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Dan's Divinities

I have received . . . the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:18-19

Our church is made up of folks who love to give. You see needs, and you do everything you can to meet those needs. You have supported the church for years, giving ever so generously. You are good stewards of God's resources.

Let me tell you a story about a lady who was also a good steward. Her name was Oseola McCarty. She died just a few years ago at the age of 91. She was an African-American woman from Mississippi, who earned a living by washing and ironing other people's clothes. McCarty, who never married, was in the 6th grade when she had to leave school and take over her mother's laundry business while she cared for a sick aunt. "All my classmates had gone off and left me so I didn't go back," she said. "I just washed and ironed." She never had a car. Only in the last few years of her life at the urging of bank personnel, did she buy a window air conditioner for her home. McCarty's arthritis forced her to retire in December of 1994 at the age of 86.

McCarty scrimped and saved, however, until she was able to leave \$150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi to set up scholarships for other needy African-Americans. Contributions from more

than 600 donors have added some \$330,000 to the original scholarship fund of \$150,000. After hearing of Miss McCarty's gift, Ted Turner, a multi-billionaire, gave away a billion dollars. He said, "If that little woman can give away everything she has, then I can give a billion." Oseola just said, "I want to help somebody's child go to college." "I can't do everything," she said, "but I can do something to help somebody. I wish I could do more. But what I can do I will do." That's a good steward.

This Sunday, October 30, is our Pledge Sunday. Please pray, and ask the Lord how much he would like for you to give to the church next year. Our budget is increasing by 7% next year, and if our church members could each increase their pledge by at least that much, it would be enable us to meet this budget. Some may be able to do more, and others less, but if we all do our best, the Lord will provide.

Ten of our church leader households gathered last Monday night and made an early pledge. They have set the pace for you. Their total pledge was \$42,224, up 17% from their total 2011 pledge of \$36,105. Eight of the ten were able to increase their pledge and one stepped up to paying a full tithe on their income. Thank you, leaders! You have set a good pace for us, and we will join you in seeking to support the ministry of Christ's church.

See You Sunday,

Pastor Dan

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Worship

This Sunday, Dr. Darby's sermon will be entitled "Living for a Higher Cause," based on Luke 9:23.

The next Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. We will ask each person to write on a white cross the names of persons who have been witnesses to them of God's grace who now surround the throne of God giving him praise. We will pin the crosses to a branch that we will place before a throne in front of the altar table to symbolize the great heavenly gathering. Our scripture for the day will be Revelation 7:9-17, which begins,

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

We will also recognize our church members who have passed away during the year since we last celebrated All Saints Sunday. Families of these saints are encouraged to attend.

Community Thanksgiving Service

This year we will have a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. Our church is hosting it in our sanctuary, and will supply the leadership for the music. Rev. Daryl Gilbert of Simon's Memorial Church of God in Christ will be our preacher. I have asked Dagma Murphy to put together a punch and cookie reception for after the service. She will need some help! New Covenant Assembly of God is also planning to be a part of the service. Please put this on your calendar, I hope that we can have at 100 people from our congregation to attend.

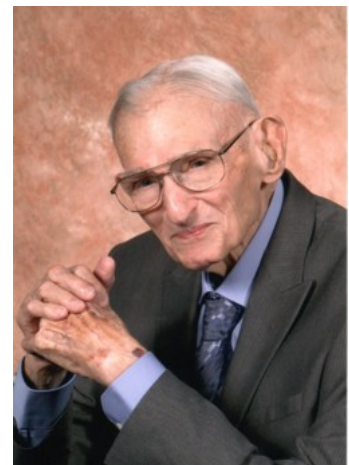
Pine Arbor Nursing Home Worship Services

Your pastors have begun leading worship and preaching at Pine Arbor Nursing Home every Monday except the second Monday of the month at 2:30. Anyone who would like to attend is invited.

The Church Triumphant



Mr. Cesar Dominguez passed away on Monday, October 17, and his services were held at the church on October 20th. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Edna, his children, grandchildren, and other family members.



Rev. Eugene Jonté went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 23. A Service of Death and Resurrection was celebrated at Trinity UMC in Beaumont on Wednesday, October 26. Rev. Jonté was the pastor of First UMC, Silsbee for 17 years beginning in 1959.

In Loving Memory

Carolyn Donalson

Robert & Yvonne Neyland
James & Kristi Sellers and family
Ed & Sonia Cain
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Cassity
Cecil Cain
Corrinner & Carol McWhorter

Bob Read

Cecil Cain

Edward Dominguez

Cecil Cain
Bruce & Beth Withers

Mary Evelyn Reeves

Corrinner & Carol McWhorter

Bob Read

Cecil Cain

Hon. Britt Plunk

Arlen & Kassie Moye

George Wright

Allan & Dagma Murphy
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Cassity
Lee Caldwell

Moody Williamson

Cecil Cain

Rev. Eugene Jonté

The Birdwell family
The Victory Class @ FUMC
Martha Bradshaw
Dana Bradshaw
Jack & Mary C. Martin
Janette Van Winkle and Family

Cesar Dominguez

Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Cassity
Ed & Sonia Cain
Peggy Gould
Kathryn Carney
Joyce & Rayford Birdwell
Margaret Fox
Bob & Lola Burgess
Corrinner & Carol McWhorter
Fred & Linda Miller
Martha Bradshaw
Dana Bradshaw
Jack & Mary C. Martin
Bruce & Beth Withers

Charge Conference

This year, we will be having a Hub Conference with several of our sister churches in neighboring communities instead of a Charge Conference. It will be held on Sunday evening, November 6 at 5:00 p.m. in Lumberton at Woodcrest UMC. District Superintendent Richard White will preside over the Hub Conference, lead us in worship, and in talking about Strategic Planning for our local churches. All of our church members are invited to attend and fellowship with your fellow Methodists from sister churches

Honorarium



A gift was given to the church in honor of the Baptism of Ann Margaret Butler Harkey by Mr. and Mrs. John Coplen.

Silsbee First United Methodist Church

Goals for 2012:

Evangelism and Education

Start a ministry with Spanish-speaking people. We may need to begin neighborhood ministries to Spanish-speaking people first, such as Alpha in Spanish, ESL Bible Study, Homework Help, or Spanish Faith Weaver Friends. We eventually hope to have an 11:00 a.m. service in Spanish in McDonough Hall.

Begin a Christian Coffee House

Continue our Sunday School shepherding ministry.

Continue our improvements to our web site.

Have special Sundays which attract non-members to our church such as Boy Scout, Girl Scout, All Faiths Day School, and Youth Sundays. This year we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

Follow-up on visitors and inactive members. Pastor Dan to take church mugs to first time visitors on Sunday afternoons.

Have at least one new member class.

Missions

Begin a weekly service at Pine Harbor Nursing Home

Have Upward Soccer on our church grounds.

Continuing our mission partnerships with WIC, Hardin County Mediation Center, Gulf Coast Medical Clinic, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, All Faiths Day School, UMARMY, and Narcotics Anonymous.

Participation in a mission outing to Sager Brown or other short term mission.

Look for local short term mission projects to help economically disadvantaged people in the Silsbee area.

Send a local team to a UMARMY camp.

Send at least 20 students and 4 adults to camp, fully funded by donations from the church.

Church Plant

Maintain the good repair of our facility

Begin a three year remodeling of McDonough Hall Classroom areas.

Stewardship and Finances

Continue to pay off our church debt

Support the budget of the church. Have an Annual Stewardship Campaign.

Have a Capital Fundraising Drive to finance renovations of McDonough Hall.

FALL FESTIVAL

We will be having the annual Fall Festival Monday, October 31st.

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 event is for everyone in the community and will be fun for the whole family.

Come join us in welcoming in the Fall Season!



Gifts	Presence
<u>October 9, 2011</u> \$6,570.00	<u>Worship</u> 10/16 127 10/23 158
<u>October 16, 2011</u> \$31,321.00	<u>Sunday School</u> 10/16 83 10/23 86
<u>October 23, 2011</u> \$3,646.00	



Bishop Janice Huie to Speak to Laity

Bishop Janice Huie will be visiting in Beaumont on Tuesday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Beaumont First in Rothwell Hall. She will be speaking to the laity on the topic of “Becoming Fruitful Churches”. Please plan to attend if possible. Cookies, punch, coffee will be served.

McDonough Hall Renovation



The Church Council has voted to renovate McDonough Hall. The terrazzo floor is generally in good shape, but there are a few cracks in the hallway that need to be repaired, and there will be places in the adult bathrooms that need repair.

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