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Methogram

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DAN'S DIVINITIES

I have been very pleased with the interest expressed in my current sermon series on The Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew chapters 5-7. This Sunday we will visit Matthew 5:27-32, which are some of the very hard sayings of Jesus about some adult topics like adultery, lust, divorce, and remarriage. Since these topics may be a little uncomfortable for some of the children, we will have Children's Church during the sermon for each service. The children will be in the service for the first part of the service, which will include Holy Communion, which will be early in the service this week. Rick and Gaye Fetteroff will lead the Children's Church program during the first service, and Mike and Judy McMullen will do so in the second. Parents who wish their children to remain for the sermon can make that election.

To help us understand Jesus' teaching on divorce, we will also be studying Matthew 19:3-12, which you may

want to read ahead of time.

On Sunday, February 13, I will be preaching on the Practices of the Faithful from Matthew 6:1-18. That is also Boy Scout Sunday, in which both the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and their families will be with us. Be sure and be present to greet them and make them feel at home. Scouting is a very significant outreach ministry of our church that reaches many of our young men.

We have Acolyte training available for our young people ages third grade and up in March, and Confirmation classes in April and May for those Sixth Grade and up. If you have a child in one of these age groups who would like to participate, please let the church office know.

I will look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Pastor Dan

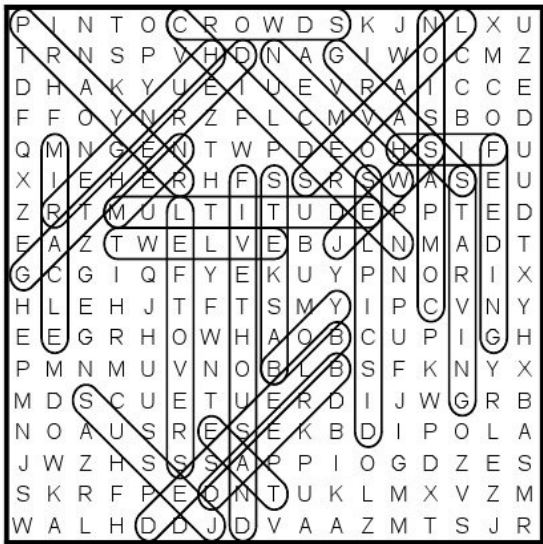
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Methogram Deadline

If you have news or information to be included in the next Methogram, please submit to the church office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011. You can call Jennifer at 385-5568 with the information, or email your articles to office@silsbeeumc.com

Answers to January 19, 2011 Puzzle



Presence

Worship

1/23 145
1/30 139

Sunday School

1/23 95
1/30 94

Gifts

**January 23,
2011**

\$6,895.00

**January 30,
2011**

\$3,850.45



Esther Viola Davis

(Mother of

Judy Jackson)

Janette Van Winkle

**Restorative Justice Ministry is topic
Saturday, Feb. 5, at New Covenant**

Restorative Justice Ministry and Biblical Peacemaking will be presented at the New Covenant Assembly of God Church located on Hwy 92 North, in Silsbee, on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m.

The program will offer testimonials and teaching directed at healing, reconciliation and restoration in a broken world.

Most people are not aware of this vast field of what used to be called "Criminal Justice Ministry" but is now called "Restorative Justice Ministry", from when a victim presented his cause saying: "Where's my justice?"

There will be music, soft drinks, coffee and snacks for all participants. The event is open to anyone interested in learning more about this wide ministry field to those impacted by crime.

Law enforcement and correction professionals, victims, offenders, ex-offenders, members of the judiciary and justice system and all their families are invited to learn more about this work. The community at large is also invited to attend. There is no charge.

Please contact: John Morrison, executive director of the Restorative Justice Ministry Family Service Center at 409-283-2877 if you are interested to learn more about the program.

Thought for the Day

Dr. Darby is currently writing a devotional "Thought for the Day" column, which he publishes by email. If you are not receiving it, and would like to, email him at dancdarby@juno.com and let him know you would like to receive it. It is always brief, and usually based on a verse or two out of the Bible. Below is a sample, the one he sent out last Tuesday:

"Let the righteous be joyful;

Let them exult before God;

Let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God sing praises to his name; . . .

Be exultant before him."

Psalm 68:3,4

If you want to have joy in your life, learn to praise God today. In every situation, good, bad, or in between; learn to praise God. When you give praise to God, faith is born, and faith produces hope. Hope means that whatever happens today, you believe that God is in control, and he will be at work today in you, even in miraculous ways. So, praise God, and have joy baptize your life today.

Methodism 101 Class to Begin

I would like to invite you to our Methodism 101 class. You may take the class just to learn more about our faith, or take it to aid you in your decision on whether or not to enter the membership of First United Methodist Church. It will be held during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. in Cravens 207 for six to eight Sundays, beginning February 13, 2011.

We will address the following topics that you may find helpful:

- * What does it mean to be a Christian?
- * What do United Methodist believe?
- * Why is the Bible so important to United Methodist?
- * The background and history of Christianity, and of the Methodist denomination.
- * What are the membership requirements of our church?
- * What do we expect of our church members?
- * What we believe about of worship and the sacraments.
- * How our church is organized – church government and leadership

If you attend the class, you will not be expected to join the church, but you will be given the opportunity to join if you wish. Also, if you have not been baptized, you will be afforded that opportunity.

Please contact the church office if you would like to attend so that I can prepare the proper amount of materials for the class.

I hope to see you there,

Pastor Dan

Covenant Discipleship Group

We also invite you to our Covenant Discipleship group on Sunday evenings. We meet from 5:00 until 6:00 pm in Cravens 207. The purpose of the group is to support one another in our Christian walk as we strive to mature in Christ. We have written a covenant

by which we will all agree to discipline ourselves and hold one another accountable. In addition, discussion questions are presented by Dr. Darby based on his sermon series on the Sermon on the Mount. Newcomers are welcome to the group.

Planning Meeting

Monday, February 7th

5:30 pm, Craven's Hall



Anyone interested in coaching, assistant coaching, refereeing, concessions, serving as a league commissioner, etc should attend. Hope to see you there!!

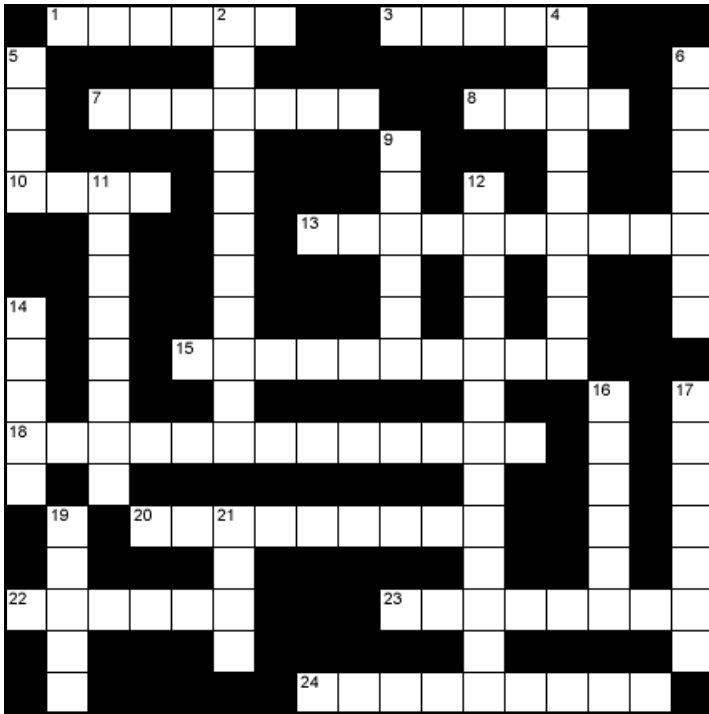


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**To parents and
youth, ages third
through twelfth
grades:**

Acolyte training begins the week after Silsbee ISD spring break (March 8 or 10) and will continue for 4 consecutive weeks, culminating in Commissioning Sunday, which is tentatively scheduled for April 10. Our class options are Tuesday or Thursday afternoons immediately following school, specific days and times to be announced. We need volunteers for school pick-up, and for snacks. More important, we need kids! The job of the acolyte is not hard, but it does require training and the commitment of both the acolyte and the parents. Please contact Paula Darby at 385-2467 with questions, or to volunteer.

Sermon on the Mount



Across

- 1 Not to be put under a bushel (6)
 3 Let yours shine before men! (5)
 7 Moth and ruse will do this to your

- God and this (6)
 23 Fellow believers (8)
 24 The earth is this to God (9)

- earthly store (7)
 8 If you do this, you will find (4)
 10 These should not be done in view of men (4)
 13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning of his sermon (10)
 15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable (10)
 18 The peacemakers will be called this (8,2,3)
 20 They were with Jesus when he gave the sermon (9)
 22 You can't serve

Down

- 2 Jesus gave this as an example of how to communicate with God (5,6)
 4 Don't lay these up upon the earth (9)
 5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council (4)
 6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune (7)
 9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door (6)
 11 Where the sermon was given (8)
 12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing (13)
 14 What you should do to your eye if it offends (5)
 16 They which do this shall be filled (6)
 17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this (7)
 19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go (5)
 21 The foolish man built his house on this (4)

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