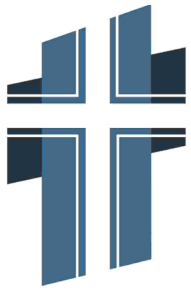


# NEWSLETTER

# 2026



April 2026  
Volume 2, Issue 4

## FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH MORGAN'S POINT RESORT, TEXAS

### Foundation of Hope

As we step into April, we are reminded that this is a season of renewal, hope, and new beginnings. Spring is all around us—flowers blooming, days growing longer, and life stirring again in ways both big and small. It's a beautiful reflection of what God is always doing in our hearts and lives.

This month, we also journey through one of the most meaningful times in our faith: remembering Christ's sacrifice and celebrating His resurrection! Easter is not just a day on the calendar—it is the very foundation of our hope. 1 John 2:2 tells us, "*He is the propitiation of our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*" Proportion is a two-part act. Firstly, through the death of Christ, God's wrath toward us is appeased, satisfied. Secondly, we are reconciled to Him and brought back into a relationship with Him. We have hope because Jesus paid the price for our sins and brings us into a right relationship with God.

In our daily lives, we all face challenges—uncertainties, struggles, and moments where faith can feel stretched. But April invites us to pause and remember that we are called to live with hope, to trust in God's promises, and to walk forward knowing that He is always at work, even when we cannot yet see it.

I encourage each of you this month to take time to reflect, pray, and reconnect with God in a fresh way. Whether it's through quiet moments in scripture, gathering together in worship, or reaching out to someone in need, let this be a season where our faith is renewed and strengthened.

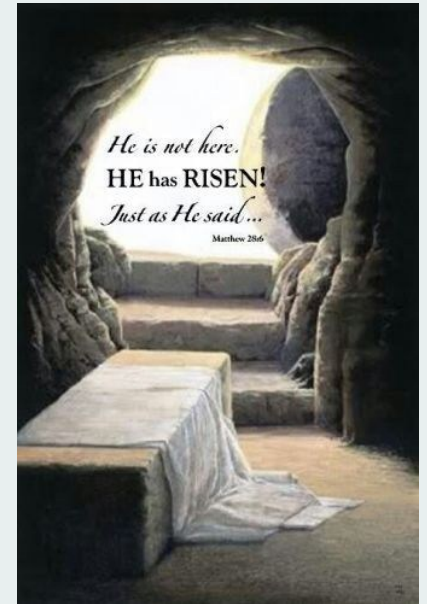
As a church family, let us continue to support and uplift one another while also reaching out to a hurting and needy world. Everyone we meet needs the Hope that we have. Take an opportunity to invite someone to our Easter Services, or any Sunday! Together, we are the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

I look forward to celebrating this season with you—especially as we gather to rejoice in the good news of Easter morning.

May God bless you and fill your hearts with His peace, hope, and joy this April.



**Jeremy Franks**  
Pastor



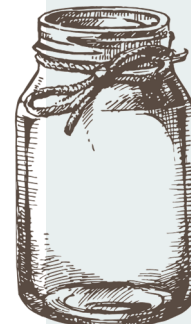
### PRETEEN CAMP FUNDRAISER!

Sunday, April 19th!

The preteen camp kids are selling jar mixes to raise money to help with the cost of camp this summer. The kids are selling "Cowboy Cookies, Easter M & M Cookies, Bean Soup, Spicy Snack Mix, & S'mores Squares"

**Suggested** donation is \$10. per jar

Thank you for supporting the Preteen kids!



# APRIL AT A GLANCE

## **UMHB Easter Pageant**

Wednesday, April 1st @ 12:30 PM

We are going to the UMHB Easter Pageant! Meet in the church parking lot and we will take the bus. We'll leave at Noon.

## **Pack Easter Eggs**

Wednesday, April 1st @ 6:00 PM

Come help us pack Easter eggs for the MPR Easter Egg Hunt! Don't forget to bring individually wrapped candy!

## **Easter Choir Practice**

Wednesday, April 1st @ 7:00 PM

## **Good Friday - April 3rd**

Take some time to read and reflect on what Christ went through for us.

Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19 Church Office is closed.

## **Easter Sunrise Service**

Invite all your friends & neighbors to Kleypas Park (located across from the MPR Community Center) for our Easter Sunrise Service.

This special service is held on the basketball court overlooking the lake. Breakfast will be served following the service.

Sunday, April 5th @ 7:15 AM.

## **Happy Easter! He has Risen!**

No Evening Service on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Celebrate our Risen Lord with your family and friends!

## **Ladies Craft Night**

Friday, April 10th & April 24th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

See the Women's Section for more details.

## **Deacon's Meeting**

Sunday, April 12th following the morning service.

## **Sunday Night Study: What is a Healthy Church Member?**

Sunday, April 12th @ 6:00 PM.

Join us for our final session of this six-week study!

## **Senior Adult Lunch!**

Thursday, April 16th @ 11:30 AM

Come join us again at the Senior Adult Lunch this month! Grab a friend & enjoy some good food & a great time of fellowship.

## **Kids Camp Fundraiser**

Sunday, April 19th

See the Children's Section for more details.

## **Committee Meetings**

Sunday, April 19th, following the morning service.

The InReach, OutReach, Stewardship, and Buildings & Grounds Committees are meeting. Mark it on your calendar and plan to be there if you are on one of these committees. Thank you for your service!

## **Church Council Meeting**

Sunday, April 19th at 4:45 PM

This is a meeting of the church staff, all the committee's chairpersons, chairman of the Deacons, and all directors. If you are part of the Church Council, please make every effort to attend.

## **Quarterly Business Meeting**

Sunday, April 19th @ 6:00 PM.

## **Men's Bible & Breakfast**

Saturday, April 25th @ 8:00 AM

See the Men's Section for more details.

## **Women's Fellowship Night**

Tuesday, April 28th from 7:00 PM-8:30 PM.

See the Women's Section for more details.





Alan Simcik 4/1  
Linda Lang 4/3  
Tommie Roberts 4/6  
Louis Gomez 4/7  
Lucas James 4/7  
Dillard Whitis 4/17  
Melea Franks 4/21  
Kim Crumb 4/22  
John Stanford 4/25  
Warren Hart 4/28

### DOOR GREETERS FOR APRIL

4/5– Jim Wingo  
4/12– Louis Gomez  
4/19– Lindsey Tyler  
4/26– Ron Harris

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

4/5– Steve Glaze  
4/12– David Sweet  
4/19– Brad Weatherby  
4/26– Alan Simcik



"You are looking for  
**JESUS THE NAZARENE,**  
who was crucified.  
**HE HAS RISEN!  
HE IS NOT HERE."**

Mark 16:6, NIV

### **UMHB Easter Pageant**

Wednesday, April 1st @ 12:30 PM

We are going to the UMHB Easter Pageant! Meet in the church parking lot and we will take the bus. We'll leave at Noon. Contact Brother Jeremy for more info or if you'd like to go.

# APRIL

## **Bible Reading Challenge!**

Nothing can take the place of getting into God's Word and spending time with the Lord! We want to challenge you this year to join us in reading through the Bible! Each day, there will be a passage to read from the Old Testament, the New Testament, a Psalm, and a Proverb. You can find a reading schedule in the foyer or contact the church office for a copy.



# Children's Ministry News



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
DIRECTOR:

Beth Harris

## EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

\*\*\*\*\*

### MEGA SPORTS CAMP 2026!

"In Your Element"

Monday, July 20th thru Thursday,  
July 23rd

9:00 AM-11:45 AM



### Kick-Off Block Party!

FREE EVENT!

Sunday, July 19th 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Water inflatable & more! Wear  
swimsuits or clothes that can get wet!

(All children must be accompanied by an  
adult)



### Weekly Activities for Kids!

#### SUNDAYS

We have Sunday School for ages Birth thru 5th grade!

9:15 AM-10:15 AM

Nursery during Morning Worship for Birth thru age 2

Extended Care for (potty-trained) ages 3 thru 5 years

Church bags are available in the Foyer for K thru 3rd grade. Bags do not go home! Please leave on the pew at the end of the service)

#### WEDNESDAYS

Fellowship Kids on Mission for K thru 5th 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Kids! Join us on our mission adventures, learning about what missionaries do around the world & what they experience living in different cultures thru games, art, & food!

### PRETEEN KIDS! (3rd thru 5th graders)

Preteen Camp Fundraiser!

**Jar Prep: WEDNESDAY, April 15th 5:30 PM-7:00 PM**

Jar Sales: Sunday, April 19th Before & After Morning  
Worship Service

Yardwork at the Odom's (for gift shop \$) TBD

\*\*\*\*\*

### PRETEEN CAMP!



Wednesday, June 3rd– Friday, June 5th

Heading back to the Exotic Zoo Resort in Johnson City,  
with a few side trips! More information to come! (This  
is FIRST for the regular attenders in our Preteen class Sunday  
School)

### "Making Men Camp Out"

**May 22nd—23rd**

**For 3rd grade thru 12th grade boys!**

**Details to come!**

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS



**Youth Minister:**  
**Grace Gifford**

**SUNDAYS**  
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL!  
For Grades 6th-12th  
9:15 AM-10:15 AM  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**



**Hey howdy!**

**Last month was amazing and busy, here is what we have for the month of April!**

**April 1st- UMHB Easter Pageant!**

**We will not have normal youth services this night! However**

**April 5th- Join us for our Easter Sunrise Service at 7:15am at Kleypas Park!  
Food will follow the service! After the service, please join us for Sunday school at  
9:15am and our Easter worship service at 10:30am!**

**April 11th- Roses for Hoses!**

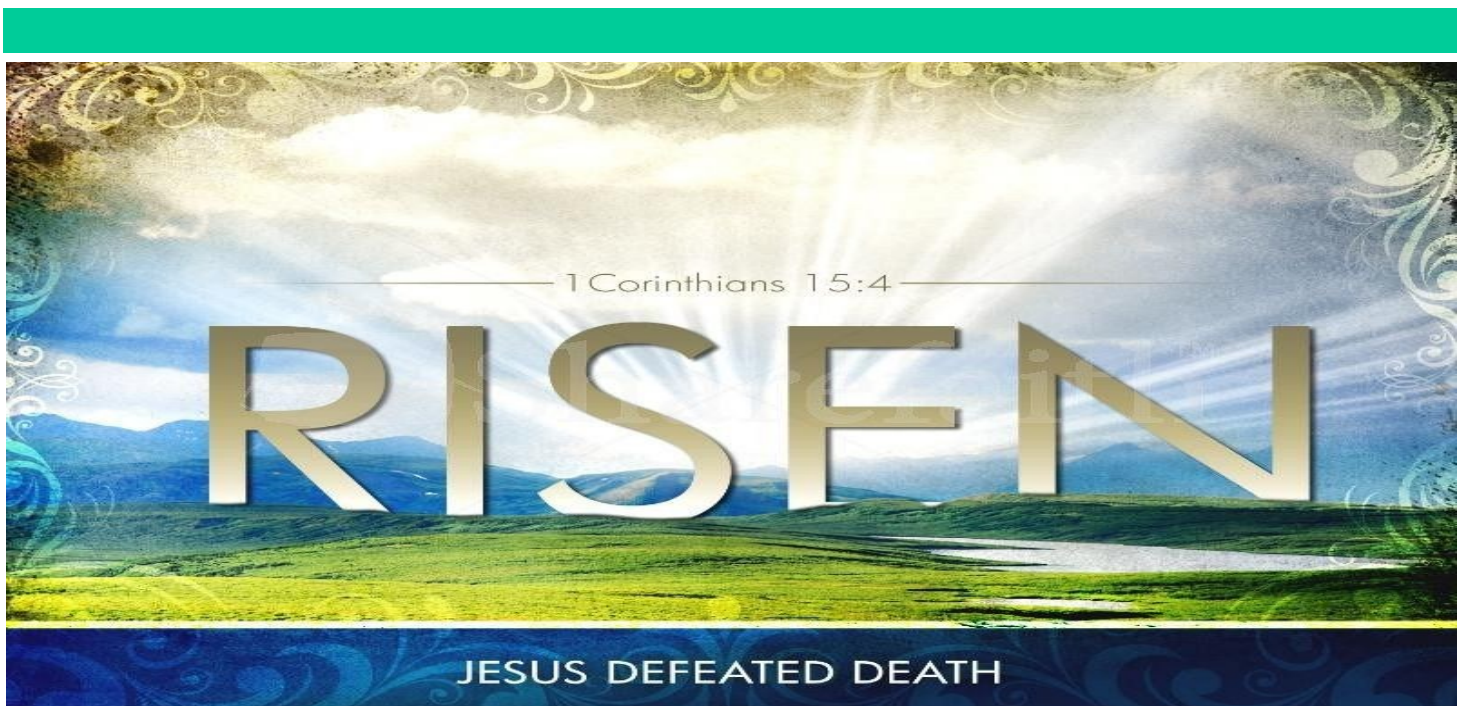
**Parents! Please remember if your student has volunteered to help at our youths water  
table to meet up by 8:15-8:20!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**Community Rehab: June 14th-19th!**

**Students- \$100**

**Adults- \$40**



## Easter

After hearing the hymn “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?,” a young man asked an elderly man, “Were you there?” The old man replied, “No, but my sins were.” In the Old Testament it was the sheep that died for the shepherd. In the New Testament it was the Shepherd who died for the sheep. Isaiah 53:6 tells us, “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Revelation 5:9b states, “. . . with Your blood You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.” Peter tells us, “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins . . .” (I Peter 2:24a) He also tells us “In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” (I Peter 1:3b) Paul reminds us, “You are not your own; you were bought at a price.” (I Corinthians 6:19b-20a) In I Peter 1:18-19a we read, “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, . . .” No Richter scale can measure the impact that the death of our Lord has had on the world. For God so loved that He wants all of us to spend eternity with Him. Jesus is our passport to heaven. We must trust in Him to get there.

Upon the cross of Calvary, a Saviour bled and died for me.

His thorn-crowned head, His wounded heart, were in reality my part.

I should have been the one to be condemned to death on Calvary,

I should have been the one to bear the shame of execution there.

Upon the cross of Calvary, *A Saviour bled and died for me!*

Unknown

I gave My life for thee, my precious blood I shed;

That thou might ransomed be, and quickened from the dead.

I gave, I gave, My life for thee, what hast thou given for Me?

Frances Ridley Havergal

Your Stewardship Committee



*Steve Glaze*

Men's Ministry Direc-

# MENS MINISTRY

### **Manly Monthly Challenge:**

Hebrews 2:18, "*For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.*"

Men, your challenge this month is to take all temptation of sin to the Lord with the knowledge of His understanding of what it means to suffer worldly temptations and we are not alone.

### **Men's Bible & Breakfast**

Saturday, April 25th @ 8:00 AM

Alright guys! Come join us at Sol de Jalisco in Morgans Point for a great time of fellowship, food, and Bible Study together. We'll meet at the restaurant at 8 AM.

# WOMENS MINISTRY

Ladies of Fellowship,

I pray you are all doing well and enjoying this beautiful season as we celebrate our Savior this Resurrection Day. What a joyous time for all who put their faith in Jesus and rejoice in His victory!

I wanted to share a quick update regarding our gathering schedule. Due to a few conflicts on my end, our monthly meeting will be moving from the last Monday of the month to the last Tuesday of the month. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

I am also excited to share that our March service project for the Ronald McDonald House was a wonderful success! We delivered 75 eggs filled with prayer squares and small treats for the families staying there. Evelyn from the Ronald McDonald House expressed her gratitude and also let us know that their greatest need for April is cleaning supplies.

For our April service project, Evelyn specifically mentioned the following items:

- Laundry soap
- Dryer sheets
- Disinfecting cleaner
- Clorox wipes and sprays
- Paper towels
- Dish scrubbers/sponges

If each of us could bring one item to our next gathering on April 28th, 2026, from 7:00–8:30 PM, we will be able to be a blessing once again. We will also enjoy finger foods, refreshments, and a short devotional that evening. It will be a relaxed and welcoming time of fellowship.

A quick reminder: Lindsey is overseeing transportation for all women's ministry events, and the signup sheet is located in the foyer on our Women's Ministry board. If you need a ride or are unable to drive, please don't hesitate to sign up—Lindsey has graciously taken on this role so that every woman who wants to participate can be included.

I also want to share something that has been on my heart. Have you ever wondered why the women's ministry does certain things and not others? Or perhaps wished for different kinds of events or gatherings? I would truly love the opportunity to sit down with each of you individually—whether at your home, a coffee shop, my house, or wherever you feel most comfortable.

I want to hear from you:

- What would you like to see the women's ministry do?
- What kinds of events interest you—daytime, evening, or both?
- How can the women's ministry support you in your walk with our Savior?
- Where can we grow?
- What direction do you feel the Lord is calling us as a group?

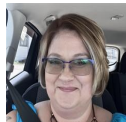
I will be sending out emails to schedule these one-on-one visits, but if you'd like to be one of the first on my calendar, please feel free to reach out to me directly at 5097704396 or [janinespurrier@gmail.com](mailto:janinespurrier@gmail.com).

I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you already, but it is truly my desire to know each one of our Ladies of Fellowship. We are sisters in Christ, walking this journey together—supporting one another, encouraging one another, and serving our Lord faithfully.

I look forward to all God has in store for us.

With love and blessings,

Janine L. Spurrier



## FROM THE INREACH COMMITTEE.....

If you signed up to provide breakfast foods for the Easter Sunrise Service, please have all items at the church on **Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 AM**. If you have any questions, please see **Carol Wingo**.



### CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS



Stop in any time the church is open and check out some of the great resources we have available! It is located on the left side of the Sanctuary stage. And let me know if there's something you'd like me to get!

~ Lindsey Tyler



For more information:  
Contact Lindsey Tyler,  
D-Group Leader

D Group meets Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30pm at Fellowship Baptist  
Your first session is FREE & \$25 for each session thereafter  
Please contact Lindsey Tyler for more information

254-624-5046 or [lindseytyler22@gmail.com](mailto:lindseytyler22@gmail.com)

### **Thessalonians: Hope in the Midst of Trials**

Thessalonians Session 1 begins April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thessalonians Session 2 begins May 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Timothy, Titus & Philemon: Letters to Leaders**

Timothy, Titus and Philemon Session 1 begins June 25<sup>th</sup>

Timothy, Titus and Philemon Session 2 begins August 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Hebrews: Jesus as the Fulfillment of the Old Testament**

Hebrews Session 1 begins September 17<sup>th</sup>

Hebrews Session 2 begins October 29<sup>th</sup>



# APRIL FOCUS ON MISSIONS

## M I S S I O N S

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



#### WHY IS THE EASTER OFFERING IS NAMED FOR ANNIE?

In 1895, an offering was first collected for the work of the Home Missions Board. In 1934, this offering was renamed the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions to honor the work of Annie Armstrong as a tireless advocate for giving, praying and going to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who did not know him.

#### 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ANNIE ARMSTRONG:

\* Annie Armstrong was born on July 11, 1850, in Baltimore, Maryland.

From a young age, she went with her mother to the missionary meetings of Woman's Mission to Woman. It was there she developed a heart for missions.

Annie helped plant churches.

Although her family was very wealthy, she had a heart to serve those who lived in poverty and addiction, especially the impoverished who lived in rural areas.

Annie mobilized women to reach beyond the bounds of race by organizing missions to African Americans and Native Americans.

In 1882, Annie helped organize and became the first president of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland.

On May 14, 1888, Annie helped women from 12 states form the Executive Committee of Woman's Missions Societies, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. This organization would officially be named Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1890. She was elected as corresponding secretary.

In 1888, Annie was elected corresponding secretary of the organization and her motto, "Go Forward" was chosen. Annie wrote

100s of letter to raise awareness and promote giving to missions. It was in this year that a foreign missions offering was established to send a missionary to China to relieve Lottie Moon.

Annie Armstrong served WMU until 1906. During that time she never took a salary.

Annie died on December 20, 1938, the year of WMU's 50 anniversary.

#### THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING TODAY

Today, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes to train, resource, and send more than 2,400 missionary families across the United States and Canada. One hundred percent of gifts given to this offering goes directly to the missionaries for their use in the field. None goes to administration.

**Thru the month of April located in the Church Foyer will be Easter Eggs. The eggs are for you to take and fill with coins, cash, or a check for the Annie Armstrong Offering. (Be sure to note on your check on the memo line that it is designated for "Annie Armstrong.")**

**Please return the filled eggs to the return basket on the table.**

**There are also Annie Armstrong envelopes in the foyer.**

**Thank you for supporting missions to spread the GOOD NEWS of Jesus!!**



Fellowship has always been at the heart of our church. That is one of the reasons why 1 John 1:3 is our church verse, which says, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." Our fellowship is first and foremost with God, our Lord and Savior. We wish to see everyone grow in their relationship with Him. We also desire to see the lost come to faith in Jesus and become a part of this wonderful church family.

My hope and prayer is that everything we do as a church family would be for the glory of our Lord. That includes using this church directory to honor Him. May you use this directory to help you become better acquainted with our church family so that we may grow together in our fellowship. May God bless you and keep you.

Your Pastor,  
*Jeremy Franks*

## FELLOWSHIP CHURCH STAFF



**Jeremy Franks**  
*Pastor*  
Jeremy@fellowshipbcmpr.org



**Hannah Weems**  
*Worship Leader*  
hannah.weems101@gmail.com



**Beth Harris**  
*Church Secretary & Children's Ministry Director*  
connect@fellowshipbcmpr.org



**Grace Gifford**  
*Youth Minister*  
gracegifford71@gmail.com

## FELLOWSHIP DEACON BODY



From left to right:

Jarrin Crotty, Steve Glaze, Louis Gomez, Greg Holloway, Alan Simcik, David Sweet, & Brad Weatherby

## General Church Info

Address: 2025 Morgans Point Rd  
Belton, TX 76513

Phone: 254-780-2388

Email:  
connect@fellowshipbcmpr.org

Church Office Hours:  
Monday—Thursday  
8:00 am—1:00 pm

Prayer Room & Sanctuary open  
TUESDAYS 8:00 AM– 1:00 PM

Check out our website

@

[www.fellowshipbcmpr.org](http://www.fellowshipbcmpr.org)

### Online Services

Please join us Sundays  
on Facebook or YouTube



### Weekly Activities

#### Sunday

9:15 AM—10:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM Evening Service

#### Wednesday

6:00 PM—7:00 PM  
Fellowship Kids on Mission  
Youth ReCharge