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# Methogram

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## Dan's Divinities

Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It is no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.

For a four-week period, November 16 through December 7, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, and money) affects our spiritual and emotional lives. I will be sharing a sermon series on the topic of *Treasure* for those four Sundays, and we ask our adult and youth Sunday School classes to consider teaching the *Treasure* curriculum for those four weeks. Everyone will be given the daily devotional book *Treasure* by Jacob Armstrong on November 9, and that will be the basis for the Sunday School Class lessons and discussion with the aid of a teacher's guide. Jacob Armstrong has also produced four marvelous videos that last about six minutes each that we will share in the morning worship services.

I personally am really excited about this superb series on *Treasure*. The

author of the materials, Rev. Jacob Armstrong has done a fabulous job. *Treasure* is based on Jesus' teachings on money found in Matthew 6, which is part of the Sermon on the Mount.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will receive commitment cards in the mail, and cards will be available on Sunday mornings. We will bring these commitment cards to worship on Sunday, December 7. The *Treasure* series is not based on the needs of the church, but on learning that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also.

I hope that you'll join us as we look at Jesus' teaching on how we can achieve freedom from some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God.

See you this Sunday!

*Pastor Dan*

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For the next few weeks, I will be continuing my fall series on foundational Old Testament stories. Here's what the line-up looks like:

**October 12**, Exodus 32:1-14, *God Changes His Mind*

**October 19**, Exodus 33:12-23, *Seeing the Back of God*

**October 26**, Deuteronomy 34:1-12, *Mt. Pisgah's Lofty Heights: Looking into the Promised Land*

**November 2** – All Saint's Sunday – Joshua 3:7-17, *Crossing Into the Promised Land*

**November 9** – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, *We Will Serve the Lord*

**November 16**, the first Sunday of our four week series, *Treasure*, Matthew 6:21



Worship



On October 11, Converge will be selling links and a drink next to the pumpkin patch to help raise money for supplies for Converge. This will be a great time for our youth and church to shine during Cruise'n Silsbee. If you would like to help or make a donation for this please contact me at church or via email at [james.borello@gmail.com](mailto:james.borello@gmail.com)



As of this writing, what we have is a Pumpkinless Patch. But by the time you read this, I am willing to bet we have a lot full of pumpkins. The pumpkins were supposed to be delivered on October 4, but the shipper was unable to keep the schedule. So, they rescheduled for later this week. So, the lot should be full of glorious pumpkins! Come by, take a picture, join the fun, and buy a pumpkin!



First United Methodist Church - Silsbee  
**Family Outdoor Movie Night**

Saturday, October 25th  
 6:00 p.m.  
 The Voigtman's Backyard  
 404 Whippoowill, Silsbee

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 Bring lawn chairs and blankets  
 Movie:  
 The Swiss Family Robinson

<u>Worship</u>	
09/28	149
10/05	123
<u>Sunday School</u>	
09/28	97
10/05	74
<u>Gifts</u>	
09/28	\$3,296.50
10/05	\$6,889.50

## Candy Needed!

We are still taking donations for candy for the Fall Festival. Please bring small, individually wrapped candy to the church office by Monday, October 27, 2014. Thank you!

### All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 2, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday in both services. You will be invited to write the name of the saints of the church that have most influenced your life and hang them on our display in the front of the worship area. We will also read the role of the honored dead. We will be reminded of the gift of their continuing influence upon us and presence with us in Christ through the ringing of a bell, and, in the second service, the lighting of a candle.

### 2015 Camp Dates

July 13-17, 2015

Reserve it on your personal and church calendar now.

# FALL FESTIVAL

Friday  
October 31, 2014  
5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

- ◆ From 5:00– 8:00 pm, we will be having indoor and outdoor fun.
- ◆ Booths include a cake walk, moon walks, train rides, and many booths where you can win prizes.
- ◆ Make sure to wear your costume! There will be a costume contest at 6:45pm with first, second and third place winners in each age division.
- ◆ This event is for everyone in the community and will be fun for the whole family.
- ◆ Come join us in welcoming in the Fall Season!



## Covenant Bible Study

Covenant Bible Study has gotten off to a great start! Fourteen people are participating on Sunday evenings at 5:30 and about a dozen people on Thursdays at 2:00. The study traces the concept of covenant throughout the Old and New Testaments, and participants have bible readings to do every day. When we come together in our groups we discuss our readings, watch a video, and have group discussions. The current series lasts for eight weeks, and we will have two more eight week sessions after the first of the year.

## In Loving Memory

### Martha Bradshaw

HB and Delraye Gibson  
John M and Connie B Otto  
Belle and John Byron  
George and Robin Floyd  
Joyce Murphy  
Nicholas and Jill Petronio  
Pat Donalson  
David and Karen Cobble  
Reid and Sharon Dickard  
Irene Redkey  
Joseph B and Larue Stafford  
Candy and Kathy McWhorter  
Tom and Sheila Eveland  
James D and Beth West  
Clint and Sandy Whitman  
Lisa Wolfford  
Cecil and Marjorie Cassity  
Freeda Duffle  
Kassie Moye  
Robert, Will and Yvonne Neyland  
David and Joyce Reed Sheffield  
SW and Jeanette Tobey  
Mary Grace Bower

Janie and Robert Guinn  
Ed and Sonia Cain  
Nancy and Billy Erwin

### Dolores Nicar

David and Karen Cobble  
Irene Redkey  
Bruce and Beth Withers  
Carol McWhorter  
Cecil & Marjorie Cassity  
Freeda Duffle  
SW and Jeanette Tobey  
Ed and Sonia Cain  
Nancy and Billy Erwin

### James Wills

David and Karen Cobble  
Robert, Will and Yvonne Neyland

### Pete Parmer

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

### Charles Willis

Ed and Sonia Cain

**Bishop's Annual Visit  
Rescheduled!**

Bishop Janice R. Huie will visit the SE District on **Tuesday, October 28**. Clergy will meet at 4:00 p.m. and Laity will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Beaumont, Wesley UMC, in the Dinning Hall. This year's theme will be "Leadership Values that will Transform Your Church." She will be talking about four qualities of leadership: courageous leading, faith talking, compassion sharing, and bridge building. Bishop Huie established the annual district visits shortly after arriving in the Texas



Annual Conference. **PLEASE NOTE: This is a new date and time. Please change your calendars appropriately.**

**Connectional Charge Conference**

The clergy and laity are encouraged to attend an afternoon of fellowship, worship, celebration, and learning. The Southeast District Connectional Charge/Church Conference (CCC) and Lay Leadership Training will be held **November 16, 3:00–6:00 p.m.** at Beaumont, Wesley UMC, in the Family Life Center (Gym). The Annual Charge Conference business will be affirmed by consent and received by the District Superintendent. Eric Hoffer, in his book *Reflections on the Human Condition*, wrote, "In a time of drastic change it is the *learners* who inherit the future. The *learned* usually find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists." Responding to the fast pace of change in culture gives the church exciting new possibilities for innovative mission and ministry. The Reverend John Thornburg, Senior Area Consultant for the Texas Methodist Foundation, is our keynote speaker and facilitator for the lay leadership training. He will teach on "Adaptive Change and the Missional Church." All church leaders and interested laity are invited to attend.

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