

February 1, 2017

# Methogram

"The mission of First United Methodist Church of Silsbee is to glorify God, make disciples, and transform lives in Christ"

## The View From Downtown

Dear Friends,

Wow, Amen, Praise the Lord! I am so glad that January has ended. January saw me ill for three weeks and I know of several others as well. Also, January is a kind of dead time as we recover from the Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's celebrations.

With the beginning of February, we start to move rapidly towards spring-time and Lent/Easter. Seeing the sunshine, the trees budding, warm temperatures, and flowers appearing are sure to boost us emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Speaking of being uplifted, have any of you noticed some new signs by each of the doors to our facilities.

These signs look like the following:



These simple message signs are a great way to hopefully catch the eye, prompt thought, and then lead to a positive action on the part of all. These suggestions cover many areas and can be done once or over and over again.

As your pastor, I have a suggestion. If you try out some of these suggestions and have a positive experience, let me know anonymously and let's share some good news. Who knows how God will surprise us with blessing after blessing.

On the lookout for Good News,

*Pastor David*

### **Help Honor Mona Plunk on her 93rd Birthday**

Mona Plunk, longtime church member, city resident, well-known retired school teacher, and wealth of local information, will turn 93 years young on February 17th. If you would like to wish her a happy birthday, you can call her at 385-2718 or send a card to P.O Box 36, Silsbee, Texas, 77656-0036.



**Ash Wednesday, February 14**  
**Worship Opportunities**

The 40-day season of Lent which Christians observe worldwide will begin February 14th. Lent is the season of preparation for Easter Sunday, which will be on April 1st.

During the season of Lent, many believers will prepare by fasting, joining the Church through Baptism, or performing acts of self-sacrifice or sacrifice for others.

Here at First UMC, we will offer two events to honor Ash Wednesday. On February 14, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Pastor David will offer the imposition of Ashes out by the sanctuary porch area for those going to work or those unable to attend the evening service.

At 7:00 p.m., everyone is invited to join together in our sanctuary for a time of Holy Communion, prayer, and the imposition of ashes.

<b><u>Worship</u></b>	
01/07	129
01/14	110
01/21	141
<b><u>Sunday School</u></b>	
01/07	82
01/14	73
01/21	73
<b><u>Gifts</u></b>	
01/07	\$12,580.00
01/14	\$4,757.00
01/21	\$5,000.00

*In Loving Memory*

**George Kirkpatrick**

Allan and Dagma Murphy

Kassie Moye

**Pat Collier**

Ed and Sonia Cain

Victory Class

James and Tonya Hawkins

Kassie Moye

Marianne Deadmon

Jason Johnson family

Jack and Carol Sue Jordan

Herbert and Mary K Muckleroy

Joyce Wallace

**Johni Ruth Dunbar**

Ed and Sonia Cain

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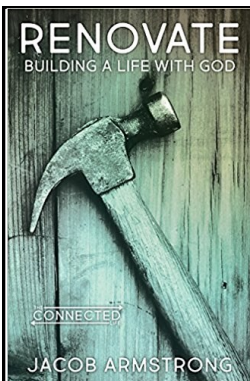
## **Boy Scout Sunday at First UMC on February 11th**

Sunday, February 11 at the 11:00 a.m. service, First UMC will celebrate 60 years of Scouting at our church with Troop 88. Since its inception, 80 scouting has enhanced the lives of countless young men and their families.

Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910. Troop 88 was originally chartered in January 1959, and sponsored by the Silsbee First United Methodist Church. So, 2018 will be our 60<sup>th</sup> year of existence. Since that time there have been 80 Eagle Scouts come through the Troop. That's an average of 1.33 Eagle Scouts per year. The most in a single year was 5 Eagle Scouts in 1962. We have had 4 Eagle Scouts in a year twice in 1970 and in 2017. We have had 3 Eagle Scouts in a year 12 times since 1959.

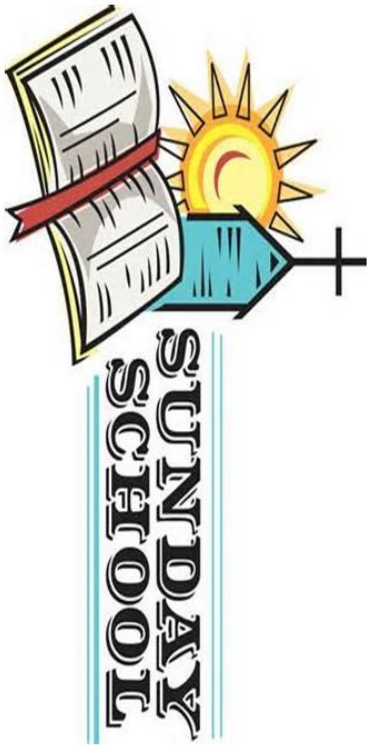
### **Eagle Scout Honor Roll for Troop 88:**

02/01/37 Clinefelder, Howard	01/01/67 Thompson, David	08/01/92 Reneau, Aaron	07/16/07 Davis, Eugene D
03/01/39 Clinefelder, Harold	03/01/70 Ford, Erin	04/01/93 Hollyfield, Brent	12/11/08 Baldree, Matthew D
09/01/39 Farmer, James	04/01/70 Hickman, Lee	12/01/93 Luckey, Christopher	12/11/08 Barnes, Auston
09/01/44 Sparks, Dwain	06/01/70 Schuler, John	07/01/95 Spurlock, James	12/11/08 Trabling, James A
12/01/60 Bell, James	07/01/70 Sheer, Lee	11/01/95 Anderson, James	11/02/10 Durham, Dylan L
10/01/61 Airheart, Donald	12/01/75 Mercuri, Paul	11/01/95 Anderson, Josef	12/16/10 Johnston, Lucas D
06/01/62 Donelson, James	01/01/82 Tobey IV, Samuel	11/01/96 Wright, William	04/04/11 Reichert, Jeremy
06/01/62 Holt, Russell	07/01/82 Guidry, Scott	12/01/96 Rothlisberger, Mark	12/06/11 Prine, Tyler J
06/01/62 Latham, Lance	10/01/82 Myers, Lowell	08/23/01 Booker, Philip A	12/06/11 Turner, Arthur W
06/01/62 Rogers, Gerald	04/01/84 Ryan, Patrick	10/01/01 Jones, Devin	12/18/12 Johnston, Parker D
11/01/62 McGinty, Bill	10/01/84 Rothlisberger, Eric	08/26/02 Oge, George G	05/24/13 Gracedel, Tyler A
10/01/63 Lee, Stuart	03/01/85 Balla, Todd	09/05/02 Dixon, Charles R	07/28/14 Tywater, Gage C
10/01/63 Wright, Russell	08/01/85 Migl, Charles	10/28/02 Booker, Stephen E	09/02/14 Taylor, Alex D
08/01/64 Allen, Joel	08/01/85 Smith, Keith	03/05/03 Shifflett, David M	12/16/14 Daugherty, Hayden G
06/01/62 Eldridge, George	06/01/86 Kendrick, Stephen	09/08/05 Eades, Derek L	10/29/15 Reyes, Joseph E
06/01/65 Holt, William	07/01/86 Hollyfield, Michael	09/08/05 Eades, Joseph	10/29/15 Watters, John T
06/01/65 Hooks, Chester	03/01/88 Dominguez, Mark	09/29/05 Watson, Marcus	12/01/16 Reyes, Anthony W
07/01/66 Conner, Everett	08/01/88 Stines, Chris	05/01/06 Skinner, Zachary	03/09/17 Walters, Brandon L
07/01/66 Eldridge, Frank	11/01/89 Hall, Eric	06/11/06 Simpson, Antonio	03/09/17 Davis, Matthew B
11/01/66 Norvell, Wade	01/01/92 Underhill, Clinton	07/20/06 Barnes, Aaron	07/19/17 Reichert, Joseph D
01/01/67 Landgraf, Charles	04/01/92 Weathersby, Bryce	03/26/07 Terry, Brandon L	10/06/17 Taylor, Austin P



### **Renovate Spring Bible Study to begin February 18th**

20 individuals have already registered for the new and exciting Bible Study called "Renovate-Building a Life with God." This DVD study question series is six weeks long and will be offered on Sunday evenings and during our Primetimers group. The student books cost \$10 and are available in the church office during normal business hours.



On Sunday, February 11 at 12:00 p.m., all Sunday School teachers and volunteers with children and youth ministries are invited and encouraged to attend a training opportunity in Cravens Hall. Lunch will be provided, so please contact 385-5568 by Friday, February 9th to RSVP so we can provide enough food.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

