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Methogram

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DAN'S DIVINITIES

Eighteen of us will be riding a chartered bus with campers from Lumberton, Kountze, China, and Sour Lake to camp next week. The rest of our crew will be going by private vehicle – a total of 26 campers and 4 counselors. Pray for us that the Lord will keep us safe and that we will be touched by God's Spirit and respond in faith.

If you want to write letters to any of our campers or counselors, you can put them in the box outside the Church Office on Sunday, and I will take them to camp. You must put the recipients name, the grade level camp they are in (Elementary, Jr. High, Mid-High, or Sr. High), and the day you want it delivered on the outside of each envelope. This is a great way

you can participate in camp and encourage our campers.

I am happy to report that we have finished the first half of the year in good financial shape. Our contributions are a little behind the budget, but a little more than our actual expenses.

Our McDonough Hall Renovation Team will meet Monday night, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. to consider proposals and cost estimates by the LaBiche Architectural Group. Pray the Lord will grant us guidance in making plans for our future.

See You Sunday!

Pastor Dan

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We Will Miss You Julia!



As most of you know, we held a Service of Remembrance for Julia Owens last Saturday. It was a fitting send-off for our beloved Director of Music. We had lots of spectacular music as well as a couple of verbal tributes. Julia died following complications from her liver transplant.

Thank you Julia for all you did for us as a congregation. You strengthened our choir and enriched our music and worship experience.

Gifts	Presence
<u>June 26, 2011</u> \$11,728.60	<u>Worship</u> 6/12 129
<u>July 3, 2011</u> \$8,435.00	6/19 150
<u>Christian Care Center</u> <u>Tiger School Box Supply</u> \$649.35	<u>Sunday School</u> 6/12 72
	6/19 75



Worship

Roman Road to Salvation. I am glad you are finding it helpful. The following is the plan for the next few weeks:

July 10, Romans 7:15-8:11 – *Set Free to Walk the Road*

July 17, Romans 8:12-25 - *Owning the Road*

July 24, Romans 8:25-39 – *Conquering the Road*

July 31, Romans 9:1-5 – *Straying from the Road*

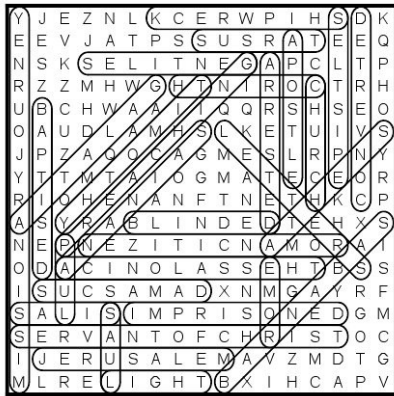
The choir is taking a break for July, so I am taking the liberty to change the format for this week and probably for the rest of the month in the second service. My model is my memory of the Sunday Evening Service in the Methodist Church in

which I grew up. It will be a simplified service with singing some old favorites. Nancy is picking out the hymns this week, but if you will write your requests on the registration pad this Sunday, we will sing as many as we can in future weeks. After the call to worship we will sing three hymns, followed by the scripture and sermon, followed by prayer time at the altar while we sing a couple more hymns. Instead of passing the plate, we will let you pass by the plate and make your donation before you pray at the altar. No pay, no pray – Nancy will be watching. Just kidding!

I am not planning any major changes in the worship order for the first service.

This Sunday we will be praying a prayer of blessing for our campers and counselors in both services through the laying on of hands.

On July 17 in the second service we will baptize Karmen Danielle O’Quinn, daughter of Jonathan and Megan O’Quinn, and granddaughter of Norman and Dana Thornton, and Becky and Buddy O’Quinn.



Camp Information



We would love to send mail to our kids and counselors! The postal service in that area is often delayed, and letters that are mailed will sometimes not reach the camp until after it is over, so we send the letters with Pastor Dan. He distributes them to the appropriate camps on the correct days. If you would like to send a letter to a camper or counselor, please make sure to put their name, camp grade level, and day you would like it delivered on the outside of the envelope. You can drop these letters in the marked box outside the church office.

Elianna Auer (4th/5th)
Corben Johnson (4th/5th)
Paula Boothman (6th/7th)
Jacob Fisher (6th/7th)
Nicholas Trainer (6th/7th)
Ashton Cravy (6th/7th)
Ashley Cravy (6th/7th)
Brittany Coudrain (8th/9th)
Peyton Duke (8th/9th)
Rebecca Darby (8th/9th)

Colton Johnson (8th/9th)
Daniel Van Winkle (8th/9th)
Ali Day (8th/9th)
Krystin Medford (10th/11th/12th)
Elizabeth Coudrain
(10th/11th/12th)
Jonathan Fisher (10th/11th/12th)
Jessica Gore (10th/11th/12th)
Mary Allison Boothman
(10th/11th/12th)
Dillon Cain (10th/11th/12th)

Brady Day (10th/11th/12th)
Kirby Van Winkle (10th/11th/12th)
Elizabeth Trainer (10th/11th/12th)
Tyler Theriot (10th/11th/12th)
Kathryn Drake (10th/11th/12th)
Reagan Robinson (10th/11th/12th)
Dan Darby (Counselor 8th/9th)
LeAnn Johnson (Counselor 8th/9th)
Jason Johnson (Counselor 4th/5th)
Elizabeth Auer (Counselor 4th/5th)

In Loving Memory

Bob Read

Robert and Yvonne Neyland

Lothell Gibson

Robert and Yvonne Neyland

Hon. Britt Plunk

James and Donna Brown

Bill Barclay

Corinner and Carol McWhorter

Dr. George Tennison

Thomas and Beverly Price

Edward Dominguez

David & Dr. Joyce Reed Sheffield

Carolyn Lee

Corinner and Carol McWhorter

Julia Owens

Thomas & Beverly Price

Pat and Lynn Hardy

John and Evita Stokes

Ina Bullock

Jerry and Irene Redkey

Bill Barclay

David & Dr. Joyce Reed Sheffield

Chancel Choir of First United
Methodist Church, Silsbee

Corinner and Carol McWhorter

Silsbee Senior Center

Helen Honea

Grief Support Group

A new support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will begin on Thursday, July 7, at 10 a.m. in Cravens Hall, room 200, at First United Methodist Church of Silsbee. The group will meet every Thursday for about twelve weeks at 10:00 a.m. The curriculum will be *Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*.

The author, Dr. Alan Wolfelt writes: "Think of your grief as a wilderness—a vast, inhospitable forest. You must journey through this wilderness. To find your way out, you must become acquainted with its terrain and learn to follow the sometimes hard-to-find

trail that leads to healing. In the wilderness of your grief, the touchstones are your trail makers. They are the signs that let you know you are on the right path. When you learn to identify and rely on the touchstones, you will find your way to hope and healing."

Dr. Wolfelt is an award winning author, educator, and grief counselor, and is known across North America for his compassionate messages about healing in grief.

The support group will be conducted by Dr. Dan Darby and by Rev. Nancy Ratchford. Call 409/385-5568 for more information or for registration.

Job Opening

The church is currently accepting job applications for the position of Director of Music Ministries. It is a part time position, and involves leading the Chancel Choir, working with the praise band, assisting the pastor in planning worship, and developing new worship and music programming for the church. A full job description and job application are available in the church office and online at www.silsbeeumc.com.

Lay Shepherding

In an effort to make our Christian nurture and outreach ministries of our church more effective, we are beginning a Lay Shepherding program. Each of our Sunday School classes

is asked to select at least one lay shepherd, and preferable more. We will have our first training session with them at a noon luncheon on Sunday, July 24, in Cravens Hall.



Our choir members are currently enjoying their July break! This year, the break will continue until the third Sunday of August. We are looking for people, all ages, any specialty, to provide special music for our traditional worship service during this time. Have you been feeling a tug at your heart to share your favorite song with our congregation? This may be the time! Please call Paula at 385-2467.



This past Sunday, for our Communion Offering, we gave to the Tiger School Box Program, which is a new program sponsored by the Christian Care Center. It provides school supplies, including backpacks, to children in need in the Silsbee School District. Because many of our church members were out of town for the holiday weekend, we have decided to collect for this program again this Sunday. There will be a special envelope in each bulletin. If you wish to give to this program, simply place your offering in the provided envelope and place it in the offering plate.



Junior High Sunday School Outing!

Saturday, July 30, the Junior High Sunday School Class will be going bowling and out to eat pizza for their summer outing. For more information, please contact Margaret Underhill.

Thanks to your love and support, our church was able to send a team to Sager Brown this year for a week of missions work!





The Primetimers will meet for our July session on Tuesday, July 12 at 10:00 a.m. We will be have a picnic-style meal at the church, so bring your favorite picnic dish and enjoy the time of food, fellowship, and Bible Study!

Breast Cancer Awareness Program

The Julie Roger "Gift of Life" Program with the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ will be hosting FREE "Gift of Life" Mammogram screenings on Tuesday, August 30, 2011. You are eligible for a FREE "Gift of Life" Mammogram if:

- * You do not have private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare
- * You live in Southeast Texas, including Jefferson, Orange and Hardin Counties
- * You have a limited income
- * You are at least 40 years of age

- * A woman may be as young as 30 years of age if her mother, sister, or grandmother had breast cancer at a young age.
- * A woman may receive a first mammogram at age 35, but will not be eligible again until she is 40.

Applications are available at the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. For additional information, contact Minister Steven Bendy (409-3769-0627) or Lola Thomas (409-673-6361).

Dear Church Family,

I am contributing to an organization that has a program to serve military families by sending manufacturer's coupons to overseas military bases. These bundles of coupons are placed on tables at the PX and Commissary or handed out for use by military members and families on base. This helps the families save valuable dollars and stretch their budget. They are able to use expired coupons up to one year after the expiration date. I have decided to help these families by collecting coupons. If you would also like to contribute your unused coupons you may do so by placing them in the box decorated with red, white and blue in the church office.



Thank you for your help and support for our military families.

Lee Ann and Butch Sheppard

Bible Word Search



- BAPTISM
- BIBLE
- CHRIST
- CREATION
- EARTH
- FOREVER
- GARDEN OF EDEN
- GENESIS
- GLORY
- GOD
- GOOD NEWS
- HEAVEN
- HOLY
- ISRAEL
- JERUSALEM
- KINGDOM
- LIFE
- MARY
- MESSAGE
- MOSES
- NAZARETH
- PRAYER
- RESURRECTION
- REVELATION
- SALVATION
- SAVIOUR
- SIN
- SPIRIT
- TEMPTATION
- WATER

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