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Rooted in HIS Word"*

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The Pastor's Pondering Rev. J. Paul Bruhn



A look at the calendar shows that March does not only have five Sundays this year, but the very last one will be Palm Sunday. On the fifth Sunday we will enter Jerusalem side by side with the disciples as they accompany JESUS, who will be riding on a donkey signifying that He is entering the Holy City in peace.

During the month of March we will be focusing on our calling as dedicated followers and disciples of the Son of GOD, Yeshua – the Hebrew name that becomes 'Jesus' in the Greek -- His name contains the fact that YAHWEH is saving, healing, and delivering, first through Him, but then in His name.

Lent, a season to refocus our efforts by adopting and honing a biblical worldview. Do not fear, we will not pretend to be flat-earthers, but we will dive into Scripture and study what the Word of GOD has to say about healing and recovery. Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Greek word to define the Word of GOD in this context is 'logos', the eternal unchangeable Word of GOD. The same term is used in John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

We will wrestle with the challenge to trust the Word of GOD beyond our personal experience. That can definitely prove to be challenging, but I am always reminded of Thomas Alpha Edison, the famous inventor of the light bulb. He attempted to create a light bulb hundreds of times with no success. Someone asked him if he wasn't disappointed and exhausted by the fact that he failed so many times. His response was something along the lines of, "I may not have learned what parts make a functional lightbulb, but I have learned what materials do not work." He continued until he finally had his proverbial 'light bulb moment', and we have enjoyed his creativity and tenacity by using light bulbs for over 100 years.

We will dive into Scripture and learn what GOD's will is for our lives. It might be challenging. Bob Hayes was the first man to officially run the 100-meter dash in 9.9 second at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. This feat had been considered impossible before. Since then, hundreds of athletes have

met and even beaten the time. What once was considered impossible has now become increasingly commonplace. Actually, the Jamaican Usain Bolt – nicknamed the ‘lightning bolt’ – set a World Record in 2009 in Berlin with the amazing time of 9.58 seconds. How do you ask, was that even possible?

Your body will never go where your mind has not been. Usain Bolt visualized himself to be flying down the track. What comes to your mind when you imagine yourself praying for others to be healed? Do you imagine failure? Success? Or, probably the worst option, you imagine nothing at all, and so your attitude is, “Why bother.”

We need to be bothered by sickness, addiction, and spiritual oppression, because it matters to our Savior and LORD Jesus Christ, who left us to advance His Kingdom by healing the sick, driving out demons, and advancing GOD’s Kingdom of light against the assault of darkness that seems to break out all over our nation and beyond.

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus challenges and charges His disciples in chapter 28, verses 18-20, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching** them to **observe** all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.” (emphasis mine) This would raise the question of what believers have to teach, learn, and observe. I believe the answer is found in Mark chapter 16, verses 15-18, “And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” “

No one has to drink poison or handle snakes, and some might be able to speak in tongues, e. g. as a prayer language, and one can argue that Jesus never did any of these three things. However, we know without a shadow of a doubt, that Jesus healed the sick, expelled demons, and charged His disciples to do likewise. Hebrews chapter 13, verse 8 admonishes us, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

Let us use this season of Lent to prepare ourselves to advance the Kingdom of GOD like never before.

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

2026 Scholarship
Applications
are available
through both
High Schools and
the church office.

Application
Deadline is May 1

A Note from the Director of Family Ministries



Lent Looks Like Love: Raising Faith-Filled Kids

Dear Parents,

As we have entered Lent, you might be wondering: "How do I help my kids understand what this season means?" The beautiful truth is, you're already equipped with everything you need—your love, your example, and your faithful presence.

Simple Ways to Make Lent Special at Home

- 1. Create a Lenten Calendar Together** - Let your children help make a count-down calendar with daily acts of kindness, prayers, or Bible verses to discover.
- 2. Start a Family Prayer Garden** - Plant seeds in small pots and watch them grow throughout Lent, talking about how our faith grows too.
- 3. Lenten Giving Jar** - Encourage children to put spare change in a jar for those in need, teaching them about sacrifice and generosity.
- 4. Weekly Family Service Projects** - Clean out toys to donate, make cards for nursing home residents, or help a neighbor.
- 5. Simple Fasting for Kids** - Instead of candy, they might "fast" from complaints or unkind words, focusing on positive speech.

Remember, it doesn't have to be perfect—it just has to come from your heart.

Your Example is Everything

Your children are watching how you live your faith. When they see you reading your Bible, hear you singing praise songs, and watch you prioritize Sunday worship, you're teaching them what matters most. You don't need to be a Bible scholar—you just need to be authentic in your love for Jesus.

Exciting News from Kids Church!

We've started our journey through the New Testament books! **Please bring your kids every Sunday** so they don't miss this adventure. Each lesson builds on the last, and we want your child to experience the full story.

Don't forget: Encourage your child to bring their Bible each Sunday. There's something powerful about them holding God's Word in their own hands!

This Lent, trust that small, consistent steps at home will make a lasting difference. You've got this, and we're cheering you on!

Nihar Judah
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Hondo Methodist Women

The next meeting of Methodist Women will be on March 4 at 9:30. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall and Brenda Vavricek is our host. We will continue to study women of the bible. This month is a study of Martha.

Also, please join us for our beans and cornbread luncheon every Friday during lent from 11am to 1pm. There is no cost but donations are accepted.

We look forward to seeing everyone on March 4th!



Lenten Activities 2025

Lent started Ash Wednesday, February 18th and ends Easter Sunday, April 5th. Mark your calendars for the following events and activities:

Each Friday starting Feb. 20th until March 27th, 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 5th.

Easter Lilies: Forms to request the purchase of Easter Lilies in Honor or Memory of a loved one will need to be in before March 29th. Each lily will be \$20

Palm Sunday, March 29th @ 10:00 a.m

Good Friday, April 3rd @ 6:00 pm:
This year we will have Good Friday Service with Special Music of the choir.

Saturday, April 4 10:00 a.m. Come help set up the fellowship hall for Easter breakfast.

Easter Sunday, April 5th:
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast. Sign up sheets for breakfast items will be put out March 8.
9:30 a.m. Easter egg hunt.
10 a.m. Worship

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

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, Student Evangelism, Work of Prayer in Evangelism,

Place: George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco TX

REGISTRATION LINK:

https://pay.baylor.edu/C20024_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1143

QUESTIONS:

Please contact [Christy Rolf@baylor.edu](mailto:Christy.Rolf@baylor.edu) and/or [Sydney Huebner@baylor.edu](mailto:Sydney.Huebner@baylor.edu)

Memorials

Received this month
IN MEMORY OF:

Ronnie Nolan

by

Marcy Rothe
Greg & Cora Rothe

Hasey Hollmig

by

Jack & Sondra Burris
Marcy Rothe
Billy & Cheryl Stroud
Alan & Linda Bohlen

Rejoice in hope,
be patient
in tribulation,
be constant
in prayer.
Romans 12:12

Wesley Nurse Corner

Hello Church Family

As we March into spring I would like to highlight improving our nutrition and increasing our physical activity. I am always up for walking around town and even starting a "Walk n Talk".

I will be starting a GriefShare program for those that have lost loved ones. Ethel, Brenda, Aadesh are on the Board of the Medina County Food Pantry representing Hondo Methodist Church. 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 **For an appointment call: 830-584-1760**



Our Prayer Concerns

Shannon Anna
Betty Barlow
Carla Carlton
Glenn Carlton
Grayson Cowart
Richard Crosby
Jeff Friesenhahn
Dale Gage
Ray Gomez

Pearson Hackebeil
Alice Harris
Angie Hawley
Linda Hayes
Vickie Hill
Martha Holcomb
Jed Knowlton
Linda Hayes
Angelica Martinez
Mason Plummer
Meleah Plummer
Christine Price
Vicky Sablatura
Debbie Southwell
Joy Trimble
Dade Turner
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.)
(San Antonio)
Florine Carman
Judith Kuykendall
Sterling Martin

Worship Assistants

Liturgists

March 1 Brenda Vavricek
March 8 Carrie Self
March 15 Tammy Lynch
March 22 Cassie Aelvoet
March 29 Vivian Reed

Counters

March 1 Martha Galbraith
March 8 Lorine Hackebeil
March 15 Cheryl Stroud
March 22 Tricia Boll
March 29

Counters

March 1
March 8
March 15
March 22
March 29

Children's Church

March 1 Marcy Rothe
March 8 Nihar Judah
March 15
March 22 Tammy Lynch
March 29 Sandy Callis

Worship Attendance

Feb. 1 67
Feb. 8 80
Feb. 15 88
Feb. 22 87

Volunteers needed

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

Financial Report

January 2026

General Fund: \$ 98,628.66
Income: + \$ 24,787.70
Expense: - \$ 30,351.45
Balance: \$ 93,064.91

General F. CDs: \$ 80,000.00
Balance: \$ 80,000.00

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

Building Fund: \$ 17,115.20
Correction: - \$ 30.00
Balance: \$ 17,085.20

Memorial: \$ 38,786.26
Income: + \$ 100.00
Balance: \$ 38,886.26

Altar Fund: \$ 8,917.15
Balance: \$ 8,917.15

Our 2026 Budget is
\$471,875.

We have received
GF Pledges for \$73481.56
from 13 family units

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

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





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THE "PREACHING" PORTRAIT OF JOHN WESLEY
From a mezzotint by Alard, after the painting by John Russell, R.A. (1771)

"In using all means,
seek God alone.
In and through
every outward thing,
look only to the power
of His Spirit,
and merits of His Son."

John Wesley

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Chapel + The Table 10 AM Worship w. C Children's Church 6PM Healing Service	2	3	4 HMW meets at 9:30 FH 6 PM Choir	5 Backpack Ministry 8:30 10-12 FH FA & Nihar 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	6 Lenten Lunch	7
8 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Chapel + The Table 10 AM Worship w. C. Children's Church 4:30 W w Jesus Gath. Hondo Methodist Church	9	10	11 6 PM Choir	12 Backpack Ministry 8:30 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	13 Lenten Lunch	14
15 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Chapel + The Table 10 AM Worship w. C. Children's Church	16 Education Com. 5:30 PM Office	17	18 Newsletter Deadline 6 PM Choir	19 Backpack Ministry 8:30 10-12 FH FA & Nihar SPRC 6PM 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	20 Lenten Lunch	21
22 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Chapel + The Table 10 AM Worship w. C. Children's Church	23	24	25 Newsletter Prep&Mail 6 PM Choir	26 Backpack Ministry 8:30 10-12 FH FA & Nihar 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	27 Lenten Lunch	28
29 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Chapel + The Table 10 AM Worship w. C. Children's Church	30	31 1-3 FH WN Resource Meeting			April 3 6 PM Good Friday Service	April 4 10 AM Set up Easter breakfast



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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 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
March 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

March 8, 4:30 PM at

Hondo 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/>