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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



Summer is almost upon us and this year's allergy season went full blown oak. The yellow and green dust made my car look like it was glowing in the dark. I believe that means two things. First, keep your favorite allergy medication handy. Second, plan for the summer that will be upon us in no time.

Summer camps, workshops, special family events like a trip to "mouse world" all take our time, energy, and effort. So, it seems appropriate for us to talk about stewardship for a moment.

Be honest, the moment you read the above paragraph you thought about another article on how to support your local church financially. While that option is tempting, I will not focus on your financial resources.

Psalm 90:10-12 (NKJV)

The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Even in today's rather materialistic world there is one factor that makes all of us equal, time! Each one of us receives the same amount of time every day around midnight. How do you spend your time? 24 hours minus 8 hours for sleep leaves you with 16 hours, prepping meals or eating out also takes time, let's say 90 minutes. This leaves you with 14.5 hours. Let's say you are going to work fulltime – for our exercise we divide 42 hours by 7 days, that means 6 hours per day. This leaves you with 8.5 hours for mowing the lawn, walking the dogs, doing the dishes, watching TV, handling washer and dryer, rebuilding that old car engine, attending some school sporting event or a special league for your child / grandchild, and finally making it to the fitness club yourself.

You know my next question. Where in all of this do you find time to spend with GOD alone, as well as in a corporate setting?

Each one of us is given 168 hours per week. If you would tithe your time you would spend 16.5 hours with GOD. In our busy world how would that even be possible. Maybe summer time will give you an opportunity to shift your priorities.

I was almost 17 years old and returned from a three-day mini retreat over an extended weekend. Upon return my Dad – who was 70 years of age – listened carefully as I talked with him about prayer and personal devotion at the retreat, reading the Bible and spending some time in prayer and journaling -

something that was new and almost revolutionary for my Dad.

However, from then on, I caught him sitting in his home office every morning, reading his Bible and talking to His Creator GOD. It was my Dad who made sure I went to church, even though the public transportation required roughly 45 minutes of our time, and the last half a mile was clearly an uphill walk. My Dad brought me to the fellowship of believers who provided children's ministry, and youth group, and a youth choir. Yes, I became a children's ministry volunteer and later a youth leader, but it all began with my Dad taking time and leading me to the right pasture to feed on.

Dear parents, it is your example that will train your children, instilling in them the desire to make GOD and the fellowship of believers a priority. Your children will value what you value.

In the old as well as in the new hymnal we have liturgy for Baptism services, and we do believe in and practice infant Baptism. When the child is marked with water and the symbol of the cross for Christ and His eternal Kingdom the church family promises the parents to help raising the children in a Christian environment. For the church to be able to fulfill that promise it is the parents' responsibility to bring the children to church.

Maybe this summer is the right time to adjust your priorities for the advantage of your children as they are integrated into the Kingdom of God and to HIS glory?!

In CHRIST's Unfailing Love

Pastor J. Paul Bruhn <><

Wesley Nurse Corner



Dear Hondo Congregation and Community Members.

As I start to plan for the heat in Texas and think of the needs of the community some of the needs that I foresee are:

1. 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. Maybe we can have a little friendly competition with New Fountain to see who has the most volunteers? Pastor Steve brings around 8-10 each month.
2. I will be collecting Box/window fans to give out to community members that have no way of cooling the home. Last year we collected and gave out 121 fans. The interesting fact is that the highest level of education for those 121 families was 8th grade. I hope to collect 100 box fans this year (those that got fans last year are not eligible this year.) If it is in your heart to donate any, please drop them off at the office.

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

God Bless,

Barbara Brennan-West RN Wesley Nurse

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Nihar Judah Director of Family Ministries

A Summer Full of Jesus, Joy & Friendship

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” – Proverbs 22:6



As we continue to grow together as a church family, we're reminded how important it is to invest in the spiritual foundation of our children and youth. When we plant seeds of faith early, they grow into roots that last a lifetime. Our next generation is the vibrant, active members of God's kingdom today!

That's why we're excited to share that our Family Ministries team is prayerfully working on some amazing new initiatives just for your kids and teens this summer! While nothing is set in stone yet, here's a joyful sneak peek at what's in the works:

Summer House for Kids (Ages 4–7 & 8–12)

One day a week this summer, kids will have a place to gather, grow, and giggle! They'll enjoy age-appropriate Bible lessons, creative activities, fun games, and of course—yummy food! Think of it as a joyful space where faith and fun go hand in hand.

Pool Parables for Youth

We're also dreaming up something refreshing for our teens—gathering by the pool for food, fellowship, and faith-based conversations. It's Bible study with a splash! A safe, inviting space where they can ask real questions and experience real joy in Jesus.

But here's where we need you.

As we dream big for our children and youth, we need more hands and hearts to help carry the vision. Our current volunteers are giving so much, and to keep them refreshed—not exhausted—we're inviting new volunteers to join us. Whether you love teaching, organizing, crafting, cooking, or just being present, we'd love to find a spot where you can thrive.

If you feel the Spirit stirring your heart to serve, or even if you're just curious—come talk to us. Let's build this together, and make this summer a season of laughter, learning, and lasting impact.

With love and joyful expectation,
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>



Directories

Glad to announce the Directories are in!

Every family who participated can receive one of them. We will have a table set up in the narthex so you can pick up your Directory after Worship, during the month of May.



Baby Bottle

Fundraiser



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Pick up a Baby Bottle here on Mother's Day.
2. Take it home & fill with your pocket change (folding money and checks are okay, too!)
3. Return it here on Father's Day.

Your donations help fund our Earn While You Learn Program, provide comfort items for our clients (shampoo, soap, lotion, etc.) and help us get the word out about the many services we offer at Restore.

Your change can make a difference!

Restore Reproductive Health 830-584-2123

Hondo Methodist Women

Hondo Methodist women will meet on Wednesday, May 7 in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

It will be hosted by Gina King and the program will be the last two sessions of Peter from Right now media.

We were able to provide beans and cornbread to 531 people during our Lenten Luncheons. Thanks to all who came out to eat and enjoy fellowship. Also thank you to all who helped with the cooking, serving and clean up.

We look forward to seeing you on May 7th.



Medina County Food Pantry Distribution

**We are responsible
for the Distribution
on May 23.**

**This include packing
the boxes earlier that
week, likely May 22.
Please come at 9 AM
to help.**

I pray that the light of God
will illuminate the eyes of your
imagination, flooding you with
light, until you experience the
full revelation of the hope of his
calling—that is, the wealth of
God's glorious inheritances that
he finds in us, his holy ones!

EPHESIANS 1:18

Food Drive MCFP May 4

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:

Johnny Zinsmeyer

by

Mike & Betty Crowell

Sandy Robinson

by

Marcy Rothe

Pegi Dalton

Patti Hunter

Bob & Jeannie Hart

Tad & Bette Wooten



Our Prayer Concerns

Shannon Anna
Betty Barlow
Glenn Bragg
Brian Bullard
Rita Callis
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
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)

Worship Assistants

Liturgists

May 4 Carrie Self
May 11 Skie Rozyskie
May 18 Eloise Buescher
May 25 Tammy Lynch

Counters

May 4 Chris Aelvoet
May 11 Tad Wooten
May 18 Jim McMahon
May 25 Tricia Boll

Counters

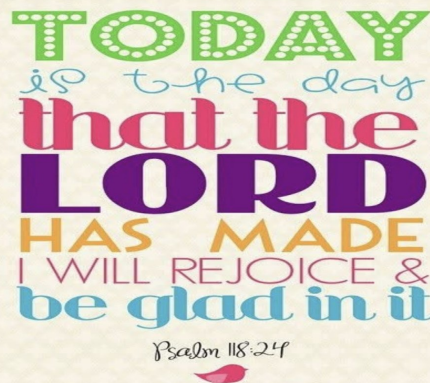
May 4 Martha Galbraith
May 11 Chris Kailipaka
May 18 Brenda Vavricek
May 25 Lorine Hackebeil

Children's Church

May 4
May 11
May 18 Sandy Callis
May 25 Marcy Rothe

Worship Attendance

March 30 85
April 6 65
April 13 72
April 20 190
April 27 101



Financial Report

March 2025

General Fund: \$ 216,192.49
Income: + \$ 30,714.36
Expense: - \$ 27,466.14
Balance: \$ 219,440.71

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

Building Fund: \$ 4,848.37
Transf. AF + \$ 10,000.00
Income: + \$ 85.00
Expense: - \$ 2,751.70
Balance: \$ 12,181.67

Memorial: \$ 42,936.62
Income: \$ 270.00
Balance: \$ 43,206.62

Altar Fund: \$ 18,940.48
Transf. BF - \$ 10,000.00
Balance: \$ 8,940.48

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QR-code to get to
our secure
VANCO site



Our 2024 Budget is
\$ 431,017.

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

Volunteers needed

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

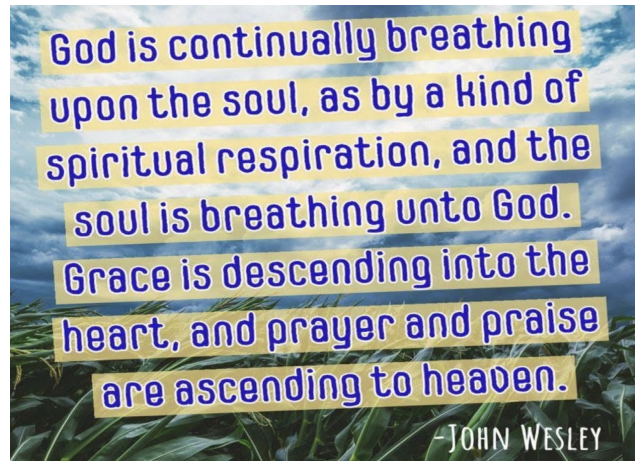


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 AM Back Pack Min Bible Study 10:11:30 Choir R 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	2	3
4 Food Drive 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship w. C. Children's Church 4:30 W w Jesus Gath. HMC 6PM Healing Service	5 Scholarship Com. 3 PM	6	7 HMW 9:30 FH Worship Com. 5 PM 6 PM Choir	8 Bible Study 10:11:30 Choir room 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	9	10
11 Mother's Day 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship Children's Church	12	13	14 6 PM Choir	15 Bible Study 10:11:30 Choir R 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	16	17
18 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship Children's Church 5 PM Youth Service	19	20 Newsletter Deadline 6PM Finance Committee	21 6 PM Choir	22 8:00 AM Back Pack Min Bible Study 10:11:30 Choir R 2-3PM Sanct. Friends Ac. Celebration 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	23 MCFP Distri- bution	24
25 8:30 AM Fellowship 9:00 AM Ad. Sun.-S 10 AM Worship Children's Church	26 Memorial Day Office closed	27 1:30-3 PM FH WN Community Resource Meeting	28 Newsletter Prep & Mail 6 PM Choir	29 Bible Study 10:11:30 Choir R 7-8:30 PM FH occupied	30	31



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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
May 13, 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

May 4, at 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/](https://www.sotheworldwillknow.org/)