



STEWARDSHIP TEST

I SUPPORT THE
CHURCH WITH MY:

Well Done!

- a.) PRAYERS
- b.) PRESENCE
- c.) GIFTS
- d.) SERVICE
- e.) WITNESS
- f.) ALL OF THE ABOVE



COMMITMENT
SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1ST

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Trip to the Holy Land
Informational Meeting**
October 6

**Music Mission Kiev
Concert**
October 8

Church Picnic
October 25

Church Council
October 26

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

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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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Pastor's Corner

Timmy didn't want to put his money in the Sunday morning offering plate. His mother whispered to him, "You don't want that money, honey. Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!"

Horried, the little boy let go of the money.

After the ushers moved on, Timmy asked, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?"

"Oh, no dear, it's not dirty. It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine. It's God's."

Stewardship [stoo'-erd-ship, styoo-] noun:

the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

Synonyms: oversight, care, supervision, trust, intendance.

When David received the offering for building the temple, his prayer to God acknowledged the truth, "Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand" (1 Chronicles 29:14 NLT).

Data indicates that somewhere between 25 and 50 percent of church attenders give nothing or next to nothing. This is not a financial problem but a spiritual one. God is a giver. Our willingness to give testifies to our relationship to God, recognizing "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

When we join the church, the question is asked, "Will you be a faithful member of First Methodist Church, doing all in your power to strengthen its ministries through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness as Christ's representatives in this world?"

That's not a multiple-choice question; it's "All of the above."

More than that, it's "All of the above" all to Thee above. All for the glory of God. Following Jesus is an all-in commitment.

That's why our Commitment Sunday is on All Saints Sunday, November 1. We stand on the shoulders of the saints who have gone before us, who committed themselves wholly to "All of the above."

Stewardship is "All of the above." It isn't only about money, but it includes money. It includes everything because we give our all to the One who has given his all for us.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Jonathan Bynum

Ministry Calendar

10/1	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study	E-209
	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
10/4	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/Arbor Oaks	
	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)	C-214
	6:00 PM	Faith@Home	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass' Parsonage
10/5	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee	C-105
10/6	9:30 AM	The Methodist Women	Heritage Room
	6:00 PM	Holy Land Informational Meeting	Chapel
10/7	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study	Heritage Room
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	C-113
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10/8	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study	E-209
	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Mission Music Kiev Chorus & Orchestra Concert	Sanctuary
10/9	7:00 AM	Meals of Love	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
10/11	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)	C-214
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass' Parsonage
10/12		Church Campus Closed / Columbus Day	
10/13	6:30 PM	Service-Mission Team	C-105
10/14	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	C-113
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10/15	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Endowment Committee	C-105
10/18	6:00 PM	Faith@Home	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass' Parsonage
10/19	6:00 PM	Finance Committee	C-105
10/21	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study	Heritage Room
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	C-113
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10/22	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study	E-209
	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall
10/23	7:00 AM	Meals of Love	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
10/25	5:00 PM	Church Picnic	Sue Haswell Park
	7:30 PM	Lighthouse College Ministry	Bass' Parsonage
10/26	6:00 PM	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
10/28	11:30 AM	Brazos County Retired School Personnel	Heritage Room
	12:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Chapel
	5:15 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies	Heritage Room
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary 2nd Floor
	6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study	Heritage Room
	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	C-113
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10/29	10:00 AM	Amazing Grace Bible Study	E-209
	11:45 AM	Men on Main	Fellowship Hall

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VETERANS DAY SERVICE

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



FEATURED SPEAKER Retired Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez

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NOVEMBER 11, 2026 • 7:00 PM



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ENDOWMENT SPOTLIGHT

The Blackwell Lectureship Legacy: A Life Dedicated to Sharing the Gospel

Mrs. Kathryn Esther Ramsey Blackwell was born March 21, 1909, in Denver, Colorado, to Lydia Phoebe Montague Ramsey and the Reverend Preston Taylor Ramsey, a Methodist minister who served in many Texas congregations, including as pastor of Bryan First Methodist Episcopal Church, South from 1918 to 1920. Kathryn excelled in both academics and music, earning Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music (cum laude) degrees from Southern Methodist University before furthering her studies at Juilliard School of Music. She later taught school in Alvin, Texas, and gave private voice lessons.

While at SMU, Kathryn met the Reverend Derwood Leland Blackwell, himself the son of a Methodist minister. They married in 1934, beginning a lifelong partnership of ministry. Together, Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell served faithfully in Methodist churches throughout Texas. Kathryn joyfully supported her husband's ministry, directing choirs, teaching Sunday school, leading Vacation Bible School, and hosting countless gatherings that fostered fellowship and strengthened faith. Though they had no children of their own, the Blackwells poured their lives into the church and into the communities they served.

In 1974, after decades of full-time ministry, the couple retired to Bryan. For the first time, they settled into a home that was not a Methodist parsonage. Deeply aware of the blessings they had received through Methodism, the Blackwells sought to ensure that their commitment to sharing the gospel would extend far beyond their lifetimes. Out of this desire, they established the Blackwell Lectureship Endowment at First Methodist Church, Bryan.

The purpose of this endowment is to support speakers, events, and programs focused on evangelism—carrying forward the Blackwells' passion for making Christ known. Over the years, the fund has brought to FMC Bryan nationally recognized speakers and authors such as Dr. Morris House and Dr. Chap Clark, as well as powerful musical and theatrical ministries including Foothill Community Ministry, the Skit Guys, and Ken Medema.

Through their vision and generosity, Derwood and Kathryn Blackwell created a legacy that continues to equip the church for evangelism and inspire new generations to proclaim the gospel. Their lives remain a testimony to the joy of serving the Lord and the lasting impact of investing in God's kingdom.

3 WAYS TO GIVE



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If you've been to The River at 9am you have probably noticed women from BVCASA joining us in worship. BVCASA - Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse is directly associated with the prison system as a contracted substance abuse treatment and transitional provider for the TDCJ. It functions as a vital bridge between incarceration and commu-

nity re-entry. Our church is proud to partner with the local residential facility that houses individuals directly referred by the Texas parole or probation offices.

Every Sunday morning a large number, from 40 - 60, of the residents walk to our church. We welcome them to a warm breakfast provided with love by members of our church family in Mission Cafe.

Getting to visit and serve our guests has turned out to be a blessing.

The Service/Mission Team is currently looking at ways to enhance our relationship with the guests as they arrive and prepare to worship with us. They attend The River Service at 9:00 in the Gym. If you have a few minutes during your morning from 8:30 - 9:00 to welcome them, sit with them, pray with them, listen to them, and serve them you will find yourself feeling very blessed.

If you have questions about this mission opportunity please contact: Steve May, Sarah Johnson, Wanda Stuart, or Pastor Jeremy and we would love to connect you to this vital ministry!



2026 COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE



New and gently used coats, blankets, gloves, hats, and scarves

All Sizes- Men, women, and children's

IF YOU DONT WEAR IT, SHARE IT

SEPTEMBER 27-NOVEMBER 1

DROP OFF BOX WILL BE IN THE CLC FOYER BETWEEN GYM AND HERITAGE ROOM



It's time for the Annual FMC Bryan Church Picnic!

Get ready for a wonderful day filled with great food, sweet treats, fun games, and fellowship! This year, we're adding a little friendly competition with a Homemade Ice Cream Contest—so bring your favorite homemade flavor and let's see which one takes the prize!

The Methodist Men will be firing up the fryers for a delicious fish fry, serving up fish, hush puppies, and fries. We ask everyone to bring a favorite side dish to share and make the feast even better!

Bring your appetite, your favorite ice cream, and your competitive spirit, and come enjoy a fun-filled day with our church family. We can't wait to see you there!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

FMC Bryan will be sponsoring the 30 female singers from the Ukraine while they are visiting our community for their Greater Love Tour.

We will need 15 households for pairs of singers to stay two nights - Thursday, October 8 and Friday, October 9.

If your family is willing to open your home, please contact Chris Caffee by email at chris@fmcbyran.org or text at (214) 477-4561.



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**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2026**



7:00 P.M.



**SANCTUARY
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, BRYAN
506 E. 28th Street**



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Youth Ministry

October is here, and fall ministry is in full swing at FMC Bryan! I am grateful for every student who walks through our doors and for the parents, volunteers, and church family who faithfully encourage them. Our desire is more than simply helping students know about Jesus. We want to equip them to know Christ, grow in their faith, and LIVE IT OUT wherever God has placed them.



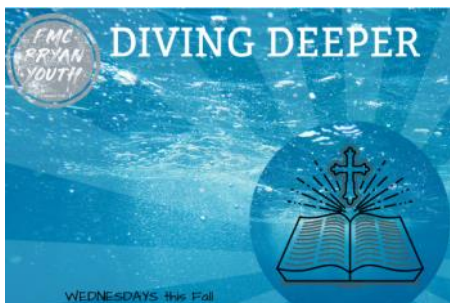
Upcoming News & Events



MYF — Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sundays | 5:30–7:30 PM | Heritage Room

MYF is a place for students to belong, build friendships, worship together, have fun, and grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus.



Diving Deeper

Wednesdays following First Family Dinner

At Diving Deeper, our students are journeying through the New Testament, specifically Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, together. Through Scripture, discussion, and prayer, we are learning not only what God's Word says, but how it shapes the way we live. The Diving Deeper Reading Guide is now available on the FMC Youth Ministry webpage @ fmcBryan.org/ministries/youth.

For the latest schedules, events, forms, and youth ministry information, visit fmcBryan.org/ministries/youth.

Snack Supper Menu – October 2026

October 4 – Pizza, Salad, Cookies

October 11 – Meatball Bubble Biscuits, Salad, Chocolate Cake

October 18 – No MYF (Fall Break) !

October 25 – No MYF (First Family Picnic)

Let Me Show Up for Your Student!

One of my favorite parts of youth ministry is getting to support our students outside the walls of the church. Football games, volleyball, band concerts, theater performances, livestock shows, dance, academic events, you name it! If your student has something coming up, please use the Youth Activity Calendar Request to send me the details. You can also find the link on the FMC Youth webpage. I can't promise I can make every event, but I love having the opportunity to show our students that their church family cares about the things that matter to them.



A Word for Parents

Unashamed: Living the Gospel as a Family

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16

There is a difference between believing the Gospel and building a life that makes it clear we believe it. Our students are growing up in a culture filled with competing voices. Every day they receive messages about what should define them, what they should value, and where they should find their identity. Following Jesus will sometimes mean standing apart from those messages. And that can be difficult, especially for a teenager who desperately wants to belong. Paul's words in Romans 1:16 give us a powerful reminder: **"I am not ashamed of the gospel."** Paul wasn't saying that because following Jesus was easy or popular. He could say it because he knew the Gospel was true and had experienced its transforming power. As parents, one of the greatest ways we can help our students develop an unashamed faith is to let them see us live one first. Our children need to see that Jesus isn't simply someone we talk about on Sunday. He shapes how we spend our time, how we treat people, how we respond when life doesn't go our way, how we make decisions, how we forgive, and how we love. An unashamed family doesn't have to be a perfect family.

It's a family willing to say: **"Jesus is at the center of who we are, and we aren't afraid to live like it."**

Living Unashamed at Home

This month, consider intentionally practicing these four things as a family:

- **Talk about Jesus naturally.** Faith conversations don't have to feel like Bible lessons. Talk about what God is teaching you, where you've seen Him working, or something you're praying about.
- **Let your students see your faith.** Pray where they can hear you. Let them see you reading Scripture. Talk about why you make certain choices because you follow Jesus.
- **Make room for questions.** An unashamed faith isn't a faith afraid of hard questions. When your student wrestles with something, resist the urge to panic. Listen, explore Scripture together, and help them discover why they believe what they believe.
- **Practice the Gospel together.** Serve someone. Invite someone to church. Pray for a friend. Forgive quickly. Be generous. Encourage someone who is struggling. Let the Gospel become something your family does, not merely something you discuss.

Around the Table

Try asking this question sometime this month: "When people look at our family, what do you think tells them that we follow Jesus?" Then follow it with: "What's one way we could be more intentional about living our faith together?" You might be surprised by what your student says.

A Prayer for Our Families

Lord Jesus, thank You for the Gospel and for the salvation we have through You. Give our families courage to live our faith openly and authentically. Help us not simply speak about You, but reflect You in the way we love, serve, forgive, and live. Give our students confidence to stand firm in their faith when following You isn't easy or popular. May our homes be places where Your truth is spoken, Your grace is experienced, and Your Gospel is lived without shame.

In Jesus Name; Amen.



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Young Adult Ministry: The Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." — John 15:5

The Vine is our ministry for young adults ages **18–30ish**, providing a place to connect with other young adults, grow deeper in Scripture, and discover what it looks like to faithfully follow Jesus during this important season of life.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays | 10:00–10:50 AM in Room C211



This fall, The Vine is reading through **Goliath Must Fall by Louie Giglio**. In Goliath Must Fall, Pastor Louie Giglio uncovers a new-found twist in the classic story of David and Goliath. It is not God's plan for you to live with a giant standing in the middle of your life, demoralizing you day after day. Our freedom and God's glory are forever interwoven into one story. God does want us to live free. He wants us to recognize that He's already killed the giant.

In Goliath Must Fall, discover:

- Hope and encouragement that God has a better plan for you—a plan for you to live in victory
- Powerful insights from the Biblical story of David
- How to silence your giants once and for all

The key to living free from our giants is not better slingshot accuracy but keeping our eyes on the one and only giant-slayer—Jesus. Once you understand the source of your giants, you can ensure that whatever your affliction is, it can, will, and must fall with the power of Jesus. Put your hope in God and watch Goliath fall.

More Than Sunday School

The Vine is also about building genuine Christian community through monthly meals, fellowship opportunities, honest conversations, and life together. Whether you're in college, beginning a career, navigating relationships, or simply figuring out what's next, there's a place for you at The Vine.

Upcoming Vine Events

Lunch out - 10/4/2026 - 12:15PM | TBD



Vine Instagram



The Vine GroupMe

Lighthouse College Ministry Fall Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
BOARD GAME NIGHT	POPSTROKE MINI GOLF	CHRISTMAS PARTY
BASS' HOUSE 2406 KENT ST., BRYAN	255 BALL ST, COLLEGE STATION	BASS' HOUSE 2406 KENT ST., BRYAN
5–8 PM	6–9 PM PLEASE BRING \$5	5–8 PM

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COLLEGE MINISTRY AT FMC

Children & Family Ministries

Our 3rd Graders Receiving Their Bibles



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**A Class For Parents That Focuses On
Discipling Your Children.**

**1st & 3rd Sundays Of The Month
Starting September 20th**

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

In The Chapel

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Travel to the Holy Land with Pastor Jonathan

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
6 PM IN THE CHAPEL**

