

Bellville Methodist Believer

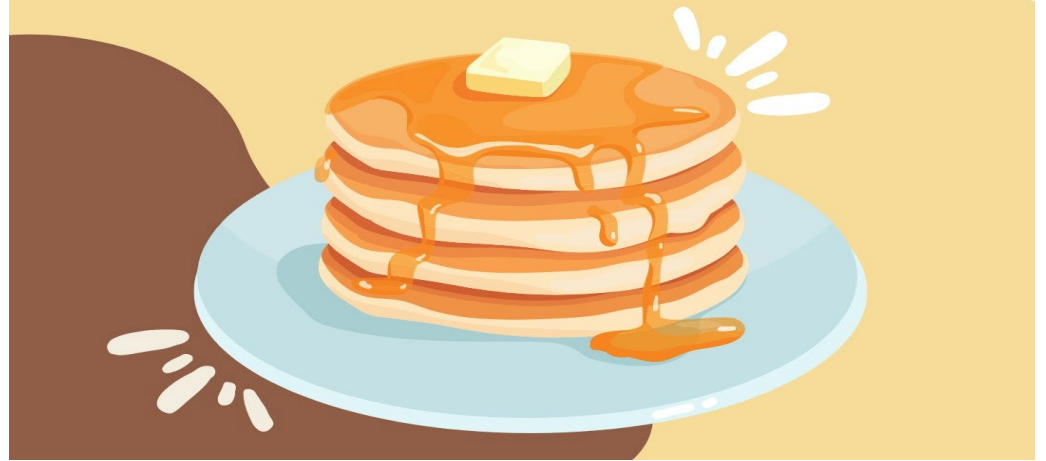
SUNDAYS

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (sanctuary)
 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
 - 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (MAC)
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Methodist Men Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
4:30PM-7:00PM

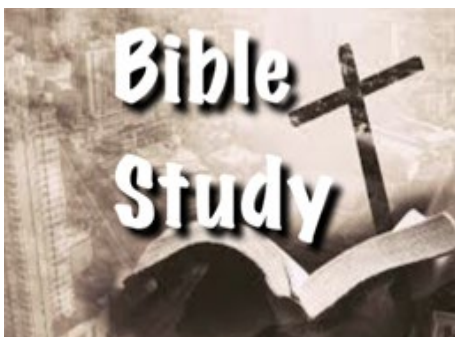


Join us as Pastor John Reasons leads a discussion of the Catechism of Christian Faith and Doctrine of the Global Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 17 at 6 pm. The GMC is placing increased emphasis on church doctrine, and the Catechism is an important tool for insuring that all of our members understand the theological foundations of our faith.

Scott Jones, our Bishop, teaches that the best way to read the Bible is in a small group, and the best place to begin is with the gospels. According to Bishop Jones, we can get the clearest distillation of the whole general tenor of Scripture in the stories of Jesus which are told in the gospels.

Please plan to join us for an in-depth study of the Gospel of Mark beginning in January on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm, or Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. John Reasons and Scott Maddox will facilitate these sessions (there are 12 sessions scheduled through early May with breaks for Spring Break and Easter). We are planning to hold the first Sunday session on Jan 21 & the first Wednesday session on Jan 24. The study's author is Dr Brad Johnson, from Asbury Seminary, and it is part of Seedbed's OneBook Daily Weekly study series. Please let the church office know if you would like to join us. The study guide will cost \$15.

We are planning to continue to offer small group Bible study throughout the year. If you have suggestions for future studies, we would be happy to receive your input. Please send any suggestions or ideas that you have to Scott Maddox at maddoxse@aol.com.



IN OUR PRAYERS...

Marilyn LaRose	Weldon & Eunice Frank	Doug Lottridge
Mary Ann English	Susan Crutchfield	Molly Lottridge
Pam Jones	JoAnn Hinze	Avis Pouncy
Jerri Hurta	Sharon Dyer	Josh Samford
Joyce Koehn	Mary Gibson	Shirley Wendt
Bobby Spiers	Mike & Pat Aldredge	Gene Wiestruck.
JoAnn Fergeson	Katie Huebner	John Crofton
Delores Parr	Janice Engelking	
Bill Moebes	Winifred Valentine	
Billie Grounds	Kennedy Maderer	
Irene Herreth	John Grube	
	Sally Schaefer	



SERVING OUR COUNTRY

John & Barkley Donaho (Ed & Peggi Bryant's daughter & son--in-law)
 Hunter Morris
 Chad Holloway
 Sean Whitfield
 Gregory Hill
 Mitch & Emily Bruce
 Zachary & Cassidy Jones
 John Lanier
 David Anderson
 Dalton Flannigan
 Jesse Worthen
 Rachel Hoag
 Cheryl Munoz
 Rachel Munoz
 Ryan Tull



All the men/women serving our country and their families.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday, January 1
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2
1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship (204)
7:00 p.m. Methodist Men (204)

Wednesday, January 3
No Activities

Sunday, January 7
Youth returns

Monday, January 8
8:00 a.m. MDO returns
6:30 p.m. Bible Study potluck

Wednesday, January 10
3:45 p.m. Children's Choir (311)
TBD Children's Ministry Parent Meeting
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir returns

Thursday, January 11
10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study returns

Monday, January 15
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 16
4:30 p.m. Pancake Supper (MAC)

Wednesday, January 17
5:00 p.m. BLAST returns
6:00 p.m. Catechism Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN
 Rm 304 – Nursery
 Rm 302 – 3's - Pre-school
 Rm 308 – K – 3rd grade
 Rm 309 – 4th & 5th grade

YOUTH
 Rm 217 – 6-12th grades

ADULTS
 Rm 204 – Joyful Berean Class
 Rm 206 – Seekers Class
 Rm 208 – Disciples Class
 Rm 211 – Salted Butter Class

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle meets each month on the third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Room 204.
 All ladies are welcome!!
 Next meeting – January 16



HELP NEEDED

Meals on Wheels is looking for help delivering meals Tuesday – Friday.
 If interested, please call 979.885.4188



FUN & FELLOWSHIP

First Tuesday each month
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Room 204
 Games & Light Refreshments
 Adults of all ages welcome
 For more information:
 Dianna Norton
 979-270-5075
diannashippmannorton@gmail.com
 Next date: January 2

BLUEBONNET OPRY

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry hold events at the Silver Wings Ballroom in Brenham the third Thursday of each month. Tickets sold at the door are \$8.00. This is a non-profit organization benefitting the local Brenham Hospice branch. Each month features a show filled with incredibly talented musicians!
 BMC takes the church bus for anyone who wants to ride. Please call the church office to reserve your seat.

HolisticCare

If you are in need of connecting with any home care services, reach out to the HolisticCare Team in Bellville. They will help you find answers and someone to meet your needs. 979.270.5020



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (sanct)
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (MAC)
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation
 4:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. MYF

Mondays
 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesdays
 Noon AA (206)

Wednesdays
 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir (311)
 5:00 p.m. BLAST
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (102)

Thursdays
 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study (CBS)
 6:30 p.m. AA & AI Anon (206, 217)

Fridays
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (204)

Dear Bellville Methodist Church Family,

I want to say thank you for affirming me to move forward as a ministerial candidate in the Global Methodist Church at our recent Church/Charge Conference. I am truly blessed and humbled by your support. It was a Spirit filled evening as we handled the business of the church and those of us in lay ministry had the opportunity to share about the calling that has been placed on our lives.

When my family and I began attending Bellville Methodist Church in 2011 I was searching and seeking to reconnect with God. I had been in a season of “running away” and my eyes were opened to see that it was harming me, my marriage, and my family. This church welcomed my family and I with open arms and ministered to us with the love of Christ. We officially joined the church on Sunday July 3 of that year. We found a home, and through many wonderful relationships, mentors, and opportunities to serve and be involved our family has continually grown closer to our LORD, to each other, to this church, and to this community. It is through this church that I

truly came to understand that all of us are called to be ministers for our savior Jesus Christ.

In December of 2022, I heard a call that was clearer than any that I can remember. Through the Holy Spirit, I heard the question “Is it Time?” “Is it time for you to go into full-time ministry for me at Bellville Methodist Church Jason?” Through much prayer and conversation with the LORD, with my family, and with brothers and sisters in Christ including many of you, I came to know in my heart that the answer was without a doubt yes. I have been called to serve this church, this part of the body of Christ, and this community. I know that everything the LORD has done in my life and led me to do in my life over the last twelve plus years has been to prepare me for this calling. It has been a tremendous blessing to be able to answer this call by serving in the Director of Family Ministries position here at the church beginning in July as I continue on this path I have been called to.

My path to ordination in the Global Methodist Church will take some time to complete. The next step for me is to be accepted as a certified ministerial candidate by the Board of Ministry of the Eastern Texas Conference. I began taking classes in the GMC Course of Study this past May, and it is my hope and prayer that I will be able to be ordained Deacon at our Annual Conference in 2025. I will continue in the education pathway toward ordination as Elder following that.

I am truly excited to be on this path and truly thankful for the blessing that Bellville Methodist Church and you all have been and continue to be in my life. I am happy to discuss this journey with anyone if you have any questions for me, and I ask that you keep my family and I in your prayers along the way, just as you will be in ours.

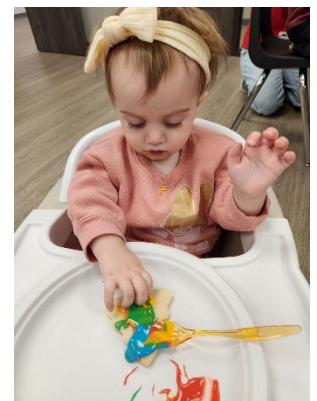
Thank You All and God Bless!

Jason Samford

MOTHER’S DAY OUT

December is our month to appreciate the blessings we have received... MDO has had a great first semester! Because of your generous donations at our Thanksgiving Feast, our students were able to deliver a large cart of canned goods to the food pantry. Ms. Nelly baked cookies for all our littles to decorate... they were so delicious! We will end our semester with family and staff enjoying Christmas Breakfast together.

Thank you to everyone for all your continued support and making all of us feel really special! We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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FROM PASTOR JOHN...

It is hard to believe a new year is almost here. As I write we are two weeks out from Christmas. And yet, whether I'm ready for it or not, the new year is on its way.

One year ago, on January 1, we made the shift to being a part of the Global Methodist Church.

One of the things the GMC has done is publish "A Catechism of Christian Faith and Doctrine." It consists of 77 questions about the Christian faith and brief answers and scripture references for each question. We've got some copies of it in the church office, but you can also find it as a 12 page pdf here -

<https://globalmethodist.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Catechism-for-the-Global-Methodist-Church.2023052496.pdf>

I'll also be teaching a one week introduction to the Catechism on January 17 at 6 pm in Room 217. Please let us know if you are interested in attending so we can have enough copies of the booklet available.

Beginning on January 7 in worship, we will be talking through our vows of membership in the local congregation (prayers, presence, gifts service, and witness) as ways we influence our church, families, and really any relationship we have. As we genuinely practice them, we help make our church, family, etc. more Godly, even as we do ourselves. We'll overlay our annual stewardship time with the series and culminate it with Commitment Sunday on February 4.

I'm looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2024!

Blessings,
John