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## Dan's Divinities

By the time you read this, I will, in all likelihood, be back from 2015 meeting of the Texas Annual Conference, held this year at the Hilton Americas – Houston, on May 24-27. This year's theme is “Transforming Lay and Clergy Leaders.” Our special speaker will be Gil Rendle, Senior consultant with the Institute for Clergy and Congregational Excellence of the Texas Methodist Foundation. Your clergy delegates are Nancy Ratchford and me, and your lay delegates are Linda Miller and Martha Flowers. Fred Miller will also be attending in an effort to keep Linda in line!

This year the conference will be voting on lay and clergy delegates to the 2016 General Conference in Portland Oregon. We will also be voting on a large number of resolutions, some of which, if passed, will be presented for consideration by the General Conference, and some are an effort to change policies within our Annual Conference. The resolutions have to do with various things such as social issues, ordination standards, and rules and structure. There will be many opportunities for worship and study, fellowship with preachers and laity from across the Annual Conference area, and consideration of the business of the church.

It will be our privilege to represent you at the conference.

As you know, I will be wrapping up my ministry here following Annual Conference. I cherish your prayers for me and my family. Also, I implore you to pray for David and Anita Green as they prepare to come to Silsbee. They both have been very sick for several weeks with a respiratory illness, and I talked to David today (May 21), and he said he has contracted a stomach bug to top it off. So, pray for their health. You may wish to write them notes of encouragement. Their mailing address (and the Darby's future address after June 23) is 591 Lakeview Drive Loop, Coldspring, TX 77331. Their email addresses are [cumcpastor@eastex.net](mailto:cumcpastor@eastex.net) and [anitahgreen@gmail.com](mailto:anitahgreen@gmail.com). Let them know how much you are looking forward to their coming and that they will have your full support as they lead the church forward for the sake of the kingdom.

See you Sunday,

*Pastor Dan*

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Kountze UMC is sending a mission team to Sager Brown Mission Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana on August 9-14. They have 17 already signed up to go, but they have discovered that other missions teams scheduled had to cancel, so Sagar Brown has room for more people. If you would like to go, you are invited! The cost is \$230 for meals and room, with a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Also attendees are encouraged to bring supplies for two mission kits. An informational meeting is being held at Kountze UMC Family Life Center on Sunday, August 31 at 1:30 p.m. For more information call trip leaders, Donna and Danny Moody at 409/246-2782.

**Wanted:** Young men and women who are interested in helping to lead worship on Sunday mornings!

**A**ctive  
**C**ommitted  
**O**verseers Who Are  
**L**uminescent,  
**Y**oung,  
**T**rained,  
**E**ager  
**S**ervants

Acolytes have an important job to do! They carry flames that represent God's presence with us during Sunday morning worship as they lead our pastors in a processional down the aisle. They light the altar candles and joyfully lead the congregation in worship during our traditional service. When the service ends, they retrieve the flames from the altar and lead our pastors in a recessional. That represents the light of Christ moving out into the world, in and through His servants. It is an opportunity to learn and serve at the same time!

This is an office that has been reserved for young people who are currently in third grade and older. It is available until graduation from high school. Acolytes are trained and commissioned to serve for one year, then recommissioned yearly as long as they are willing to continue in the office. Training sessions are a short series of classes.

Parents, if you have a son or daughter who fits the age requirement, please consider this opportunity. Not only does it offer young people a chance to serve, but it strengthens character and commitment. Some service organizations give credit hours for voluntary church activities such as acolyting, choir participation, and helping with VBS. We can sing in the choir and help with VBS all our lives, but our years of eligibility to acolyte are limited. We're only young once!

Mrs. Dagma Murphy is prepared to teach the next group of acolytes from June 29 through July 3. Commissioning Sunday is July 5. If your child is interested in acolyting, please call the church office at 385-5568.

### *Father's Day Breakfast*



All the men of the church are invited to attend a Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 21, in the Dauphin Room of McDonough Hall at 10:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. The children and youth of the church will be serving the meal which will include French toast sticks, fruit, sausage biscuits, coffee and juice. You 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](mailto:office@silsbeeumc.com)).

Here are a few suggestions for what the women can do during that time period: call Glenda Delano (373-4155) and volunteer your services to help her prepare food or supervise children and youth, or decide that your class will be ladies only affair that day. This breakfast is sponsored by the Children's Department of the church.



The youth are gearing up for a busy summer. We are just a few weeks away from our first trip. So far we have 35 kids that will be attending various camps this summer. This is a lot of kids going to three different camps. Last year, the church funded all the kids

to go to the camps. Since we are adding a mission camp, our numbers have increased as well as the cost of paying for kids. We have had several fundraisers, and are still a little short of our goal. Please pray about possibly sponsoring a child to go on one of these trips. The average trip cost \$250 per youth.

The transformation of the Methodist Center into the new youth center is underway. We have started painting walls and building what needs to be built.

We hope to have all the building completed before the start of the 2015-2016 school year. This building will give the church many opportunities and ministries with the possibilities of after school program for middle and high school, and just a safe place for kids to hang out. Thanks you for the support of this project. Please keep this project in your prayers as well.

This Sunday, May 31, the youth will be participating in an all-district end of school bash. We will meet at church at 3 pm and return by 8pm. This event will be held at Temple UMC in Port Arthur. This is a free event put on by the district. We will have dodge ball tournaments and gaga ball tournaments.

Scripture of the Week:  
Matthew 13

James Borello  
Director  
Converge  
Student Ministries



## In Loving Memory

### Dean Hill

Robert, Yvonne, and Will  
Neyland  
Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

### Juanita Woodard

Kassie Moye  
Robert, Yvonne, and Will  
Neyland  
Cecil and Marjorie Cassity  
Willa Dean Hill

### Sam Karr

Joan Robinson Dudley  
John and Elain Robinson  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Robinson  
Martin Robinson  
Garry Robinson  
Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Robinson

Jackie Horton  
Fred and Linda Miller  
Freeda Duffle

### Martha Backanan

Kassie Moye

### Rowena Caraway

Ed and Sonia Cain  
Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

### In Honor of the Darby

#### Family

Jack and Carol Jordan

<u>Worship</u>	
05/03	130
05/10	141
05/17	143
05/24	105
<u>Sunday School</u>	
05/03	68
05/10	75
05/17	113
05/24	50
<u>Gifts</u>	
05/03	\$8,949.10
05/10	\$3,547.00
05/17	\$5,982.00
05/24	\$4,818.00



## 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.



Two of our youth had an amazing honor this past weekend. Ali Tywater and Gracie Gilchrist were two of the four Silsbee middle school students that placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What an amazing honor to be able to do that.



The SPPRC Committee will be hosting a Farewell Luncheon for the Darby family on Sunday, June 14. The luncheon will be held in the Dauphin Room of McDonough Hall at 12:00 pm that day, and will be a covered dish luncheon. This event will be open to the whole community, so please invite anyone who may wish to attend. Church members are encouraged to bring side dishes. We will have regular services that morning, with the lunch to follow the Traditional Worship. Please come join us as we celebrate the Darbys and their ministry here with us!

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