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Rooted in HIS Word"*

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The Pastor's Pondering Rev. J. Paul Bruhn



Just last Sunday we celebrated the annual Baccalaureate service blessing those high school graduates who are now being released into the wild. College and technical school decisions are being made and many of us will wave our children and grandchildren good-bye when they set out to move forward with their dreams and hopes.

Before graduation I remember several years in which my kids had to work on school projects – no, not summer school, but the extra activities for advanced classes. They would read all summer put together creative responses and had to hand them in before school officially started. Some of you might remember those days as well or you might just live these days as we speak.

Many of us forget our study habits once we are no longer forced to provide proof of our intellectual activities. That's where I come in. And no, you will not have to drop off your creative responses at the church office.

Paul writes to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15, *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."* (ESV)

Two years ago, our church family decided not only to leave the United Methodist Church, but we also were led by the Holy Spirit to join the Global Methodist Church. Many of us thought it would simply mean "business as usual". That would indicate that we are missing the point. What does make Methodist uniquely Wesleyan in their approach to God's Word and their understanding of salvation? What does it mean to follow Arminianism theology? What are our theological standards anyway?"

Maybe we should all dedicate some more time this summer to familiarize ourselves with these foundational truths. When we became members of the Global Methodist Church we did not only promise to have Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, we also promised to do all in our power to strengthen our denomination's ministry. How can we do that, if we don't know the very foundations of our belief system? Before you think that I am getting too hard on you, trust me when I say that I am also delivering this message to myself.

The main difference between our old approach and our current approach is that we do not have a *'Book of Discipline'*. Instead, we have a *'Book of Doctrines and Discipline'*. Doctrines refers to the first part of that document that outlines our theology, the way we believe and why we believe. The second part is our

discipline, the way we practice our Christian faith individually as well as in community. In case you are interested you can download the Book of Doctrines and Discipline from the Global Methodist Church website free of charge ([2024-Book-of-Doctrines-Discipline-FINAL-15JAN2025.pdf](https://www.gmc.org/2024-Book-of-Doctrines-Discipline-FINAL-15JAN2025.pdf)). You may find this book to be a treasure trove of intellectual inspiration as well as guidance for your daily life.

One of the parts of our doctrines are the foundational Wesleyan Standards for Christian Discipleship Which include being active in a band for accountability and a class for Christian education and to grow in scriptural holiness. Another unique feature of our expression of the Christian faith are the Standard Sermons of John Wesley. They were considered the 'gold standard' in Wesleyan theology and John expected every leader of the movement to be familiar with them. Our doctrines uphold those 53 texts as foundational building blocks for Wesleyan and Methodist theology. They were first published in a compilation in 1771. Basically, we could read one of these sermons every Sunday and cover a whole year – and no, you do not have to be afraid of me doing that anytime soon. If you are comfortable with Shakespearean English you can read them online at <https://archive.org/details/10305045.76.emory.edu/page/n1/mode/2up?view=theater>

However, I do want to whet your appetite for more of our Wesleyan roots. You may want to start with the Catechism that can be found at [Catechism-for-the-Global-Methodist-Church.2023052496.pdf](https://www.gmc.org/2023052496.pdf). The first 36 questions deal with the biblical truth conveyed in the Nicene Creed. Question 37 – 77 explore our Wesleyan Characteristics. I know, this is probably more than you bargained for when you opened the monthly newsletter. Nevertheless, we want to grow up into mature Christians and to use Paul's imagery, it is time to switch from milk to steak.

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

Nihar Judah Director of Family Ministries



Heaven's Call to Its VIPs!

This summer, Hondo Methodist Church will be bursting with life, laughter, and the sound of young voices learning and growing in Jesus! As June arrives, we're thrilled to launch Summer House, Poolside Parables, and an unforgettable four-day Vacation Bible School (VBS), each designed with care, purpose, and a whole lot of fun.

In a world full of distractions and digital noise, what could be more important than giving our children a space to be still, to belong, and to believe?

Summer House

Ages 4–12 Tuesdays, 1:00PM-3:00PM June 3 – July 29, 2025 ,

No Summer House on June 24 – We'll be hosting Vacation Bible School that week!

August 5 – Big Closing Celebration!

Every Tuesday afternoon from 1–3 PM, our church will transform into a place of discovery. Kids will explore Bible stories through creative crafts, joyful music, hands-on learning, delicious snacks, and games that plant seeds of truth deep into young hearts. This isn't just child care—it's soul care.

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Poolside Parables

For teens ages 13–18 Wednesday's , 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM June 4 – July 30, 2025

No gathering on June 25 – VBS Week at Hondo Methodist Church

August 5 – Big Back-to-School Bash!

Our middle and high schoolers are invited to gather around the pool every Wednesday's evening for a splash of fun and faith. Through powerful Bible teachings, we'll explore what Jesus meant by grace, faith, and the Kingdom of God. It's relaxed, real, and relevant. They'll laugh, learn, and leave changed.

What a Mess VBS !

Ages 6-12 JUNE 23RD - 26TH 2025 1:00-3:30PM

For four exciting days in June, we'll walk through the story of our messy world, and God's bigger grace. Kids will meet Max—a lovable character who just can't seem to stay out of trouble—and learn how Jesus steps into our mess with forgiveness and love. Through storytelling, worship, crafts, and games, they'll encounter the truth that no mess is too big for God.

"He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart." – Isaiah 40:11

This summer, we believe God is gathering the lambs of Hondo—and our job is to make space for Him to carry them close.

Let's not underestimate what one summer can do. Let's not assume they're too young or too distracted. God has always worked through children—David, Esther, Samuel, and a boy with five loaves and two fish. Jesus said, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies, you have prepared praise." - Psalm 8:2

As parents and caregivers, we naturally care deeply about our children's academics, their sports, and their social lives. These things matter—but just as vital is pointing them toward the One who gives their lives true meaning. Helping them know Jesus isn't just part of their future; it's essential for their present. And we get to be part of that beautiful journey.

Before we dive into the summer, I had the joy of visiting the homes of several of our precious kids—and what a refreshing and heartwarming experience it was! Thank you, dear families, for opening your doors, your hearts, and allowing me to meet and talk with you. The children of this beautiful house-Hondo Methodist Church, are truly treasures, and we love them deeply.

We invite every parent, grandparent, neighbor, and church member to help usher in a season of spiritual growth for our kids. Sign them up. Bring their friends. Pray for their hearts. And if you're able, join us as a volunteer—you might just find your own faith refreshed.

Let's raise up a generation that knows the Lord. Because the harvest is ready, and the workers—big and small—are few.

With joy and anticipation,

Nihar Judah

Director of Family Ministries

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Important Announcement

What a Mess! VBS

Summer is around the corner and so is VBS! This year Hondo Methodist is hosting their VBS in June and you won't want to miss this MESS.

For children Kindergarten to 5th Grade.

What a Mess! VBS is **June 23-26**
starting at 1:00.

The good news is, Jesus loves messy people! Whether you're 5, 45, or 105, we all have our own messes.

What a Mess! VBS is about how Jesus deals with our messes; our sins, mistakes, and weaknesses.

Throughout the week we will look at the following questions:

Why is the world such a messy place?

How does Jesus respond to our messiest moments?

How should we respond to our messes?

What does Jesus do about our messes?

We don't have to deal with our messes on our own, so invite a friend, neighbor, teammate to join Vacation Bible School at Hondo Methodist Church.

Sign up using the following link and let's get messy!

<https://forms.gle/RtFLQ9Y5Mz7gEPwg7>



Wesley Nurse Corner

Dear Hondo Congregation and Community Members.

I wanted to thank everyone that dropped off box fans for our community. We collected 18 fans to give out to those in need.

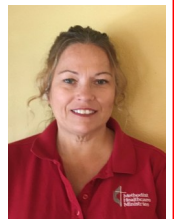
We are in need volunteers for the San Antonio Food Bank "Mega Distribution" at the Medina County Fair grounds that is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We serve about 250 families. Friends Academy children come to help during the school year, but we have such a big need during the hot summer months.

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

The next meeting for Hondo Methodist Women on June 4 at 11am in the fellowship hall.

This is our annual summer luncheon.

We also have a special program for this meeting. Shelly Malatek (daughter of Glenn and JoLynn Bragg) will be presenting information about her mission trip to Kenya.

All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

Come join us for lunch as we learn about this exciting mission in Kenya.

See you on June 4th!

Food Drive MCFP June 1

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:

Pam Lutz

by

Mike & Betty Crowell

Volunteers needed

We are eager to train more people on slides, sound board and media.

Please talk to Marion, Ted or Dee

The Holy Spirit Helps To...



Scholarship 2025

Jackie Stoner Scholarship

Kenna Herrmann

Hondo Methodist Church

Kylee Thompson

Vivian Snell

Carynn Jacobs

Rebecca Brown

Nancy Groff Memorial Scholarship

Jessa Frosch

Our Prayer Concerns

Shannon Anna
Betty Barlow
Glenn Bragg
Brian Bullard
Carla Carlton
Glenn Carlton
Richard Crosby
Jeff Friesenhahn
Ray Gomez
Pearson Hackebeil
Angie Hawley
Vickie Hill
Martha Holcomb
Jed Knowlton
Fred Meyer
Yvette Pirkle
Mason Plummer
Meleah Plummer
Christine Price
Vicky Sablatura
Denise Saucedo
Michelle Smith
Debbie Southwell
Joy Trimble
Dade Turner
Susan Wright
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

June 1 Chris Kailipaka
June 8 Jan Weems
June 15 Aslynn Elder
June 22 Sondra Burris
June 29 Brenda Vavricek

Counters

June 1 Katelin Buescher
June 8 Linda Bohlen
June 15
June 22 Sherry Hartnett
June 29 Chris Aelvoet

Counters

June 1 Lorine Hackebeil
June 8 Chris Kailipaka
June 15
June 22 Carrie Self
June 29

Children's Church

June 1
June 8 Tammy Lynch
June 15
June 22
June 29 Sandy Callis

Worship Attendance

May 4 69
May 11 83
May 18 85
May 25 60

Financial Report

April 2025

General Fund: \$ 219,440.71
Income: + \$ 23,623.03
Transf. f MF + \$ 7,750.00
Transf. to CD - \$ 20,300.00
Expense: - \$ 28,768.02
Balance: \$ 201,745.72

Scholarship CD \$ 46,000.00
Interest \$ 1,215.86
Tra. from GF + \$ 20,300.00
Balance: \$ 67,515.86

Building Fund: \$ 12,181.67
Income: + \$ 4,000.00
Expense: - \$ 1,465.00
Balance: \$ 14,716.67

Memorial: \$ 43,206.62
Transf. to GF - \$ 7,750.00
Income: + \$ 392.00
Balance: \$ 35,848.62

Altar Fund: \$ 8,940.48
Balance: \$ 8,940.48

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



Katy and Kelly Self wrote:

Thank you so much for the gift cards. They will come in handy throughout finals week!
Thank you for supporting us during our time at college. We appreciate all that you do for us

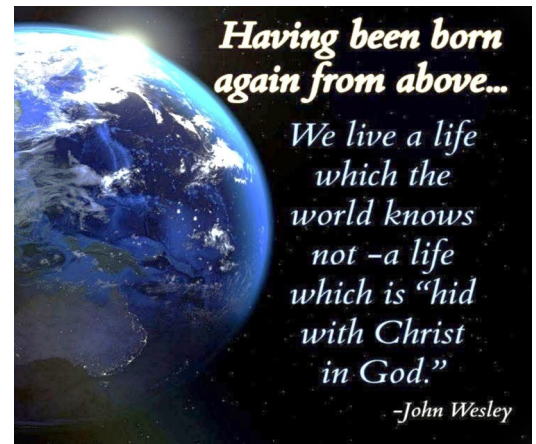


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Drive 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship w. C. Children's Church 6PM Healing Service	2	3 Summer House 1-3 6PM SPRC meeting Office	4 11 AM HMW Luncheon FH Poolside Parables 5-7 PM	5 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	6	7
8 Pentecost 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship Children's Church 4:30 W w Jesus Gath. Lytle MC	9 6PM Church Council. & B o. Trustees meeting 6 PM office	10 Summer House 1-3	11 Poolside Parables 5-7 PM	12 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	13	14
15 Happy Father's Day 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship Children's Church 5 PM Youth Service	16	17 Summer House 1-3	18 Poolside Parables 5-7 PM	19 Newsletter Deadline 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	20	21
22 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship Children's Church	23 "What A Mess" VBS 1:-3:30 PM	24	25	26 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	27	28
29 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship Children's Church Luncheon W.w. J.	30 Newsletter Prep & Mail					



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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
June 10, 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 Group

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

Gathering

June 8, at 4:30 PM at
Lytle Methodist Church

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/>