



HERITAGE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE FOR ALL
11 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Sunday
May 7

Mission Mexico Taco
Fundraising Lunch
May 7

Confirmation Sunday
May 21

FRAN Day
May 28

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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Heritage Sunday is May 21st. We remember those who came before us and the faith they passed onto us to share and spread. That faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is what has held our church together for more than 150 years. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father of us all. We've been called to spread the gospel and be faithful biblical teaching with the historic church. To be faithful sometimes has a high cost to pay, but I believe God blesses the faithful with blessings that matter for eternity. Through it all (as the Andre Crouch song echoed) I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God. Thank you all for your faithfulness to Christ and your church.

On May 21st at 11 a.m. we will have our annual one worship service together to celebrate our Heritage as Methodists and confirm the class of 2023. As always, a BIG thank you to Jeff Hobbs and Corey Voskamp for all their hard work in leading the confirmation ministry. Plan to gather for worship (all four worship services together) at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by lunch in the gym. We are having BBQ and whatever you bring. Please bring accordingly:

A-L	Beans (Any kind) / onions / pickles
M-R	Mac 'N Cheese / bread
S-Z	Potato Salad / coleslaw

Pastor Rick Sitton

Ministry Calendar

5/1	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee
5/2	9:30 AM	TMW: General Meeting
	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees/Endowment
	6:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Continuing Education
5/3	5:30 PM	Last First Family Dinner of Spring Semester
5/6	9:45 AM	Confirmation at Church Pantry
5/7	11:00 AM	Mission Mexico Fundraiser Luncheon
	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center
	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
5/12	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Scavenger Hunt
	6:30 PM	In His Hands: A Night with Mom and the Master Potter
5/16	9:30 AM	TMW: Contemporary Study
	6:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
5/19	6:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner
5/21	11:00 AM	Heritage Sunday - One Worship Service for All
	12:00 PM	Heritage Sunday Luncheon
	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
5/23	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees
5/26	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
5/28	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
5/29		Campus Closed - Memorial Day
5/30	7:00 PM	Troop 977 Spring Court of Honor

**Welcome to
Our New Members!**
**Jonathan, Jennifer & Evie
Daugbjerg**
Joined: April 25, 2023



Prayer Requests

Rehab/Nursing Care: Jim Allega, Joy Allega, Frances Allen, Ray Anthony, Jim Bradford, Marilyn Colby, Dixie Copeland, Donna Durocher, Daphne Eller, Billie Gray, Donna Lamar, Linda and Bob Prock

Prayers of Healing: Frances Allen, Pat Atmar, Zoe Ann Broughton, Betty Carter, Nancy Conlee, Cindy Lamar Davis, Janice Elsik, Sue Futrell, Billie Gray, Tom Hamilton, Ed Janosky, Buddy McGown, Esther Mancillas, Judy Miller, John Millhollon, Linda Millhollon, Bill & Martha Pishek, Linda and Bob Prock, Nancy Janosky Schnell, Helene Steck, Ann Marie Vick, Ben Winkle, Grace Ashley, Chuck Schroepel, Nancy Reynolds, Cherie Cotner, Jean Westphal, Alma Fonsceca

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Church News & Upcoming Events



Men's Walk to
Emmaus 2023:

Ron Johnson and
Will Pepper



THANK YOU to all who
participated in April's
blood drive!

You may give blood any-
time to help support this
life-saving ministry. When
you donate at Gulf Coast
Regional Blood Center, let
them know you are donating on behalf of
FMC Bryan. They just opened up a new
location at 1015 Krenak Tap Rd., College
Station, TX 77840.

Donors: 6

Total Units: 7



Amazing Grace Bible study
filled gift bags with Easter
goodies and scriptures for the
residents of Crestview
Affordable Housing. Pastor
Jeremy also prayed a blessing
over these gifts.

This is a reflection of how we
Love, Witness and Serve.

Kairos Prison Ministry Update

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. The Kairos Weekend for the Wallace Pack Prison was held April 20-23. 11-members of First Methodist Bryan participated in the Weekend to bring the light of Jesus Christ into the prison. 2-residents publicly accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; all residents experienced the love of Jesus Christ. Matthew 25: 42-43



Every 4th Sunday of the month is FRAN day!
Please bring a FRAN on May 28th!

Friends
Relatives
Acquaintances
Neighbors

Looking Foolish for Jesus

Pentecost is one of my favorite days in the Christian year. To me it is up there with Christmas and Easter. Pentecost, which comes from the Greek word for 'fifty,' is when the Holy Spirit is poured out on those early Christians. The birthday of the Church of Jesus Christ. It is on this day that we begin to see the promises of Jesus fulfilled that we "will do greater things than these because I am going to the Father" John 14:12

When you read the book of Acts you see that it is filled with story after story of normal ordinary people doing incredible things by the power of the Holy Spirit. The early church spoke boldly under persecution (Acts 4, 7), They healed people (Acts 3, 5:12-16), They had visions (Acts 7, 9, 10), They cast out demons (Acts 16, 19) and they did many more things that frankly doesn't look like the American church today.

Peter on the day of Pentecost quotes from the prophet Joel, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams" (Acts 2:17). Prophecy, visions, dreams. That's not something we talk a lot about in the church, and yet there it is plainly in Scripture. This promise that is for us of a life that is lived out for God by the power of God for the transformation of the world.

The Spirit of God completely transformed the lives of the early church. Their lives looked different than everyone around them. That's what I want. I want to look foolish for Jesus, to lean deeper into the giftings he's given me and not shy away from the power of the Holy Spirit.

-Pastor Jeremy Bass

Education Building Kitchen Remodel Project Update

The new kitchen in the Education Building is almost fully completed! We lack the final walkthrough, health department inspection, and stocking the kitchen with essentials. Many people have asked what can they do to help contribute to the many ministries, such as Meals of Love, that will be using the larger of our two kitchens. The kitchen is in need of basic items listed to the right. Please bring the items to the office so they can be checked off and labeled.

Wish List for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen

- Hand towels
- Dish washcloths/sponges/ cleaning brushes
- Oven mitts
- Food service hair nets
- Food handling gloves (powder free, blue in color, medium or large in size)

Available from KESCO Restaurant Supply, 1411 S Texas Ave, Bryan, TX:

- 9 - Steam Table Pans Full Size 4 "deep \$24.95 each
- 9 - Steam Table Pan Full Size Lids \$21.56 each
- 8- Full Size Pans (Warming Oven) \$15.43 each
- Cuisinart prep 11 Plus 11 Cup Food Processor
- PL8 Professional Chopper
- Rolling Cart
- 2 - Solid 13" Spoons \$9.05 per set
- 2 - Slotted 13" Spoons \$9.05 per set





Volunteer Opportunities



The Awakening Worship Team is in need of new volunteers!

Please contact Pastor Jeremy Bass at jeremy@fmcbyran.org.

- **Traditional Worship Team: Greeters, Usher and Communion Clean Up Volunteers are needed. Please contact Natalie Patterson at natalie.patterson@fmcbyran.org or the church office at 979-779-1324.**
- **Church Office Keepers Needed for Wednesdays. Morning and afternoon shifts available. Please contact LeeAnn Broeker at leeann@fmcbyran.org or 979-779-1324 ext. 101.**
- **The Love, Comfort, Serve team is in need of new volunteers to help with funeral reception set up and food. Please contact LeeAnn at leeann@fmcbyran.org or 979-779-1324 ext. 101.**
- **Homebound Visiting Volunteers are needed to provide comfort and prayers to those in our congregation who are unable to leave their homes due to health complications. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Natalie Patterson at Natalie.patterson@fmcbyran.org or 979-779-1324 ext. 102.**
- **Altar Flower Team: Please contact the church office if you are able to provide assistance with picking up the weekly altar flowers. The flowers will need to be picked up from HEB between noon-3 PM on Fridays and brought to the Sanctuary.**



Mission Cafe is "Open to Feed the Hungry"! Serving in this mission project is a blessing! A blessing to everyone that volunteers, as well as those who are fed.

There is a sign up sheet on the door at the counter to the CLC kitchen. Weekly and monthly sign ups are all welcome. Encourage your SS class to come together to show off their favorite breakfast dishes.

Any donations collected can go to any mission project of the choosing of the class or group serving.

If you have questions, please contact Steve May at wsmayjr@gmail.com or 979-595-5148.

Adult Ministries

During some springtime planting in my yard, my grandkids helped me relocate some oak seedlings. We discussed the importance of the root coming from the acorn and where to move the seedlings. I was reminded of the parable of the Sower and the importance of where WE are planted.

Matthew 13 1-9 (NIV) *That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."*



Who is the sower? Are we the sowers? It would seem so as we were pointing to the admonition to meditate on God's Word, day and night. Yes, this is true, but we are not the sower. Who is the sower? Jesus is the sower. As he comes to dwell through his Spirit in our inmost being, he sows the Scriptures into our lives, just as the Spirit sowed the Scriptures into his Word made flesh life. We come to Jesus and then Jesus leads us into the Scriptures. And the same Holy Spirit who inspired the Scriptures makes them the means of grace whereby we are transformed into the deep interior likeness of Jesus—leading to the Word of God becoming embodied in our everyday lives. Excerpts from Seedbed Wake-Up Call by J.D. Walt

The Sower's Creed

Today, I sow for a great awakening.

Today, I stake everything on the promise of the Word of God. I depend entirely on the power of the Holy Spirit. I have the same mind in me that was in Christ Jesus. Because Jesus is good news and Jesus is in me, I am good news.

Today, I will sow the extravagance of the gospel everywhere I go and into everyone I meet.

Today, I will love others as Jesus has loved me.

Today, I will remember that the tiniest seeds become the tallest trees; that the seeds of today become the shade of tomorrow; that the faith of right now becomes the future of the everlasting Kingdom.

Today, I sow for a great awakening.

Jesus is THE Sower for a great awakening and Jesus is in us. We are Sowers by virtue of Jesus abiding with, in, and through us. Because Jesus is sowing for awakening, and Jesus is in us, **we are sowing for awakening!**

Natalie Patterson

Children & Family Ministries

BLESSING OF THE BABIES SUNDAY, MAY 14TH AT ALL SERVICES

We will celebrate the births of our babies that have been born since Mother's Day 2022. We will be making a pictorial insert in the worship bulletin that day. If you would like your child or grandchild to be included this year, please e-mail a photo to LeeAnn at leeann@fmcbyryan.org. You may also bring a photo to the office to be scanned. Include the baby's name, birthday, and parents' and/or grandparents' names. Please send your photos and information by Sunday, May 7th.



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Sunday, May 7th

Heritage Room 11AM - 1PM

**Suggested Donation:
\$7.00/plate**

***Proceeds Benefit
2023 Mexico Mission Trip***

