathan Bynum

ENDOWMENT SPOTLIGHT

The Mission Endowment: Extending Christ's Love Near and Far

The Mission Endowment of First Methodist Church, Bryan, was born from the 2002 Capital Campaign that funded the construction of our Christian Life Center. From the very beginning, the church made a faithful commitment that 10% of all gifts given toward the CLC would be dedicated to mission work. That commitment created a lasting foundation for ministry that continues to impact lives locally, nationally, and around the world.



Since its establishment, the Mission Endowment has supported a wide variety of ministries that reflect the heart of Christ and the calling to serve others.

Internationally, the endowment has strengthened ministries such as ZOE Empowers, Nothing But Nets, Methodist schools in Liberia, and Mobility Worldwide, helping transform lives through education and health initiatives.

Nationally, the endowment has provided support for rebuilding efforts following devastating natural disasters, including Hurricanes Rita, Katrina, Ike, and Harvey.

Closer to home, the endowment assisted in rebuilding Camp Wilderness Ridge in Bastrop following the wildfires and partnered in rebuilding 2 Mile Methodist Church in Leona.

Through the Mission Endowment, the generosity of our church family continues to bear fruit in countless ways, offering hope and sharing the love of Christ wherever it is needed.

If you would like to honor or remember someone who has faithfully dedicated their life to missions, please consider making a gift to the Mission Endowment in their memory or honor. Your gift will help continue the work of bringing God's love to the world for generations to come.

Monthly Mission Opportunity

Our June mission opportunity will benefit the Turner Family's missionary efforts in Tanzania on behalf of the GMC Trinity Conference. Rev. Dr. Tim Turner will be here on June 7th in the Sanctuary during the Sunday school hour at 10 a.m. to talk about his family's missionary work in Tanzania.

Offerings left on the rail during Communion on June 7th will be donated to the Turners in Tanzania missionary work.

Meals of Love: Serving Souls With Love and Good Food

Meals of Love is a ministry supported by First Methodist Church to offer meals to the residents of the Affordable Housing Apartment buildings (Terrace, Place, and Unity) at Crestview Retirement Community. In 2025 there were 2812 meals delivered. The menu is posted 10 days before the meal will be delivered and residents have the opportunity to register to receive a meal. Very dedicated volunteer cooks, who have obtained food Handler's Licenses, meet at the church on Thursdays to prep and Fridays to finish the meal for delivery that day. Each meal has a devotional attached for the resident. Meals are delivered twice a month except for June, July, and December when there is one meal for the month. Residents often voice their appreciation for the meals and how much they mean to them.



Meals of Love

Comments from Residents:

The meals express God's Love and constant Blessings through the hands of many who give freely and unconditionally. And they are so yummy!! -Nancy

I was new and by receiving the Meals of Love dinners, I began to feel acceptance and the ritual of reading the attached flyer made my day. So very thankful for the careful and thoughtfulness. -Holly

I would like to thank you for your ministry of feeding those who need food; as pastor I will feed them with the Word. May God bless all of you. -Pastor Tommy

All of this is good news. Everything is perfect. -Danny

I have been getting Meals of Love. It is like getting a hug. They are nutritious and very good and made with a lot of love. -Gwen

I look forward to the meals which truly merit the name. They are cooked with love. I feel like I'm getting a hug from Mamaw. -Leann

People are so happy to receive their meals. It puts a smile on my face when I get to see their smiles and hear how much they enjoy the meals. Always delicious and pleasantly displayed. -Kathy

Comment from Staff:

Crestview Affordable Housing is so appreciative and thankful for the warm meals our residents receive. Thank you for putting the time into preparing the meals for our communities. It takes a lot of patience, served by hand full of love. Everything tastes better when it's cooked with love. -Irene Romero, Service Coordinator for Crestview Unity and Place

Neighbors in Mission: First Methodist and Fannin Elementary

First Methodist Church has partnered with nearby Fannin Elementary for many years. Principal Linda Taplette writes on the school website:

“Families, we invite you to come alongside our highly qualified staff as we strive to serve the needs of our Falcons and create a successful learning environment. We look forward to sharing this journey with you as we educate the **leaders of tomorrow.**”

First Methodist Church, Bryan, does exactly that by supporting Fannin Elementary. Teachers and staff receive birthday cards and gift cards, and we support school events throughout the year.

- In August, we host a Back-to-School lunch and give away gift card door prizes.
- In September, “Socktember” collects new socks and underwear for students in need.
- In October, we support Family Reading Night with drinks and a photo booth. This year Natalie Patterson brought Mikey to read and interact with students.
- Before Thanksgiving, Methodist Women support the staff pie trivia contest with funds and desserts.
- In December, we donate gift cards for the faculty Christmas tree and support a Santa photo day. The students decorated thank-you cards.
- In January and February, we collect sweatshirts and hoodies for students; this year, Sweatshirt Sunday brought in 150 items.
- From February through March, we collect cereal for spring break and provided more than 400 boxes—enough for every child.
- After spring break, we support STEAM Night with drinks and a student photo booth.
- During April testing, we provide water and snacks for teachers.
- In May, we host a Teacher Appreciation Lunch at Fannin with food, desserts, door prizes, and church volunteers serving.

During graduation week, seniors return for Senior Walk, and we provide breakfast before they are celebrated by students and teachers.

This year, Ms. Taplette asked for help repainting the entrance sidewalk. The Methodist Men power washed the cement. We outlined new numbers and shapes, then our MYF painted. True Methodist teamwork!

Thank you for your generous donations of money, clothing, food items and your valuable time! For more information, contact Wanda Stuart or Sheri Weems.



Veteran Voices: Celebrating 250 Years as a Nation

Tom Vasovski

United States Air Force, 1976 - 1982

Frank Vasovski's story is one of courage, survival, and determination. Before serving in the U.S. Air Force, Frank served in the Polish Army during World War II. Captured by the Germans, he survived largely because he spoke six languages, making him valuable to his captors while detained in a POW camp. During the war, Regan Brown—father of Beverly Bagget—served in the U.S. Army infantry and was part of the forces that liberated the camp where Frank was held.

Out of the hardships of war came a lifelong friendship. Regan Brown helped Frank immigrate to the United States, where Frank enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. His military service originated at Loring Air Force Base in Maine. Frank married and Tom was born on Loring AFB. Eventually, the Vasovski family settled in Bryan, Texas, where Tom attended school alongside Beverly Brown and Valerie Noyes. All three graduated from Bryan High School.

After graduation, Tom followed in his father's footsteps by joining the U.S. Air Force. He attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and, upon completion, requested assignment to Law Enforcement. When asked for his preferred duty station, Tom selected the place where his story had first begun—Loring Air Force Base in Maine, then a major Strategic Air Command installation responsible for bombers, intercontinental ballistic missiles, and aerial refueling tankers.

Tom served several years in Maine as a game warden and law enforcement officer. While the base carried the serious responsibility of national defense during the Cold War era, one of Tom's most memorable "security threats" came in the form of a local moose affectionately nicknamed "Bullwinkle." Almost daily, as Reveille echoed across the base, Bullwinkle would wander onto the runway as though reporting for duty himself. Moose are known to react more to sound than sight and can be extremely dangerous when startled, so removing Bullwinkle from the runway became a regular assignment. Tom still laughs when recalling the routine: climbing into a jeep and honking the horn, persuading Bullwinkle to vacate the runway before aircraft operations could continue. It may not have been listed in the official Strategic Air Command handbook, but keeping peace with a stubborn Maine moose became one of the more unforgettable moments of his Air Force career.

After several years at Loring AFB, Tom returned to Lackland AFB where he served as a Law Enforcement Instructor, helping train and prepare the next generation of Air Force personnel. When asked what he valued most about his military service, Tom reflected that it was the discipline and maturity he gained through serving his country.

Following his military career, Tom explored several business ventures before feeling called into nursing. He eventually returned to Bryan, where he became instrumental in establishing local oncology services with Scott & White, continuing a life devoted to caring for and serving others.

The legacy of military service continues within the Vasovski family. Tom's two stepsons have both chosen to follow his footsteps and are currently serve in the U.S. Navy.

Today, Tom remains a tremendous blessing to First Methodist Church Bryan. With experience in both law enforcement and nursing, he brings wisdom and steady leadership to the church's Safety Team. Whether protecting a Strategic Air Command runway from "Bullwinkle" or serving his church family today, Tom's life reflects dedication and a deep commitment to serving others.



As we prepare to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, we want to honor the brave men and women of our church who have served in the Armed Forces. We'd love to feature your experiences in our church newsletter. Your stories of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism will inspire our congregation. Please contact Eileen Winkle at eileen@fmcbyran.org to share your story!

Sunday School Spotlight

SUNDAY MORNINGS 10 AM



Koinonia Class, E-209

Class of Men and Women 50+ Lessons are presented with a variety of teachers and subjects as we seek the Word of God for daily living. Our class strives to give the human attention we all seek when we have supportive needs. Many class members serve in Missions within and outside of the church.

Scripture Readers
Needed for Summer Worship
All Ages Welcome!



SIGN UP!

WORSHIP & ARTS CAMP 2026



For Children Going Into 1st - 6th Grade

Sunday June 14 - Thursday, June 18

5:30-8:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Nightly Dinner & Devotional



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Musical Performance During Worship on Sunday, June 21st at 11 a.m.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

What a joy it has been to walk alongside our students this year. From Sunday nights and Bible studies to worship, retreats, mission projects, and laughter-filled moments, I have seen God moving in powerful ways through our youth and young adults.

As summer begins, my encouragement to our students and families is simple: slow down enough to notice where God is working. Some of the holiest moments happen in everyday life. I also want to encourage our students to stay connected this summer. Don't isolate. Show up. Invite friends. Ask questions. Worship together. Serve together. Grow together. The Church needs this generation, and I truly believe God is raising up young people who will lead boldly with compassion, integrity, and deep faith.

I cannot wait to see all God has in store this summer through MYF summer events, Beyond the Walls, worship, fellowship, and all the moments in between.

Blessings,
Meredith Pennington, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

☀️ Rooted in Christ This Summer ☀️

A Summer Devotional from Youth Ministry

Summer has a way of slowing us down just enough to notice things we often miss; sunsets that linger a little longer, conversations around the dinner table, late-night laughter with friends, road trips, campfires, beach days, and moments where life feels lighter.

But summer is also a beautiful reminder that growth often happens quietly.

Just as gardens bloom after long seasons of tending, God continues growing things in us; even when we cannot immediately see it. Sometimes spiritual growth happens in worship services and Bible studies, but sometimes it happens sitting on a porch swing, serving others at mission camp, praying during a hard season, or simply learning to rest in God's presence.

Jesus reminds us in John 15:5:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

This summer, don't disconnect from the One who gives life. Make space for God in the middle of the fun, the travel, the sports, the camps, and even the busy schedules. Bring Him into the ordinary moments.

- Here are a few simple ways families can stay rooted in Christ this summer:
- Read one short Scripture together each week
- Pray before road trips or vacations
- Ask one meaningful question at dinner
- Serve someone unexpectedly
- Spend a few quiet moments outside thanking God for His creation
- Attend worship consistently, even during busy seasons God is not asking for perfection — He simply wants your presence.

And often, the moments that seem the smallest become the moments we remember most.

03 JUNE 5:30PM WHATAHANGOUT
Casual gathering at the What A Burger on Texas Ave by the HEB. We eat together and play board games.

14-18 JUNE WORSHIP & ARTS CAMP
Email Chris@FMCBryan.org if your student wants to volunteer for this fun camp.

21-27 JUNE BTW - BEYOND THE WALLS
Go to www.FMCBryan.org for more information and to get your student registered.

More Information  www.FMCBryan.org



6/3/2026

Come enjoy food, fellowship, and faith-filled conversations

🎓 Celebrating the Class of 2026 🎓

This month, we celebrate and honor our graduating seniors of the Class of 2026! To our seniors: thank you for allowing us to be part of your journey. We have watched you grow into thoughtful leaders, compassionate friends, servants of Christ, and young adults ready to step into a new season.

As you move forward into college, remember:

- You are deeply loved
- You are never alone
- Your church family is cheering you on
- Most importantly, your identity is rooted in Christ

Our prayer is that you would continue to seek Jesus boldly, walk faithfully, and use your gifts to shine His light wherever you go.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” — Joshua 1:9

Congratulations, Seniors! We are so proud of you.



MYF End of Year Party at Grand Station





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Young Adult Ministry: The Vine

At FMC Bryan, we believe young adults thrive in authentic Christian community. The Vine is a Sunday School class for ages 18–30ish focused on connection, spiritual growth, and honest conversation—with Jesus at the center. *"I am the vine; you are the branches..."* — John 15:5

📅 Sundays | 10:00–10:50 AM

📍 Room C206 - NEW ROOM

What to Expect:

- Book of the Bible Study: Bring your Bible to participate in a study and conversation about the Gospel of John
- Weekly Bible discussion
- Meaningful relationships
- Faith that carries into everyday life

Community & Fellowship

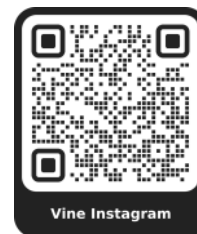
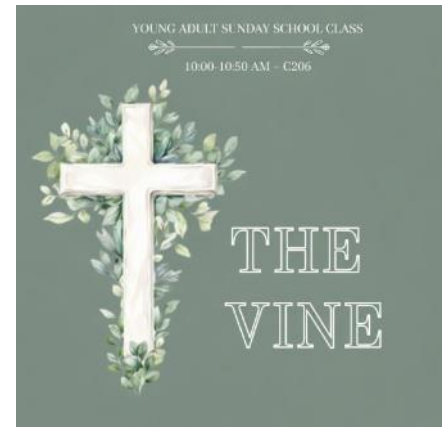
Monthly meals, intentional conversation, and group activities that build lasting friendships.

Upcoming Vine Events

📅 Great Escapes - June 7 | 1-3PM | \$ Summer Break Bash
4600 Leonard Rd
Bryan TX, 77807

Stay Connected

- For more information, visit our website: www.fmc Bryan.org/ministries/youngadults
- Follow along on Instagram
- Join GroupMe for updates



Children & Family Ministries



Promotion Sunday
JUNE 7
All children and youth will be promoted to the next grade level.



JUMPING WORLD FAMILY MEETUP
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
BRING SOCKS, NO JEANS

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
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THE 12TH ANNUAL FMC BRYAN SWEET FREEDOM
4TH OF JULY PING PONG TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH
AT 2:00 P.M.
IN THE FMC BRYAN GYM

\$10 TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY.

ANY AGE CAN ENTER, BUT MUST KNOW HOW TO PLAY



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PLUTO
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JULY 27TH - 30TH
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
VOLUNTEERS MEETING -
SUNDAY, JULY 26TH
AT 12:15 P.M.

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BRYAN, TEXAS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 27 -
JULY 30
6:30-8:30 P.M.
AGES 4 - COM. 5TH GRADE
REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1ST

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