



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:35



During Holy week we celebrate Maundy Thursday. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *maundatum* which translates to command. The “command” that we celebrate on Maundy Thursday comes from this verse in John’s gospel – to love one another. Loving one another is a command by Jesus, the markers of discipleship as Jesus says. In another part of the gospels Jesus says that summation of religion is to love God with all your being, and love your neighbors as yourself. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians will write about how works without love is pointless.

I mention all of this because Erika and I have truly felt loved by this church during this season of our lives. We are so incredibly grateful for the tangible ways you have shown us how much you love us. We are so incredibly grateful for the shower you threw for us and for how many people showed up. We are thankful for the many prayers you are saying for Erika and our sons. I am incredibly grateful to be your pastor, and thank you for being Christ to us.

Rev. Jeremy Bass

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Sunday

May 3

Last First Family Dinner

May 6

Blessing of the Babies

May 10

Confirmation Sunday

May 17

Memorial Day Sunday

May 24

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)

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Monday-Thursday

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

www.fmcbryan.org

Memorial Day Sunday

May 24th at the 8:30, 9 & 11 a.m. Worship Services

In honor of Memorial Day, we will take time during worship to pray for those who have given their lives for our country. A special bulletin insert will honor those from our church family who fought bravely for our freedoms.

Ministry Calendar

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| 5/3 | Senior Sunday | | |
| | Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/Arbor Oaks | | |
| | 2:00 PM | | |
| | 5:30 PM | Methodist Youth Fellowship | C-214 |
| | 7:30 PM | Lighthouse College Ministry | Bass Parsonage |
| 5/4 | 6:00 PM | Staff Parish Relations Committee | C-105 |
| 5/5 | 9:30 AM | The Methodist Women | Heritage Room |
| 5/6 | 8:00 AM | Teacher Appreciation Lunch at Fannin Elementary | |
| | 12:00 PM | Prayer Meeting | Chapel |
| | 5:15 PM | First Family Dinner & Bible Studies | Heritage Room |
| 5/7 | 10:00 AM | Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study | E-209 |
| | 11:45 AM | Men on Main | Fellowship Hall |
| 5/8 | 7:00 AM | Meals of Love | Kitchen |
| | 6:00 PM | Confirmation Scavenger Hunt | |
| 5/10 | | Blessing of the Babies | |
| | 7:30 PM | Lighthouse College Ministry | Bass Parsonage |
| 5/11 | 6:00 PM | Service/Mission Team | C-105 |
| 5/13 | 12:00 PM | Prayer Meeting | Chapel |
| 5/14 | 10:00 AM | Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study | E-210 |
| | 11:45 AM | Men on Main | Fellowship Hall |
| 5/15 | 6:00 PM | Confirmation Dinner | Heritage Room |
| 5/16 | 12:30 PM | Rising Generation Youth Worship Band | C-214 |
| 5/17 | | Confirmation Sunday | |
| | 9:00 AM | Discipleship Classes | |
| | 10:30 AM | One Worship Service For All | Sanctuary |
| | 5:30 PM | Methodist Youth Fellowship | C-214 |
| | 7:30 PM | Lighthouse College Ministry | Bass Parsonage |
| 5/18 | 6:00 PM | Senior Dinner | Heritage Room |
| 5/20 | 12:00 PM | Prayer Meeting | Chapel |
| 5/21 | 10:00 AM | Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study | E-211 |
| | 11:45 AM | Men on Main | Fellowship Hall |
| 5/22 | 7:00 AM | Meals of Love | Kitchen |
| 5/25 | | Campus Closed - Memorial Day | |
| 5/27 | 12:00 PM | Prayer Meeting | Chapel |
| 5/28 | 10:00 AM | Amazing Grace Ladies Bible Study | E-212 |
| | 11:45 AM | Men on Main | Fellowship Hall |
| | 1:30 PM | MYF Open Gym Day | Gym |
| 5/31 | 5:30 PM | MYF Deep Dive Devo | |

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DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

→ LET US **PRAY** WITH YOU. ←

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.

WE'RE HIRING

PART-TIME POSITION: FOOD MANAGER

- Oversees all food preparation in both kitchens
- Maintains records of Food Handler certifications and ensures proper food storage
- Coordinate meals for church events, such as First Family Dinner
- Recruits volunteers, organizes schedule, and oversees volunteers while planning and preparing weekly meals

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience as a chef cooking for large groups (life experience may be considered).
- Ability to recruit, train, and supervise volunteers.
- Maintain Food Manager's License.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Ability to operate commercial kitchen equipment.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation regulations.



TO APPLY, PLEASE CONTACT JAYNE KEYSER AT
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 We will be
CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 25TH
In Observance of
Memorial Day



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Reflections on Sea and Service: My Time on the USS Halsey

Benjamin Winkle



From 1982 to 1987, I had the honor of serving in the United States Navy. My home for those five years was the USS Halsey (CG-23), a guided-missile cruiser homeported in San Diego. Looking back, those years were an incredible adventure that offered me a chance to serve my country and see a world far beyond what I had ever imagined.

Sailing across the vast Pacific toward the Far East, I encountered cultures that are truly hard to define—from the neon energy of Hong Kong to the disciplined traditions of Japan and the vibrant ports of Singapore. These travels taught me about the vastness of God's creation and the common humanity we share, even with those half a world away.

One of my most vivid memories is a rare naval tradition few ever get to experience: "Swim Day" at sea. I have always loved to swim, but nothing prepares you for the moment you jump off the fantail of a cruiser in the middle of the ocean. It is completely amazing—the rush of the jump and the coolness of the deep blue water—until you look around and realize you are truly in the middle of the ocean. In every direction, there is an endless, 360-degree view of nothing but water and sky.

You feel the immense weight and power of the sea beneath

you, miles deep, and it gives you a perspective on how small we are in such a massive world. When I wonder...

Ephesians 3:18-19 (NIV): "...may have power... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God".

It was a moment of pure wonder, standing out against the daily rigor and discipline of life on a warship. My service was a mix of extreme Pride and Honor mixed with more than a few "opportunities for growth."



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!

Monthly Mission Opportunity



Our May mission opportunity will benefit Hope Pregnancy Center. They are a faith-based organization and whose mission is to honor God, while meeting the needs of those facing crisis pregnancies.

Please watch the church publications and announcements during worship for the upcoming service opportunity.

Offerings left on the rail during Communion on May 3rd will be donated to Hope Pregnancy Center.

ENDOWMENT SPOTLIGHT

Celebrate a Legacy: Give to the Heritage Endowment

At First Methodist Church of Bryan, we are blessed by the faithfulness and generosity of those who have come before us. One meaningful way their legacy lives on is through our **Heritage Endowment Fund**—a vital resource that helps meet the present and future needs of our church.

The Heritage Endowment is our church's **largest and most flexible endowment fund**, supporting both **special ministry and mission projects**—locally and beyond—and **extraordinary needs related to our church property**, such as major repairs, expansions, and improvements. This fund ensures that we can respond when opportunities arise or unexpected needs emerge.

Unlike general fundraising, **endowments are designed to last**. Gifts to the endowment are invested, and the **principal remains intact**, with only a portion of the earnings used each year. This allows the Heritage Endowment to provide a **reliable and predictable source of funding** for the church's mission, not just today—but for generations to come.



We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the **Heritage Endowment Fund in memory or in honor of someone special**—a loved one whose faith shaped your life, a mentor who inspired your service, or a friend who walked with you in your spiritual journey. Your gift becomes a **living tribute**, helping ensure that our church continues to grow, serve, and shine Christ's light well into the future.

To learn more or make a gift, please contact the Eileen Winkle, Business & Facilities Manager eileen@fmcbyran.org. Let us give thanks for the legacy we've inherited—and be part of the legacy yet to come.



The Believers Class

C208/209

Men & Women 50+

Gather for fellowship, service, and a meaningful discussion as we learn and apply God's Word together. Led by Suzanne & Randy Birdwell

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

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT FMCBRYAN.ORG

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

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TRUTH

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EVENT SCHEDULE

FMC YOUTH

MAY & JUNE 2026

28 MAY 1:30 PM **OPEN GYM & CRAFT**

A fun afternoon in the AC - Gym is open for basketball and football and there will be a craft for the girls.

31 MAY 5:30PM **DEEP DIVE DEVOS**

This is a fun evening of food, fellowship & swimming ending with live worship and a devotional led by a college student or young adult.

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

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

As May arrives, we find ourselves at the edge of a new season. The school year is winding down, schedules are shifting, and summer is just around the corner. This transition brings excitement, but it also brings change. In the midst of it all, it's an important time to pause and consider how we will continue to grow in our faith as rhythms look different. Summer doesn't have to be a season where faith takes a backseat, it can be a season where it comes alive in new and meaningful ways.

Upcoming News & Events



MYF – Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sundays | 5:30–7:30 PM

Heritage Room, Gym & Youth Room

- May 3, 2026
- NO MYF - May 10, 2026 (Mother's Day)
- End of the Year Party - May 17, 2026



Diving Deeper – Wednesday Nights

5:30–7:30 PM

Heritage Room & Youth Room

- LAST Diving Deeper - May 6, 2026



Beyond The Walls Registration Opens

Registration for Beyond The Walls Mission Camp is open. REGISTER NOW using the link below.

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.

Snack Supper Menu – May 2026

- Chicken Nuggets, Mac n Cheese, Salad, & Dessert



Senior Sunday & Senior Celebrations

We are excited to celebrate our graduating seniors and the incredible ways God has worked in their lives.

Senior Sunday

May 3, 2026

A special morning as we honor and pray over our seniors as they step into what God has next.

Senior Dinner (Students & Families)

Monday, May 18, 2026—5:30–7:30 PM—Heritage Room

A meaningful evening to celebrate, reflect, and encourage our seniors alongside their families.

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](#)



Family Devotional: “Carrying Your Faith Into Summer”

As the school year winds down, life begins to shift. Schedules change. Routines relax. Bedtimes get later. Mornings get slower. Summer brings a welcome break—but it can also quietly pull us out of rhythm in our faith. Without the structure of school, activities, and weekly routines, it becomes easy for our connection with God to drift to the background. But what if this summer wasn't a step back... What if it was an opportunity to grow deeper?

Scripture

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.” — John 15:4

Devotional

Jesus doesn't call us to follow Him only during busy seasons or structured routines—He invites us to remain in Him at all times. Summer is a unique gift. It creates space. And what we do with that space matters. Instead of letting faith become something we “pause” until fall, summer can become a season where faith feels:

- More natural
- More relational
- More woven into everyday life

Faith doesn't have to look like a formal lesson around a table. It can happen:

- On a walk
- In the car
- Around the dinner table
- Watching a sunset
- Serving someone in your community

Sometimes the most meaningful spiritual moments happen in the unstructured spaces.

Family Discussion Questions

- What are you most looking forward to this summer?
- When is it easiest for you to feel close to God?
- How can we make space for God in our everyday summer routines?

Simple Summer Faith Ideas

Choose 1–2 to try as a family:

Start a “High–Low–God Sightings” conversation at dinner

Pray together before leaving for trips or activities

Read one short Bible passage together each week

Serve someone as a family (neighbor, church, community)

Take a “no phones” walk and talk about where you see God

Closing Prayer

“God, thank You for the gift of summer. Help our family stay connected to You even as our routines change. Open our eyes to see You in the ordinary moments, and draw us closer to You each day. Amen.”

Final Encouragement

Parents, you are the most important spiritual influence in your child's life. It doesn't take perfection or long devotionals, just intentional, consistent moments. This summer, let's not press pause on faith. Let's carry it with us—wherever we go.



Stay connected with us on social media:
Follow us on [Facebook](#)



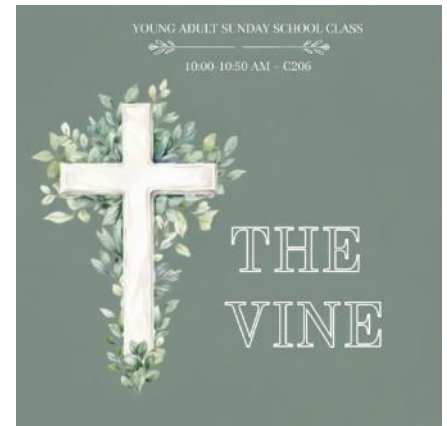
Follow us on [Instagram](#)

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:

- Current Study: *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller
- Weekly Bible discussion
- Meaningful relationships
- Faith that carries into everyday life
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Community & Fellowship

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

Upcoming Vine Events

- Lunch out - 5/3/2026 - Place TBD
- Summer kick-off Party - Great Escapes - 5/9/2026

Stay Connected

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





Blessing of the Babies

Sunday, May 10th at all worship services

Celebrating babies born since last Mother's Day!

Send photos & info to
LeeAnn at LeeAnn@fmcbyran.org
by May 3rd!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 27 -
JULY 30**

6:30-8:30 P.M.

AGES 4 - COMP. 5TH GRADE
REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1ST

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VBS VOLUNTEERS

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VBS IS JULY 27TH - 30TH
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

VOLUNTEERS MEETING -
SUNDAY, JULY 26TH AT 12:15 P.M.

