



UPCOMING EVENTS

FMC Garage Sale
September 8-9

Children's Choir Begins
September 10

Children's Worship
Festival
September 17

Music of God Sunday
September 24

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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First Family Dinner
— WEDNESDAYS IN THE —
HERITAGE ROOM
DINNER 5:15 PM * BIBLE STUDIES 6 PM
September 6 – November 15

First Family Dinner resumes on Wednesday, September 6th. Dinner service will begin at 5:15 p.m. and includes a separate menu option for children.

Children's Bible Study

Children's Bible Study is for all children in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. It is held every Wednesday during the school year and lasts from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Room E202. Bring your Bible. Friends are welcome to come!

Wednesday Night Bible Club

The Wednesday Night Bible Club is for children in Kindergarten - 3rd Grade. It will give the children a fun, hands-on way of experiencing Bible stories. It is held every Wednesday during the school year and lasts from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Room E213.

Sprouts

The Sprouts are our smallest disciples that are 4 years old and under. Besides play time, they will have a Bible story and activity. It is held every Wednesday during the school year and lasts from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Room E212.

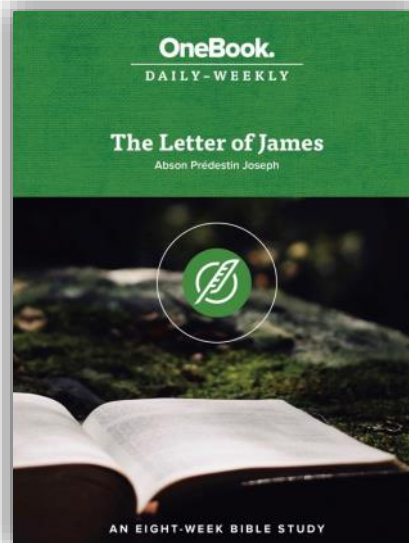
MYF Bible Studies

The youth go upstairs to meet from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in Room C214. This semester will be a study of the Gospel of John.

Adult Bible Study

An 8 week study on The Letter of James, led by Natalie Patterson in C111. Contact Natalie Patterson to sign up and to receive the book purchase information at natalie.patterson@fmcbyran.org or (979) 779-1324, ext. 102.

The Letter of James is available for purchase through seedbed.com.



Ministry Calendar

9/1	6:30 PM	Generation of Power
9/3	2:00 PM	Worship - Crestview Retirement Center/ Arbor Oaks
9/4		Labor Day / FMC Closed
9/5	9:30 AM	TMW: General Meeting
9/5	6:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Continuing Education
9/6	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
9/6	5:30 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
9/6	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
9/6	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
9/7	11:45 AM	Men on Main
9/8	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
9/8-9/9	8 AM - 12 PM	Church Garage Sale (Gym)
9/10	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
9/10	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
9/11	10:30 AM	Time Like Hannah's (Breastfeeding Support Group)
9/12	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee
9/13	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
9/13	5:30 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
9/13	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
9/13	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
9/14	11:45 AM	Men on Main
9/15	6:30 PM	Generation of Power
9/17	11:00 AM	Children's Worship Festival (Sanctuary)
9/17	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
9/17	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
9/20	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
9/20	5:30 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
9/20	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
9/20	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
9/20-9/22		New Room Conference @The Woodlands Methodist Church
9/21	11:45 AM	Men on Main
9/22	12:00 PM	Meals of Love
9/24	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
9/24	5:30 PM	MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)
9/26	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees
9/27	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
9/27	5:30 PM	First Family Dinner & Bible Studies
9/27	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Rehearsal
9/27	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
9/28	11:45 AM	Men on Main
9/29	6:30 PM	Generation of Power



**FMC BRYAN WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

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Prayer Requests

Long Term Prayers:

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.

Prayers of Healing:

Frances Allen, Pat Atmar, Zoe Ann Broughton, Betty Carter, Nancy Conlee, Janice Elsik, Sue Futrell, Billie Gray, Ed Janosky, Buddy McGown, Esther Mancillas, Judy Miller, John Millhollon, Linda Millhollon, Bill Pishek, Nancy Janosky Schnell, Helene Steck, Ann Marie Vick, Grace Ashley, Chuck Schroepel, Alma Fonsceca, Sandy Lewellen, Delia Garza, Sharon Dent, Ann Fancher, David Kipp, Keith Reece, Kelly Callaway, John Raney



Undershepherd Udderings

The historic first regular annual conference meeting of the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church took place in late July at Christ Church in College Station. The sanctuary was packed and the Spirit was moving. About 70 people were ordained either a deacon or elder or both. Worldwide, the GMC now has 15 provisional conferences and close to 3,000 churches. God is doing a new thing and we are a part of it. Jesus said: *"And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."* Mark 2:22 NIV

How do we apply this truth from Jesus? When the Lord is doing a new thing, then there needs to be new beginnings with new practices, methods, systems or ways of doing things.

The Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church has called every new Global Church to develop a Discipleship track for people to grow in their faith and watch over one another in love. Par. 305 of the TBDD of the GMC speaks of the goal of "transformational discipleship" with this aspiration: *"The goal of transformational discipleship ministry in the Global Methodist Church is to make, develop, and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ **through SMALL GROUPS** where each person is invited, challenged, supported, and held accountable in living sanctified lives that reflect the practices, character, and mission of Christ."* The hope of the GMC is a revival that restores the Wesleyan methods of discipleship known historically as "classes and bands." Pastor Jeremy is diligently working, praying and developing plans for Wesleyan style "CLASS" meetings.

This fall, my emphasis and invitation to you will be to join a BAND. What is a band? A small group of 3 to 5 people (men only or women only) who will gather regularly to watch over one another in love by asking a few spiritual growth questions and praying for one another. Please contact Natalie Patterson (natalie.patterson@fmcbyryan.org) and let her know you are interested in being part of a BAND and she will connect you. Anyone can be in a band and I hope everyone will!

I am in a clergy band of 5 people. The GMC asks all clergy to set an example and be in a band with other clergy in order to support one another. We begin our meetings with prayer and ask the first question: "How goes it with your soul?" We share. We listen. We recognize Christ in the midst of our circle and we pray for one another. It is an uplifting hour. I need it. I believe you need it. I ask that you join me, the other clergy, the staff, and your church in praying for the development of bands and classes at our church as part of praying for true revival.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rick Sitton

Church News & Upcoming Events

Welcome
to our
New Members

Justin and Amanda Boenigk

Joined June 11th

Jared and Lacy Snow

Joined August 20th



Pictured Left:

Charlotte Stevens

Joined August 16th



Pictured Right:

Susan and Bill Free

Joined August 18th



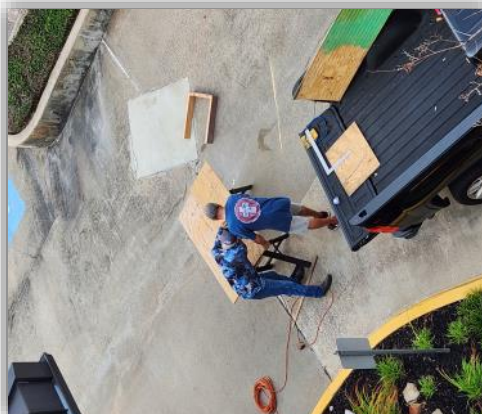
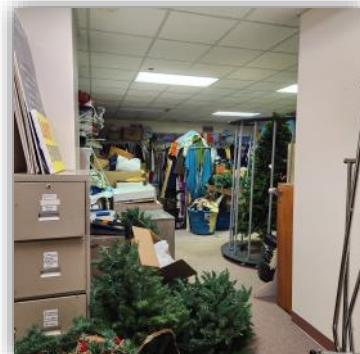
Behind the Scenes at FMC Bryan

There are many things that take place behind the scenes that make a single event shine. First Methodist Church has had a busy summer with activities such as Worship & Arts Camp, Vacation Bible School, Youth Missions "Lifted", as well as hosting UM Army. In the meantime, who takes care of the church campus behind the scenes!?

A huge THANK YOU goes to those who are instrumental in purging, organizing and maintaining the church facilities.

This summer, the Children's Ministry intern cleared out the Children's Ministry workroom, purging years of ministry program "stuff". Ladies from the Awakening worship team cleaned out and organized the worship closet after years of collecting altar materials. How about the team that cleared out the decorations and costume/event room!? That took several days of removing items from the storage areas and then painfully sorting through everything to determine keep, trash or garage sale. Thanks to the Methodist Men, the cabinets from the old Education Building kitchen were repurposed to function as storage in the costume/event room. They also spent a Saturday morning working around and on (literally) the church. As the Facilities Manager, I appreciate each and everyone that took their time and energy to organize and prepare the physical church for ministry.

Sincerely,
Eileen Winkle





"Some of my most precious children have been laid aside in sick beds or shut away in prison." Jesus Calling Daily Devotional, April 29th.

When I first started hearing about Kairos, I would fill out the colorful chain the team delivered to our Sunday school classes and agree to pray, but I must admit that I did not give the prayer chain or the devotional I just read much thought beyond that week.

This changed last April 23rd when Vancouver and I attended the Kairos closing at the Wallace Pack Unit in Navasota. When we first entered the gym, we heard their men's band playing Christian music as we waited for the current Pilgrims to enter. Once I saw the men in their white suits, many of them disabled (like me), they became more than a name on a chain. It stirred my heart as they described what the letters written from the Kairos team meant to them. I decided then that I was going to join this team. I committed to writing letters and doing whatever I can to help.

I meant to start writing my letters right then, but as usual I'm behind already. It is around 40 letters, so I better get busy!

Thank you for your attention.

-Cherie Cotner



Praise God: A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank my church family for all the love, prayers, and cards during my recent surgery and rehabilitation. My prayers were answered! God is good!

-Sharon Dent

Hispanic Ministry



ESL Classes

On August 17th, ESL classes began at FMC Bryan with over 20 students enrolled in two levels, beginner and intermediate. The groups meet in E212 & E213 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30am. Pictured with the students is teacher Nina Chick from Texas Workforce Region 6. We ask for your prayers that many of them may come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



VBS with Jeff

The children of our community were very happy participating in VBS at FMC Bryan. We are grateful for the support of Casi and Angie Choate with the Spanish speaking children. (pictured right: Hahna, Angelina, Giovany, Mario, Christ, Maximiliano, Pablo, Marbin, Jafet and Calef)



Fannin Elementary Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon

On August 7th, we had the privilege of expressing our sincerest support to the teachers and staff of Fannin Elementary for the work they have been entrusted to do with God's children. There were 40 people in attendance and we enjoyed a delicious Mexican meal of tacos and nachos. Thank you to Wanda and Sherri for preparing the meal. Gift cards were raffled, and we had a wonderful time of fellowship preparing their hearts and souls for the coming year. Many thanks to all the FMC volunteers who supported us. God bless you!

Adult Ministries

Let's face it. We all want a spiritual life, but we prefer to be in charge of it and have it unfold according to our schedule and in our way.



One of the greatest challenges for us as Christian leaders and volunteers is how to balance our doing for God and our being with Him. In our efforts to serve God, most of us end up skimping on our relationship with Him. We are in a perpetual state of hurry, battling to make the best use of every spare minute. We emphasize doing for God over being with God. The doing for verses the being with challenge of the spiritual life is not a new one.*

In Luke 10:39-42 we find the story of two sisters Mary and Martha:

³⁹ Martha had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things" ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Martha is actively serving Jesus, but she is missing him. Her commitment to her duties has disconnected her from her love for Jesus.

Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, listening to him. She is focused on being with Jesus. Mary has prioritized being with Jesus over doing for Jesus. She put her focus on Jesus and to center her life on Him.

What is really the most important?

My recent allergies diagnosis led me to focus on some significant lifestyle changes to get healthier. I am sure others can also relate to some needed lifestyle changes.

But what about our spiritual health?

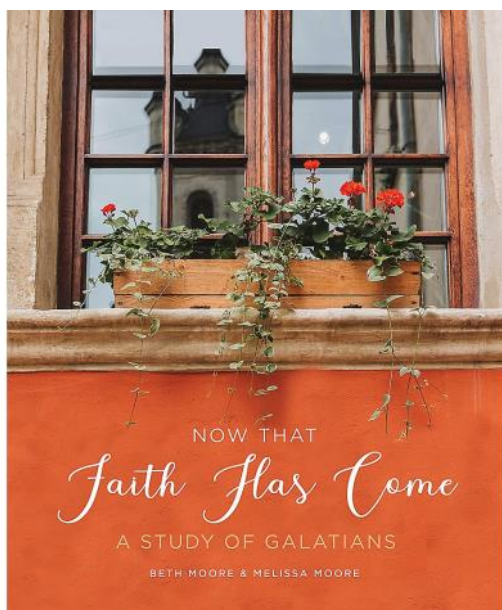
What lifestyle choices and changes do we need to change? What's the prescription?

Have a conversation with the Lord. Seek wisdom and discernment through prayer.

Open your mind and heart to receive what plans the Lord has for your life!

**Excerpts from Emotionally Healthy Discipleship by Peter Scazzero*

Natalie Patterson



Amazing Grace Bible Study

Open to Women of All Ages

September 14– November 2, 2023

10:00 – 11:30 am

Room E209

A deep dive into Paul's captivating letter to the Galatians. Come to know the letter's original recipients. Study its original context and embrace its timeless relevance.

Leaders: Wanda Stuart, Jayne Keyser & Natalie Patterson

To sign up contact: natalie.patterson@fmcbyan.org

Children & Family Ministries



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FESTIVAL

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17TH
11:00 A.M.**

IN THE SANCTUARY

**THE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FESTIVAL IS
WORSHIP SERVICE ENTIRELY GEARED TOWARDS
CHILDRENS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN
ADULTS' TIME.**

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Come to the Water

**First Family Dinner
Children's Programs**

For all ages

Wednesday Nights September 6th

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

First Family Dinner





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BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

FOR AGES 4–6TH GRADE

4:00–5:00PM

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