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# Methogram

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McDonough Hall was built in 1964. We renovated the fellowship hall area of the building a couple of years ago, and made that area of the building look almost new. Little has been done to the classroom area of the building in the past 48 years, however.

Last Monday night the Finance Committee, Trustees, and McDonough Hall Renovation Team voted without dissent to recommend to the Church Council to renovate the classroom areas of McDonough Hall according to the plan outlined by The LaBiche Architectural Group, which the Trustees hired to give us some idea of what we needed to do and at what cost. The Church Council will meet on Monday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. in McDonough Hall, room 306, to consider the recommendation.

The combined groups further recommended that the church not take on any further debt beyond the \$221,744.50 currently owed (we are paying \$30,000 a year out of the General Budget of the church in the anticipation of retiring the debt in about ten more years). The group recommended that a Capital Fundraising Team be formed and only funds actually collected be spent. The consensus of the group was that the church should not hire an outside capital fundraising company because of the additional costs of hiring such professionals. Mr. David Cobble has volunteered to chair the Capital Fundraising Team.

The architect’s cost estimate for the entire project is quite staggering: \$734,404.52, plus contractor costs of

10% mark-up plus \$8 per square foot of Contractor overhead, bringing the total to \$873,066.09. If we are fortunate and receive large gifts early in the process, we will try to complete everything quickly. If not, we will break up the larger project into smaller goals, and do one renovation at a time until we complete the project over the next number of years.

So what needs to be done to make the classroom area more functional and attractive?

First, we need a **new ceiling and light fixtures**. The light fixtures must be replaced within the next two years because they will no longer be making replacement parts for them. Plus, we need additional lighting in some areas of the building to brighten things up. The current suspended ceiling also needs to be replaced. The grid is uneven and sagging in spots, is discolored, and does not always line up well with air conditioning ducts. Some of tiles fit poorly and they are weighed down by blown in insulation. The architect has estimated this portion of the project would cost \$275,655.50 plus contractor costs. (No actual bids have been received on any of the work suggested by the architect).

Second, we need **new exterior windows** in the building. The current windows are single pane aluminum frame windows with caulking that has turned to dust (or mud when wet). They are drafty and inefficient. Replacing the 28 windows of the classroom area is estimated at \$28,000 plus contractor costs.

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Gifts	Presence
<u>July 10, 2011</u>	<u>Worship</u>
\$6,219.00	7/10 156
<u>July 17, 2011</u>	7/17 168
\$4,961.00	7/24 153
<u>July 24, 2011</u>	
\$4,871.00	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>Christian Care Center</u>	<u>School</u>
<u>Tiger School Box Supply</u>	7/10 101
\$1,407.00	7/17 88
<u>Fire Alarm</u>	7/24 95
\$5,414.00	

*Calling All Choir  
Members . . . .*

We will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 17. Until then, you have a job to do! Please fill our choir loft on the first 2 Sundays of the month, August 7 and August 14. We need your joyful voices raised in praise and worship of our heavenly Father! You will lead our congregational singing in the absence of a song leader .

*And all Committed Christians:*

Please join us in prayer as this Body of Christ seeks a new music director. Until then Paula will fill the gap, but she will be out of town the first 2 weeks of August. Also, seek the Lord's direction for the coming year. He could be calling YOU to join us! Child care can and will be provided upon request. Just call the church office.

**Custodian Job Opening**

We are currently also accepting applications for the Custodian position. Regina Durham is currently employed as our custodian, but she is pursuing other positions. If she decides to leave our employ, we would like to be prepared with a replacement. Applications can be found in the church office or on our website, [www.silsbeeumc.com](http://www.silsbeeumc.com)

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There are a few more windows in the fellowship hall area that we should also consider replacing.

Third, we need to **replace and repaint walls**. The lower 48 inches of the walls are covered with a vinyl wall covering that is peeling off in spots, but destroys the rest of the wall when it is removed. We will have to take out this gypsum board and replace it. Our painting schemes need coordination. Estimated cost for the walls is \$74,197.66 plus contractor costs.

Fourth, we need to **repair and replace flooring** in the building. The terrazzo flooring in the hallways and bathrooms can be repaired and refinished. The tile in the classrooms is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. The carpet in the scout room needs to be replaced. Total costs for the flooring is \$89,822.65 plus contractor costs.

Finally, a number of additional items need to be done including new interior and exterior doors with automatic door openers for the main entrance; new bulletin boards, new chair railings, new crown molding for corridors, new tack strips, new area rugs, new classroom cabinets, new restroom fixtures, new drinking fountains, and new through the ceiling return air ducts. A new bathroom for the music room and a new storage closet could be added if we closed one of the seldom used exits. We need to make the current men's and women's restroom handicap accessible. All of these items would cost an estimated \$294,478.71 plus contractor

costs.

If we do this project in phases a building committee would have to decide exactly what would go into each phase, depending upon the availability of funds and upon what makes sense to do when.

Admittedly, the cost of this project is staggering, but most who have taken a look at the building agree that it needs to be done. But if we stay out of additional debt, and take one step at a time, we may surprise ourselves at what we can do. Some have suggested that things can be done more cheaply than the architect has estimated and suggested. That will depend entirely upon the energy and time volunteers are willing to put into the project.

The thing we must do now as a congregation is to decide that this is a project that we want to tackle, and go forward. The building is used more than any other building on our campus. Groups that use the building include All Faiths Day School, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Faith Weaver Friends, children's and adult Sunday School classes, and occasional other groups. It is seen by more people who do not belong to our church than our Sanctuary and Cravens hall, and is used during the school year six days a week as a minimum.

This renovation is a tall order, but remember the old adage: "How do you eat an elephant?" Answer: "One bite at a time."

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Dan*

# *In Loving Memory*

## Julia Owens

Mrs. Ralph McClung  
William and Kathryn Mills  
Robert and Ann Nell Herbst  
Travis and Paula Boehmer  
Billy and May Garrett  
Martha Bradshaw  
Dana Bradshaw  
Elizabeth Wagner  
Ed and Sonia Cain  
Allan and Dagma Murphy  
Mary Francis

## Lothell Gibson

Mrs. Ralph McClung  
Allan and Dagma Murphy  
Jack and Delores Nicar

## Edward Dominguez

Martha Bradshaw  
Dana Bradshaw  
Robert and Ann Nell Herbst

## Beaumont Police Office Bryan Hebert

Sheriff Ed and Sonia Cain  
Martha Bradshaw  
Dana Bradshaw

## Jackie Bickham

Cecil Cain

## Rebecca Hobbs

Victory Class  
Martha Bradshaw  
Dana Bradshaw  
Allan and Dagma Murphy  
Bill Barclay  
Marianne Deadmon  
Barbara Thompson  
Irene Redkey  
Jack and Delores Nicar  
Larry and Karen Williams

## Debra Golden

Cecil Cain

## Juanita Felps

Robert and Ann Nell Herbst

## Henry Barfield

Robert and Ann Nell Herbst

## Bob Read

Robert and Ann Nell Herbst

## Hon. Britt Plunk

Robert and Ann Nell Herbst

## Dr. George Tennison

Robert and Ann Nell Herbst

## Carolyn Lee

Robert and Ann Nell Herbst



Thank you

*Dearest FUMC Brothers and Sisters,*

*"Thank you" is not enough to say to you for all the prayers, cards, encouraging words, and love I have felt during these last months of my scary detour.*

*Prayers do work. God's love comes rushing down! I have been extremely blessed. Thank you, dear friends! Thank you, dear Lord!*

*Love,  
Dagma*

## **Music Director 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](http://www.silsbeeumc.com).



## Worship

This Sunday, July 31, I will be continuing my sermon series on the Book of Romans, *The Roman Road to Salvation*. The week's sermon is *Straying from the Road*, based on Romans 9:1-5. The Jews had been the chosen people of God, the recipients of God's revelation of the law and the

prophets, but in rejecting Jesus as the Messiah, they strayed from the road to salvation. Find out how St. Paul felt about that, and how we can keep to the strait and narrow.

The first two weeks of August you will be treated to the preaching of Rev. Nancy Ratchford, who always stays on the road. Her sermons will be based on Romans 10 and 11. I know you will want to take this opportunity to hear and support Nancy.

## August is Christian Care Center Month

August is First United Methodist's month to provide food and supplies for the Christian Care Center.

Items may be taken directly to the center or dropped off at the mission table in Cravens Hall. (The table is located in the hallway outside the Church Office)

Food Items that are needed:

- \* 2 lb. sack of sugar
- \* Cooking oil
- \* Tuna
- \* Spaghetti
- \* Jelly
- \* Soup
- \* Macaroni and Cheese

Non-food Items that are needed:

- \* Shampoo
- \* Toothpaste
- \* Toothbrushes
- \* Bath soap
- \* Deodorant
- \* Tampons and pads



## TIGER SCHOOL BOX DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Thanks to your generosity, the Tiger School Box program was able to raise enough money to provide school supplies for 415 children in need this school year. We will be meeting on August 4th, 5th, and 6th to fill the backpacks and distribute them to the public. Please see our schedule of events, and come help out whenever you can!

\* August 4th (Thursday)

10am until 7pm - We will move all supplies from Christian Care Center to Palm Plaza. All supplies will be sorted and organized for assembly lines to being "stuffing" backpacks on Friday.

\* August 5th (Friday)

9am until 5pm - We will fill 415 backpacks with supplies. This averages out to about 35-40 backpacks per grade, Pre-K through 8th. Wee would love to have a representative for each grade there on Friday and Saturday

\* August 6th (Saturday)

9am until 3pm - (Doors open to the public at 10am and we will close at 2pm if we run out of supplies). We will distribute backpacks filled with supplies. We need an adult for each table. If you have kids that would like to be "runners", please bring them too. Also, we will be giving out free sno cones, popcorns, cotton candy, cokes, water, and hot dogs.

This event is going to be lots of fun and be very rewarding! Hope to see you there!

## A Word From a Church Member...

From my youth to my present status as a "Senior Citizen", I have always looked for God's guidance largely through the influence of this Church. Many of us today have found meaning for our lives through God's infinite Grace and the rich legacy left behind by the faithful. There have been many sacrifices and hardships suffered for the sake of the future of God's Churches throughout the world. Yes, we are experiencing hard times, as did our forefathers, but maybe the time has come to ask ourselves some very important questions...

- What is the future of this Church?
- What will we leave behind?
- How will this Church minister effectively in the ever changing times of this Century?
- How will God's Church compete with the time demands of future generations?
- Are we being good steward of our legacy?
- Is it time for us to roll up our sleeves and make the same sacrifices that were made for us?
- What legacy will we leave behind?

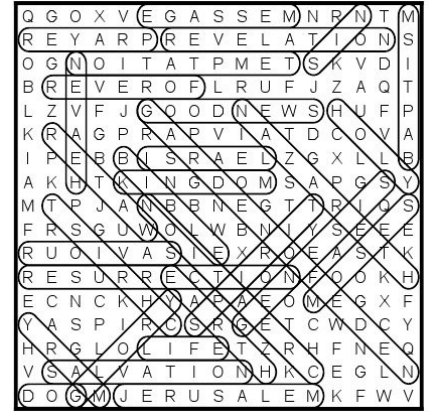
This church has always been an important outreach to this Community, serving this whole area diligently with our prayers, service and support, as well as reaching out with ministries that take the message of Jesus Christ outside our walls and beyond. Challenges will always be before us and we are only limited by our fear of the unknown...by CHANGE. We are not the first to serve the Lord, as witnessed by our 100+ years of existence.

As we seek God's will we need to continually ask ourselves, collectively and individually, am I doing all I can do? Am I part of God's work in this church, this community and the world beyond? God has always used ordinary people to do HIS work and through HIS Grace we are blessed.

McDonough, the Children's Education Building, was put into service in 1964 and named after Mr. & Mrs. A. T. McDonough, faithful and very generous members of this church. Short of a little paint, the recent remodel of the Fellowship Hall, and the new roof and fire alarm system, this facility has had virtually ZERO upgrades in over 47 years. It no longer functions exclusively as Sunday School Classrooms and Fellowship gathering, the purpose for which it was designed. Our years of commitment to the Scouting program (since 1964), the community outreach ministry of our Day School (since 1972) and the recent addition of our Faith Weavers program have taken their toll on our facilities. Renovations are needed, funds need to be raised, and the community needs to be involved (Scouting program and Day School alike). Many lives have been touched, at a cost justified by the rewards.

God bless the faithful who serve the Lord...

Lynn Hardy



## Addresses Needed!

The Cornerstone Sunday School class has committed to writing letters and sending care packages to our military members. In order to do that, we need addresses for military personnel to keep in touch with. If you have an address for any of the military personnel associated with our congregation, please provide it to the church office so that we may compile a list. Thank you for helping up with this ministry!

## Upward Scholarship Sponsors Needed!

We currently have over 80 children that have signed up for Upward Soccer this year. Out of these, we have had 3 children apply for a scholarship to cover their registration fee. The fee is \$70 per child. If you would like to sponsor one of these children, please contact the church office and give us your name so that we can coordinate scholarships for these children. Our goal is to make sure that everyone has a chance to participate and be blessed by this ministry. Thank you for your help!



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# August 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 4:00 pm AFDS Board Meeting	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 10:00 am Primetimers August Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting- McDonough Hall Room 306	16	17 7:00 pm Choir Practice Begins	18 AFDS Parent Night	19	20
21	22 School Begins & AFDS 5:00 pm Committee on Lay Leadership	23	24	25	26 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Premarital Workshop	27 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Premarital Workshop
28	29	30	31			

**Weekly Events (Occurring each week at the same time unless otherwise noted)**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 Praise Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	11:15 am Prayer Team	7:00 Praise Band Practice	6:30 Sr. High Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	10:00 am Bereavement Group		



### Celebrating Birthdays in August

August 1—Jay Collier  
August 1—Dylan Colvin  
August 2—Heather Richards  
August 3—Glenda Delano  
August 4—Peyton Duke  
August 4—Blake Foster  
August 4—Laura Riceman  
August 5—Perry Collier  
August 5—Gary Mannino  
August 6—Lindsey Dinkle  
August 7—Keith Cox  
August 8—Pressley Alaniz  
August 9—Mary Kay Muckleroy  
August 10—Ali Hugon  
August 10—Tom Nelson  
August 11—Judy McMullen  
August 12—Andrew Hutto  
August 15—Gaye Fetterolf  
August 17—Josh Brantley

August 17—Paul Griffin  
August 17—Tommy Hartman  
August 18—Noah Bayless  
August 18—Lynn Hardy  
August 19—Daniel Baldree  
August 19—Chelsye Buckner  
August 19—Jamie Bush  
August 20—Christopher Kilcrease  
August 21—Louise Barnes  
August 22—Michael Rowland  
August 24—Brooke Meaders  
August 24—Tom Price  
August 27—Mike McMullen  
August 28—Matthew Baldree  
August 28—Travis Boehmer  
August 28—Oscar Morrison  
August 29—David Cobble  
August 30—Brittany Coudrain  
August 30—Frances Richardson  
August 30—Shane Selman  
August 30—Lydia Taylor  
August 31—Beth Coudrain  
August 31—Alexander Hardy  
August 31—Michael Jagneaux  
August 31—Brittany Middleton  
August 31—Douglas Waldrep



### August Anniversaries

August 6—  
Pat & Irene Beard  
73 years  
August 8—  
Allen & Lisa Stutts  
31 years  
August 11—  
Carl & Flo Stark  
60 years  
August 17—  
Brian & Courtney  
Martin  
9 years  
August 18—  
Bruce & Beth Withers  
33 years  
August 22—  
Rich & Pat Strong  
47 years

# Bible Word Search



- ALTAR
- ANIMALS
- ARARAT
- ARK
- CATTLE
- CORRUPTION
- COVENANT
- DESTROY
- DOVE
- FLOOD
- FORTY DAYS
- FORTY NIGHTS
- FOWLS
- GOPHER WOOD
- HAM
- JAPHETH
- MOUNTAINS
- NOAH
- OLIVE LEAF
- RAIN
- RAINBOW
- RAVEN
- SHEM
- WATER
- WICKEDNESS

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