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# Methogram

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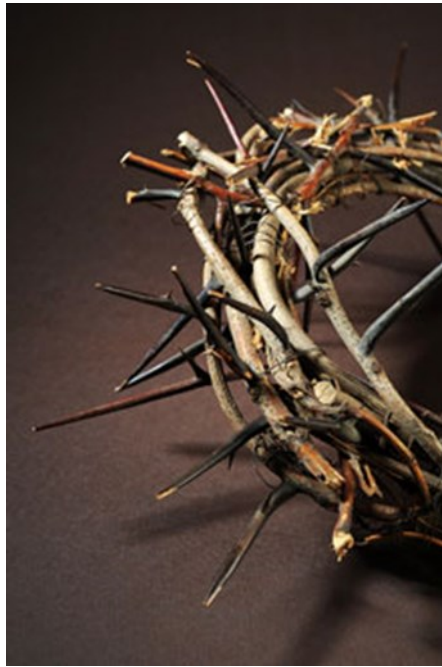
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## Dan's Divinities



Lent is a great time to slow down a little and reflect a bit. “Ha! Slow down?! You’ve got to be kidding!” I can hear you saying. Tough to do, but that is exactly what Jesus did. He took forty days off and went into the wilderness and fasted and prayed. He wrestled with the devil there. He worked on his spirituality.

Yes, Lenten disciplines do not happen by accident, only by intentionality. Why don’t you ask the Lord what he would have you do to strengthen your spirituality during these days. He might just answer you if you ask.

Do you need to set a little time in your schedule to get right with the Lord? Do you need to be quiet so you can hear his voice and deal with some of the issues that are present in your life? Quiet seldom happens by chance, you have to decide to be quiet, and then take the journey into the wilderness.

Sometimes our Lent includes a crown of thorns. Spirituality, truthfulness, and being prophetic can lead to difficulties and suffering. The Lord may even give you a cross to bear. Cross bearing is always difficult. But Jesus went willingly to a cross, not because he wanted to suffer, but because he wanted to do the Father’s will. He believed that through the cross, salvation would somehow come. And beyond the cross would be an empty tomb.

Lent. Are you willing to walk in the wilderness for a while? Are you willing to deny your flesh, and trust in the Lord to meet your needs at the right time and in the right way?

See you Sunday,

*Pastor Dan*

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Church pictorial directories are in! If you had a picture taken for the directory, you will be able to pick up your directory this Sunday after both church services.

If you did not have a picture taken for the directory, we have limited quantities of extra copies that will be available in the church office beginning Monday, March 2. Please stop by the church office and pick one up!

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



An Update by  
Director of  
Children's  
Ministries,  
Glenda Delano



The youth will be meeting at this Sunday at 5:30. We will be having Nerf wars for our game. Kids need to bring their nerf guns to Converge if they have one. If not, I will have some they can borrow. We will then be continuing our lent study.

I would like to fill you in on some behind the scenes action that is happening weekly. Some people ask what it

is that I do all week and here are just a few examples. Wednesday mornings start off with Christians in Action (CIA) meeting at the Middle School. Also, almost every Wednesday I am at the middle school having lunch with the our kids and their friends. Wednesday afternoons I am with Faithweavers leading music and, if we have enough junior high students, we have a quick Bible study. Also on Wednesday once a month we have our youth council that meets and plans stuff for the upcoming month and the rest of the year. Thursdays you will find me at the high school. I normally bring the kids food and eat with them. It's a big cafeteria, so I try to make my rounds to all of our kids. Friday mornings, I am back at the high school for their CIA meeting. Also, during the football season, I am the chaplain for the football team, and meet with them before games for prayer. The rest of the time I am working with our district and working on events for our youth like summer camps, mission trips and the pumpkin patch. Speaking of the pumpkin patch, we already have our load date! I have also recently signed up with the Silsbee Volunteer Fire Department. These are just a few of the things that I do around the office, and around our community. I am always excited when people stop in and visit and sorry when I miss people.



James Borello,  
Director  
Converge Student Ministries

The time is near for our Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt. It is set for March 29th at 3:00 pm at Bill and Jamie Voigtman's house. Come and join us, it will be a lot of fun!

We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy or tiny toys to fill the eggs that we will hide. You can drop these off at the church office during normal business hours.

On Easter morning, Aril 5, we are celebrating with a "He is Risen!" Breakfast. We will be in the Dauphin Room of McDonough Hall during the Sunday School hour (10:00 am-11:00 am). The breakfast will include the Easter story, music, and crafts. It will be fun times!

## Upcoming Events

### **March 29th**

Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 pm at the Voigtman's House, 404 Whippoorwill

### **April 5th**

Easter Sunday, He is Risen! Breakfast 10:00 am in McDonough Hall

### **May 20th**

Final Faithweaver Friends for the school year

### **July 6-10**

Vacation Bible School! 9-12 each day

# In Loving Memory

**Martha Bradshaw**

Suzanne Barfield

**Hugh Smith**

Suzanne Barfield

**Patricia Eppes**

Suzanne Barfield

Robert O. Grote

**Jack Edwards**

Suzanne Barfield

Claire and Gladding Taylor

**Hildegarde Bruce**

Rick and Gaye Fetterolf

Dana Bradshaw

**Jim Holbert**

Carl and Sharon Barrow

Rick and Gaye Fetterolf

Marianne Deadmon

**Don English**

Dana Bradshaw

**Marlene Riceman**

Dean and Willa Dean Hill

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Monday, March 2**

7:00 pm, Trustees

**Monday, March 9**

6:00 pm, Finance

**Monday, March 16**

6:30 pm, Church Council

Ali Day, our Youth Council President is currently running for Miss Satsuma. She is selling t-shirts for \$15. The design is also available in long sleeve (\$20) and hoodie (\$30). Please contact Ali Day or Keli Day for more details .



<b><u>Worship</u></b>	
02/15	117
02/22	124
<b><u>Sunday School</u></b>	
02/15	63
02/22	81
<b><u>Gifts</u></b>	
02/15	\$5,644.00
02/22	\$3,071.36





Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to reset your clocks!

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



Our **Grief Support Group** has begun, and is meeting on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in Cravens Hall. It is led by Rev. Nancy Ratchford. Anyone recovering from the loss of a loved one is invited to attend.

The **Caregivers Support Group** is meeting in the Georgas Room of the Silsbee Public Library on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and by led by Dan Darby and Alicia Beall Lockhart. Anyone in a caregiving situation for a loved one is invited to attend. Our first meeting in January was well attended.

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