



## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Methodist Women Meeting—Heritage Room  
 March 5

Easter Family Night  
 March 24

Holy Week  
 Sunday, March 24 –  
 Saturday, March 30

Easter Sunday  
 March 31

## 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

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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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# HOLY WEEK

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, BRYAN  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



Palm  
 Sunday

March 24

All Worship  
 Services



Maundy  
 Thursday

March 28

7 PM  
 Sanctuary



Good  
 Friday

March 29

7 PM  
 Sanctuary



Easter  
 Sunday

March 31

7:05 Sunrise Service  
 On the Playground  
 Breakfast Following in Heritage Room

Easter Resurrection Celebration  
 8:30 & 11 AM in the Sanctuary  
 9 AM in the Gym



## Undershepherd Udderings

We are in the season of Lent and being reminded to walk faithfully with Christ in His steps. We have been through a season of grief as a church, but the Lord is our strong comforter and is leading us into a new season of blessing. I'm encouraged to see members invite friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors to worship and to life at the church. Keep it UP!!! About nine out of ten people who join a church do so because a FRAN (friend, relative, acquaintance or neighbor) invited them to come. Rarely does anyone simply show up at the church. It takes an invitation and studies show that the huge majority of people would come if they were asked. Sometimes, you have to ask a lot, but persistence pays off. I would not be here today except a friend invited me to church camp a long time ago and I said "Yes." Who do you know that you could ask? Please make a list and start praying for them and pray for the right time to ask. Sometimes, the right time to ask is like the right time to go fishing which is ANYTIME you can. The First Family is a warm, welcoming, and loving church. The Lord will bless churches who reach out in Jesus' Name and invite people to come and see what life is like in Christ at First. Churches that grow are invitational and each member takes that responsibility prayerfully. So, invite a FRAN during this Lenten season because knowing Jesus changes lives.

One of my annual and constant goals as a spiritual leader is to encourage you to read your bible each day and join together for a daily devotional through Seedbed.

I encourage you to subscribe to the daily devotional from Seedbed entitled Wake-Up Call. I heard from a friend in another city who said he has been receiving the Wake-up Call devotional now for months and it is the best time of his day.

Go to this link and sign up: <https://seedbed.com/wakeupcall/>.

Pastor Rick Sitten

# Ministry Calendar

3/2	9:00 AM	Confirmation Retreat
3/3	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/ Arbor Oaks
3/4	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee
3/5	9:30 AM	TMW: General Meeting
3/6	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner
3/7	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study Easter Gathering
3/8	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
3/11	10:30 AM	Time Like Hannah's Breastfeeding Support Group
3/13		No First Family Dinner
3/13-3/16		Spring Break / FMC Closed
3/18	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees
3/20	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner
3/21	5:00 PM	Confirmation Trip
	6:00 PM	Task Force on Vision and Ministry Planning
3/22	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
3/24	5:00 PM	Easter Family Night
3/27		No First Family Dinner
3/28	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
3/29	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
		Campus Closed - Good Friday
3/31	7:00 AM	Worship - Easter Sunrise Service
	10:05 AM	Children's Easter Egg Hunt

**FMC BRYAN CAMPUS  
WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR SPRING BREAK  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH—  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH**

**HAPPY  
Easter**

FMC Bryan Campus will be  
**CLOSED**  
on Friday, March 29th for  
Good Friday and  
Monday, April 1st after Easter.

*Welcome*  
to our  
**New Members**



**Steven Gooch and  
Arlie Reeves  
Joined February 12, 2024**

## FMC BRYAN CLERGY & STAFF

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# Prayer Requests

Pray for the upcoming Kairos Walk: April 10 – April 13

If interested in participating, contact: Mark Jurica [markjjurica@yahoo.com](mailto:markjjurica@yahoo.com) or 979-777-4283

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

**Prayers of Concern and Care:** Cailey Cotner

**Prayers of Healing:** Pat Atmar, Betty Carter, Nancy Conlee, Janice Elsik, Sue Futrell, Billie Gray, Ed Janosky, Esther Mancillas, Judy Miller, John Millhollon, Bill Pishek, Nancy Janosky Schnell, Ann Marie Vick, Grace Ashley, Chuck Schroepel, Alma Fonseca, Delia Garza, Sharon Dent, David Kipp, Keith & Shirley Reece, Kelly Callaway, Lynda Pool, Betty Thompson, Mark Conlee, Nancy Reynolds, Andrew Monroe, Gerald Whitfield, Jake & Lyndsi's twins, Robert Tessen, Jesse Mitchell, Linda Whitfield, Irv Sabrsula, LaVerne Degelia, Terry Davis, Jeff French, Madeline Falls, Michael Smith, Joyce Fuller, George Combs, Rosemary Garrett, Theresa Hardman, Bob Prock, Nell Stauch Gitschnel, Marcy Halterman-Cox

## 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. Please contact LeeAnn Broeker to volunteer at [leeann@fmcbyran.org](mailto:leeann@fmcbyran.org).

The following shifts are available:  
Monday Afternoons 1 PM—5PM  
Wednesday Mornings 9 AM—12 PM  
Wednesday Afternoons 1 PM—5 PM



I have been here almost exactly one year, and it has been incredible to see the change that has happened in our contemporary service in that year. We celebrated this past Sunday the relaunch of this service and it was a great day of celebration. It was an answered prayer for us as a church to

find healing and move forward. This relaunch was truly a church wide effort: from the committee that helped me every step of the way, to the people who helped unload the chairs, the 40ish people who helped set up, and the many people who came on the day of the relaunch.

While the relaunch was a great day, I believe that this is just the beginning of what God is doing in this service. I heard a church member say yesterday that she believes this relaunch was us "turning a corner" as a church. I believe that as well. When I pray for this church and this service, I hear the Lord pouring out hope over us once more. If you haven't had a chance to come and see this service, we would love to have you join us! Let us continue to press forward together to make Christ know in B/CS.



(Above) Arrival of new worship chairs



(Left) The River Relaunch Brunch

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 incarcerated men during a 3 1/2 day weekend through talks, meditations, chapel visits, music, and fellowship. Meal preparation, agape coordination and prayer partnering is a function of Kairos and is performed by the Support Team who serves the mission from outside of the prison.

## 2024 KAIROS CALENDAR

### KAIROS WALK 7

**Walk Weekend: 4/10-4/13**

Training Dates (Christ Church):

2/10 3/9 4/6

2/24 3/23

### KAIROS WALK 8

**Walk Weekend: 10/9-10/12**

Training Dates (Christ Church):

8/10 9/7 10/5

8/24 9/21



**If you are led to participate in Kairos Agape or have questions about Kairos, please contact: Mark Jurica**

**979-777-4283 or [markjjurica@yahoo.com](mailto:markjjurica@yahoo.com)**



Dear Church Family,

We have a place of great blessing in our church called the Community Clothing Closet (CCC). This room is on the second floor of the Christian Life Center (room C210 - straight down the hallway from the elevator).

You can drop off your donations at the church office during business hours. Any kind of clothing (men, women, children) including coats and shoes in good condition are welcome. Remember that some things that you no longer use can be a treasure for those in need.

The CCC is open on Thursdays from 2-4pm for anyone in need. We would appreciate anyone who could volunteer from 1 to 2 to help with the organization of donations each week. Contact Pastor Augusto ([augusto@fmcbyran.org](mailto:augusto@fmcbyran.org)).

Sometimes I ask myself, how am I manifesting my love for God? How am I expressing my love for my neighbor? An emphasis of John Wesley's ministry was to help the poor in an act of compassion and mercy, a normal part of the Christian life, called works of mercy. Wesley risked his own health and well-being in the cold winter, trudging through deep snow, to publicly beg for funds for the needy.

In spiritual growth, it is indispensable to serve the poor and oppressed because holiness is also expressed in helping those in need. God wants you to experience the happiness of giving joyfully with gladness of heart.



## FMC Bryan to Raise Funds for Carillon Bells

Have you heard church bells in the distance letting you know the house of God was waiting for you? We are soon to be a part of that tradition. FMC Bryan has received approval from the Board of Trustees to begin to raise funds for the purchase of Carillon bells. Donations are now being accepted. Classes and individuals are welcome to donate. Please write "Bells" on the memo line of any checks and forward to Eileen Winkle, [eileen@fmcbyran.org](mailto:eileen@fmcbyran.org).

## Methodist Men, "Behind the Scenes"

The Methodist Men are stepping up to serve. First Methodist Church is a large campus and events take place daily. It is good to see an active church. With that comes much responsibility for maintenance and upkeep. If you would like to join the Methodist Men this year, Mark your Calendar for the dates listed below. Contact Ron Johnson ([ronericjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:ronericjohnson@gmail.com)) or Steve May ([wsmayjr@gmail.com](mailto:wsmayjr@gmail.com)) for details of how you can serve. Thank you for your gifts, talents and time!

Eileen Winkle  
Director of Business & Facility Operations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose/Goal</u>
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup> 7:30am	Texas A&M BIG event; disburse mulch and landscape needs
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Assist in preparation for Youth Week "Lifted" which is 06/23-06/27
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Clean a/c vents in gym & assist Jeff in set-up for VBS which is 07/28-08/01
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	Prep & assist with needs for church rummage sale, 09/07
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Aide with church rummage sale
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	to be determined
Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Prepare for Hanging of the Greens
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Evangelism at First Friday downtown Bryan!!

# Adult Ministries



*"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. <sup>4</sup>You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood."*

1 John 4: 4-6 (NIV)

God loves us unconditionally. He knows what we need even before we know we need it. How can this be? God is all knowing. He knows what we need. We just need to trust. Sometimes I just pray "God I don't know what I need but you do, **I trust you!**" I trust that you will provide what I need at the time that I need it. God provides in ways I would have never imaged.

Recently a simple prayer was answered. It happened with a little puppy named Molly. She needed my unconditional love. She needed to learn to trust me and then in return she gave me love. She loves me because she trusts me. ***It's simply that we need to trust God and then we will learn an amazing truth of God's unconditional love.***

Psalm 13:5-6 (NIV)

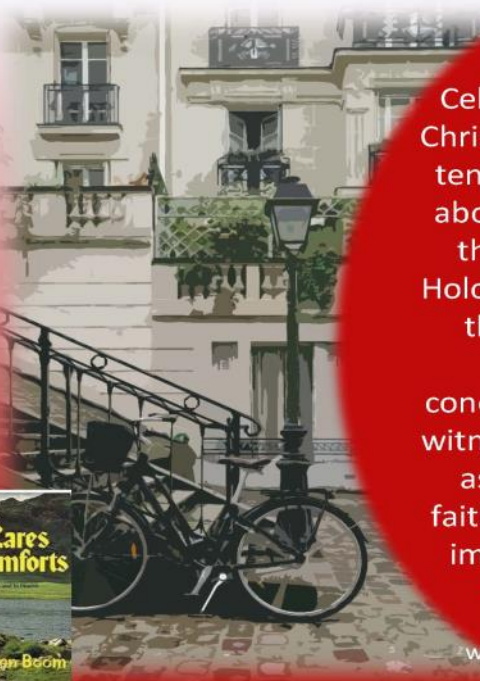
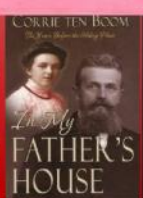
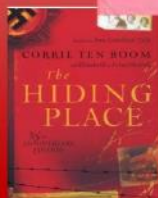
<sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing the LORD's praise,  
for he has been good to me.

*Natalie Patterson*

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Featured Author  
Corrie ten Boom



Celebrate the ultimate Christian love with Corrie ten Boom's true stories about hiding Jews from the Nazis during the Holocaust of WWII. From the hiding place, to prison, to a concentration camp, she witnessed God's miracles as He protected the faithful when it seemed impossible under the threat of death.

[www.corrietenboom.com](http://www.corrietenboom.com)

# Children & Family Ministries

A graphic for an Easter event featuring a dark purple landscape with a large, light purple tombstone in the center. In the background, three crosses are silhouetted against a bright, sunburst-like light. The text is overlaid on this background.

## THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION

An Easter Event For Families

Sunday, March 24th  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner Provided  
\$10 per Family

Register by March 17th  
<https://fmcbyran.org/events/easter-family-night>

A circular logo with a white cross in the center and the words "CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES" in red text below it.A square QR code located in the upper right quadrant of the poster.A circular logo featuring a silhouette of a church building with the text "FIRST METHODIST CHURCH" around the top and "BRYAN, TEXAS" at the bottom.A graphic for an Easter egg hunt featuring a light blue background with green grass at the bottom. Two hands are shown: one holding a blue egg with colorful polka dots, and another reaching for a large egg with wavy stripes in pink, purple, blue, and yellow. Two orange eggs are also on the grass.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 31st  
10:15 a.m.  
in the GYM

A circular logo featuring a silhouette of a church building with the text "FIRST METHODIST CHURCH" around the top and "BRYAN, TEXAS" at the bottom.



BRYAN, TEXAS

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# WALK TO EMMAUS

THE UPPER ROOM\*

If your spiritual battery is low, you may want to attend a Walk to Emmaus. It is a three-day immersion in God's grace and love. The name comes from Luke's resurrection story of two disciples' heartwarming encounter with the risen Christ as they walked to the village of Emmaus. The focus of this course is self-renewal and is conducted in a manner which strengthens faith and deepens one's Christian beliefs. 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](mailto:jillmhobbs@hotmail.com)