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Dan’s Divinities

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I could not figure out what to write for this edition of Dan’s Divinities, finally, the Lord said to me, “Why don’t you ask people to pray? If fact, I would have told you this much earlier if you had just asked me instead of you just trying to figure it out your own.” Duh. Sometimes I forget the obvious.

Here is what I feel led to ask you to pray for: First, pray for this church during the next few months of transition, and for David and Anita Green, who will be your new pastoral family beginning July 1. Pray that the Lord will prepare this congregation’s heart to receive them with eager expectation and unconditional support. David and Anita have been at Coldspring UMC for six years, and they have their hearts invested in the ministry there. Pray that the Lord will encourage them, and help them to deal with the grief of severing ties there, and to be ready for new opportunities here. Pray that the Lord will give them wisdom and enthusiasm for the position. Pray for families here that need a fresh start with the church - that they will be open to the ministry the Greens will offer. Pray that this church will take this opportunity to come together in unity and harmony of purpose, and that a new sense of mission to the community will develop. May the straying sheep be reconciled, and the spiritually en-

dangered be rescued. Pray that a strong new partnership will emerge between the pastoral family, the staff, and the congregation. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move in mighty ways for renewal. Pray that the church will be undergirded financially. Pray that new families will be reached, and new and current members will have a zeal for Christian discipleship.

Secondly, I would like to ask you to do some missionary praying. Pray for the Coldspring United Methodist Church and their new pastoral family, the Darbys. Pray similar prayers that you are praying for here. Pray that the Darbys would have the grace to deal with the grief of leaving our home here of nine years, that we would be ready for loving a new congregation, and that we would be blest in establishing new relationships there. Pray for the Coldspring congregation that they would be able to deal with losing their pastor of six years, and that they would be empowered to go into the future pursuing the will of God in unity.

Thank you for your prayers. I know I can count on you.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Dan



On May 3, I will be preaching on “Rebuilding the Walls,” a sermon based on the Old Testament books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Malachi. You are invited to read these books during the week. As a minimum you may want to read Ezra 7, Nehemiah 1-2, 4,6-8, and Malachi 1-4. On Mother’s day, May 10, my sermon title will be “The World’s Most Famous Mother.” In preparation you may read Luke 1-2.

In Loving Memory

Dean Hill

Dana Bradshaw
Johni Ruth Dunbar

Andrea Botts

Helen Ratliff

Pete Farmer

Fred and Linda Miller

Fred Kellum

Fred and Linda Miller

Hugh Smith

Fred and Linda Miller

Jack Edwards

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Carol Shilling

Fred and Linda Miller

Harvey Hall

Fred and Linda Miller

Sam Karr

Allan and Dagma Murphy
Marianne Deadmon
Johni Ruth Dunbar
George and Kaye Bryant
Ray and Angela Baker
Ed and Sonia Cain

Martha Backanan

Allan and Dagma Murphy

In Honor of Pastor Dan's

60th Birthday

Allan and Dagma Murphy

Worship

04/12	131
04/19	137
04/26	122

Sunday School

04/12	75
04/19	85
04/26	87

Gifts

04/12	\$6,551.76
04/19	\$4,196.50
04/26	\$6,934.60

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

Monday, May 4, 5:00 pm

SPPRC Meeting

Saturday, May 9,

Youth selling sandwiches
outside Walgreen's

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 am

Mother's Day Breakfast in
McDonough Hall, Dauphin
Room

Monday, May 11, 5:00 pm

Missions Committee

Monday, May 18, 7:00 pm

Trustees Committee

Restoring Lives With the Word of Life 2015 Annual Conference Mission Project Children's Bibles for prison family visitation rooms and Disciple Bible Study packets for inmates

The Center for Missional Excellence is asking every church in the Texas Annual Conference to take up an offering toward the cost of one or more Children's Bibles and Disciple Bible Study Packets! A donation of \$50.00 covers the cost of one set with bible and packet. How many sets can your church help buy?

We will be taking up a Communion Offering for this cause on Sunday, May 3 during both services. Our delegates to the 2015 Annual Conference will take our gift with them when they attend. If you would like to make a donation to this, please make the check out to the church, and write "Annual Conference Missions" in the memo line. You can also bring donations by the church office during normal business hours.



So here we go. A busy summer is coming and it will be a blast. We have enough adults for all the trips and we always love it when more come along. Some people think the trips we take are all for fun. Our trips consist of choir camp where the kids

learn to sing and make new friends. It is a full week of worship and breakout sessions. Our second trip is UMARMY in Marshall. The youth will be building wheelchair ramps, painting and other carpentry items. At night we have fun activities like bowling and scavenger hunts. We conclude each night with worship. It is a long week but kids and adults come back changed for the better. Our third trip is Southeast District Summer Camp which is a week long at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center. Its filled with fun and worship with other Methodist churches in our district. We also have girls chrysalis that is the youth version of an Emmaus walk. With all these trips a lot of kids' lives get changed as well as the adults that come with them. I love that I have over twenty-seven people signed up for all four camps. Here is where I ask you to help support Converge student ministry with your prayer and gifts. Each camp cost roughly \$250 for youth and \$150 for adults. We are having one last fundraiser on May 9. We will be selling sliced beef sandwich meals at Walgreens on Hwy 327. Please come out and help support sending these kids to these

awesome camps. If you would like to make a donation you can drop them off at the office and write on the memo line "camp scholarships".

The Methodist Center will officially be ours as of May 1. Work will be slow and steady with the flip to the new youth center. I have a long list of things that have to be done before the August 16 grand opening. I am excited for the plans that I have to use this facilities with our youth and the outreach to our community. Please be in prayer over this and if you would like to help build, paint or just come hang out let me know.

Lastly, thanks for your prayers and encouraging words during Sarah's pregnancy. It is a blessing to be a part of a church that loves without end and lifts people up always . I am so blessed to be a part of this church and call y'all brothers and sisters in Christ.



James Borello
Director
Converge
Student Ministries

Church Musicians



The church is calling for interested musicians to serve in the following roles: Pianist/Organist, Praise Band Leader, Choir Director, or a combination of these roles. If you or someone you know is interested and desires to serve God through the gift of music at SUMC, please contact our Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee Chair, Bob Herbst, at 409-385-3837.



All the women of the church (both mothers and ladies who have mothers) are invited to attend a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 10th, in the Dauphin Room of McDonough Hall at 10:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. Glenda Delano is putting this together for our women to celebrate this special day. The children and youth of the church will be serving the meal which will include French toast sticks, fruit, sausage biscuits,

coffee and juice. Ladies may RSVP by signing up in Sunday School, on the Church attendance pad, by calling the church office (385-5568), or by email (office@silsbeeumc.com).

Without the women, some of our men may be at loose ends during the Sunday School hour. Here are a few suggestions for what you can do that time period: call Glenda Delano (373-4155) and volunteer your services to help her prepare food or supervise children and youth, join the Men's Bible Class that day, or decide that your class will be men's only affair that day and prepare a lesson for just the guys.

If this event goes well, Glenda is hoping to have a similar breakfast for the men on Father's day. The breakfasts are sponsored by the Children's Department of the church.

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