

THE CHURCH ALIVE



Methodist Men
Wednesday, January 7, 2018
7:00 a.m.

Methodist Men will meet on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 7:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Make plans to attend this fellowship group. Please call or text Ed Hegen at 361-813-9298 so we know how many for coffee, breakfast and fellowship.

Methodist Men 2nd Saturday Fellowship
8:00 a.m.

The Methodist Men are initiating a second monthly meeting time. Invitation is open for all adult Methodist men and all adult men affiliated with First Learning Tree (i.e. dad, stepdad, uncle, grandpa, etc.) Meeting will be at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, February 10, 2018, in the church fellowship hall. Join us for coffee, breakfast, fellowship and future meeting planning.

Diabetic Education Class
Tuesday, January 30th

The Coastal Bend Health Education Center at Texas A&M Corpus Christi will be holding their all-day education class this Tuesday, January 30th, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The class will not be in the Fellowship Hall, as we have in the past. The new location will be at Texas Agri Life Extension Office, 892 Airport Road, Rockport. If you would like to be a part of the education, please call Kathy Wilson, Wesley Nurse at 361-729-1659.

March Medical Mission Trip to Guatemala

Jeannie and Rob Coe are collecting gently used braces/supports for backs, knees, wrists, and ankles. If you would like to donate, there is a collection box in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Jeannie or Rob at 210-601-6132. Thanks!

Cross Talk Class

The Cross Talk Class is continuing to learn about major religions of the world and how they contrast with Christianity. Why? The purpose of this study is to help us better understand the faiths of others in our increasingly diverse world so that we may become more effective sharers of the good news of Jesus Christ. The six-week study (or longer, if we need it) is based on an Adam Hamilton Book entitled, *Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask*. The first session (which was January 21) we considered why there are so many different religions. We will learn the basics about Hinduism on January 28 and follow that with Buddhism, Islam and Judaism. Finally, we will talk about Christianity emphasizing its contrasts with other religions.

- January 28 - J.C. Morton
- January 28 - Sue Reeves
- January 28 - Lane Timmins
- January 30 - Patsy Taylor
- January 30 - Wayne Taylor
- January 31 - Jeannine Larson
- February 1 - Gwen Hall
- February 1 - Dona Popp
- February 1 - Finn Klanica
- February 1 - Shawn Carruth
- February 2 - Betty Manwaring
- February 2 - Alicia Luchsinger
- February 3 - Ann Clegg
- February 4 - Richard Bianchi
- February 4 - Ellie Saenz
- February 6 - Charles Shanlever
- February 6 - Melva Turner
- February 7 - Karen French
- February 7 - Clyde Townsend
- February 8 - Patsy Phemister
- February 9 - Paulette Kluge
- February 10 - Norman Spears
- February 10 - John Rainey
- February 12 - Ty Brisgill
- February 13 - James Carrick
- February 14 - Verna Yeamans
- February 14 - Tom Bennett
- February 14 - Clayton Irely
- February 17 - Barbara Meador
- February 17 - Joyce Palmer
- February 18 - James Metzger
- February 18 - John Johnson
- February 19 - Judy Currie
- February 19 - Kenneth Helbling
- February 19 - Peggy Brisgill
- February 19 - Cheryl McIntyre
- February 23 - Jana Tarkington
- February 23 - Art Smith
- February 23 - Olive Smith
- February 25 - Scotty Kautz
- February 25 - Alan Barre
- February 28 - Ray Saenz
- February 29 - Clifford Sies

Anniversaries:

- January 22 - Kenneth and Barbara Helbling
- February 11 - Dan and Kathy Daniels
- February 14 - Arno and Betsy Penschorn

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From the Director of Family Ministries...

I am delighted to report that many of our classes are back to gathering on Sunday mornings! If you haven't already, it is my sincere hope that you will find a place to connect with people in this faith community. If I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you would like to start up other small group studies, please let me know. I have many great books and resources available to use for leading studies.

Adult Classes, 9:15-10:00 am

New Beginnings Class: meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall 1. Currently they are using the [Adult Bible Studies Series](#). The group is a discussion class that rotates teachers. The average age of people attending this class varies from 50 to 90+, but all are welcome!

Cross-Talk Class: meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Education Wing Room 11. The group is a discussion class that studies different books and rotates teachers. This is a class of maturing disciples seeking to put faith in action. The Cross-Talk Class also hosts the Coffee Bistro on the first Sundays of the month during the Sunday School hour, in the Fellowship Hall.

Younger Adults Class: meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Education Wing Room 12 (resuming post-Harvey on February 4, 2018). The group is a discussion class consisting of 20's, 30's and 40's who are seeking to build their knowledge of the Bible and engage in faith conversations. They will be studying the Gospel of Luke.

Youth Group:

Carne Cuisada to Go on Feb. 4th, Super Bowl Sunday
RSVP for a plate by signing up at front desk.

Costa Rica Café: Youth Group is hosting the Costa Rica Café 9:00am-10:15am on February 11, February 18, February 25, and March 11. The Costa Rica Cafe is offering Costa Rican coffees and breakfast burritos made to order. Love offering accepted and appreciated. Offering will be used by the Youth so that they may participate in mission trips that are planned outside of and in our community.

Youth Fellowship: meets in the Youth Room right after the 10:30am worship service.

Children's Classes:

Currently there are no Sunday School classes for children. We are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey, and we are in need of leaders and volunteers who are called by God to work with children. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Stefany Simmons at 361-729-1659.

National Marriage Week is February 7-14

Marriage has been proven to have many incredible benefits including better health, longer life, and many economic benefits as well. Harvey has brought out many struggles for marriages, so I invite you to join me in praying for marriages in our community. Here are a few ideas of other ways you might celebrate and encourage marriage.

- † Go on a date with your spouse
- † Send an card to a couple who is celebrating their anniversary
- † Do something adventurous with your spouse
- † Encourage someone whose marriage is struggling
- † Pray for a friend or co-worker's marriage
- † Learn more about the benefits of marriage at www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26*

Many Blessings,

Stefany Simmons

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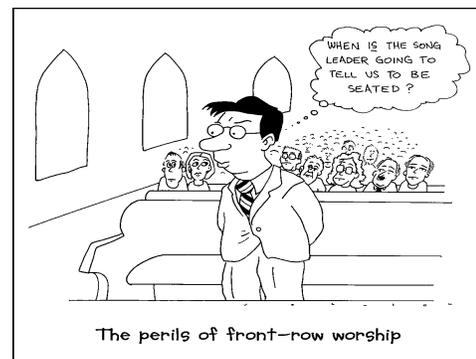
♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm
(choir room)

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Ouida ♪

Ouida Bliss Richardson
Director of Music Ministries



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**Guest Preacher
February 11, 2018
Rev. Bob Nicholson**

You are invited to an unique and powerful celebration of worship when First United Methodist Church, Rockport, welcomes on Sunday, February 11th, the

Rev. Dr. Robert D. Nicholson as guest minister at both morning services 8 AM and 10:30AM. He has been colleague and spiritual friend to Pastor Laura since their meeting in Rockport. His passion and tenacity for ministry is an inspiration.

Dr. Nicholson's many years of service to church, Scouting, Soccer, Older Adults, along with his energy, imagination, humor and use of down to earth illustrations, will bring a sense of joy, enthusiasm and life to worship. Bob is an Eagle Scout and holds a Silver Beaver, the highest volunteer award in the BSA.

The sermon will be based on the 12th part of the Scout Law: **A Scout is Reverent** "Reverence for Life in Irreverent Times: A Positive Faith in a Negative World" and the Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4-7 Matthew 22:37-39, and II Corinthians 1:17-20 and include the observance Transfiguration Sunday.

Dr. Nicholson holds a BA in History from Missouri Valley College, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago and is a former Adjunct Faculty, San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Asselmo, CA. His ministerial service has taken him from the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland. to San Francisco, CA. After 12 years at First Presbyterian, Lubbock he concluded his ministry as an installed pastor at Lake City Presbyterian, Seattle WA and then served as interim pastor at First United Methodist, Seattle and two SE Alaska congregations: Juneau and Ketchikan. He says he is now in his "3rd Act."

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**From the
Director of First
Learning Tree...**

First Learning Tree is continuing to work toward complete recovery after Hurricane Harvey. In an effort to do this, we are partnering with Save the Children in their Journey of Hope program. This program was birthed after Hurricane Katrina to help the children recover in the aftermath and help school-based programs to connect with our young community and as they rebuild to be mindful of the trauma children have faced. Save the Children developed a child-informed, strengths-based program to support childhood resilience. The Journey of Hope program has since been delivered to more than 85,000 children in the United States. Journey of Hope helps children and adults cope with traumatic events, develop their natural resiliency and strengthen their social support networks

Through rigorous evaluation efforts, Save the Children has identified the following outcomes for Journey of Hope participants:

1. Teaches children to recognize and manage their emotions, which builds confidence, self-esteem, and "I believe I can" attitudes.
2. Develops positive peer relationships, which help children experience a collaborative environment based on respect and understanding.
3. Decreases disruptive behaviors, which creates more concentrated learning time in class. FLT is proud to be selected to work with children in our area to get past all the havoc created by Harvey and bring Hope to our children.



First Learning Tree is expanding their school-age program. If you have a child or know of a child that could benefit in our after school or summer program, now is the time to get enrolled. Spots will fill quickly.

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