

# 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 (sanctuary)

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## SUNDAY, MAY 15

We welcome Kyle Abshire on his first Sunday as our Associate Pastor & Director of Youth Ministries

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## SUNDAY, MAY 22

### Senior Sunday

We recognize our graduating High School Seniors during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.



**June 13-17**

**9:00 am to Noon**

**Age 4 (as of 6/13/22) – 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Register online at [bellvilleumc.org](http://bellvilleumc.org)**

**VBS Work Days ~ 9 am to Noon**

Saturdays: May 7, 14, and 21

Come help if you can!

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Miss Laura in the church office or email at [laura@bellvilleumc.org](mailto:laura@bellvilleumc.org).

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING MUSICAL

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

BUMC Children's Choir has been hard at working preparing this exciting musical for you!



## BUILDING UPDATE

Project activities as of April 25.

The contractor is concentrating on inside items including installing doors, cabinets, etc. The outside doors will be delivered soon.

Landscaping, including the memorial prayer garden is almost completed. Have you seen the cross after dark? (8:00 p.m.)

Excess dirt located between the admin building and Austin St. will be removed soon. We want to make this area more attractive. It will also be the site of 2 future playground areas.

The renovation of the sanctuary outdoor sign is almost complete. We are waiting on the letters for the corner sign.

Have you noticed the contractor's trailer that was located in the front parking lot is gone? Another sign we are getting closer to completion.

The Welcome center is getting closer to completion. There are a few minor things that need to be finished.



## IN OUR PRAYERS...

|                    |                    |                 |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Laura Mann         | Harold Remmert     | John Grube      |
| Bill Moebes        | Mike Aldredge      | Sally Schaefer  |
| Cathryn Van Wormer | Katie Huebner      | Doug Lottridge  |
| Luke Keaton        | Ann Kiesewetter    | Molly Lottridge |
| Everly Lunsford    | Kathryn King       | Avis Pouncy     |
| Bill Schmidt       | Janice Engelking   | Billy Armstrong |
| Kay Marek          | Jim Oliver         | Louise Gandara  |
| Beverlye Dodd      | Cyndy Massey       |                 |
| Billie Grounds     | June Lynch         |                 |
| Irene Herreth      | Carrie Steinbach   |                 |
| Susan Crutchfield  | Winifred Walentine |                 |
| JoAnn Gillum       | Kennedy Maderer    |                 |
| Jerri Hurta        | Don Moore          |                 |
| JoAnn Hinze        |                    |                 |
| Sharon Dyer        |                    |                 |
| Jessica Engler     |                    |                 |
| Anne Wingo         |                    |                 |
| Mary Gibson        |                    |                 |



## SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Hunter Morris  
 Chad Holloway  
 Sean Whitfield  
 Gregory Hill  
 Mitch & Emily Bruce  
 Maj. Zachary & Lt. Cassidy Jones  
 John Lanier  
 David Anderson  
 Dalton Flannigan  
 Jesse Worthen  
 Hunter Berry  
 Rachel Hoag  
 Cheryl Munoz  
 Rachel Munoz  
 Ryan Tull

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



## MAY CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 1**  
 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Sunday

**Tuesday, May 3**  
 9:30 a.m. Nursing Home Communion  
 10:00 a.m. Retreat Meeting (204)  
 1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship (204)  
 7:00 p.m. Methodist Men (204)

**Wednesday, May 4**  
 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Tithing Meeting (206)

**Thursday, May 5**  
 11:00 a.m. National Day of Prayer

**Saturday, May 7**  
 9:00 a.m. – Noon VBS Workday

**Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day**  
 NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday, May 10**  
 6:00 p.m. Missions Meeting (206)

**Saturday, May 14**  
 9:00 a.m. – Noon VBS Workday

**Sunday, May 15**  
 Pastor Kyle Abshire first day  
 11:00 a.m. Children's Choir Musical

**Tuesday May 17**  
 6:00 p.m. Ruth Circle (204)

**Wednesday, May 18**  
 Last day of Mother's Day Out  
 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir Party  
 Combined with Children's Bible Study

**Saturday, May 21**  
 9:00 a.m. - Noon VBS Workday

**Sunday, May 22-Senior Sunday**  
 No youth group

**Tuesday, May 24**  
 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (206)  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council (204)

**Wednesday, May 25**  
 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations (SPR)

**Friday, May 27**  
 Fridays – Labor Day weekend  
 Church Office will close at noon

**Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day**  
**Church office closed**, Texas Annual Conference through Wednesday, June 1

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

## THANK YOU!!

### CHILDREN

Rm 215 – Nursery  
 Rm 214 – 3s - Pre-school  
 Rm 217 – K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Rm 212 – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### YOUTH

Rm 213 (SS Workroom)

### ADULTS

Rm 204 – Joy Class  
 Rm 206 – Seekers Class  
 Rm 208 – Disciples Class  
 Rm 211 – Young Families Class  
 MAC – Berean Class (all ages)

The family of Cuba Joe Burleson would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and memorials. We appreciate your kindness during this time  
 Linda  
 Kelli & Matt  
 Ed & Glenda Burleson

## FOOD PANTRY

For the month of May we are collecting cans of veggies, 15 oz. cans please.

## BACKPACK

### BUDDIES

Thank you to everyone for the donations and assistance with this ministry. We ended the year serving 65 kids! We will be sending home *Happy Summer Bags* at the end of the school year full of snack. Thank you again to all who have supported us. We are looking forward to the next school year.

## RUTH CIRCLE

## BLUEBONNET OPRY

## SURVIVING GRIEF

### Tuesday, May 17

Room 204

Program:

Allumine Health

5:30 p.m. Write Cards

6:00 p.m. Meal

Ladies – All members of BUMC are welcome

Bluebonnet Opry holds events at the Silver Wings Ballroom in Brenham the third Thursday of each month. Tickets sold at the door are \$8.00.

BUMC will take the church bus for anyone who wants to ride. Please call the church office.

Next date: May 19

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month

Allumine Hospice Office  
 540 W. Main Street, Bellville  
 7:00 p.m.

A free support group, giving you an opportunity to meet with other grieving people.

Ruth Dinges (281-734-9111)  
 Sharon Glentzer (713-303-2237)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sundays

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (sanct)  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (sanct)  
 5:00 p.m. MYF

### Mondays

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out

### Tuesdays

Noon AA (206)

### Wednesdays

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out  
 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir (217)  
 5:00 p.m. Children's Dinner (217)  
 6:00 p.m. Wild Wednesdays (211)  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (211)  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (sanctuary)

### Thursdays

6:30 p.m. AA & AI Anon (206, 211)  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (MAC)



Mother's Day Out students spent Chapel time this Easter season listening to the stories about Jesus' Last Supper, His trip to Gethsemane, His Death and Resurrection. Each class celebrated by looking for eggs that had been hidden by a special someone in the sanctuary.

Pastor Bryan has been sharing Bible stories all year with our students during Wednesday Chapel time. We will miss his wonderful stories and meaningful prayers as he and his family begin a new chapter in their lives in College Station. Thank you, Pastor Bryan!

Mother's Day Out Fall registration for the 2022-2023 school year is in full swing. Turn in your applications as soon as possible; we only have a few spaces left!

MDO will not be offering a summer program this year since we will be spending the summer transitioning from our current rooms to the new Children's Building. We're looking forward to starting a new school year in brand new rooms!



District Camp  
Lakeview Conference Center  
June 27—July 1  
Entering 3rd grade through Graduating  
Seniors

Cost: \$440.00  
(\$240.00 for Church members)  
Register at [lakeviewmcc.org](http://lakeviewmcc.org)

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

June 7  
July 5

Room 204  
GAMES & LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS.

Adults of all ages are  
welcome!!

Feel free to bring a game  
you'd like to play or let me  
know what you'd like to play  
and I'll see if I can round it up!

Recent games:  
Dominoes: 88  
Hand & Foot  
Mexican Train  
Pegs & Jokers  
Rummikub

Interest expressed in Bridge &  
Mah Jong - need 4 players for  
each of these games.

For more information or if you  
need transportation contact:

Dianna Norton, 979 270 5075  
[diannashipmannorton@gmail.com](mailto:diannashipmannorton@gmail.com)

SOCIETY OF ST STEPHEN

The Society of St  
Stephen and Ruth Circle  
will chair the Free  
School Supply giveaway  
again this year.

We will be meeting soon  
to,plan with area  
churches.

Our main concern is the  
cost of supplies and  
backpacks. In the near  
future we will ask for  
contributions. Please  
watch for up coming  
opportunities.

In His service,  
Sue Barton



Benefitting  
Belize Mission Trip  
July 10 - 16

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!!

We are inviting you to  
invest in our youth and  
adults who are going on  
a mission trip in July to  
Belize.

We are offering shares  
at \$25 each and this  
comes with an invitation  
to our Stockholders  
Dinner to be held at the  
end of July.

There will be incentives  
at different investment  
levels:

**4 Shares** – Ticket to  
Dinner & and a  
personalized letter from  
someone on our trip

**8 Shares** – Ticket to  
Dinner, personalized  
letter, and a group photo  
signed by everyone on  
the trip

**12 shares** – Ticket to  
Dinner, personalized  
letter, signed group  
photo, and t-shirt  
from group trip

We would love for you  
to invest in our group  
and can't wait to see  
how God moves  
during our trip!



FROM PASTOR JOHN...

We are excited to welcome  
our new Associate Pastor  
Kyle Abshire and his wife  
Alex on May 15. In addition  
to general pastoral  
responsibilities, Kyle will be  
heading up our Youth  
Ministries. Kyle has a great  
love of God and youth and  
comes to us with roughly a  
decade of great youth  
ministry experience. In fact,  
Kyle was the speaker for

the UM ARMY mission trip  
our Senior High Students  
went on last summer in  
Livingston. He is currently  
finishing up his Internship at  
League City UMC and will  
graduate on May 14 from  
Perkins School of Theology.

As we welcome them, we'll  
plan to wear name tags for  
a few weeks to give them a  
chance to begin to grab  
onto a few names. The

Hesters have graciously  
volunteered their home and  
pool for a first UMYF with  
Kyle at 5 pm on Sunday,  
May 15.

Please consider how you  
can be a part of welcoming  
Kyle and Alex into Bellville  
and Bellville UMC - maybe  
drop them a note, take  
them to dinner, get them a  
gift card to your favorite  
restaurant or store, or just

swing by the offices in the  
coming days and say hi.

God is moving in our  
midst, and we are excited  
about the future.

Blessings,  
John

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Bellville UMC,

It is with great excitement and appreciation to our God that I will be beginning a new part of my journey with you all at Bellville UMC. I look forward to meeting you all very soon and what may come as we grow in ministry together.

I wanted to take this moment to extend a word of thanks for accepting my wife and me as members of your church family. We are excitedly looking forward to fruitful ministry with you all.

I want to share a bit of me with you all. I have just graduated from Perkins School of Theology with My Master's in Divinity. I am married and have two dogs.

Currently, I am serving League City United Methodist Church as a Pastoral Intern, as a requirement for school. Previously, I served just under a decade in vibrant and active Youth ministry settings at Polk Street UMC in Amarillo for two years, FUMC La Porte, and Seabrook UMC.

I am a lifelong Methodist. I was born and raised in Galveston, Texas. I believe that the Holy Spirit guides us through life and shares God's grace with us so that we may, in turn, share his grace with others. I trust that the Spirit has brought my wife and me to Bellville UMC and cannot wait to see how the Spirit leads us all in the time to come.

God Bless.  
Kyle W. Abshire