

August 17, 2011



# 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

School starts next week. It has been a short summer! Our schools are facing some difficult times this year due to cuts in budgets and staffing. This Sunday we are going to take time in both services to pray a special prayer of blessing over our teachers, administrators, staff, students, and anyone else associated with the schools.

The Darbys had a great vacation. We got our son Kevin moved into an apartment in Columbus, Ohio, where he is entering a graduate program in Psychology. We also visited family

and friends in Texas, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Mississippi. We covered almost 4400 miles, and had no car problems and stayed cool, praise the Lord. Now I have to work on losing the five pounds I gained on the trip. One thing about weight, it is always easy come, but never easy go.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Dan*

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### Worship

Thanks to Nancy Ratchford, the Praise Band, the Choir, and others that assisted in leadership the past two Sundays. I have heard glowing reports. I understand that red headed female really got fired up.

This Sunday I will be preaching from Romans 12:1-8 a sermon entitled, *Road Work Ahead*. And the next week I will be preaching from the rest of the chapter, *Persevering on the Road*.

Last December, several of us got to know Jo Brown. Ms. Brown is a missionary English teacher in China. Jo is in town right now, and I have asked her to give us a five minute report and slide show about her work in the second service this Sunday.

### Welcome New Members!

Last week Gardner and Madeline Stirling and their adult son, Charles Stirling joined the church in the first service. Gardner is a retired CPA, and he and Madeline have moved here from Brownsville, TX. Charles works for Carrier Air Condition in commercial installation. Charles has two teenage daughters, Daly, who is 17, and Darby, who is almost 16.

Gifts	Presence
<u>July 31, 2011</u>	<u>Worship</u>
\$5,007.50	7/31 120
<u>August 7, 2011</u>	8/07 140
\$9,920.35	8/14 135
<u>Golden</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>Cross</u>	<u>School</u>
\$190.00	7/31 77
	8/07 79
	8/14 90

## August is Christian Care Center Month

August is First United Methodist's month to provide food and supplies for the Christian Care Center.

Items may be taken directly to the center or dropped off at the mission table in Cravens Hall. (The table is located in the hallway outside the Church Office)

Food Items that are needed:

- \* 2 lb. sack of sugar
- \* Cooking oil
- \* Tuna
- \* Spaghetti
- \* Jelly
- \* Soup
- \* Macaroni and Cheese

Non-food Items that are needed:

- \* Shampoo
- \* Toothpaste
- \* Toothbrushes
- \* Bath soap
- \* Deodorant
- \* Tampons and pads

## McDonough Hall Renovations

Monday night the Church Council approved unanimously the renovation of the classroom area of McDonough Hall. They voted to do so without incurring any further debt, and to spend only funds actually collected.

The remodeling project is necessary to sustain our ministries and will make the building more functional, energy efficient, and beautiful for our children, youth, and adults who use the building. We have been using the building for 47 years since it was completed in 1964, and some of the changes are long overdue.

We will replace the ceiling and all the lighting. The current ceiling is sagging badly in places, and no longer is flush with air conditioning vents in some areas. It is discolored, and is weighted down with blown-in insulation. The lights in the ceiling are being phased out in two years and must be replaced with higher efficiency units. New rolled insulation should make the facility more energy efficient.

The windows are drafty single pane units with glazing that has turned to dust, which turns to mud when you try to clean them. New double pane windows will eliminate the draft problem, and make the building much more efficient to heat and cool, adding greatly to the comfort of our students.

The flooring in the classrooms is in extremely poor shape with over eighty tiles missing pieces and hundreds of them cracked. All the experts that we have consulted agree that we must remove the current flooring before putting anything else in.

The bottom four feet of the walls in the classrooms are covered with a vinyl wall covering that is peeling off in many places. All efforts to repair the vinyl have failed, and pulling it off tears up the sheet rock behind it. So, we will have to remove and replace the bottom four feet of sheet rock where this vinyl is in place before installing new wall covering or painting.

Veneer on some of the doors has come off, so we will likely have to have new doors.

We must make provide for the handicap in our restroom facilities, so that will be another area of work. Finally, there is the need for more storage space and an additional restroom for one of the children's classes that does not have such facilities. We will close off a seldom used hallway and exit and install these new rooms.

Of course, the cost of the renovation will be enormous. The wisdom of our church leaders is, however, that we should not go into any additional debt to complete the project. So, we will just set some goals, raise as much money as we can, and then do one project at a time with the money we receive. Over time, we will renovate the entire building, one step at a time. I don't know what time frame that will be, but wouldn't it be wonderful if we could finish the project three years from now in 2014, to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the building and the ministries it has housed?

# In Loving Memory

**Julia Owens**

Dorothy Modisette

**Lothell Gibson**

Dorothy Modisette

**Edward Dominguez**

Janette Van Winkle

**Rebecca Hobbs**

Ron and Judy Erdman

Janette Van Winkle

Corinner and Carol McWhorter

James and Kristi Sellers and family

Dorothy Modisette

**Alfreida Lewis**

Martha Bradshaw

Dana Bradshaw

**Dr. George Tennison**

Janette Van Winkle

Corinner and Carol McWhorter

**Raymond Tennison**

Janette Van Winkle

**Mary Evelyn Reeves**

Janette Van Winkle

**Bob Read**

Janette Van Winkle

**Juanita Felps**

Corinner and Carol McWhorter

**Hon. Britt Plunk**

Dorothy Modisette

**Carolyn Lee**

Dorothy Modisette

## Cook Job Opening



We are currently in need of a cook for the Wednesday night dinners! The job pays

\$75 a week, and would involve planning a menu, shopping for ingredients, and preparing the meals on Wednesday night for the Faithweaver kids. If you are interested, or know someone who would be interested, please contact the church office at 385-5568

## Music Director Job Opening

The church is currently accepting job applications for the position of Director of Music Ministries. It is a part time position, and involves leading the Chancel Choir, working with the praise band, assisting the pastor in planning worship, and developing new worship and music programming for the church. A full job description and job application are available in the church office and online at [www.silsbeeumc.com](http://www.silsbeeumc.com).

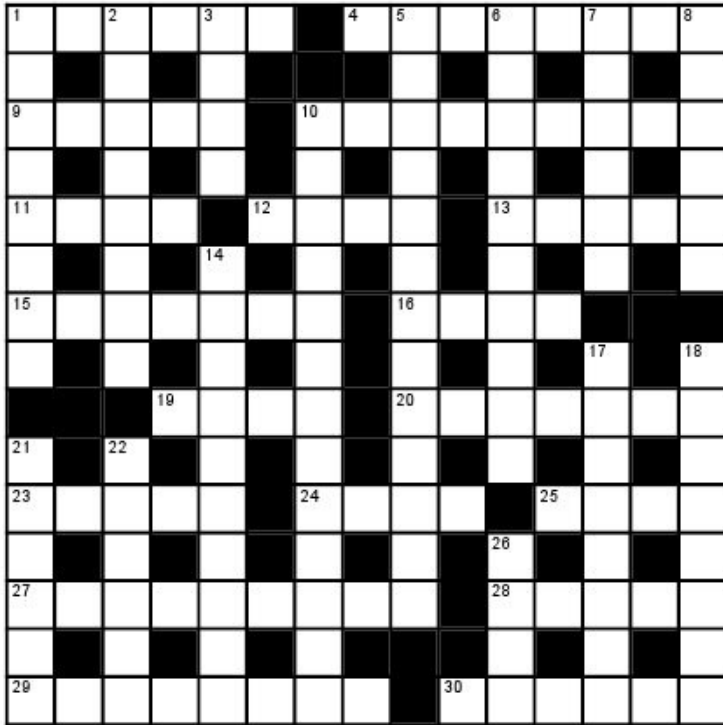
## Addresses Needed!

The Cornerstone Sunday School class has committed to writing letters and sending care packages to our military members. If you have an address for any of the military personnel associated with our congregation, please provide it to the church office so that we may compile a list.

Also, the Unity class would like to write to our college students and send care packages, but we need their addresses. Parents, please provide the church office with your child's college address so that we can continue to minister to them.

Thanks for your help!

# Bible Crossword



- 4 Allocated
  - 9 Kingdoms or domains
  - 10 Babylonians
  - 11 Left behind when Peter and Andrew followed Jesus
  - 12 Lame man's entrance to the house where Jesus healed him
  - 13 Depart
  - 15 Stamens of a crocus
  - 16 New thought
  - 19 Unhearing
  - 20 Absconded
  - 23 Enticed
  - 24 The coldest of the ten plagues
  - 25 Insult rendering the giver in danger of hell fire
  - 27 First visitors to the baby Jesus
  - 28 Twinkle
  - 29 Sin
  - 30 Physical state after absence of food
- Down**
- 1 Written on Priest's headband
  - 2 To set apart for sacred use
  - 3 Wise men's domain
  - 5 Location where Jesus met the disciples for breakfast
  - 6 Greediness
  - 7 Cured of leprosy by washing in the River Jordan
  - 8 Crockery
  - 10 Worn by Jesus on the cross
  - 14 Amity between David and Jonathan
  - 17 Against
  - 18 Forbidden in the seventh commandment
  - 21 A place to pray
  - 22 Country visited by Paul
  - 26 Hairy Old Testament hunter

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