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Dan's Divinities

It seems that a lot of people really enjoyed Rueben Barjacob's story about his little brother, Joseph, last Sunday. Apparently a few people did not even realize that Rueben was played by an infamous actor – me! I enjoyed hamming it up a bit as I told the biblical story of the salvation of Jacob's family from famine. One parishioner told me he had not laughed so much in years. Others were just wondering where the preacher had run off to!

If Joseph had not overcome his misfortunes to be in the position to be used by God to save his family, there never would have been a Moses, an Elijah, a King David, or even a Jesus. Thank God for Joseph's faithfulness to God, his forgiveness of his brothers, and his provision for his family. The next couple of months Nancy and I will be preaching from famous Old Testament stories in Exodus. Here's the preaching schedule:

August 31, Pastor Nancy Ratchford will preach on Exodus 3:1-15, *What's In a Name?* Everyone's name is important. Do you know God's name? Does he know yours?

September 7, Exodus 12:1-14, *The Passover and the Eucharist*. The Passover remembers and celebrates the formative event in Judaism, as Holy Communion remembers and celebrates the central event of Christianity. Both are celebrations of deliv-

erance and redemption.

September 14, 2014, Exodus 14:1-14, 19-31, *The Power of God's Deliverance*. No matter what our dilemma, God will deliver us.

September 21, **Back to Church Sunday**; Exodus 16:2-15, *Bread from Heaven*. The Christian lifestyle sometimes seems like a wilderness, devoid of the things upon which our souls depend for survival, and we are beset by fear and worry. But God invites us to live by faith and become dependent upon Him and His provision.

September 28, Exodus 17:1-7, *Water from the Rock*. From the Rock of Christ, we can find answers to the little rocks of life.

October 5, 2014, **World Communion Sunday**, Exodus 20:1-20, *The Ten Commandments*. For societal values to be effective, they must be based on devotion to God.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Dan



God Only Knows Praise Band to Lead in Worship

James Flynn, the lead guitarist for the praise band of Woodcrest United Methodist Church in Lumberton has formed a new band called, *God Only Knows*. They will lead worship in our 9:00 a.m. Praise Service at FUMC in Silsbee on Sunday, August 31, in McDonough Hall. These are excellent musicians, and everyone who attends will have a real treat. Invite your neighbors!

A Note from the President of Converge Student Ministries Youth Council

This church has been a part of me ever since I was a little kid. Growing up I had big dreams of being big in the church. Getting to lead worship was first on the list. Working VBS ran a close second, and last I wanted to share my love for God in bigger ways! Being a part of this youth group for these last couple of years has been amazing and has helped me to share my love in the bigger ways I had hoped to. I have had many rollercoaster moments in this church- the good, the bad, and the LOVELY! I love this church with all I have in me. Thank you to everyone I've met along the way, that have pushed me to go further and never give up on my journey.

Love always,

Ali Janiece Day
President of Converge Student Ministries Youth Council



Fall Bible Study

Abingdon Press has just published a new bible study called *Covenant*. It is a 24-week, in-depth group bible study in which people read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God – and others – better. It is divided up in three 8-week sessions, entitled “Creating the Covenant,” “Living the Covenant,” and “Trusting the Covenant.” We will offer the first 8-week module in September and October, and pick up the remaining modules after the first of the year.

We have decided to delay starting our Covenant bible Study until Sunday, September 21, so we can have something new to offer any guests who attend on National Back to Church Sunday. We encourage everyone in the church to attend the bible study. It will be fantastic, and will empower and deepen your spiritual life for years to come.

We would like to start with a meal at 5:30 on Sunday nights, and have the study at the church from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. You can sign up for the study by calling the church office or by registering on Sunday mornings. The pastors will lead the study, hopefully in two groups if we have enough people sign up. Volunteers are needed to fix and help with meals! We will also have a program of activities for children so their parents can participate. Call James Borello (385-5568) if you would like to work with the children!



Silsbee First United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch

October 5th – October 31st

Hours: Monday – Saturday 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday -- noon – 6 pm

Come and buy a pumpkin and help support Converge, the student ministry at First Methodist Silsbee. You can come take pictures and have a fun time with the entire family. If you have a group (school, preschool, etc.) or any other large group that would like to come to the patch, please contact James Borello at the church and he will make sure there are no other groups that day. It is free to come and browse and all money collected will help Converge send youth on mission trips and to camp this summer.



Pictures Are This Week!

If you have scheduled a pictorial directory appointment, you should be receiving a reminder card in the mail soon. If you have not scheduled an appointment, it is not too late! We still have some spots open on Wednesday, and Saturday. Please call the church office immediately so that we can get everyone included!

Needed:

A copy of "Heavenly Highways" hymnal. Do you have one that Paula could borrow for a while? If so, please leave it in the church office for her, along with your name and any special instructions.

Thank you!

Paula Darby
385-2467

Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, September 7

3:00 pm District Conference
Wesley UMC, Beaumont

Mondays,

September 8, 22, 29

7:00 pm Lay Leadership

Monday, October 6

5:00 pm SPPRC Meeting

Monday, October 13

6:00 pm Finance Meeting

Monday, October 20

7:00 pm Church Council

The Church office received the following letter from one of the UM Army clients, and wanted to share it with you:

To First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the ramp. It is such a nice one. It helps so much. It helps the health care workers and Meals On Wheels people.

The steps are steep. So I am afraid of someone falling. This is a blessing to me. They can come up ramp.

The people were so nice and friendly. It was a joy to see the young people out helping.

Please put me on your prayer list. My health is not good at this time, a lot of tests.

Thanks again. I can't put into words what this means to me.

Sincerely,
Norma Rhodes

In Loving Memory

Bubba Move

Kassie Moye

Gifts and Presence

Worship

08/10 135

08/17 144

Sunday School

08/10 79

08/17 85

Gifts

08/10 \$3,369.05

08/17 \$5,064.00



Faithweaver Friends will be starting again soon! We plan on having our first Faithweaver Friends of the year on Wednesday, September 17. In preparation for that, Glenda Delano is hosting a Faithweaver Friends volunteer meeting on Sunday, August 10 at 3:00 pm in Cravens Hall. If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry, please come to this meeting. You can also contact Glenda at 409-291-9480 for more information!



National Back to Church Sunday!!!!

National Back to Church Sunday is a cooperative effort on the part of many churches across our nation to reach out to people who need Christ and need to be back in church! Back to Church Sunday is September 21, and between now and then, let's all be very intentional about praying for people who need to be back in church. If you give us the names of people you are praying for, our Prayer and Care Team will pray for them too. We will meet in the chapel every Monday morning at 11:00 between now and then to pray for the names people submitted, along with the names of our inactive members. You are invited to join the Care and Prayer Team at that time. We are also working on getting together an evening prayer team as well. Join us as a prayer warrior for the Kingdom's sake!

We will also provide you with National Back to Church post-cards if you want to send the people on your personal list a post-card invitation. Of course, personal invitations are also encouraged.

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