

# The Circuit Rider



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## Hondo Methodist Church

*"Growing in GOD's Grace  
Rooted in HIS Word"*

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## The Pastor's Pondering Rev. J. Paul Bruhn



As I am sitting down at my desk all over our state families are preparing for graduation ceremonies high school, college, as well as kindergarten and middle school. Families celebrate the academic accomplishments of their offspring. There will be valedictorians and salutatorians and then thousands of those who simply graduated, some by a tenth of a point. Colleges and trade schools are getting ready for the next batch of learners.

Most parents pray that their children will adhere to certain moral standards – or even do better than their ‘old man’. I do remember buying all the supplies and equipment for our two as they flew our nest. From bath robes to rubber boots – and neither last nor least – a Bible.

Our children are on loan to us by the Creator of the universe, GOD Almighty, who found it fitting to bless us with those young ones, biologically or through the foster and adoption system. And our Heavenly Father, who knows how much help we truly need, provided this advice through Moses:

*“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!  
You shall **love** the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your might.*

*“These words, which I am commanding you today,  
shall be on **your heart**. You shall **teach** them diligently  
to your sons (and daughters) and shall **talk** of them  
when you **sit** in your house and when you **walk** by  
the way and when you **lie down** and when you **rise up**.  
You shall **bind** them as a sign on your hand and they  
shall be as **frontals** on your forehead. You shall **write**  
them on the doorposts of your house and on your  
gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:4–9, NASB95)*

Talk about total immersion! Yes, I added ‘and daughters’ and put emphasis on the action words. Parents, we are charged with one thing, and that is neither a particular university, nor is it a particular sport, we are charged with impressing our Christian faith onto the spirit, soul, mind, and body of our children.

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## *The Pastor's Pondering* continuing....

As I am writing this pondering the San Antonio Spurs are in a competition with the Oklahoma City Thunders in their run for the championship. People sending pictures to the local TV stations, showing off their newborn swaddled in a Spurs flag or a haircut where the barber artfully shaved 'Spurs' or the number of one's favorite player on the back of the customer's head. And we perceive that as 'mostly normal'. How would it look like when we emphasize GOD and His relationship with us for our children?

A little over twenty years ago I started serving as a chaplain for the Fire Department. Some time later they asked me on board and I served as chaplain and as a volunteer firefighter. My children knew how my protective gear worked, attended visitor's day at the Fire School in College Station, and they got used to Dad being toned out any time day or night. Firefighting was a regular part of our family life.

When my son was old enough, he joined our volunteer department. After he left college, he joined the United States Coast Guard, where he now serves as a Damage Control Petty Officer. Yes, that is their term for a full-time firefighter.

Do we as parents live our life in a manner that shows Christ being so important that they will have a desire to follow in our footsteps? I pray that you will arrange your family's life in a manner that makes room for Christ as #1 priority and that you will see your children making Christ their priority as well.

In CHRIST's Unfailing Love  
Pastor J. Paul <><



WHOEVER FEARS THE LORD HAS A SECURE  
FORTRESS, AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN IT  
WILL BE A REFUGE. PROVERBS 14:26 NIV

## *Memorials*

Received this month

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Hasey Hollmig**

by

Ed & Margie Strickler  
Betty Wools

**Vicky Gilliam**

by

Billie & Cheryl Stroud  
Ralph & Betty Gilliam  
Mary T. Gilliam  
Brenda Vavricek  
Thelma Lehmborg  
Andy & Lori Gilliam  
Vince & Ronna Gilliam  
Don & Myra Haglund  
Clay & Mary L. Braden  
Alan & Linda Bohlen

## *A Note from the Director of Family Ministries*

Our Summer Program takes form, our preparations are in high gear.

You can see the first decorations for Summer House.

Thank you to all who helped and are helping.






Parents, please register your kids and invited other to register as well!

We still take adult helpers. The program parts are filled and the presenters are working hard, but we would love to have more group leaders to guide the kids from station to station and keep the oversight over the small groups. It will take MinistrySafe approval. Please let me or the church office know if you can join our efforts to make this an amazing Summer for the kids, our church and the community.




### **SUMMER HOUSE 2026 – Emerald Crossing**

This summer, our church will be transformed into beautiful, lush Irish pastures as we journey through Psalm 23 together! Kids will learn about the life of King David — a worshipper after God’s own heart — and discover powerful lessons from the Bible through:

-  Fun Bible lessons
-  Crafts
-  Science experiments
-  Games
-  Yummy snacks

...and so much more!





 Every Tuesday | June 2 – July 7


 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM


(6 Wonderful Weeks!)

### **VBS 2026 – Illumination Station**

Get ready for a glowing adventure! Our church will become a world filled with lights as kids discover that Jesus is the Son of God, the Light of the World — and that we are called to shine His light too!

-  Incredible Bible lessons
-  Exciting activities
-  Fun surprises
-  Worship & games

 July 13 – July 17

 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Note from the Director of Family Ministries continues . . . .*

**📄 POOLSIDE PARABLES (For High Schoolers!) 📄**

We are SO excited to launch something special just for teens this summer!

Every Thursday evening, high schoolers will gather at one of our church members' pools for:

🏊 Pool time

🍔 Delicious food

🎮 Games & fellowship

📖 Real and meaningful Bible lessons

📅 Every Thursday | June 4 – July 9

🕒 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

🎯 Seats are filling up quickly, so make sure to register soon!

We can't wait to spend the summer with your kids and create memories, friendships, and faith-filled moments together.

Here is the registration Link: <https://hondo.church/family-ministries>

Happy Summer! ☺

Nihar Judah

Director of Family Ministries HMC

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## *Wesley Nurse Corner*

Hello Church Family

I will be starting a GriefShare program for those that have lost loved ones.

It is a faith-based 13-week program, that we will meet weekly.

Ethel, Brenda, Aadesh are on the Board of the Medina County Food Pantry representing Hondo Methodist Church. The pantry received a \$5000 grant from Methodist Healthcare Ministries to build "Blessing Boxes" around Medina County.

The 1<sup>st</sup> one will be at the pantry, it is a "Take what you need, Leave what you can".

Our church also has vouchers for the pantry's big monthly distribution. If you know of a family in need please share my number and I can get them a voucher for the Medina County Food Pantry Distribution.

Thank you for all you do to support me and the Wesley Nurse Program!!

God Bless,

Barbara Brennan-West RN Wesley Nurse

Telehealth & Visit by Appointment

Hours: M-F 8am – 5pm

Call: 830-584-1760



## *Hondo Methodist Women*

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall  
at 9:30 AM on June 3rd.

We will have our salad luncheon.

All ladies are encouraged to bring  
a salad or dessert to share.

We will spend time working on our  
“Card Again” mission.

Please bring your used greeting cards.

See you on June 3rd at 9:30!



## *Food Drive MCFP*

### **ITEMS TO DONATE:**

Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

Ramen Noodles

Spaghetti Noodles

1lb Bag Rice

Any Dry Pasta

1lb Bag Pinto Beans

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Dry Cereal or Oatmeal

Canned Tuna

Canned Chicken

Canned Chili with Beans

Spam

Spaghetti Sauce

Vegetable Oil 16oz

Flour Tortilla Mix

Sugar 2lbs

Canned Vegetables (Corn,  
Green Beans, Peas, Potatoes)

**4 pack Toilet Paper**

**Small Dish Soap**

**Bar Soap**

**PLEASE NO CANNED BEANS**

## *Save the Date*

Mid-Texas GMC Women's Conference  
will be held in Corpus and Dallas



PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF THESE LOCATIONS

**CORPUS CHRISTI**  
NOV. 7, 2026

**DALLAS**  
NOV. 14, 2026



## *Our Prayer Concerns*

Shannon Anna  
Betty Barlow  
Billie Bell  
Karen Callis  
Carla Carlton  
Glenn Carlton  
Grayson Cowart  
Richard Crosby  
Jeff Friesenhahn  
Ray Gomez  
Pearson Hackebeil  
Nola Hanson  
Alice Harris  
Angie Hawley  
Linda Hayes  
Vickie Hill  
Martha Holcomb  
Jed Knowlton  
Mason Plummer  
Meleah Plummer  
Christine Price  
Connie Shullanberger  
Debbie Southwell  
Joleen Nixon Torres  
Joy Trimble  
Dade Turner  
Kirk Van de Walle  
Haley Young

### **Our Troops:**

Erik Arias  
Joshua Bruhn  
William E. Bryant  
Logan Dean  
Bryan Franklin  
Joe Frank Garcia, III  
Logan Petersen

### **Nursing Home:**

Ralph Gilliam  
Johnny Wilson  
Albert Castro (Cast.)  
Florine Carman (SA)  
Judith Kuykendall (SA)  
Sterling Martin (SA)

## *Worship Assistants*

### Liturgists

June 7 Martha Galbraith  
June 14 Chip Thornsburg  
June 21 Carrie Self  
June 28 Tammy Lynch

### Counters

June 7 Carrie Self  
June 14 Lorine Hackebeil  
June 21 Brenda Vavricek  
June 28 Katelin Buescher

### Counters

June 7 Sherry Hartnett  
June 14 Eric Rothe  
June 21 Bo Buescher  
June 28 Cassie Aelvoet

### Children's Church

June 7  
June 14 Tammy Lynch  
June 21  
June 28 Sandy Callis

## *Worship Attendance*

May 3 85  
May 10 78  
May 17 69  
May 24 65  
May 31

## *Financial Report*

**April 2026**

General Fund: \$ 126,206.37  
Transfer CD + \$ 67,515.80  
Interest CD + \$ 2,575.89  
Income: + \$ 37,996.00  
Transf/Cor - \$ 145.00  
Expense: - \$ 39,468.54  
Balance: \$ 194,680.52

General F. CDs: \$ 40,000.00  
Balance: \$ 40,000.00

Scholarship CD \$ 67,515.80  
Tranf. To GF - \$ 67,515.80  
Balance: \$ 0

Building Fund: \$ 18,834.76  
Balance: \$ 18,834.76

Memorial: \$ 41,240.50  
Transf/Cor + \$ 145.00  
Income: + \$ 110.00  
Balance: \$ 41,495.50

Altar Fund: \$ 10,728.47  
Balance: \$ 10,728.47

Our 2026 Budget is \$471,875.  
We have received  
GF Pledges for \$73481.56  
from 13 family units

“Are you weary, carrying a heavy burden? Come to me. I will refresh your life, for I am your oasis. Simply join your life with mine. Learn my ways and you’ll discover that I’m gentle, humble, easy to please. You will find refreshment and rest in me.”

MATTHEW 11:28-29



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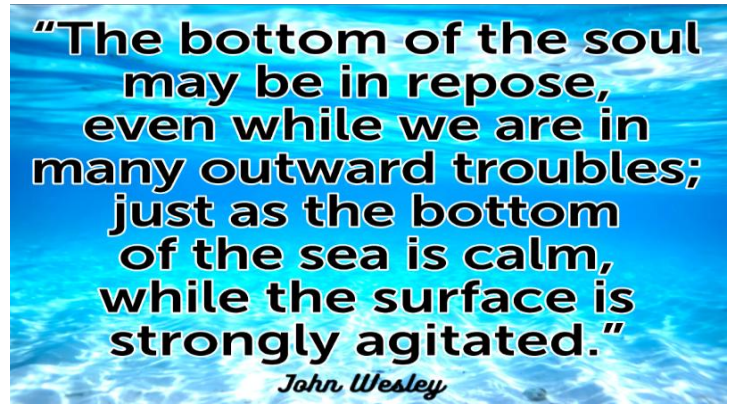
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*June 2026*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Finance C. 6PM office	2 <b>Summer House</b> 9:30-12:30	3 <b>HMW</b> 9:30 AM Luncheon  6 PM Choir	4 <b>Poolside P.</b> 6-8PM  7-8:30 PM FH occupied	5	6 12-6 Ray Baby Shower FH occupied
7 8:30 AM Fellows. 9:00 AM <b>Chapel + The Table</b> 10 AM Worship C. + Kid's Church	8	9 <b>Summer House</b> 9:30-12:30	10  6 PM Choir	11  <b>Poolside P.</b> 6-8PM  7-8:30 PM FH occupied	12	13
14 8:30 AM Fellows. 9:00 AM <b>Chapel + The Table</b> 10 AM Worship + Kid's Church 4:30 WwJesus Gath. Somerset MC	15	16 <b>Summer House</b> 9:30-12:30	17 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6 PM Choir	18  <b>Poolside P.</b> 6-8PM  7-8:30 PM FH occupied	19	20
21 <b>Father's Day</b> 8:30 AM Fellows. 9:00 AM <b>Chapel + The Table</b> 10 AM Worship + Kid's Church	22	23 <b>Summer House</b> 9:30-12:30	24 <b>Newsletter Prep &amp; Mail</b>  6 PM Choir	25  <b>Poolside P.</b> 6-8PM  7-8:30 PM FH occupied	26	27
28 8:30 AM Fellows. 9:00 AM <b>Chapel + The Table</b> 10 AM Worship + Kid's Church	29	30 <b>Summer House</b> 9:30-12:30  1-3 FH WN Resource Meeting				



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### *Volunteers Needed*

To revive Communion to the Homebound we are looking for a pair or two of people willing to go take (or already have) the Ministry-Safe training and visit Homebound on a monthly basis. Please contact the office.

*The Newsletter can be seen  
in full COLOR online at  
[www.hondo.church](http://www.hondo.church)*

### *San Antonio Food Bank*

Next Food Bank Distribution will be  
June 9, 2026, at the Fairground.  
Volunteers start at 7:30AM  
**Clients must pre-register  
by calling the  
SAFB at 210-431-8326.**

### *Walking With Jesus*

#### *Reunion Group*

We have a Men's group Wednesday's  
at 7PM in the Seeker Class.  
The Women's group will meet the first  
Monday of the month at noon.

#### *Gathering*

June 14, 4:30 PM at Somerset MC

### *Methodist Websites:*

**Hondo Methodist Church**

[www.hondo.church](http://www.hondo.church)

**Mid Texas Conference GMC**

<https://midtexasgmc.org/>

**Global Methodist Church**

<https://globalmethodist.org/>

**General Conference Website**

<https://www.beautyofholiness2026.org/>