

I love April! The fullness of this transitional season of Spring plays out before our eyes in April. From dormant to thriving, from cold to warm, from dead to alive, April exemplifies God's creative genius in nature and in spirit. Easter, this year falling right in the beginning of April, seems only to amplify the glory of the changes taking place within us and around us in this Holy Season. It makes me think of the Gospel of John, packed full of wondrous reminders of the transitional journey we are all on, from life to death to new life in Christ.



John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. "

John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live..."

John 16:22 "So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

As marvelous as nature is at showing off God's plan for making all things new, I am especially excited about seeing those same promising signs throughout the church in this season. Our worship and fellowship throughout April will take us through the complete transition of Jesus and ourselves from life to death to new life. From the end of Lent and into Holy Week we will reflect on Jesus' suffering and death, while embracing our own earthly mortality.

Then, as we celebrate Easter and Jesus' life in defeating Death, we will embrace the new life we have been given in Christ, a grace sufficient for covering all our sins. May the church, this April, be as filled as nature itself, with signs of new life!

Till The Nets are Full,

Pastor Brian

CHURCH COUNCIL



The next scheduled meeting is MAY 9, 2023.

FINANCIAL NEWS: FEBRUARY 2023

2023 Church Income Budget	\$	323,203.00
2023 Church Expenses Budget	\$	322,545.60
Received Income YTD - 2023	\$	57,639.26
Expenses YTD - 2023		50,712.42
Differences (+/-)	\$	6,926.84
Total Income received 2/2023	\$	20,660.88
Total Expenses spent 2/2023	\$	30,650.74
Differences (+/-)	\$	9,989.86

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Christian Care Center	\$	435.32
Small Repair Projects	\$	240.00
Total	\$	632.53

Memorials

Undesignated	\$	25.00
Men's Bible Class	\$	20.00
Total	\$	45.00

Gifts

3/5 — \$	6,890.85
3/12 — \$	4,976.85
3/19 — \$	5,798.98
3/26 — \$	4,599.10

NEW EMAILS

Pastor Brian Waddell
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**Our New Website is
now live! Go check
it out at
www.silsbeemc.com**

Due to unforeseen
circumstances, we will
only have one service
each Sunday until
further notice.

Church service: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:30 AM



**THE
CHURCH
OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED
MONDAY,
APRIL 10TH**

APRIL MINISTRY FOCUS

Van Winkles in the Valley



Emily & Marshall Van Winkle are full time campus missionaries at UT Rio Grande Valley, where they have been serving for 9 years. Marshall is the grandson of Janette Van Winkle and was raised in this church.

Marshall reached out last year to ask if we could support them in their work for the kingdom, so they are our ministry focus this month. They will be coming to speak to us in April (DTBA), but in the meantime, are you willing to be part of their team and support them in being lights in the darkness?

Easter SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 9th

9:15 AM: Children gather in the foyer for butterfly parade

9:30 AM: Easter Sunday Service



EAGLE SCOUT FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, 10:30 AM - NOON, CRAVENS HALL
TROOP 88 BOY SCOUT MEMBER HARLAN SELF WILL BE FUNDRAISING FOR HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT. HARLAN WILL BE BUILDING THREE BLESSING BOXES, PLACING ONE HERE AT SILSBBE METHODIST AND TWO OTHERS ON LOCAL CHURCH CAMPUSES. HARLAN AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE DOING A FUNDRAISING MEAL AND LINDSAY SELF WILL BE COOKING A MENU OF CURRY CHICKEN OVER RICE, EGGROLLS AND ROASTED PORK. MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GO OR DINE IN. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS, SUPPORT HARLAN AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL.



Palm Sunday

Palm Parade - 9:15 AM

Service - 9:30 AM

Fellowship at the

Voigtman's - 2-4 PM,

Food, games & an

Easter egg hunt.

1333 Hayes Rd, Silsbee

Wednesday Night Prayer/Quiet Time

Beginning Wednesday, May 3, 2023
6-7 PM, The Chapel

This chapel time will be open to the community. We need church members to volunteer/sign up to be in attendance during that hour (or maybe a Sunday School class). This need includes male and female members.

YOU WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO LEAD A PRAYER/DEVOTIONAL.

For more information or to give a suggestion please contact Lee Sheppard at leezebshepp@yahoo.com.

This is a work in progress. We need prayer and we live in a town with people that need Jesus and prayer. Let our church be the light that they see that points them to Him.



KIDS SUMMER CAMP

There are camp opportunities for children and youth this summer. The GMC supports REVIVE camps. The children's camp is June 4-8 at Glen Lake. The youth camp is July 16-20 at Camp Buckner. There are information packets on the bulletin board in Cravens or go to revivetexas.org. Contact Cheryl Owens with any questions.

YARN CHICKS

1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 1 PM

This group is a fun time of fellowship. We will knit and crochet various items to donate to local charities.

Please bring your own supplies. Any questions, please contact Debbie Richardson at (409) 791-0333.

THREADS OF HOPE

Every Friday
10AM - 12 PM

Providing handmade and sewn items to local charities. Join us and use your sewing skills or learn new skills to help make a difference in our community!

Empowering Saints to Pray Workshop

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH
11:30AM - 3PM, CRAVENS HALL**

- What is prayer?
- Who should pray?
- What do I pray?

We will cover these questions and more in this workshop presented by Sharon Dickard and Cheryl Owens. Lunch will be provided to those attending. Please contact Cheryl Owens by April 9th to register!

Senior Sunday

Sunday, April 23rd
Our seniors this year are Emillie Auer & Taylor Wise. We will recognize them in service on the 23rd.

SilSibee
Methodist Church

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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