

# The Circuit Rider



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## Hondo Methodist Church

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

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*"Cast your burden  
on the Lord, and he  
will sustain you."*

Psalm 55:22

# The Pastor's Pondering

Rev. J. Paul Bruhn



The year is just one month old, and many of us may already have given up on our new year's resolutions. We had good intentions, yet it is very hard to overcome

behaviors that are less than beneficial if we do not find something that will help us to replace that behavior. I would like to provide you with two options.

First, we will celebrate the Mid Texas annual Awakening Conference February 11 to 14 in Frisco, Texas. This year the motto is taken from Exodus, "A Thousand Generations." GOD establishes for the Israelites a better understanding how He will treat them as they are His people. When GOD talks about false gods He explains,

### Exodus 20:5-6 (NIV84)

"You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

While the New International Version, 1984 edition is particularly clear concerning the 1,000 generations it is necessary to explore what word GOD is using to describe His love for them. The word love here is better translated 'lovingkindness.' It can also be rendered as 'mercy,' something no one can earn on their own, it is freely given by GOD.

As our annual conference explores how we can build the bridge from the Gospel to our everyday contemporaries of ALL AGES, we need your prayers. Please lift up all the delegates, officers, and presenters, ask the LORD for divine protection as people travel hundreds of miles. Speak already a blessing over their hotels, and B & B's. Pray that all the equipment will be fully functioning and that there will be no failure of the power grid.

It can be as simple as placing a sticky note on your bathroom mirror with the names of your delegates and pastor, so you can intercede for them every morning and evening, and pray for revival in your home town while you are at it.

Second, we will host the Reverend Tommy Hayes with Messiah Ministries. He will teach us prayer as well as different ways to approach healing for our spirit, soul, and body. I like the way the Apostle John describes it at the very beginning of his third letter.

### **3 John 2 (NASB 95)**

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

You are called by GOD. He has transferred you from the kingdom of darkness into His Kingdom of Light. And in His 'agape' love -- a love that humans cannot create in and of themselves, but that always originates with GOD -- it is GOD's desire for us to be restored to wholeness in spirit, soul, and body. The more we allow for GOD to touch and restore us the more joyful we will follow our Heavenly Father and take on the works, He has prepared for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 – in case you wonder.)

We ask that you clear your calendar for February 20 & 21, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday and from 9:00 am to 4:pm on Saturday, with a healing service on Saturday at 6:00 pm.

Please R.S.V.P. and send an email to [office@hondo.church](mailto:office@hondo.church) so we can prepare for this exciting event. For more details see the extra page of this newsletter.

In CHRIST's Unfailing Love

Pastor J. Paul <><



## **Next Level Evangelism Conference | April 9-11 Waco TX**

The **Next Level Evangelism Conference** at Truett Theological Seminary will feature plenary teaching from leading Wesleyan evangelists, breakout workshops, and real-life exercises! Each participant will receive a copy of a church-based curriculum for reactivating the gift of evangelism in their local churches!

Speakers: Matt Reynolds, Rev. Dr. Pete Bellini, Bishop Leah Higge-Gregory, and Rev. Dr Jason Vickers

Break-out Sessions: Evangelism for Introverts, Servant Evangelism, Show & Tell Evangelism, Rural Evangelism, Work of Prayer in Evangelism, Student Evangelism

Place: George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco TX

### **Thank You Note**

Dear Hondo Methodist Church,  
Thank you for the Whataburger gift card for finals week!

I greatly appreciate the church thinking about me, and it will definitely be put to good use!

Sincerely, Vivian Snell

### **A Christmas Card from Restore**

As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the many mommas, daddies & babies we've been able to assist with the help of our dedicated supporters.

May you enjoy the blessings of the Christ Child in this holy season and through the new year!

Diane Cosgrove Executive Director

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



### **One Hour Isn't Enough—We Need Your Help!**

*Dear Hondo Methodist Church Families,*

What a joy it is to walk alongside you and your children as we explore the greatest story ever told—the story of God's love for us, found in the Bible. Last month was a special milestone in our Kids Church. We introduced our **"Books of the Bible"** curriculum and presented each child with their very own Bible and highlighters. It was beautiful to see their faces light up, holding God's Word in their hands. Our heart is simple: we want every child to know that the Bible isn't just a book for church; it's a personal letter from God to them, filled with truth, hope, and guidance for their lives.

Last month, our kids learned about the structure of the Bible—the Torah (Law), the History books, and the Wisdom books. This month, we're continuing to explore more books, helping them see the big picture of God's redemptive story.

**The goal is intimacy, not just information.** We want our kids to build a lifelong relationship with Jesus, and that starts by knowing His Word. The Bible is the foundation of our faith—it's how we learn God's character, understand His promises, and hear His voice.

### **How You Can Partner With Us**

You are the primary spiritual influencers in your child's life. We are here to support you! Here are three powerful ways you can partner with us this February:

- **Bring Their Bible Every Sunday:** Help your child remember to bring their new Bible (and highlighter!) each week. This simple act reinforces the value of God's Word and prepares their hearts to receive.
- **Engage with the Take-Home Sheet:** Each week, your child receives a take-home discussion sheet. Please take 10 minutes to look at it with them. Help them find the Bible passage, read it together, and talk about what it means. These conversations are priceless.
- **Prioritize Weekly Attendance:** Consistency is key! The lessons build on each other, creating a cohesive understanding. By bringing them regularly, you ensure they don't miss the valuable building blocks of faith being laid each Sunday.

When we work together—church and home—we create a consistent message that helps our children's faith take root and grow deep.

### **For Our Youth: "The Table" Breakfast & Bible Study**

We also want to extend a special invitation regarding our youth. In a world that offers our teenagers countless conflicting messages about identity, purpose, and truth, it is more vital than ever that they have a firm foundation.

**Our "The Table" breakfast study is diving deep into the Book of Romans.** This isn't just another activity; it's a lifeline.

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

It's a place where your youth can:

- Ask hard questions in a safe environment.
- Understand the core truths of the Gospel and God's grace.
- Develop a personal, growing relationship with Jesus that can withstand the pressures of today's culture.

We encourage you to prioritize this for your teenager. Let's equip this generation not just to know about Jesus, but to truly know Him and walk with Him every day.

Please know that our church family is praying for **you** and for your **children**. We pray for strength, wisdom, and joy in your parenting journey. We pray for your kids to have soft hearts that are eager for God's Word.

Our deepest

desire is to see your entire family growing closer to the Lord, together.

You are not alone. We are in this together, as a family of faith.

Let's make this month a turning point—where highlighting a verse becomes a habit, where Sunday mornings are a non-negotiable family priority, and where God's Word becomes the compass for our homes.

With gratitude and partnership,

Nihar Judah

Director of Family Ministries HMC    [familyministries@hondo.church](mailto:familyministries@hondo.church)

## *Wesley Nurse Corner*

Hello Church Family

February is Heart Health month. I will be partnering with the American Heart Association for healthy eating and wellness classes. I will be focusing on 1:1 sessions to help you take control of your healthcare needs. Schedule your session by calling 830-584-1760.



I am on the board for the Medina County Food Pantry, and we are trying to secure fresh fruits and vegetables for our community. Saturday we went and picked up over 2000 lbs. of fresh vegetables that we gave out yesterday to 88 families. If you know of a family in need please share my number and I can get them a voucher.

Please contact me if you are interested in a GriefShare! I will start a class if I have at least 5 people, and want input on which day and time is best for you.

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

God Bless,

Barbara Brennan-West RN Wesley Nurse

For appointment call: 830-584-1760

## *Hondo Methodist Women*

Hondo Methodist Women will meet at Emily Duron's house on February 4 at 9:30am.

The program theme this year is "Women in the Bible."

Emily will begin with a presentation on Sarah.

All women are welcome.

We look forward to seeing everyone on February 4th!

## *Lenten Lunches*

Lenten Lunches will begin Friday, February 20 and be served every Friday through March 27th.

Our congregation and the community are invited to come and enjoy a warm lunch of pinto beans and cornbread in the fellowship hall, 11am-1pm.

Make plans to be there and enjoy a free lunch and fellowship time.

## *Food Drive MCFP*

**ITEMS TO DONATE:**  
Only food items, not expired!

Regular size cans  
no large size containers

Canned Corn

Canned Green Beans

Canned meat products:

tuna, chicken, potted meat

Ravioli

Canned Fruit

Ramen,

Vermicelli,

Spaghetti,

Peanut Butter,

Jelly

Powdered Milk

## *Free to Be Like Jesus Seminar with Rev. Tommy Hays*

*February 20 and 21*

We will have a two day Seminar with Rev. Tommy Hays (Messiah Ministries) His passion is the healing and equipping of the Body and Bride of Christ through ministries of inner healing, deliverance prayer and revival. He is an ordained minister of the GMC under special appointment as a Spiritual Director and Evangelist of our Mid-Texas Conference.

### *Sessions:*

**Friday February 20: 6—8 PM**

**Saturday February 21: 9AM—4PM.**

**Saturday 6 PM Worship and Prayer Ministry**

**He will also be preaching on Sunday the 22nd.**

## *Prayer Request*

The Mid-Texas Annual Awakening Conference will be held at First Frisco Methodist Church February 11-14

Theme: 1000 Generations Exodus 20:6

Please pray for our delegates, clergy and congregations

## *Memorials*

Received this month  
**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Bryan Hartnett**

by

Brenda Vavricek

JoLynn Bragg

Jack & Denise Carter

**Chuck Riddell**

by

JoLynn Bragg

**Glenn Bragg**

by

Brenda Vavricek

**Sany Robinson**

by

Brenda Vavricek

## Our Prayer Concerns

Shannon Anna  
Betty Barlow  
Carla Carlton  
Glenn Carlton  
Richard Crosby  
Jeff Friesenhahn  
Dale Gage  
Ray Gomez  
Pearson Hackebel  
Alice Harris  
Angie Hawley  
Hasey Hollmig  
Vickie Hill  
Martha Holcomb  
Jed Knowlton  
Angelica Martinez  
Jack & Keith Neumann  
Mason Plummer  
Meleah Plummer  
Christine Price  
Vicky Sablatura  
Debbie Southwell  
Lee Taylor  
Joy Trimble  
Dade Turner  
Bette Wooten  
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

Feb. 1 Chip Thornsburg  
Feb. 8 JoLynn Bragg  
Feb. 15 Martha Galbraith  
Feb. 22 Jan Weems

### Counters

Feb. 1 Jim McMahon  
Feb. 8 Cheryl Stroud  
Feb. 15 Jim McMahon  
Feb. 22 Tricia Boll

### Counters

Feb. 1  
Feb. 8  
Feb. 15  
Feb. 22

### Children's Church

Feb. 1 Marcy Rothe  
Feb. 8 Tammy Lynch  
Feb. 15 Cora Rothe  
Feb. 22 Sandy Callis

## Worship Attendance

Dec. 28 85  
Jan. 4 70  
Jan. 11 94  
Jan. 18 81  
Jan. 25 0

## Volunteers needed

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

## Financial Report

### December 2025

General Fund: \$ 174,953.52  
Transfer CD: - \$ 80,000.00  
Income: + \$ 44,813.95  
Expense: - \$ 41,138.81  
Balance: \$ 98,628.66

General F. CDs: \$ 0.00  
Transfer f GF \$ 80,000.00  
Balance: \$ 80,000.00

Scholarship CD \$ 67,515.86  
Balance: \$ 67,515.86

Building Fund: \$ 18,240.20  
Expense: - \$ 1,125.00  
Balance: \$ 17,115.20

Memorial: \$ 38,586.26  
Income: + \$ 200.00  
Balance: \$ 38,786.26

Altar Fund: \$ 8,932.63  
Expense: - \$ 15.48  
Balance: \$ 8,917.15

Our 2025 Budget is \$431,017.  
We have received  
GF Pledges for \$120,865  
from 15 family units

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to our secure  
VANCO site



We cannot automatically  
renew pledges.  
Please let us know in writing,  
if you want to continue or  
increase your pledge!

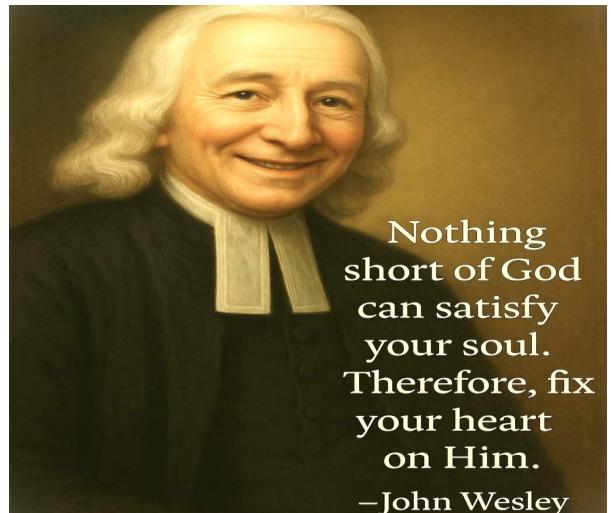


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM <b>Chapel + The Table</b> 10 AM Worship w. C Children's Church <b>6PM Healing Service</b>	2	3	4 HMW meets at 9:30 at E. Duron's home 6 PM Choir	5 Backpack Ministry 8:30 10-12 FH FA & Nihar 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	6	7
8 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM <b>Chapel + The Table</b> 10 AM Worship Children's Church 4:30 W w Jesus Gath. Western Heritage Cowboy Church Pipe Creek	9 5:30 PM Education C. Office	10	11 6 PM Choir	12 Backpack Ministry 8:30 10-12 FH FA & Nihar 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	13	14
15 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM <b>Chapel + The Table</b> 10 AM Worship Children's Church	16	17 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	18 <b>Ash Wednesday Services</b> 12PM and 6 PM 7 PM Choir	19 Backpack Ministry 8:30 10-12 FH FA & Nihar 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	20 Lenten Lunch 6-8PM Sanct. Tommy Hays Seminar	21 <b>9AM-4PM S. Tommy Hays Seminar</b> <b>6PM Worship &amp; Prayer Ministry</b>
22 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM <b>Chapel + The Table</b> 10 AM Worship w. C Children's Church	23 6PM FH Church Council	24 <b>Newsletter Prep&amp;Mail</b> 1-3 FH WN Resource Meeting	25 6 PM Choir	26 Backpack Ministry 8:30 10-12 FH FA & Nihar 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	27 Lenten Lunch	28



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

### *San Antonio Food Bank*

Next Food Bank Distribution will be February 10, 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*

February 8, 4:30 PM at  
Western Heritage Cowboy Church  
Pipe Creek

### *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.sotheworldwillknow.org/>