



September 13, 2017

Methogram

“The mission of First United Methodist Church of Silsbee is to glorify God, make disciples, and transform lives in Christ”

The View From Downtown

Dear Friends,

Anita and I have a magnet on our refrigerator that says “We Plan, God Laughs”. This magnet was on our refrigerator when Hurricane Ike sent four feet of water into the parsonage in Bridge City. In the past couple of weeks we all have suffered what I call “The Harvey Effect”. In the dictionary, effect means “a change that is a result or consequence of an action or other cause”. This is certainly true when 50+ inches of rain fall on about 7 million people in a 2 to 4 day span. Even though most of Silsbee was spared, our neighbors to the south, east, and west took a beating.

The Harvey effect locally was a shortage of gasoline, food, electricity, and an inability to travel anywhere. Thankfully, we are on the rebound with supply chains reestablished day by day. The long term effect is that schools and businesses have to catch up and many church families have welcomed flooded families into their homes. As I said to folks recently, I have been through a flood and I have scars but you cannot see them.

Because of Harvey and Irma, our nation is now living in a “new normal”. Many parts of our country will take one to five years to fully recover.

I would like to propose a new effect and I call it the “Servant Effect”. On Saturday

and Sunday, September 9-10, a wonderful and inspiring group from Franklin Texas Church of Christ came to Silsbee and brought food, supplies, clothing and lots of hope and love.

The group from Franklin was headed by Britt Lively and his wonderful family. Britt is a 1998 graduate of SHS where he made All-state football and then spent time at Texas A&M and finished as an All-American offensive tackle at Abilene Christian University. He has a successful business in Bryan, Texas and his desire to help us in Silsbee was great success. Remember our new friends at Franklin Church of Christ as they travel to other storm damaged areas to serve people in the name of Christ.

As we go forward, it is my hope that you will join me in “The Servant Effect” here in our community. Be open and listen to God’s Holy Spirit which will guide and direct you. And please pray, study God’s Word, and take the time to come to worship on Sunday. The time spent with God just might bring about a positive effect for you and your family.

Let’s Be Effective!

Pastor David

Education Committee to Postpone Fall Bible Study to January 2018

The Education Committee is sad to announce the postponement of the “Renovate— Building a Life with God” study. Due to the lingering effects of Harvey, we will reschedule this study for January 21st-March 4th. The time will be Sunday afternoons with study from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and the meal fellowship from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. More info will be coming in future Methograms.

New Members News

First UMC Silsbee welcomes Bo and Katherena Hoffman of 5918 Country Club Road, Silsbee, 77656. Bo works for an industrial shop and Katherena is a nurse who grew up in Silsbee. They both joined by profession of faith at the 11:00 am service on August 6th. Their son, Ty, is a 4th grader at Silsbee Elementary.

Condolences

First UMC offers its condolences to the family of Frances Patterson, who passed away on September 10th. Frances is survived by two grown children, and her husband Lester Hall, who is a member of First UMC. Frances had been a member of First UMC since September 2014.

<u>Worship</u>	
08/20	154
08/27	94
09/03	102
09/10	163
<u>Sunday School</u>	
08/20	83
08/27	37
09/03	34
09/10	75

Opportunity to Strengthen First

UMC Silsbee on October 1st

First UMC has the privilege of hosting Jan Floro with Grow Church Now on Sunday, October 1 at 12:00 pm in Cravens Fellowship Hall. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a vegetable or dessert. Pastor David will supply the ham and drinks.

In 2006, Jan stepped away from serving on church staffs and began Grow Church Now, a consulting and coaching company for churches and clergy. She has hands-on experience with Children's Ministry, Evangelism, Marketing, Welcoming and Hospitality, Small Groups, and New Member Assimilation.

On October 1, Jan will present an overview of how Grow Church Now could benefit First UMC Silsbee in the future.

A handout will be available and questions will be answered. Everyone is invited to attend this once in a lifetime event!

Birthday Wishes

Kay Walter of 225 Magnolia Trail, Lumberton, Texas, 77657, turned 80 years old on September 13th. She would welcome cards and best wishes.

First UMC Youth Group Beginning of School Party on September 24

Hey youth! Tired of thinking and hearing about Harvey? Well, come join Pastor David for grilled hamburgers, Blue Bell Ice cream and games (maybe even swimming if it is warm enough) at the Harkeys house (1130 Gentry Drive). Invite your friends, but please tell Pastor David ahead of time how many you are bringing. Let's have fun on Sunday, September 24 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm..

Evangelism Opportunities

Church family, the Prayer Team has two exciting new opportunities for you! Beginning September 17 at both services, we will have a testimony time. If you would like to share what God has done in your life, please leave your name and number with Jennifer at the church office, or contact Mickey Stanton.

Also, we are starting a once-a-month time of corporate prayer. Beginning Sunday, September 17, immediately following the second service, we will meet in the chapel to specifically pray for our church leaders, our church family, and the ministries of this church. All are invited to join us.

In His Love,
Prayer Team of First UMC



Thank You

The church office has received the following notes of thanks:

At a time when you were remembering another, you also thought of us. On behalf of the Jay Hinkie Family, and from us... Thank you for your kind donation to the Jay Hinkie Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Silsbee Fire and Rescue

Thank you so much for the generous gift. It will help me a lot when I get ready for SFA in the fall.

*Sincerely,
Gage Tywater*



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