



Methogram

"The mission of First United Methodist Church of Silsbee is to bring glory to God, to go and share the Gospel with all, and to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

DAN'S DIVINITIES

I was given a gift two weeks ago. A brother in Christ came by my office for an unannounced visit. During the course of our conversation, he asked me how I was doing in my Christian disciplines. I found myself confessing to him that I had not been as disciplined in my prayer and study life lately as I need to be. His calling me to accountability was genuinely a gift to me.

Following the gift, he gave me a treasure. He said to me something like, "You know, Dan, there are two ways to plan your Christian disciplines, you can have your devotional times when you have time for them, or you can schedule your devotional times into your day, and work everything else around them."

I realized, of course, that he was right. Planning to do your Christian disciplines when you get around to it is planning to fail, and not real discipline at all. Making your Christian disciplines your priority and scheduling them into your day, week, and year, and then fitting everything else around them is true Christian discipline. It gives priority to your spiritual growth and your relationship to God.

Being a disciple of Jesus is a little like being an athlete – it requires coaching, practice, and discipline. Disciplined practice builds confidence and skill. I had the pleasure of watching Ray Allen of the Boston Celtics score a record eight 3-pointers in a play-off game Sunday night in their win over the Lakers in the NBA finals. The announcer mentioned that Allen gets to the gym three hours before every game and shoots. Then when he shoots in the game, the ball goes up with confidence.

The spiritual life is a little different, of course. We aren't trying to score points, set records, or earn salvation. But we are trying to get to know God, grow into personal wholeness and holiness, and put ourselves into the position of hearing God's voice.

One of our Christian disciplines is attendance in worship and Sunday School. It helps keep the Christian soldier's sword sharp, and his or her mind and spirit clear. Make a plan to be in church every Sunday, wherever you are, and schedule everything else around it.

I'll see you Sunday with the joy of Christ in my heart,

Pastor Dan Darby

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Worship

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6/06 129

Sunday School

5/30 69

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Summer Camp is Just Around the Corner!

Camp registration is due no later than next Wednesday, June 16. Late registration for an additional fee is Sunday, June 27. Potential counselors and staff need to sign up by the same deadlines. Our scholarship money is all in, so let's have big group go. It is going to be fun!



GIFTS

5/31	General	\$2,600.15
6/07	General	\$9,569.00
Communion		\$282.00
Total Camp Fund		\$5,478.00



Grief Recovery Workshop

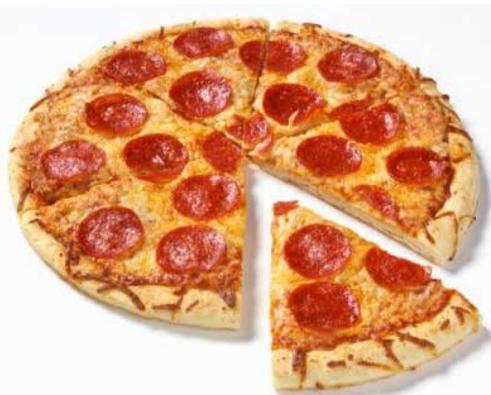
Pastors Dan and Nancy will co-lead and teach a Grief Recovery Workshop beginning on Thursday, June 17, at 10 a.m. in Cravens Hall. It will meet every other week for six sessions. Participants will learn about the grieving process, journaling, the nature of loss, barriers to healthy grief, stress management, dealing with anger, guilt and denial, and many other issues associated with grief and mourning.

You may register by calling the church office or by registering at the church web site: www.silsbeeumc.com.

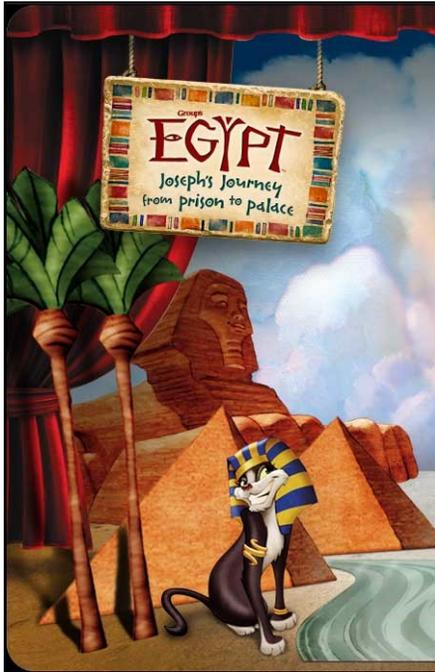
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Pizza Cards for Sale!



The youth are selling Domino's Pizza Cards as a final fundraiser for camp! With a \$10 purchase of a card, you receive 16 "buy one, get one free" coupons for medium pizzas. If you are interested in purchasing a card, please see Paula or Travis Boehmer, or speak to one of the youth!

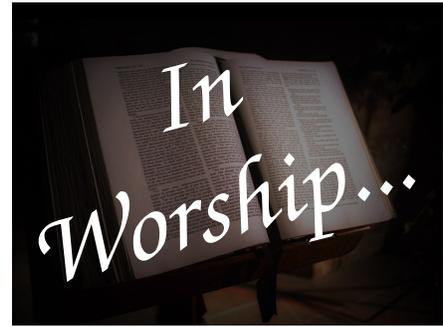


Vacation Bible School is Here!!

We need to borrow some items for decorating McDonough Hall for Vacation Bible School. If you have any of the following and are willing to loan them to us for the week, please contact Paula Boehmer at 767-2883:

Large pottery/vases
Large silk plants
Large wool blankets, preferably in Indian design
Imitation Fruit
Large Straw Baskets
Medium Straw Baskets

Also, please remember to pre-register your children by stopping by the church office and filling out the forms, or you can pre-register online at www.silsbeeumc.com



Currently, we are in the middle of a sermon series on the Book of Galatians. Last Sunday, we covered Galatians 1, This Sunday, June 13, I will be preaching from Galatians 2:15-21, a sermon entitled, "Are You Crucified with Christ?"

On Sunday, June 20, the sermon will be from Galatians 3:23-29. I have not decided for sure about a title, but I may use, "Baptized into Christ."

On Sunday, June 27, Nancy will be filling in for me while I am on vacation. She will be preaching from Galatians 5:13-25, on the topic of the Fruits of the Spirit.

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