

# APRIL

## NEWSLETTER



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# A Note From Pastor Jen

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*Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words, many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."*

(John 4:39-42)

The story of the woman at the well is one of my favorite passages to refer to as I think about and encourage believers to share their faith and invite others to join me for worship. The story is rich in truths about who Jesus is and who we are in the sight of God. Jesus is all loving, welcoming, encouraging, and grace filled. Jesus is true life and living water for any and everyone. Jesus also teaches us that we are all worthy of his love and are welcomed into his kingdom no matter who we are or what we have done. I do not know about you, but this is great news to me!

The story of the Samaritan also encourages me to simply allow my excitement of who Christ is for me to pour out in my words and interactions with others. The best way to share the gospel message and invite others to worship with me is by talking about my faith. When the Samaritan woman was overwhelmed by Jesus' words of truth, life, and hope she immediately went and told everyone about him. Can you imagine how the gospel would catch like wild fire if we were to simply do as this woman did?

As a new church, we have the perfect opportunity to be unapologetic about who we are and what we are called to do. Our mission is simply to live out the great commandment and great commission, or in shorter words, "love God, Love People, and Share Christ's Hope!" I want to encourage each and everyone of you to help spread the love of God through your words! And, let us be honest, it's easy for us to get excited about and talk about the Aggies, and it's just a college. Jesus is the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and Creator of Life! I think Bryan Community Church can certainly get pumped up about what Christ has done for us!

## Upcoming Events

### **Saturday, April 1st:**

Habitat for Humanity "Run for the House" at 4107 Lake Atlas Dr, Bryan TX 77807. Wear your Bryan Community Church T-shirt

### **Sunday, April 2nd:**

Palm Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (Invite a friend or neighbor!)

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6th:**

Meal and Service at 5:30/6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (Bring a dessert and a friend!)

### **Good Friday, April 7th:**

Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary (Invite a friend or neighbor!)

### **Easter Sunday, April 9th:**

Easter Sunday Service and Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (Invite a friend or neighbor!)

### **Sunday, April 16:**

Sunday Worship at 10:00am First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, April 23:**

Sunday Worship at 10:00am at First Presbyterian Church

### **Sunday, April 30:**

Worship in the Park at Sue Haswell!

## Coffee With the Pastor



Want to get to know Pastor Jennifer better? Are you or is someone you know interested in learning about the new church plant?

For the months of April and May, Jen will be at the Village Cafe in downtown Bryan (210 W 26th Street) from 9-11am Wednesday mornings.

Come alone or invite a friend to simply chat about the church, faith, and life. For more information or to set up another time to meet, email

[jennifer@bryancommunitychurch.org](mailto:jennifer@bryancommunitychurch.org).



**Want some ideas and ways to create a safe space to share your faith and invite someone to join you for worship?**

- ☆ Invite some friends to dinner
- ☆ Host a playdate with other moms and dads
- ☆ Take a friend fishing
- ☆ Go for coffee
- ☆ Visit the farmer's market or attend a craft show/festival with a friend
- ☆ Have a game day or night

# Prayer Requests

## **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

*Lord, listen to your children praying  
Lord, send you Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

Bryan Community Church has launched a prayer request card and website portal. Those requests may be made by submitting a card in person at worship or via the website (the tab location is currently below the “Prayers” section). However, we’ve realized that, in our excitement to get this ministry moving, some inconsistencies have occurred between the two submission options. As BCC continues to define and develop, we’ll better align the two. For now, please include any information you think would be helpful in our ability to best meet your needs. If you have completed a connect card, we have recorded that contact information. Note: The website does not ask for privacy preference. If you wish for a concern to remain private, please indicate so in the text box.

Looking ahead, we intend to collect these requests and share them with you as a part of regular email updates. We, Bryan Community Church, are called to engage with the Holy Spirit and lift our concerns with a shared focus. What a privilege . . . take it to the Lord in prayer!

Further thoughts or questions regarding Caring Ministries may be passed along to the church email address:

**[info@bryancommunitychurch.org](mailto:info@bryancommunitychurch.org)**



# Youth News

## April

- 2 Picture Scavenger Hunt – meet at the Griffins at 5:30
- 9 **EASTER – no youth meeting**
- 16 Cooking Night! 5:30-7:30 at the Griffins
- 23 PINSPIRATION Night – 5:30-7:30. The cost is \$25.  
meet at PInspiration, *1553 Green s Prairie Rd,  
suite 101, College Station, 77845*

## May

- 7 GENNOW conference at Christ–more info to come
- 14 **MOTHERS DAY - no youth meeting**
- 21. OLYMPICS night–games with parents!
- 28 SCHOOL'S OUT, SUMMER'S IN - pool party  
at the Griffins, 5:30

**Sign up for Lakeview:  
[www.lakeviewmcc.org](http://www.lakeviewmcc.org) week one, June 19th!**

MYSTERY TRIP: July 28-30, Cost is \$100.

Please let Kelli know if you want to go on the mystery trip  
or if you sign up for Lakeview so she can have a count.