

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)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

If you love to sing and praise the Lord then Children's Choir is the place for you!!

Wednesdays,

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Open to all
K – 6th grade students
in the Bellville community

Transportation provided from
OBP & OBI

Register online at
bellvillemethodist.org



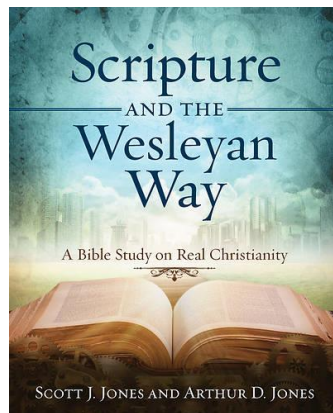
Church Family Picnic

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
11:00

Grab some food, head outside and enjoy time with family and friends.

The church will provide the main course, but we are asking everyone to bring a side dish if possible. We offer the following suggestions, based on the first letter of your last name: A - H salad, I - O side, and P - Z dessert.

Be in prayer for and with Scott Maddox, Joe McReynolds, and Jason Samford as they participate in the ETXGMC School of Ministry at Lakeview the first week of October.



Pastor John and Scott Maddox will begin this study on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Books are \$15 each and can be picked up in the church office.

Let us know you are interested in attending!

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Walt Haralson	Irene Herreth	John Grube
Pam Jones	Susan Crutchfield	Sally Schaefer
Jerri Hurta	JoAnn Hinze	Harold Buckley
Elery Kimes	Sharon Dyer	Doug Lottridge
Joyce Koehn	Mary Gibson	Molly Lottridge
Bobby Spiers	Mike & Pat Aldredge	Avis Pouncy
JoAnn Ferguson	Katie Huebner	Josh Samford
Delores Parr	Janice Engelking	Shirley Wendt
John Musslewhite	Carrie Steinbach	Vince Ruffino, Sr.
Bill Moebes	Winifred Valentine	
Billie Grounds	Kennedy Maderer	



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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1
 2:30 p.m. Youth to Seismique
 4:00 p.m. Methodist 101 (last one)

Monday, October 2
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Potluck (MAC)

Tuesday, October 3
 1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship (204)
 7:00 p.m. Methodist Men (204)

Sunday, October 8
 No Confirmation or Youth

Wednesday, October 11
 No MDO

Thursday, October 12
 Office Closed for Fair Parade

Friday, October 13
 Office Closed for Fair

Sunday, October 15
 No Confirmation or Youth

Tuesday, October 17
 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Blood Drive (MAC)

Wednesday, October 18
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Spring Tea
 Planning Meeting (204)
 6:00 p.m. Scripture & the Wesleyan Way study begins (109)

Tuesday, October 24
 6:00 p.m. Helping Hearts (206)

Sunday, October 29
10:00 a.m. ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
 (followed by a Church Family Picnic)
 Monday, October 30
 1:30 p.m. Meeting with ETXGMC Leadership @ First Methodist, Bryan

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN

Rm 304 – Nursery
 Rm 302 – 3s - 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 – Young Families Class

HELPING HEARTS

Helping Hearts Ministry will have a meeting on October 24, 6:00 p.m. in room 204. We can share experiences about our visits with our homebound church members over the last few months.

This is also an opportunity for anyone interested to learn more about how they can serve our members who would benefit from a friendly visit.

If you have any questions, please call Vanessa Timm at 713-725-8742.

BLUEBONNET OPRY

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.

BMC will take the church bus for anyone who wants to ride. Please call the church office to reserve your seat.

Next dates: 10/19 (Polka)
 11/16 (Stephen Pride)

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
 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
 6:00 p.m. Scripture & the Wesleyan Way (begins October 18 for 8 weeks)
 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)

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

Upcoming dates: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5

CARE PACKAGES - COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please place items for the care packages in the labeled bins located outside the sanctuary and MAC. Feel free to include anything you think a college student might like.

Some examples are:
 instant food items (popcorn, soup, broth, hot chocolate, tea, coffee),

gift cards (Starbucks, McDonald's, etc.), socks, Kleenex, devotionals/inspirational messages.

ADDRESSES NEEDED

We want to keep in touch with our college students. Please contact the church office with the address of your college student!

BELLVILLE METHODIST KIDS

It has been a great start to the school year!!! This semester Kid's Ministry has started from the very beginning as we have and continue to dig into the book of Genesis. We will continue going through Genesis on both Sunday Mornings and at BLAST on Wednesday nights. Please see the website for more details on our curriculum.

KID'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We are in great need of help on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings. If you are interested in helping, please contact Hillary Hargis at hillary@bellvillemethodist.org

October Happenings!

BLAST (Believe. Learn. Always Seek the Truth!)

Wednesday Nights for Fun, Food and Bible Study 5:00-7:00p.m. Ages 3yrs-5th grade
October 4, 18 and 25
No BLAST October 11.

Kid's Church & Sunday School

October 1, 8, 15 and 22.
No Kid's Church or Sunday School on October 29.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC! 11:00am

Keep an eye open for more details! You won't want to miss it!

SAVE THE DATES!

December 10: Family Christmas Celebration

December 16: BLAST Family Christmas Party

January 19: Mother & Son Event

March 2nd: Father & Daughter Dance

June 10 -14: Summer Camp @ Lakeview (Grades 3rd-12th)

June 24-28: VBS (NOTE THE CHANGE OF WEEK)

BELLVILLE METHODIST YOUTH

Bellville Methodist youth is off to a great start this fall semester and all youth grades 6-12 are welcome to join us! We have Confirmation and Bible Study groups on Sunday afternoons from 4-5pm followed by a time of fellowship (meal), small groups, and fun from 5-7pm on most Sundays. Additionally, we encourage youth to join us at B.L.A.S.T. kids Bible Study on Wednesdays from 5-7pm to help in leading the younger kids.

This fall, in our small group times, we are focusing on encouraging one another in our Christian walk. Hebrews 3:12-13 says "See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Christianity isn't meant to be lived out in isolation, we are called to walk together encouraging one another to grow in faith and deeper relationship with our Savior every step along the way.

We must encourage one another daily as long as it is called "today" not because we need more attaboys and pats on the back. It's way more serious than that. Psalm 95 says, "Today, if only you would hear his voice" (v. 7). As we encourage one another, we learn to speak to one another in the voice of God, in the humble authority of Jesus, in the loving power of the Holy Spirit so that we don't get caught up wandering in the wilderness of life. Pray that our students, and each of us, will be filled with encouragement for one another by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A Bit of GMC Information - Conferences, Areas, and Circuits

The Global Methodist Church is currently subdivided into Annual Conferences, Areas, and Circuits.

We are a part of the Eastern Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (ETXGMC). That area currently includes not only greater east Texas, but also all of Louisiana and Arkansas. Long term Louisiana and Arkansas may form their own Annual Conference, but for now, they are part of the Eastern Texas Conference.

We share Bishop Scott Jones and Bishop Mark Webb with the whole Global Methodist Church throughout the world. Rev. Jim Welch is the President Pro-Tem of the Eastern Texas Conference.

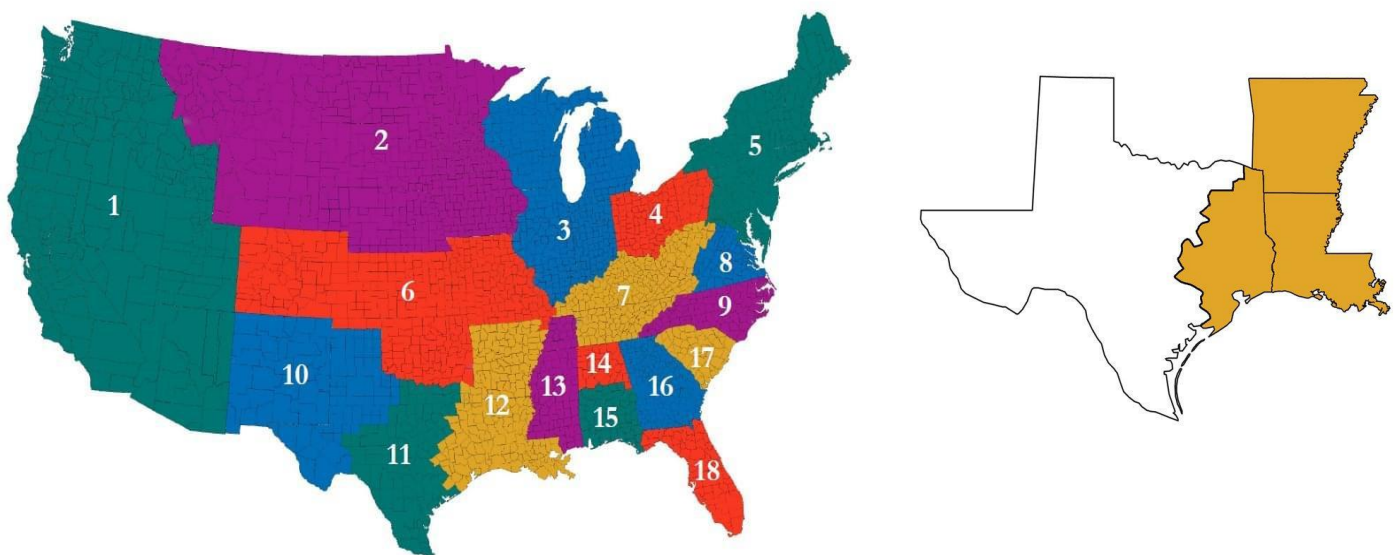
Our Conference is further subdivided into 9 “Areas.” (Arkansas, Brazos Valley, Coastal Plains, Lakes, Pelican (Louisiana), Piney Woods, Red River, Sabine, and Sam Houston).

We are in the Brazos Valley Area and Rev. Polly Standing is our Area Presiding Elder. Area Presiding Elders oversee a large number of congregations and sit on the Appointive Cabinet. Rev. Standing also serves as the pastor of Franklin Methodist Church.

Each Area is further divided into “Circuits.” The Brazos Valley Area has four Circuits - Central, Eastern, Southern, Western.

We are a part of the Southern Circuit along with Chappell Hill Methodist, Industry Methodist, Stoneham Methodist, Lynn Grove Methodist in Navasota, and Grace Global Methodist in Waller. Our pastor, Rev. John Reasons, is the Circuit Presiding Elder for the Southern Circuit. (However, since John is the pastor here, Polly Standing also functions as Bellville’s Circuit Presiding Elder.)

Circuit Presiding Elders are tasked with being another connection and care point to both pastors and local congregations.



1 West Region	2 Upper Midwest TCAT	3 Great Lakes PAC	4 Allegheny West PAC	5 Northeastern TCAT	6 Heartland TCAT
7 Mid South TCAT	8 Virginia TCAT	9 North Carolina PAC	10 West Plains PAC	11 Mid-Tex PAC	12 Eastern Texas PAC
13 Mississippi West Tennessee TCAT	14 North Alabama PAC	15 Alabama Emerald Coast PAC	16 Georgia PAC	17 South Carolina TCAT	18 Florida TCAT

**AUSTIN COUNTY
FAIR SENIOR
CITIZEN DAY**

Wednesday, October 11
Beginning at 10:30 a.m.
Bellville Fairgrounds
Expo/Women’s Building
\$3.00 admission
Fun, music, lunch, and
BINGO!

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

New members since
May 2023
Jeremy & Kendall
Beiersdorfer
John & Ruth Ann
Crofton
Calley (& Lance) Luetge
Gary & Verleen Peden
Cullen & Alicia Minter

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

We are in need of
volunteers to work at the
Reception Desk. It could
be one day a week, one
day a month, or you
could be a substitute,
the schedule is flexible.
There are two shifts,
8:30-12:30 or 1:30-5:00.
If you’re interested,
please call Donna at the
church office.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 17
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
In the MAC
You will receive a free
Space City tshirt as a
thank you gift for your
lifesaving donation!
Sponsor Code: J985

MOTHER’S DAY OUT

October is always a busy month for our community with the county fair, fall festivals, and, for Mother’s Day Out, our big Fall Fundraiser with Deanan Gourmet Popcorn. The money generated through this fundraising drive will go to support programs for our children throughout the year. Your participation in this sale, whether large or small, will have a real impact and is important. Sale price of popcorn is \$3.00 per bag. Please take a look at the flavor options and make sure to share it with friends, family and co-workers.

This fundraiser runs Wednesday, October 4 through Monday, November 6. You can place your order with any staff member, MDO parent, or in the church office. Your orders will arrive before Thanksgiving. Mother’s Day Out thanks you!



- Caramel Corn**
- Dark Chocolate Corn**
- Salsa n’ Cheddar Corn**
- White Cheddar Corn**
- Vanilla Corn**
- Kettle Corn**
- Cheese Corn**
- Say Simple! Corn**

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to ALL the ladies that helped with the Women’s Retreat! Thank you to ALL the participants! We were SO blessed with a full house! We have noted suggestions for next year.
MANY thanks to the Methodist Men for the wonderful meals and for cleaning up!! You are priceless!
Looking forward to next year!! Interested in being on our 2024 committee, contact Linda Ludwick 713-569-5591



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From Pastor John...

The first week of October, Scott Maddox, Joe McReynolds, and Jason Samford will be journeying up to Lakeview to participate in the inaugural Ministry School in response to God's various calls in their lives. This week of schooling will have a track that covers similar content to the old Certified Lay Speaker/Minister program as well a track that is similar to the old Local Licensed Pastor School. Please keep the three of them and God's calling on their lives in your prayers as they take this physical and spiritual journey.

Registration is already closed for this particular offering, but it will be offered again in the future. The website describes the week and who it is for saying, "Are you answering a call to ministry but not sure how to begin? Do you want to help facilitate ministry in your local church but want more skills and tools? Have you heard a call from God to preach, teach and fill a pulpit when needed? The ETX GMC School Of Ministry might be just the thing for you. The School of Ministry aims to equip Supply Pastors, Certified Lay Ministers, and Ministry Directors (like Children's and Youth Ministry) just like you."

If one or more of those descriptions tugs at your heart and feels like something God may be leading you toward, please reach out to me, and let's sit down and talk!

And just a reminder, Scott Maddox and I will be leading "Scripture and the Wesleyan Way - a Bible Study on Real Christianity" by Bishop Scott Jones and Arthur Jones on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning October 18 for 8 weeks.

The description of the study says, "Each chapter explores a key Scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons about the text in order to illuminate his understanding about what it means to be a real Christian. You will be inspired to respond to this call with faith and boldness." <https://www.amazon.com/Scripture-Wesleyan-Way-Bible-Christianity/dp/1501867938/>

Books are \$15 and scholarships are available if needed.

Please sign up through the church office.

Blessings,

John