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

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The Pastor's Pondering Rev. J. Paul Bruhn



On occasion someone will ask me if there is something that I am still missing after having moved from Germany to the USA. The answer is, "YES!" The one thing I really miss is German bread. And I am not talking about toast but loaves of heavy "Graubrot" and "Schwarzbrot". Those loaves require you to chew your food, but they are tastier and more nourishing than any bread I have ever found in the USA. That is one of the reasons we are always delighted when we get into an area where a German bakery provides baked goods made the old fashioned way.

I couldn't help but be reminded of our search as I sat down to write this month's pondering. It is all about healing. Church members know that I often encourage them to mark their Bibles — actually as we read through the Gospels, take a marker and underline every incident in which Jesus and His disciples provided healing as part of the advance of the Kingdom of GOD. The news about the healings spread like wildfire and even people who did not belong to the Jewish people would draw close and ask for a touch from our Savior. Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:24-30 recall a conversation of Jesus with a Syro-Phoenician woman who needed healing for her daughter. Although she was not covered under the covenant between GOD and the Jewish people her persistence ultimately swayed Jesus and her daughter was healed.

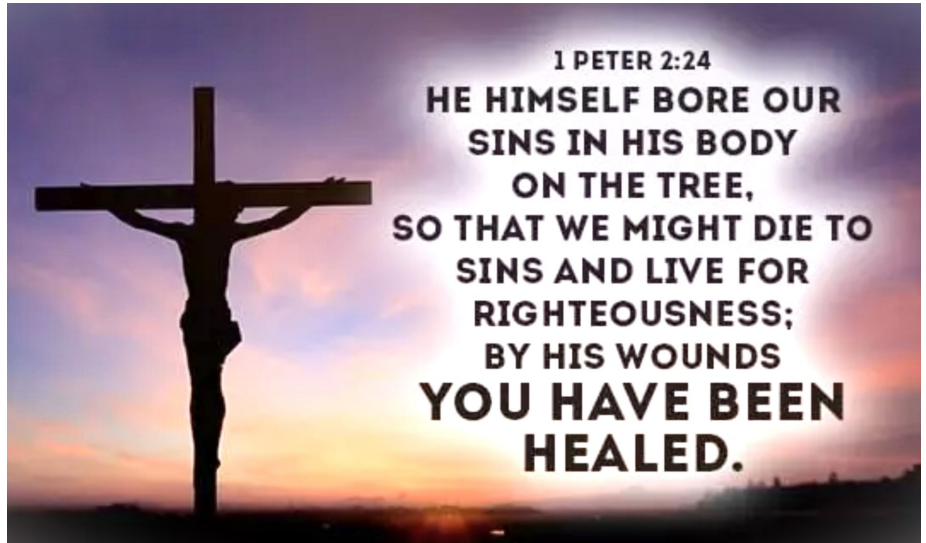
It is in this context that Jesus explains that healing is the children's bread. John 1:12 gives us the assurance that we are children of GOD as we accept Jesus the Christ as our personal Savior. And Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Hence, we can trust His promise that healing is for us today. Granted, we do not always walk in that realization, and I have heard some of my colleagues say that healing as found in the Bible is no longer a reality for us. I tend to disagree since healing is part of what all disciples are supposed to do as they advance GOD's Kingdom (Mark 16:18), and some of them might even be gifted with 'gifts of healings' as listed in 1 Corinthians 12:9. For me the question at hand is not if the gifts of healings are still part of the Body of Christ, the community of all believers, but if we are making room for

the gift to be practiced. A safe environment where one can explore how one's gift fits into the Body of Christ.

That is exactly why we have started our monthly healing services. On the first Sunday of the month everyone is invited to attend and take part in a 6:00 pm healing service. There will be some worship, teaching, and then the opportunity to provide and receive prayers for healing in spirit, soul, and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Following the example of the first disciples (Mark 6:13) we are offering prayer for healing with anointing (James 5:13-15). Olive oil was often used for healing in ancient times, and it is also used as a reminder of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Come and join us on
Sunday, April 6,
at 6:00 pm
in our sanctuary.
Let us explore what
Christ has in store
for us.

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



Wesley Nurse Corner

Dear Hondo Congregation and Community Members.

Every month our church holds a community resource meeting that I facilitate. Invited are all nonprofits in Medina County that help serve our community.

It is amazing to see up to 60 participants sitting around the table supporting each other and discussing the needs of our community. So, if anyone has some free time and has a passion for helping others, please reach out to me for volunteering opportunities. On April 3rd I will be hosting a Free Dental Clinic for clients that are older than 60 and don't have dental insurance, so please share.

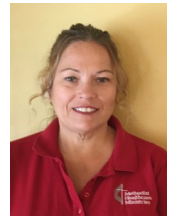
Please feel free to contact me on how we can work together to serve our community.

I pray that April showers bring May flowers!!!!

God Bless,

Barbara Brennan-West RN Wesley Nurse

Telehealth & Visit by Appointment Hours: M-F 8am – 5pm Call: 830-584-1760



Nihar Judah Director of Family Ministries



The Influence of Active Church Life

As parents, one of the greatest joys we can experience is seeing our children grow in their relationship with God. But this doesn't just happen on its own—it takes intentional guidance and effort. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." This means we, as parents, have the privilege and responsibility to build a strong faith foundation for our children—and the church is the best place to help them do that.

So, how do we help our children grow in that faith? One powerful way is by leading through example. When children see their parents actively involved in church, not just attending but serving, they understand that faith is more than just an occasional activity. It's a way of life.

Philippians 2:4 "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." calls us to look not just to our own interests, but to the interests of others. By serving in children's and youth ministries, we're not only helping others, but we're showing our children the value of being part of a community, loving and teaching others, and growing together in faith.

Make a Difference: Volunteer Today

Volunteering, especially in areas like Sunday Kids' Church or other children and youth activities, allows you to teach your kids that serving others reflects Christ's love. In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

If God is nudging you to take the next step, we'd love for you to volunteer with our Sunday Kids' Church or other programs. We're especially looking for male volunteers to mentor, teach and lead our young boys, guiding them in their faith. Yet this is an invitation to all- Your involvement won't just impact your own child, but the entire church community. Let's take this opportunity to walk alongside our children in their faith journey, showing them what it means to serve, love, and grow together as a family of believers.

If you're interested in volunteering, we'd love to have you on board! Reach out to us and make a lasting impact in our church community.

Nihar Judah
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Hondo Methodist Women

Hondo Methodist Women's next meeting is April 2. We will take a field trip to the Cross in Kerrville and tour The Coming King Sculpture and Prayer Garden. After the tour we will eat lunch at Mamacita's restaurant. We will meet at Hondo Methodist church at 9:30am and carpool to the cross.

All women in our faith community are welcome. Any women wishing to join are asked to please contact Joan Lindeman.

Don't forget Lenten Luncheons are underway now. Come join us for free beans, cornbread and fellowship on Fridays during lent beginning March 7th and going through April 11. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

On March 7th we served bowls of beans with cornbread to 46 people, and on March 14 we served 56 people. Thank you to our outreach committee for their continuing help with the beans and cornbread luncheon.

See you on April 2!

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR *heart,*
WITH ALL YOUR *soul,*
AND WITH ALL YOUR *strength.*

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

Food Drive April 6 Medina County Pantry List

ITEMS TO DONATE

CANNED BEANS

(Pinto, Refried, Garbanzos,
Red Beans, Black Beans)

BOXED MACARONI & CHEESE RAMEN NOODLES

(any variety)

BOXED VERMICELLI (Fideo)

16 OZ SPAGHETTI NOODLES

1 LB BAG RICE

16 OZ ELBOW MACARONI

1 LB BAG PINTO BEANS

8 OZ PEANUT BUTTER

18 OZ JELLY

DRY CEREAL (any variety)

OATMEAL (any variety)

CANNED TUNA

CANNED CHICKEN

CANNED CHILI

SPAM

POTTED MEAT

VIENNA SAUSAGE

CANNED VEGETABLES

(corn, green beans,
any other variety)

Memorials

Received this month

IN MEMORY OF:

Glenn Garrison

by

Billy & Cheryl Stroud

Jim & Sandy Callis

Dale Gage

Sandy Robinson

by

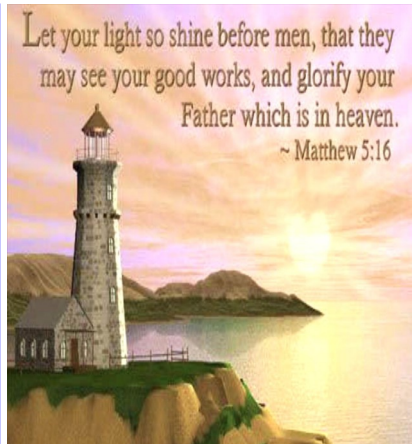
Billy & Cheryl Stroud

Jim & Sandy Callis

Alan & Linda Bohlen

Mike & Shannon Rothe

Let your light so shine before men, that they
may see your good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven.
~ Matthew 5:16



2025 Scholarship
Applications
are available
through both
High Schools and
the church office.
Application
Deadline is May 1

Lenten Activities 2025

Lent started Ash Wednesday, March 5 and ends Easter Sunday, April 20th.
Mark your calendars for the following events and activities:

Each Friday starting March 7th until April 11,
The women's group will be sponsoring the Lenten lunch. Beans and cornbread in the fellowship hall. There will be no lunch served on Good Friday.

Communion will be served every Sunday of Lent ending April 20th.

Easter Lilies: Flyers/forms to request the purchase of Easter Lilies in Honor or Memory of a loved one will be available starting the 23rd of March. Each lily will be \$20

Palm Sunday, April 13th @ 10:00 a.m

Maundy Thursday, April 17th @ 6:00 pm:

This year the service will be shorter and more descriptive of each food and then we are to taste each one. Please come and learn about the foods and what each represent.

Saturday, April 19th 10:00 a.m. Come help set up the fellowship hall for Easter breakfast.

Easter Sunday, April 20th:

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast. A sign up sheet to bring breakfast items will be put out a few weeks prior to Easter.

9:30 a.m. Easter egg hunt.

10 a.m. Worship

Other future events:

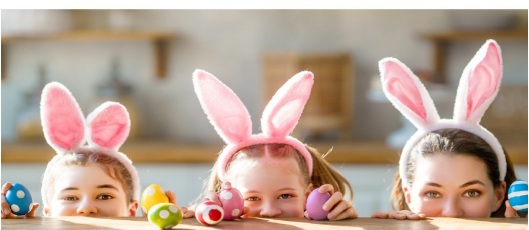
Annual Church picnic will be held on April 27th
10:00 a.m. at City Park in Hondo. More info to follow.



**If you would please
contribute eggs filled
with WRAPPED candy
for the Easter Egg Hunt
please bring them to
the office by April 16.**



PICTURES OF YOUR CHILDREN
ARE LIFELONG TREASURES



Join us April 20

Thank You Note

We would like to thank everyone for the luncheon that was served after my Mother's funeral. We are blessed to be part of this Church Family even after being away for so long. Thank you the family of Ellen Tonne

Our Prayer Concerns

Shannon Anna
Betty Barlow
Glenn Bragg
Rita Callis
Carla Carlton
Glenn Carlton
Richard Crosby
Barbara Fisher
Jeff Friesenhahn
Ray Gomez
Pearson Hackebeit
Angie Hawley
Vickie Hill
Martha Holcomb
Jed Knowlton
Ramon Martinez
Fred Meyer
Yvette Pirkle
Mason Plummer
Meleah Plummer
Christine Price
Vicky Sablatura
Denise Saucedo
Debbie Southwell
Joy Trimble
Haley Young

Our Troops:

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

Nursing Home:

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

Worship Assistants

Liturgists

April 6 Chip Thornsburg
April 13 Martha Galbraith
April 20 Jeannie Hart
April 27 Church Picnic

Counters

April 6 Lorine Hackebeit
April 13 Tricia Boll
April 20 Jim McMahon
April 27

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April 13
April 20 Lorine Hackebeit
April 27

Children's Church

April 6 Linda Bohlen
April 13 Tammy Lynch
April 20
April 27

Worship Attendance

March 2 80
March 9 76
March 16 85
March 23 64



Financial Report

February 2025

General Fund: \$ 217,357.08
Income: + \$ 30,123.30
Expense: - \$ 31,287.89
Balance: \$ 216,192.49

Scholarship CD \$ 46,000.00
Balance: \$ 46,000.00

Building Fund: \$ 23,336.64
Expense: - \$ 18,488.27
Balance: \$ 4,848.37

Memorial: \$ 42,607.00
Income: \$ 329.62
Balance: \$ 42,936.62

Altar Fund: \$ 18,740.78
Income: + \$ 199.70
Balance: \$ 18,940.48

Our 2024 Budget is
\$ 431,017 .

We have received
GF Pledges for \$120,865
from only 15 family units

You can use this
QR-code to get to
our secure
VANCO site



Volunteers needed

We are eager to train
more people on slides,
sound board and media.
Please talk to Marion,
Ted or Dee



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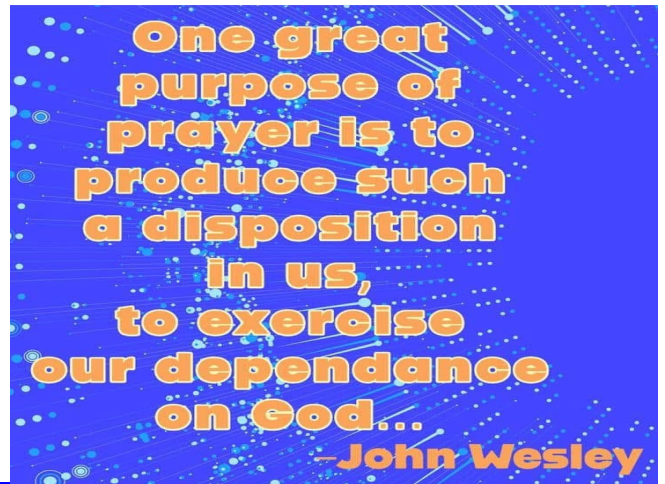
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 HMW 9:30 carpool To Kerrville 6 PM Choir	3 8:00 AM Back Pack Min 9:30-5 FH WN Dental 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	4 Lenten Lunch 11-1 FH	5
6 Food Drive 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship w. C. Children's Church 6PM Healing Service	7	8	9 6 PM Choir	10 8:00 AM Back Pack Min 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	11 Lenten Lunch 11-1 FH	12
13 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship w C Children's Church 4:30 W w Jesus Gath. St. Paul's L. Hondo	14	15	16 6 PM Choir	17 6PM Seder Meal	18	19
20 Easter 9 AM Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM Worship w. C. Children's Church	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23 6 PM Choir	24 8:00 AM Back Pack Min 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	25	26
27 10 AM Worship In City Park 1 With Church Picnic Afterwards 5 PM Youth Service	28 Newsletter Prep & Mail	29 2-3 PM FH WN Com. Resource Meeting	30 6 PM Choir			



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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 Safe-Gathering training and visit Homebounds on a monthly basis. Please contact the office.

*The Newsletter can be seen
in full COLOR online at*
www.hondo.church

San Antonio Food Bank

Next Food Bank Distribution will be
April 8, 2025, at the Fairground.

Volunteers start at 7:30AM

Clients must pre-register

by calling the

SAFB at 210-431-8326.

Walking With Jesus

Reunion Groups

We have a Women's Reunion group
Tuesday's at noon at the Church office

And a Men's group

Wednesday's at 7PM in the Seeker Class.

Gathering

April 13, at 4:30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Hondo

Methodist Websites:

Hondo Methodist Church

www.hondo.church

Mid Texas Conference GMC

<https://midtexasgmc.org/>

Global Methodist Church

<https://globalmethodist.org/>

General Conference Website

[https://
www.sotheworldwillknow.org/](https://www.sotheworldwillknow.org/)