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Dan's Divinities

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. . . . [Jesus] said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

(Mark 3:1,5b, NRSV)

How is your hand? Is it withered? How is your spirit? Is your spirit dried up? Is it withered and in need of restoration? Is the man's withered hand a symbol of the condition of your spirit?

The scriptures call us to lift our hands in praise to the Lord. Sometimes our praise is withered. We often underestimate how important worship is to our own spirits. In Luke's version of the story (Luke 6:6-11), he specifies that it was the right hand – that is, the dominant hand – which was withered. There is nothing more central to the health of your spirit than your willingness to engage in active praise of God. When we lift our hearts and hands in fo-

cused worship, our own spirits are nurtured. Joy returns to the spiritual desert and waters the garden of our souls.

Are you feeling spiritually dry? If so, Jesus is saying to you, “Stretch out your hand and worship.” Nobody, not even God can do that for you. Only you can stand up in your spirit and begin to praise God. When you do, the healing of God flows forth to you, and your withered right hand is healed; your soul is restored; and you begin to come out of the emotional pit.

So, stand up, come to Jesus, and start worshipping him from the depths of your dryness, and your withered spirit will be restored to full life.

I hope to see you Sunday as we praise God together,

Pastor Dan

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New Members!

LaVerne Ross and Betty Shine joined the church last Sunday, and Melba Tucker came forward to renew her vows. LaVerne is transferring from First Baptist in Silsbee so she can worship with her family, LaNita and Brook Gilchriest and their children Ross and Gracie. LaNita is her daughter.

Betty Shine is our new Choir Director, and is transferring her membership from an Episcopal Church in the Houston area. Betty is the daughter of the late Darrel and Barbara Shine of our congregation.

Melba and Lester Tucker have been attending our congregation recently. Melba was active in the congregation when Eugene Jonté was pastor here, and is thrilled to be returning to active membership.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January Birthdays

Ally Tywater	01/01	Donna Brown	01/10	Colton Johnson	01/21
Beth Withers	01/01	Taylor Georgas	01/12	Jacob Conner	01/23
Richard Burton	01/04	Bennie Kadlecek	01/14	Flo Stark	01/24
Keli Day	01/04	Carolyn Pousson	01/14	Marianne Deadmon	01/25
Sam Karr	01/05	Bruce Cobb	01/15	Connie Hawthorne	01/25
Richard Strong	01/05	Donna Theriot	01/15	Lisa Kilcrease	01/26
Jerry Hawthorne	01/06	Bruce Withers	01/15	Ami Burton	01/29
Madeline Stirling	01/06	Robyn Underhill	01/16	Roger Price	01/31
Gardner Stirling	01/08	Tyler Doiron	01/18	Curt Woodard	01/31

January Anniversaries

Ryan & Ronda Harkey– 11 years	01/04	Tom & Rosie Nelson– 38 years	01/24
Jim & Donna Brown– 33 years	01/16	Darrel & Mollie Balla– 54 years	01/29
Chuck & Aimee Duke– 17 years	01/24		

February Birthdays

Mitchell Cooper	02/01	Dillon Cain	02/08	Chambree Smith	02/19
Lacie Owens	02/02	Rhett Harkey	02/08	Karen Williams	02/19
Mona Parks	02/02	Corey Martin	02/12	Jessica Wise	02/20
Janette VanWinkle	02/03	Joshua McMullen	02/12	Christine Gill	02/22
John Watters	02/04	Brenden Gill	02/13	Taylor Dupre	02/25
David Jones	02/05	Dorothy Modisette	02/15	Pat Strong	02/26
Jazmin Knighten	02/05	Paula Darby	02/16	Brady Day	02/27
Abigail Boever	02/06	Courtney Martin	02/16		
Nancy Erwin	02/07	Brandy Watts	02/18		

February Anniversaries

Rayford & Joyce Birdwell– 64 years	02/05	Reid & Sharon Dickard– 43 years	02/20
David & Karen Cobble– 52 years	02/09		

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

Michelle Hardy	03/01	Elizabeth Auer	03/15	Lee Ann Sheppard	03/30
Jessica Gore	03/02	Christy Burton	03/18	Daniel VanWinkle	03/30
Kyle Mackey	03/02	Michelle Mackey	03/22	Sheila Eveland	03/31
Jessica Jagneau	03/06	Robert Middleton	03/22	Lyna Johnson	03/31
Danielle Muckleroy	03/07	Mary Allison Boothman	03/23	Kirby VanWinkle	03/31
Joanna Watters	03/08	Kathryn Drake	03/23		
Angela Bayless	03/09	Dianne Crook	03/28		
Lisa Guedry	03/11	Carey Georgas	03/30		

March Anniversaries

Dave & Lee Davis– 20 years	03/12	Andy & Lesia Kilcrease– 7 years	03/17
Bill & Jamie Voigtman– 15 years	03/13	Lee and Lisa Guedry– 7 years	03/31

April Birthdays

Lea Gardner	04/01	Jerry Cox	04/12	Tom Hardy	04/22
Luann Watson	04/01	Jarred Watson	04/13	Foy Adcock, Jr.	04/24
Debby McWhorter	04/02	Lee Wise	04/13	Katie Craigen	04/24
Lynn Langston	04/03	Austin Knighten	04/14	Morgan Graham	04/27
Karmen O'Quinn	04/03	Ike McWhorter	04/14	Nancy Ratchford	04/28
Trent Pavlowich	04/04	Jennifer Suitt	04/16	Betty Wagner	04/28
Jessica Sheppard	04/05	Peggy Edwards	04/18	Amy Hill	04/30
Audrey Roden	04/08	Rosie Nelson	04/18		
Clint Woodard	04/08	Dan Darby	04/19		
LeAnn Johnson	04/09	Nicholas Stutts	04/19		
Larry Williams	04/09	Bud Collier	04/21		
Lynard Stout	04/10	Ashton Dupre	04/21		
Jamie Voigtman	04/11	Juliana McMullen	04/21		

April Anniversaries

Prissy & Thomas Knighten– 22 years	04/03	Frank & Debra Vick– 38 years	04/10
Jack & Peggy Edwards– 59 years	04/09	Butch & Lee Ann Sheppard– 14 years	04/29
Russ & Jan Wilson– 53 years	04/09		

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

Fred Miller	05/01	Katie Eldredge	05/15	John Dominguez	05/22
Pat Collier	05/03	Jason Johnson	05/15	Jacob Droddy	05/22
Zachary Simental	05/05	David Kilcrease	05/16	Dessie Jagneaux	05/24
Adam Fetterolf	05/06	Irene Redkey	05/16	Marlon Hartman	05/25
Shantel Middleton	05/08	Taylor Wise	05/18	Brant Jones	05/25
Linda Miller	05/09	Dee Cofty	05/19	Lisa Biggs	05/26
Jeremy Trainer	05/11	Beaux Torres	05/20	Dana Bradshaw	05/26
Rebecca Darby	05/15	Adalaide Balaban	05/22	Jared Rowland	05/27
Sharon Dickard	05/15	Paula Boothman	05/22	Van VanWinkle	05/31

May Anniversaries

Arnold & Phyllis Armstrong– 16 years	05/07	Brenden & Christine Gill– 14 years	05/27
Tom & Michelle Hardy– 20 years	05/21		

June Birthdays

Doris Hartman	06/01	Casey Powell	06/14	Andy Kilcrease	06/24
William Holt	06/01	Bill Voigtman	06/14	Leisa Griffith	06/27
Kolt Mackey	06/01	Neeleigh Smith	06/15	Brittany Colvin	06/28
Joyce Reed Sheffield	06/02	Erin Sheffield	06/17	Johni Ruth Dunbar	06/28
Carley Drake	06/04	Jack Edwards	06/18	Regina VanWinkle	06/28
Lee Evan Gardner	06/04	Bethany Meaders	06/18	Gus Dunbar	06/29
Bertha Gallander	06/08	Dustin Meaders	06/18	Allan Murphy	06/29
Jennifer Watters	06/08	Brad Miller	06/18	Erica Murphy	06/29
Derrick Cain	06/13	Karen Price	06/20	Michael Suitt	06/30
Misty Cartlidge	06/13	Pat Cooper	06/21		
Charlie Hardy	06/13	Karen Cobble	06/22		
Krystin Medford	06/13	Daniel Price	06/22		

June Anniversaries

Jack & Dolores Nicar– 37 years	06/04	Charles & Sherry Woodard– 51 years	06/20
Dan & Paula Darby– 37 years	06/11	Angela & Ronnie Bayless– 18 years	06/22
Jay & Pat Collier– 61 years	06/12	Emily & Colby Graham– 2 years	06/23
Gene & Carol Colvin– 30 years	06/16	Michael & Stacey Tywater– 19 years	06/26



A new support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will begin on Thursday,

March 6, at 2 pm in Cravens Hall, room 200. The curriculum will be *Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*.

The author, Dr. Alan Wolfelt writes: "Think of your grief as a wilderness –a vast, inhospitable forest. You must journey through this wilderness. To find your way out, you must become acquainted with its terrain and learn

to follow the sometimes hard-to-find trail that leads to healing. In the wilderness of your grief, the touchstones are your trail makers. They are the signs that let you know you are on the right path. When you learn to identify and rely on the touchstones, you will find your way to hope and healing."

Dr. Wolfelt is an award winning author, educator, and grief counselor, and is known across North America for his compassionate messages about healing in grief.

The support group will be conducted by Dr. Dan Darby and by Rev. Nancy Ratchford. Call 409-385-5568 for more information and for registration.

In Worship



Worship

Pastor Darby is currently preaching a sermon series from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. On February 9, he will preach on I Cor. 2:1-16, a sermon entitled, "Having the Mind of Christ." He will also use the Gospel

reading for the day, Matthew 5:13-16.

On Sunday, February 16, Pastor Dan will preach from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 and Matthew 5:21-37, a sermon entitled "God Gives the Growth."

On Sunday, February 23, Pastor Dan has been asked to preach at Clear Lake UMC. They are asking former pastors and associate pastors to return this year as they celebrate their 50 anniversary as a church. Pastor Nancy will be preaching here. Her sermon will be "Loving Like Jesus Loved", from Matthew 5:38-48. The first service will enjoy a special day as Bobby Lane, Jerry Hawthorne, Tim Meehan, and Tony Rosatti will be leading worship.

Transfiguration Sunday is March 2, and Ash Wednesday is March 5. We will have two Ash Wednesday services for your convenience – one at 7:00 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. Both will be in the sanctuary.

Thank You

I would like to express my gratitude to my church family for their prayers for my brother, George Donalson, who passed away November 26.

His family especially appreciated the wonderful and plentiful meal that Martha Flowers, Joyce McClung, and Mollie Balla prepared.

Pastor Nancy Ratchford arranged a very dignified service. Thank you Jerry Cox and Jay Collier for your contribution to the service.

To quote a note Freeda Duffle wrote me, "the sorrow of one is the sorrow of many". Our faith has strengthened us through this sorrow.

*In Christian Love,
Janette VanWinkle and family*

The Youth Report



While the church is searching for a new Youth Director, the Youth are continuing to meet under the leadership of Pastor Dan and Mr. Jeremy Trainer for UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) on Sunday evenings from 5:30 until 7:00. The youth have expressed a desire to start a youth praise band, so, while it is still in the planning stages and could change, the first 30 minutes or so of

UMYF will be dedicated to worship.

The youth have recently finished the *Reckless Faith* series, and have expressed a desire to do a through the Bible type of Bible Study, which will begin on Sunday, Feb. 9.

We currently have seven youth enrolled in Confirmation Classes taught by the pastors. Five of them are attending Junior Connections on Wednesday afternoons where our curriculum is the Credo confirmation materials, and two are being taught by Pastor Nancy on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

Glenda Delano has crocheted a beautiful green afghan and offered it for a youth fundraiser. In the near future the youth will be offering \$1 tickets for a chance to win the afghan, or 6 chances for \$5. Funds raised will be for camp scholarships. It is on display outside the church office, and tickets are available in the church office.

Youth Director Search

Silsbee First United Methodist Church is enthusiastically seeking a creative youth director who has a passion for Christ and for youth. This person will be responsible for engaging and equipping youth, their families, and their friends in worship, study, fellowship, and works of service. Please contact the church office for a full job description. If interested, please submit resume and references to rbh@obt.com.

Celebration Women's Ministry!

If you are interested in information on the upcoming Celebration Women's National Spring Conference, which will take place April 4-6, please visit the church website at www.silsbeeumc.com and click on the Celebration Women's Ministry link on the homepage

If you enjoy making afghans, please contact Glenda Delano at 291-9480. She would like to start a mission work to send afghans to MD Anderson for patient use.

Interested in Prison Ministry?

Alpha and Prison Fellowship is hosting a seminar on Prison Ministry at Christ UMC in Sugar Land on February 22 and 23. If you are interested in more information, please visit their website at www.alphausa.org/houstonoffensive or contact Lou Ronna Richardson at 314-607-8850.

In Loving Memory

Joan Holt

Bob Herbst

Dr. Guy Ferrell

Bob Herbst

Herbert & Mary Kay Muckleroy

Harold Gardner

RJ & Eileen Nash

Bob Herbst

Herbert & Mary Kay Muckleroy

Dan & Janice Theriot

Larry and Pat Cooper

Kenneth Foster

Bob Herbst

Herbert & Mary Kay Muckleroy

Ann Jeffrey

Herbert & Mary Kay Muckleroy

Henry Skillern

Bob Herbst

Bill Barclay

Herbert & Mary Kay Muckleroy

Barbara Paret

Herbert & Mary Kay Muckleroy

Ann Nell Herbst

Herbert & Mary Kay Muckleroy

Darrell Shine

Herbert & Mary Kay Muckleroy

Vernon McKenzie

Bob Herbst

George Donalson

The Jack D. Jordan family

Johnnie O'Dell

Butch & Lyn O'Dell

Pat Donalson

Marianne Deadmon

Dana Bradshaw

Martha Bradshaw

Brook & LaNita Gilchrist

Allan & Dagma Murphy

Dean & Willa Dean Hill

Ronald & Judy Erdman

Jeanette & Sam Tobey

Bob Herbst

Cecil & Marjorie Cassity

Kassie Moye

Carolyn Lee

Herbert and Mary Kay Muckleroy

Joe Hignett

Dana Bradshaw

Martha Bradshaw

Marianne Deadmon

Allan and Dagma Murphy

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Elois Tennison

Bob Herbst

Bob McClelland

Dana Bradshaw

Martha Bradshaw

Wayne Boddie

Brook and LaNita Gilchrist

Marianne Deadmon

Joyce McClung

Allan and Dagma Murphy

Suitt Family

Martha Bradshaw

Dana Bradshaw

Linda Marie Simmons

Brook and LaNita Gilchrist

Allan and Dagma Murphy

Joyce McClung

Fred and Linda Miller

Cornerstone Class

Sheila Ross

Allan and Dagma Murphy

Ronald and Judy Erdman

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Cornerstone Class

Barbara Hartman Dulaney

Butch and Dee Suitt

Carol McWhorter

Joann Otto

Carol and Kathy McWhorter

Anna Fuller

Dana Bradshaw

Martha Bradshaw

Honorarium



Lynn Hardy

Michelle and Tom Hardy

Gifts and Presence

Worship

12/01	116
12/08	124
12/15	150
12/22	136
12/29	110
01/05	136
01/12	151
01/19	127
01/26	137

Sunday School

12/01	72
12/08	83
12/15	67
12/22	72
12/29	63
01/05	69
01/12	76
01/19	88
01/26	99

Gifts

12/01	\$6,469.00
12/08	\$13,546.00
12/15	\$4,098.90
12/22	\$12,820.68
12/29	\$12,357.00
01/05	\$9,067.10
01/12	\$6,371.01
01/19	\$4,215.25
01/26	\$5,050.66

New Member Class



There will be a class for new and prospective members during the Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. for six weeks beginning on Sunday,

March 2. It will be held in Cravens #207. Anyone interested in joining the church, or learning more about the church is invited to attend. Basic issues will be covered such as what it means to be a Christian, the history of the Church and of the Methodist Movement, the ministries of our local church, what we believe as Methodist Christians, and many other topics.

2014 Theme Verse

*The Spirit and the bride say,
'Come.'*

*And let everyone who hears
say, 'Come.'*

*And let everyone who is
thirsty come.*

*Let anyone who wishes take
the water of life as a gift.*

Revelation 22:17 (NRSV)

Come to the King in 2014!

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