



October 5, 2016

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,

Have you ever lost something? Why yes, most of us have lost or misplaced something, probably several times in our lives. Well, when I lost something that I needed for an upcoming ministry, I began to frantically search all over my office, and by search, I mean from bottom to top. After spending about an hour (it seemed) looking for that important piece of paper, my stress level was climbing higher and higher.

Finally, I realized that I needed to give up the search and told myself that the way forward was to start over. By going this route, I would lower my stress level and come to a time of resolution that I could focus on. Aren't you and I

glad that we can start over again in God's kingdom? In God's kingdom, He searches for us without end and offers us the way of salvation. When you face a time of frustration, stress, doubt, or fear, I would suggest that you read the 15th chapter of Luke. Thanks be to God for His unlimited love and forgiveness.

In Christ,
Pastor David

P.S. Thank you everyone for your recent prayers concerning my health. I am cancer free and looking forward to better days ahead.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your love and prayers during our time of bereavement. It meant so much to all of our family.

The Ora Lee Caldwell Family

In Loving Memory

Lee Caldwell

Steve, Sharon, and Sally Diden

Ruth Ann Blake

Marianne Deadmon

Freeda Duffle

Judy and Ron Erdman

Barbara Hardy

Joyce Birdwell, Sabrina & Jim, Leslie & Bart

Mark & Connie Chase

Jerry & Marilyn Cox

Patricia Donalson

Butch & Betty Hobson

Irene Redkey

Nathan & Jennifer Welch

Reid & Sharon Dickard

Herbert & Mary K Muckelroy

Betty Wagner

Thomas & LaNell Hardy

Lillian Jane Hart

Willa Dean Hill

Ed & Sonia Cain

Jack & Carol Sue Jordan

Kristi & James Sellers

Victory SS Class

Mr. & Mrs. Garry Richards

David & Karen Cobble

Dee & Butch Suitt

Janette VanWinkle

Ralph & Carole Muzzillo

Alvin Morgan

Suzanne Barfield

Roger Ratcliff

Suzanne Barfield

Charline Dauphin

Suzanne Barfield

Alvin Morgan

Suzanne Barfield

Myrtle Landolt Family

Suzanne Barfield

Rayford Birdwell

Suzanne Barfield

Becky White

Suzanne Barfield

Henry Busceme

Suzanne Barfield

Warren Barfield

Suzanne Barfield

Martha Petroelje

Marianne Deadmon

Mother of Angelo Napomoceno

Marianne Deadmon

Joeli Weldon

Reid and Sharon Dickard

<u>Worship</u>		<u>Gifts</u>	
09/11	154	09/11	\$5,288.75
09/18	144	09/18	\$5,170.35
09/25	150	09/25	\$2,375.47
10/02	146	10/02	\$9,105.31
<u>Sunday School</u>			
09/11	89		
09/18	69		
09/25	60		
10/02	61		

Methogram Schedule

October 19 publication
Please submit any articles and info by noon,
Tues. October 18

November 2 publication
Please submit any articles and info by noon,
Tues. November 1

Please help us with addresses

The following is a list of church members that we do not have addresses for. We have been unable to get in contact with them. If you know any of these people, please either contact the church with their correct address, or have them contact us. Thank you!

Perry Beck	Jay Lee Fletcher	Rex Murray
Tina Biddle	Kim Fletcher	Diane Perkins
Carol Nell Brown	Cindy Forse	Casey Powell
Blake Burluson	Michael Forse	A.P. Ratcliff
Gary Ray Clark	Katherine Gregory	James Sellers
Keith Alan Clark	Adam Hart	Kristi Sellers
Katie Craigen	Alycia Hart	Tyson Sellers
Lee and Dave Davis	Doug Holland	Tracy Lanell Smith
James Diehl	Lacy Holland	Rebecca Trahan
Jordan Diehl	Patsy Kirby	Jana Waggener
Martha Diehl	Charles Labuff	Jola Waggener
Sabrina Diehl	Altus Lewis	Richard Waggener
Kurt Dinkle	Rose Livingston	Frank Walter III
Mitchell Dinkle	Candace Loftin	Nora VanWinkle Welch
Pam Dinkle	Mary Lowe	Marishka Welmon
Will Dinkle	David Muckleroy	Linda Whitfill
Dustin Drake	Peggy Muckleroy	Charles Williams
Summer Duncan	Erica Lauren Murphy	Cory Williams
Regina Durham	Gary Murphy	Bobby Woodard
Chris Eldredge	Jess Ryan Murphy	Mollie Woodard
Vicki Ferrell	Kathy Murphy	Tara Rowe Zello

Middle School Volunteer Program

There is a real opportunity for volunteers in the Silsbee Middle School, and we have been invited back again by Principal Sunee Stephens. Some of the opportunities include the following:

1. Help for the receptionist who has children and parents coming to her desk constantly.
2. Helping the administrative staff during lunch, to be with the children and visit with them.
3. Help in special needs classrooms, working one on one with teachers and students.
4. Help in most of the classrooms, especially if available on a particular day or time.

If you have some time to volunteer, please call the church office and let us know how you would like to become involved in this awesome program. The first step in volunteering is to stop by the SISD Administration Building on Hwy 327 West and fill out a simple form to have a background check. The church office is in the process of obtaining some of the volunteer forms, so hopefully they will be available in the office in the near future. Once you pass the background check and receive your photo ID badge, then please notify our church office, and we will get you involved in this great outreach!



Hi everyone! We are about to have pumpkins! They are supposed to arrive this weekend. Boy, I can't wait. If you haven't already signed up to work the Patch, please do so, it is a lot of fun.

We are planning the Trunk or Treat to be held on the 22nd of October along with the Party at the patch. Please plan to decorate your car or truck and come along. There will be games between the cars, a bouncy house, and train rides. Of course, there will also be plenty of candy.

We are still in need of a Sunday School teacher for 1st and 2nd grades. We also want all the kids to come back to Sunday School, as our attendance has been low recently. We have a class for every age group, so please join us. We will have fun and learn about Jesus.

One final note, we are asking for donations of candy for the Trunk or Treat.

~Mrs. Glenda



Hi all,
Pumpkin Patch is fast approaching!!! The scheduled delivery date

for pumpkins is this Saturday, October 8, at 1:00 p.m. If you are able, we would greatly appreciate your help in unloading the pumpkins from the truck. Please note that the delivery date and time are subject to change, so please check your email and Facebook for updates.

Youth volunteers will be able to get volunteer hours for things such as National Honor Society by helping out at the Pumpkin Patch. Please let your youth know that they can receive volunteer hours through the Pumpkin Patch.

Also, there will be a photo spot area in the Pumpkin Patch that will allow families to get their picture taken. Please do not miss the opportunity to have your photo taken and make a great memory of the Pumpkin Patch event at our church.

In other news, I just wanted to bring up two amazing events I got to be a part of recently at Silsbee Middle School and High School. At Silsbee Middle School, I was asked to introduce myself at the Christians in Action before school program. At the end of my talk, I had the middle school students recite the Sinner's Prayer if they wanted to, and I saw a number of them respond!!!

At the high school, I was asked to do an altar call at the Annual Saw You at the Pole Prayer Rally. Ten students came up to give their lives to Christ when I gave the altar call. I will remember that night the for rest of my life!!! Someday, I will see those students in heaven as a result of their giving their lives to Christ. To God goes all the glory, I am just His messenger. God is the one who convicts them and draws the students to Himself.

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and help in the Pumpkin Patch preparation. This has been a true team effort!!!

God Bless,
Ben Schulz



“Making It Matter” Stewardship Sermon Series October 9, 16, 23

Each year in the fall, many churches take the time to consider how its stewardship will be defined and used in its ministries for the upcoming year. Here at First UMC, we will examine what stewardship means and the impact it can play in the ministries of our church for 2017. According to Wik-

ipedia, stewardship “refers to the way time, talents, material possessions, or wealth are used or given for the service of God.”

For the 2017 stewardship messages, Pastor David will speak about the importance of “making it matter”. The following is a schedule for the Sundays of October 9, 16, and 23.

October 9	Psalm 116	“Generous Gift Giving”
October 16	Matthew 20: 20-28	“Self-Service vs. Full Service”
October 23	Romans 12:1-8	“Present and Committed”

Please pray for Pastor David, your family, all church families, and for God’s direction to be made clear.



Men’s Group Meeting a Success!!!

Ten men attended the first gathering of a new men’s ministry at First UMC on Tuesday, October 4 in Cravens Hall. Food, fellowship, and a new lesson just for men called “Lessons from the Tackle Box” was begun. The men had such a good time that they will now meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. The next gathering will be on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00p.m. in Cravens Hall.

For those who would like to look at lesson one, please contact Pastor David at the church office.



Impact Youth Ministries presents

The Party at the Patch

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Party Hours 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Come Enjoy:

- A bouncy house
- Train rides
- Family photos
- Festival games
- Trunk or Treat
- Blessing of the Pets

• Popcorn and candy and drinks for sale all day

Best of all, the Party at the Patch is FREE!!

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