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# Methogram

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## Dan’s Divinities

What does discipleship mean? If you were to take the next step in your daily life to increase your level of discipleship, what would it be? What are the marks of Christian discipleship? What are your needs in your spiritual life? How can your spiritual life be revived?

These are questions that Nancy and I would like to discuss with a group of our church members during a time of table fellowship. We would like to invite any of you who are interested in growing in Christ to attend. We will be meeting on Sunday evenings from 5 -7 p.m., beginning on November 4 through December 9, skipping Thanksgiving weekend, November 25.

We will start each session with a light meal together. Afterward we will discuss what discipleship means. In addition to receiving input from the group,

Nancy and Dan will do some teaching about the dynamics and practice of disciple making in the early Methodist Movement. There is no better example than our historic Wesleyan heritage of how lives were changed through Christian discipleship.

By the end of these five sessions together, we hope to develop an ongoing plan for discipleship and Christian growth that we can put into practice in our congregation.

I hope that you will consider joining us in this endeavor.

May your joy in Christ increase abundantly!

*Pastor Dan*

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Worship

I have a prayer request for you. Pray that the Lord would enable me to talk less with more clarity. I have many faults, and preaching longer than most folks want to listen is one of them. Pray that the Lord would grant me the gift of being to say what needs to be said in twenty minutes or so. That will be hard work for me, but pray that the Lord will help me to grow in this area.

This Sunday, October 28, my sermon is entitled, “The Eyes Have It.” It is based on the story of the healing of Blind Bartimaeus found in

Mark 10:46-52.

On Sunday, November 4, 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. My sermon title will be “The Liberating Power of Christ,” and will be based the story of the resurrection of Lazarus found in John 11:32-44.

# In Loving Memory

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Charles W. Lee

**Darrell Shine**

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**Bob Read**

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**Henry Barfield**

Charles W. Lee

## Flu Shot Clinic Cancelled

The flu shot clinic previously scheduled for Sunday, November 4 has now been cancelled. We did not have enough people sign up for the clinic to be held.

### **We Need Your Help!!**

Faithweaver Friends needs more helpers in the kitchen. We are looking for people that are willing to help us serve the snacks and the dinner for our Faithweaver Friend Program. If you would like to help, please contact Tonya Hawkins. Thank you!

Presence		Gifts
<b><u>Worship</u></b>		<b><u>10/14/2012</u></b>
10/14	124	\$8,948.82
10/21	147	
<b><u>Sunday School</u></b>		<b><u>10/21/2012</u></b>
10/14	85	\$8,029.11
10/21	91	



We will begin a new Grief Support Group on Thursday, November 29, at 10 a.m. in Cravens Fellowship Hall, room 200. We will meet every Thursday at least through December. We hope this will help those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one cope with the holidays. Interested persons may register by calling the church office.



**All Faiths Day School Board:** Monday, November 12, at 4:00 p.m., Cravens #200.

**Finance Committee:** Monday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.

**Church Officer Training Retreat:** Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (This date has been revised from what was previously announced.)

# FALL FESTIVAL

We will be having the annual Fall Festival Sunday,  
October 28, 2012

From 5:00– 7:00 pm, we will be having indoor and outdoor fun.

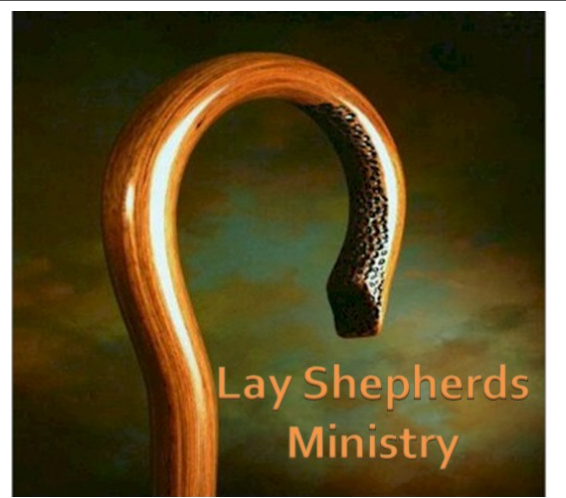
Booths include a cake walk, moon walks, train rides, and many booths where you can win prizes.

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 year we are also having a carved pumpkin contest, so bring your pumpkins (already carved) to the festival!

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!



## Lay Shepherding Luncheon

Each of our Sunday School classes are invited to send representatives to our lay Shepherding Luncheon on Sunday, November 11, at noon. Each representative is asked to report on their class, and how their class is reaching out to their active, inactive, and prospective members. We will take a look at our current church visitors list and talk about the best ways to assimilate them into our Sunday School classes. The date is a week later than previously announced, so, shepherds, be sure and update your calendars.



The time is drawing neigh for our Fall Festival and Craft Fair, October 28. Our times are: 10:45 am after Sunday School, 12 noon, and 5:00-7:00 that night and again at the Christmas in the Big Thicket Festival December 1<sup>st</sup> outside the Silsbee Public Library. I hope you will plan to do some Christmas shopping.

I think we will have a great selection from which to choose. Some of the items are: Jellies, hand embroidered tea towels, special homemade BBQ Sauce, homemade sweet pickles, quilts, decorative pillows, scarves, crocheted baby blankets with matching caps, one pink and the other purple, a large painting, neck warmers, wall hangings, hair bows, hair bow hangers, a baby quilt with matching pillow, fabric gift bags, gift tags, tree ornaments, hand carved crosses, embroidered tea towels, stuffed animals: "Hang Around Rudy," and "Daisy Mae Doorstop," bird houses, handmade greeting cards, plants, wreaths, decorated pumpkins of all sorts, Christmas arrangements, baskets, and baked goods. Also, you are invited to donate a favorite cookbooks to the sale. I'm sure I have forgotten some items.

Again, if you have questions, feel free to call Jan Wilson, at 385-6578 or 656-7155.



## Happy Birthday Wishes from First United Methodist Church!



*Happy Birthday to Bob Hayes! Bob turned 90 years old on October 15! The chancel choir celebrated this occasion with a party following the traditional worship service on October 14. You are such a blessing to all of us, Bob!*



*Another great blessing to our church is Mary Francis, who is turning 100 years old on October 27. Both the Victory Class and Primetimers have recently celebrated this occasion with her. Happy Birthday Mary!*

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