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# Methogram

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## DAN’S DIVINITIES

It is raining today. It is dark and dreary. And it is glorious! Funny how the exact same circumstances can be a cause for depression one day, and a cause for rejoicing on another day. In the mid-western and northeastern part of the country today, they would be saying, “When is it ever going to end?” While we are saying, “I hope we have more of the same!”

*Thank you Lord, for the rain, and please send us more. And help us to learn to thank you and have faith in you in all circumstances. Our vision and our sight is limited to what our eyes can see, but you see a grander theme. When it rains in our lives, help us to realize that we have an opportunity to change, grow, learn, and become the people you have envisioned us to be. Use our difficulties to motivate us to seek you and your will in our lives. Thank you for the rain, O Lord. Use it to help us grow. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

This summer is a great time to be with God’s people! I trust I will see you this Sunday!

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Dan*

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### Worship

We had a great Father’s Day unified service. It was good to have everyone together in worship. As far as I know, we only had two families show up for the 9:00 a.m. service, not knowing that it was cancelled. This Sunday and for the foreseeable future, we will have two worship services as normal: 9:00 and 11:00, with Sunday School at 10:00.

We will begin a new sermon series this Sunday. I’m calling it “The Roman Road to Salvation.” It is a bible study

series on the book of Romans. WE will be walking the Roman road all summer. Don’t miss a Sunday!

This Sunday I will be drawing from Romans 1-5, and talking about the problem of sin and human corruption, and God’s solution to our human condition. I am entitling it, “The Power of God for Salvation.”

On July 3, I will be preaching from Romans 6, a message entitled, “Baptized into Death, that We might Live.” On July 3, we will also be celebrating Independence Day Weekend, as we pray for our country and give thanks for our blessing of liberty.

### Gifts

June 12, 2011

\$8,686.00

June 19, 2011

\$5,693.20

Flood Buckets

\$220.00

Christian Care Center

\$200.00

### Presence

Worship

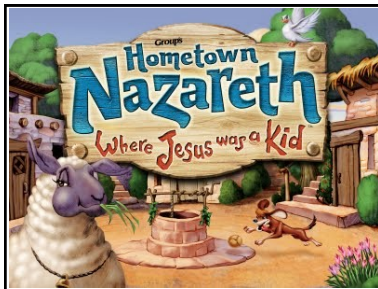
6/12 129

6/19 150

Sunday School

6/12 72

6/19 75



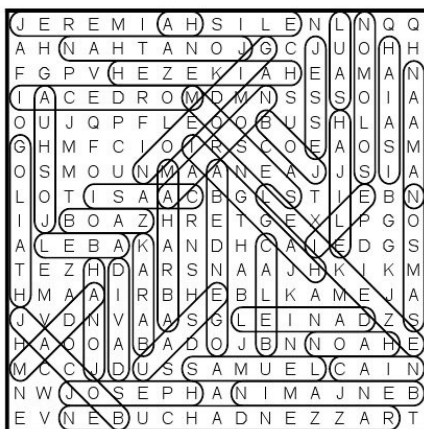
“Hometown Nazareth” VBS is going great! On Wednesday, we had 46 children, 20 youth, and over 20 adults. They were making soap balls, birdhouses, and lots of other fun stuff. The children visited Mary’s house, and had a nosey neighbor drop by who does not yet believe in Jesus. There was a fun and games station, and music and dancing station. And they are learning about Jesus! Thank you Joanna Watters and the entire VBS staff! You did a great job!



## Children's Calendar of Events Summer 2011

7/5 - Adventure Kingdom Golfing, 9 am - 12:30 pm, \$14, meet at church parking lot\*, lunch provided

\* *If you are attending, please call the church office by noon of the previous day, so we make sure we have enough drivers! 385-5568*



## Camp Information



We accidentally overlooked Kristen Medford’s registration for church camp, so we now have 25 kids going, and four adults. Camp is July 11-15 at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, which is just outside Palestine, Texas. The camp still needs more males counselors if there are any men who want to attend as a counselor. Also, we need someone from our congregation to coordinate mail to our campers. Please call the church office and volunteer! We are sending the following kids and counselors to camp this year (their camp is listed in parenthesis):

Elianna Auer (4th/5th)

Corben Johnson (4th/5th)

Paula Boothman (6th/7th)

Jacob Fisher (6th/7th)

Nicholas Trainer (6th/7th)

Ashton Cravy (6th/7th)

Ashley Cravy (6th/7th)

Brittany Coudrain (8th/9th)

Peyton Duke (8th/9th)

Rebecca Darby (8th/9th)

Colton Johnson (8th/9th)

Daniel Van Winkle (8th/9th)

Ali Day (8th/9th)

Krystin Medford (10th/11th/12th)

Elizabeth Coudrain

(10th/11th/12th)

Jonathan Fisher (10th/11th/12th)

Jessica Gore (10th/11th/12th)

Mary Allison Boothman

(10th/11th/12th)

Dillon Cain (10th/11th/12th)

Brady Day (10th/11th/12th)

Kirby Van Winkle (10th/11th/12th)

Elizabeth Trainer (10th/11th/12th)

Tyler Theriot (10th/11th/12th)

Kathryn Drake (10th/11th/12th)

Reagan Robinson (10th/11th/12th)

Dan Darby (Counselor)

LeAnn Johnson (Counselor)

Jason Johnson (Counselor)

Elizabeth Auer (Counselor)

## *In Loving Memory*

### Mary Evelyn Reeves

Bruce & Beth Withers

### Bob Read

Suzanne Barfield

### Sean Rasmussen

Michael & Jennifer Suitt

### Hon. Britt Plunk

Suzanne Barfield & family

Dr. R.O. Jackson

Ed & Sonia Cain

Bruce & Beth Withers

Gus & Johni Ruth Dunbar

### Henry Barfield

Bill, Lynn, Beth, & Susan Barfield

## Grief Support Group

A new support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will begin on Thursday, July 7, at 10 a.m. in Cravens Hall, room 200, at First United Methodist Church of Silsbee. The group will meet every Thursday for about twelve weeks at 10:00 a.m. 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 or for registration.

## Choir Camp

Paula, Dan, and Rebecca Darby attended Choir Camp at Lakeview last week. It was great, and we hope that next year others will attend as well. You get to be part of a first class singing or handbell choir with exceptional conductors. There are also many classes held on music, worship, and the arts. Dan and Paula attended classes by Marcia McFee on worship design and planning. Dr. McFee is the person who has been chosen to plan 25 worship services for General Conference which will be held in Tampa Florida next spring. Rebecca enjoyed her first year in Sr. High Choir Camp, and conquered the ropes course on the first try!

## Introducing our Newest Staff Member

Dear Members of First United Methodist Church,

I would like to take this moment and introduce myself. My name is LeAnn Johnson, and I have recently been given the opportunity to serve this congregation as your Financial Secretary. I feel extremely blessed to have been given this opportunity to serve the church in this capacity. My husband Jason and I, along with our children Colton and Corben are excited and look forward to getting to know each of you. I would like to express my gratitude for this opportunity and for the many kind words of encouragement. This is truly a wonderful family that we are proud to be a part of.

Sincerely,  
LeAnn Johnson



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# July 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 Kids Gathering 9:30-12:00 \$14.00	6 10:00 am Staff Meeting	7 10:00 am Grief Support Group	8	9
10	11 District Youth Camp	12 District Youth Camp	13 District Youth Camp	14 District Youth Camp  10:00 am Grief Support Group	15 District Youth Camp	16
17	18	19	20 10:00 am Staff Meeting	21 10:00 am Grief Support Group	22	23
24	25	26	27 10:00 am Worship Planning Meeting	28 10:00 am Grief Support Group	29	30
31						

**Weekly Events (Occurring each week at the same time unless otherwise noted)**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 Praise Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 5:00 UMYF	11:15 am Prayer Team	7:15 Praise Band Practice	3:30 Jr. High Study Hall 6:30 Sr. High Youth 7:00 Choir Practice			



**Celebrating Birthdays  
in July**


- July 1—Pat Beard
- July 1—Butch Sheppard
- July 7—Olivia Burleson
- July 7—Payton Burleson
- July 8—Drayden Jagneaux
- July 8—Judy Kadlecek
- July 8—Margie Rasmussen
- July 9—Kirsten Martin
- July 9—Grace Taylor

- July 10—Darrel Balla
- July 11—Tristin Bell
- July 11—Christian Jones
- July 12—Payton Gill
- July 13—Margaret Underhill
- July 16—Phillip Georgas
- July 18—Nancy Jacks
- July 20—Jaxson Martin
- July 21—Dolores Nicar
- July 25—Dagma Murphy
- July 26—Mollie Balla
- July 27—Hannah Ketchum
- July 29—Kevin Darby
- July 30—Emily Darby
- July 30—Kyler McCarty



**July  
Anniversaries**

- July 4—  
Mike & Judy McMullen  
16 years
- July 8—  
Tom & Beverly Price  
44 years
- July 12—  
Joel & Darlene Watson  
14 years
- July 13—  
Gary & Shannon  
Strahan  
15 years
- July 15—  
Pat & Lynn Hardy  
44 years
- July 16—  
Kyle & Michelle  
Mackey  
17 years
- July 19—  
Sam & Jeanette Tobey  
53 years
- July 21—  
Lee & Jessica Wise  
10 years
- July 26—  
Charles & Dan Anne  
Burk  
14 years
- July 28—  
Marty & Keli Day  
21 years



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that you can find all our traditional worship services on the web? Each Monday morning, that week's service is added to our archives. They can be found by going to [www.silsbeeumc.com](http://www.silsbeeumc.com) and clicking the "Videos of Our Services" link in the left hand column. Stop by and take a look!

All Faiths Day School is in need of a television! The current T.V. that was located in that building has stopped working, and needs to be replaced. If anyone has a T.V. they would like to donate to AFDS, please contact the church office at 385-5568. Thanks!

# Bible Word Search



ANANIAS  
APOSTLE  
ARRESTED  
ATHENS  
BAPTISED  
BARNABAS  
BLINDED  
CHURCH  
CONVERTED  
CORINTH  
DAMASCUS  
EPISTLES  
GALATIA  
GENTILES  
IMPRISONED  
JERUSALEM

LETTERS  
LIGHT  
MISSIONARY  
JOURNEY  
PAUL  
PREACHING  
ROMAN CITIZEN  
ROME  
SAUL  
SERVANT OF CHRIST  
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