



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday
All Worship Services

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Worship
7 PM - Sanctuary

APRIL 3

Good Friday Worship
7 PM - Sanctuary

APRIL 5

Easter Sunday
All Worship Services



You know the old saying about March weather, “In like a lion, out like a lamb.” By that, we mean if the month starts stormy, it will end mildly. In between, we are warmed by the experience of Spring beginning to spring.

But there may be another interpretation: the constellation Leo, the lion, rises in the east at the beginning of March, while Aries, the ram, sets in the west at the end of the month.

But there may be another interpretation—for us. Here, early in March, we are journeying the Lenten path, following Jesus as he “resolutely set out for Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51). Steeling his fortitude, Jesus, the Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:5), knowingly faced the storm of betrayal, suffering, and death that was forecast (Luke 9:22,44). By the end of the month, we will be in the midst of Holy Week and soon witness the sacrifice of the Lamb of God (John 1:29), the Lamb without blemish (1 Peter 1:19), our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7). In as the Lion, out as the Lamb.

Ironically, the month gets its name from the Roman god of war, Mars. The world has an insatiable hunger for power, assuming force conquers all. But Napoleon Bonaparte betrays the vulnerability, “Power is my mistress. I have worked too hard at her conquest to allow anyone to take her away from me.” He is saying you are never so powerful that your power isn’t threatened. So, how powerful is power?

The Roman government, the Roman military, and the religious establishment of Jerusalem exercised all their power to exorcise the menace of Jesus. When Jesus said, “It is finished” (John 19:30), they concluded he was finished, dying like a meek lamb. They didn’t understand who Jesus is and what true power is. Paul writes of “the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:19-23). Jesus is the Lionhearted Lamb.

As you look around, don’t be so enamored with the power and prosperity around us. Look to Jesus. “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:42-45). Service and sacrifice: that’s real power because if other powers try to take that power from you, the power of God grows in you.

March on!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jonathan Bynum

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Member Luncheon
March 15

Family Retreat: Sabbath
March 20-22

Palm Sunday
March 29

Easter VBS: Race to the Tomb
March 29

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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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

3/1	8:40 AM	Confirmation Trip	Lee Chapel
	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/Arbor Oaks	
	6:00 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)	C214
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage
3/3	9:30 AM	Methodist Women: General Meeting	Heritage Room
3/4	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary: 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Handbell Room
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary: Choir Room
3/5	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study	E209
	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee	C105
3/6	7:00 AM	Meals of Love	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
		Celebration Women's Conference	The Woodlands Methodist Church
3/8	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage
3/9	6:00 PM	Service/Mission Team	C105
3/11	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary: Choir Room
3/11-3/14 Spring Break / FMC Closed			
3/12	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
		Brazos Valley Chorale Stage & Screen Spectacular	Gym
3/14	6:00 PM	Spectacular	Gym
3/15	12:00 PM	New Member Luncheon	Heritage Room
	3:30 PM	Rising Generation Youth Worship Band	C214
	6:00 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)	C214
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage
3/18	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary: 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Handbell Room
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary: Choir Room
3/19	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study	E209
	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
3/20	7:00 AM	Meals of Love	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
	3/20-3/22	Family Retreat: Sabbath	Lakeview Conference Center
3/21	7:30 AM	The BIG Event Work Day	Gym
	7:00 PM	TX A&M Century Singers Spring Showcase	Gym
3/22	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage
3/23	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees	C105
3/25	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary: 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Handbell Room
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary: Choir Room
3/26	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study	E209
	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
3/29	5:00 PM	Easter VBS: Race to the Tomb	Gym
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass Parsonage



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Prayer Requests

Rehab/Nursing Care: Bill Pishek, Joy Allega, Ray Anthony, Ann Marie Vick, Marilyn Colby, Esther Mancillas

Medical and Health Concerns: Becky Davis, Dianne Latham, Tom Kimbrough, Marilyn Youngkin, Gene Woodell, Dorleen Teltow, Terri Caffee, Gracie Bancroft

Grief: The families of Betty Carter and Charlie Neeley

Mike Holmes and family – the passing of his father

Susan Bentley's family - the passing of her son-in-law

Prayers of Praise: Danny Robertson

IN NEED OF PRAYER? Fill out our [Prayer Request Form](#) on our website to be added to our weekly Prayer List or contact the church office at (979) 779-1324.

Welcome Our Newest Member to FMC Bryan!



Colton Riedel
Joined on February 16th

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family here at First Methodist Church, Bryan, please contact Pastor Jonathan Bynum at jonathan@fmc Bryan.org, Pastor Jeremy Bass at jeremy@fmc Bryan.org, or contact the church office at (979) 779-1324.



Rocio Hitt would like to extend her sincerest thanks to all who supported her and prayed for her and her family during her recent recovery from eye surgery.

New Member Luncheon

All new and prospective members are invited to join us for a fellowship lunch.

Please RSVP to leeann@fmc Bryan.org.



Heritage Room



March 15, 2026



12:00 PM



Monthly Mission Opportunity

Saturday, March 7

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Mobility Worldwide Brazos Valley Shop:
2113 S College Ave., Bryan, TX 77801



Our March mission opportunity will be at Mobility Worldwide Brazos Valley (MWBV). MWBV is a charity that makes three-wheeled, hand-powered vehicles for people with severe leg impairment. Volunteers will be doing basic shop tasks, such as building boxes, cutting wood, painting and making chains, etc.

Offerings left on the rail during Communion will be donated to Mobility Worldwide.

If you enjoy this mission opportunity, MWBV is always in need of volunteers.

Show First Youth Some Love Fundraiser

Help send our youth on a life-changing summer mission trip to Port O'Connor. Your support will help offset travel and mission costs, and every donation makes a difference!

- Grab an envelope from the Narthex or Gym.
- Drop your donation envelope in the church office, offering plate, or give it directly to Meredith Pennington. Please mark your gift "Youth Missions."

THANK YOU for showing love to our youth and supporting their mission trip. We plan to LOVE, WITNESS & SERVE.

Questions? Please e-mail meredith@fmcbryan.org.

Deadline to return envelopes is March 15.



Kairos has a place for anyone wanting to get involved. These opportunities include witnessing directly with the men inside the prison, preparing meals and agape (tokens of love) to be sent into the prison, and attending a Kairos Closing Ceremony inside the prison and witnessing directly how Jesus is changing lives and building Christian communities inside prisons.

Please contact Mark Jurica at (979) 777-4283 to further discuss if you feel led to Kairos.

Pack #11 Team Schedule Information

Starts: April 15 Instructional: April 25

Team Meeting Schedule

Location: Christ Church - College Station

February 28

March 14

March 28

April 11

Save the Date!



The Methodist Men invite you to join them for a Morning Devotional on **Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Gym.**

We'll gather for a time of prayer and fellowship before rolling up our sleeves to work alongside students from Texas A&M University, spreading mulch and pea gravel.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve together and share our faith with students in our community. We hope you'll make plans to join us!



Do you have a heart for service? We are in need of Office Keepers in the church office. Our Office Keepers are a vital part of our church family. They answer phone calls, greet visitors and do light office work. If you are available during one of the following shifts, we would love to have your help!

Shifts available:

Monday 8 AM-12 PM OR 1 PM-5 PM

Tuesday 1 PM-5 PM

Wednesday 1 PM-5 PM

Please contact LeeAnn Broeker in the church office at (979) 779-1324, ext. 101.

ENDOWMENT SPOTLIGHT The Wilhem Endowment



The Wilhelm Endowment was established in honor of Wilbert E. and Hannah L. Wilhelm, Sr. to support the Senior Adult Ministries of First Methodist Church, Bryan. Through their legacy, we are able to nurture fellowship and life-long growth among our senior members.

This endowment provides funding for programs, materials, and guest speakers that enrich the lives of older adults. Opportunities may include Bible studies focused on spiritual formation, workshops on navigating aging with grace and purpose, health and wellness seminars.

Senior ministry is more than an activity — it is a community. It is a space to deepen faith, share stories, and continue discovering God's calling in every season of life. Whether through learning, serving, or simply gathering in fellowship, the Wilhelm Endowment helps ensure that our senior adults remain vibrant and actively engaged in the life of the church.

We give thanks for this meaningful legacy that continues to bless our congregation today.

Veteran Voices: Celebrating 250 Years as a Nation



John Lillie, Lieutenant Colonel Retired, United States Army Reserve

What influenced your decision to serve in the military?

My family had no military tradition, so when my three brothers joined the Navy, I felt it was my duty to continue.

What branch did you serve in and during what years?

My first experience with the military was as an enlisted member of the Navy Reserve from January 1965 to December 1965.

In January 1966, I switched to the Air Force ROTC at the University of Texas, where I graduated in January 1968 and received my commission in the United States Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant.

In January 1968, I was assigned to the Missile Warning Squadron in New Jersey. I was assigned as a Radar Officer responsible for monitoring Soviet missiles approaching the US from the East. Following this assignment, I was sent to Radar Officer Operations School in Biloxi, MS, then to the Missile Warning Squadron at Clear Missile Early Warning Station, Clear, Alaska. I was assigned as a Radar Operations Officer again, responsible for monitoring Soviet missiles coming over the North Pole. My final assignment in the Air Force was to the Missile Warning Wing Headquarters at McGuire AFB, New Jersey, where I taught new officers how to perform their duties. I was Honorably Discharged from the Air Force in December 1971, returning to Bryan, Texas, to earn my master's degree at Texas A&M University.

In 1978, I re-entered the military as a Captain in the US Army Reserve. The Air Force allowed me to transfer my commission from the Air Force to the Army Reserve. My Army assignment was to a Military Intelligence Detachment located in Bryan. I served in this unit as Executive Officer and Commander until I retired from reserve duty in January 1996 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

What is one experience from your service that helped shape who you are today?

Military service gave me time to mature as an adult and confidence to advance in life. I learned to lead others and help others grow in their own ways. It gave me the opportunity to discover where I could best serve the community.

What does being a veteran mean to you now?

Being a veteran shows I have value as a human being and allows me to teach others the importance of service. God was an important mentor and helped me in many of my life decisions.

Is there a person or group you served with that you're especially grateful for?

The military is an organization that teaches respect and discipline. My commanders taught me to lead others with respect and honor. To help them grow and become leaders, and treat everyone equally.



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!

How to Pray

Lent looks different for each of us. Some concentrate on fasting. Some focus on Bible reading and devotions. Some are intentional about serving others. Some just give something up. How about turning your focus on prayer?

Prayer is the most important activity of our lives. It is the way in which we develop a relationship with our Father in heaven. Jesus prayed and taught us to do the same. Prayer brings us peace, refreshes our souls, satisfies our spiritual hunger, and assures us of our forgiveness. Prayer not only changes us; it also changes situations. God answers prayer.



How should we pray?

Keep it simple.

Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Keep it real.

Matthew 6:7-8 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Keep it up.

Luke 18 :1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

No matter how simply and honestly, we pray, it's easy to lose heart and tempting to give up when our prayers don't seem to be working. That's why it's not enough just to keep it simple and keep it real. Jesus also says that we must "always pray and not give up." Whatever time of day works best for you, the key to turning a sporadic approach to prayer into a transformational routine is to make it as easy and as enjoyable as you can.

P.R.A.Y.

Pause—slowing and centering. Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God."

Rejoice—adoration and thanksgiving. Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Ask—petition, intercession, and perseverance. "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven."

Yield—listening and confession. Romans 12:1 offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,

**Excerpts taken from: "how to pray, a simple guide for normal people" by Pete Greig. www.prayercourse.org*

-Natalie Patterson, Director of Adult Ministries & Member Involvement

A decorative banner for a Methodist Women meeting. The banner features a central sun icon and the text "METHODIST WOMEN" in large, bold, green letters. Below this, the meeting details are listed: "Tuesday, March 3rd", "Regular Meeting", "Heritage Room", "9:30 AM Gather and Visit", and "10:00 AM Meeting Begins". To the right, the guest speaker information is provided: "Guest Speaker: Mark Jurica, Kairos Prison Ministry International". The Kairos logo, which is a fish shape containing the word "KAIROS", is also present. The banner is decorated with various yellow and orange flowers and green leaves.

Young Adult Ministries

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 18–25 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 C211

What to Expect:

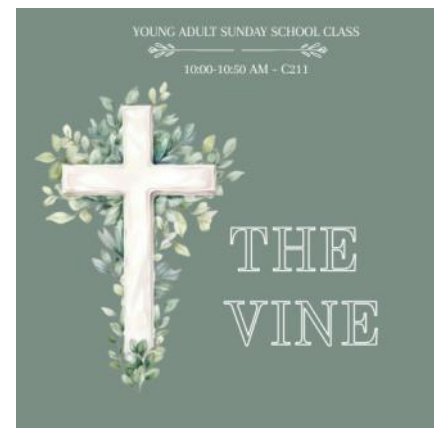
- New Study: "Gathered for the Good" by Jonathan Griffiths
- Exploring our God-given need for healthy Christian community
- Weekly Bible discussion
- Meaningful relationships
- Faith that carries into everyday life

Community & Fellowship

Young adults continue building strong friendships through shared meals, meaningful conversations, and growing together in faith.

Upcoming Vine Events

- Lunch out - March 1 | Century Square
- Top Golf – March 27



The FMC Youth and The Vine (Young Adult Sunday School Group) had a joint Super Bowl Party. It was a fun evening of Food, Fellowship, Football and Nuk'Em.

Youth Ministries

March invites us into the season of Lent—a time to slow down, reflect, and intentionally draw nearer to Jesus. Lent reminds us that faith is not only formed in moments of celebration but also in moments of surrender, repentance, and renewal. As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we are reminded that Jesus faithfully walked the road to the cross out of love for us. This season is an opportunity for families to refocus, create meaningful rhythms, and grow together spiritually. We are grateful to walk alongside you as we seek Christ together.

Upcoming News & Events

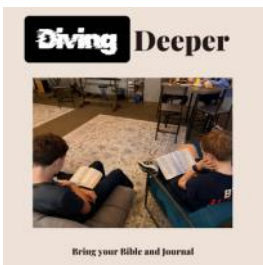


MYF – Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sundays | 5:30–7:30 PM

Heritage Room

- March 1, 2026
- NO MYF – March 8, 2026 (Spring Break)
- March 15, 2026
- March 22, 2026



Diving Deeper – Wednesday Nights

5:30–7:30 PM

C214—Youth Area

- March 4, 2026
- NO Diving Deeper – March 11, 2026 (Spring Break)
- March 18, 2026
- March 25, 2026



Beyond The Walls Registration Opens March 1, 2026

Registration for Beyond The Walls Mission Camp will open on March 1. All students who have completed 6th–12th grade during the 2025–2026 school year are eligible to attend. Beyond The Walls is a powerful week of serving, worship, and spiritual growth. We encourage families to register early. We will be serving in the Port O'Connor, TX community.

Visit <https://fmcbyran.org/ministries/youth> to register.

Student Fundraising Opportunity – BV Chorale Dinner and a Show

Saturday, March 14, 2026

First Methodist Church Gym

4:00-7:00PM

Students have the opportunity to serve at the *Brazos Valley Chorale Dinner and a Show*. Funds raised will be split between participating students and applied toward their Beyond The Walls registration fee. Please email Meredith@FMCBryan.org for your student to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve while helping offset mission trip costs.

First Family Night – Student Serving Opportunity

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Students are invited to help serve at First Family Night. Please email Jeff Hobbs at Jeff@FMCBryan.org to let him know your student would like to help. Serving is a meaningful way for students to live out their faith and be part of the larger church family.

For the latest updates and information, visit our website: www.FMCBryan.org/ministries/youth

Snack Supper Menu – March

2026 March 1 – Baked Ravioli, garlic bread, salad, dessert

March 8 – NO MYF (Spring Break)

March 15 – Crescent roll wrapped hot dogs, chips, dessert

March 22 – Pizza, salad, dessert

I love attending the students' activities throughout the year. The link below or the QR code allows you to give me all the details about your student's upcoming events.

[Youth Activity Calendar Request](#)



Walking with Jesus – A Family Lent Devotional

Scripture:

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" — Matthew 16:24

Lent is the 40-day season leading up to Easter. It mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry. During this time, Jesus fasted, prayed, and depended fully on God. Lent reminds us to do the same. This season invites us to slow down and make space for Jesus to examine our hearts, release distractions, and remember the depth of His love demonstrated on the cross. Following Jesus is not about perfection. It is about direction. Each small step toward Him strengthens our faith and transforms our hearts. Lent helps us practice choosing Jesus intentionally.

A Simple Family Lent Practice: Walk with Jesus Together

Reflect

Ask as a family: What is one thing we can give up or limit so we can focus more on Jesus?

Examples:

- Less screen time
- Fewer distractions at night
- Adding intentional prayer time

Replace

Choose one faith-building practice to add as a family:

- Read Scripture together once a week
- Pray together before bed
- Attend worship regularly
- Share one thing you are grateful for each day

Remember

Place a small cross, stone, or object in a visible place in your home. Each time you see it, pause and remember that Jesus walked the road to the cross because He loves us.

Family Activity: Prayer Walk

Take a short walk together as a family. At different points along the walk, pause and pray for:

- Your family
- Your church
- Your friends
- People who need hope
- Gratitude for Jesus

This simple activity helps children and students experience prayer as part of everyday life. Lent prepares our hearts for Easter. As a ministry, we are praying that this season draws your family closer to Jesus and to one another.



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RACE TO THE TOMB

A ONE-NIGHT EASTER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
5:00 - 7:30 P.M.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
6TH GRADE & UNDER
BIBLE SKIT, CRAFTS, SNACKS,
AND RECREATION.
DINNER IS PROVIDED.



<https://fmcbyran.org/get-connected/easter-vbs-registration>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE
JULY 27 -
JULY 30

6:30-8:30 P.M.

AGES 4 - COMP. 5TH GRADE

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1ST





BRYAN, TEXAS

506 East 28th Street
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**FAMILY RETREAT
SABBATH**

Registration is \$250 per family up to four, each additional person is \$25. A nonrefundable deposit of \$50.00 is due at the time of registration. Payment must be made in full by March 9 to be guaranteed to receive a t-shirt.

REST • REFRESH • RENEW

March 20-22, 2026 | **Lakeview Methodist Camp & Conference Center**
Registration opens Feb 1, 2026 closes March 2