

As a pastor it is part of my calling to take care of those that are put in my care and to lead them or encourage them in their relationship with God so that a combined passion and energy will help build the kingdom of God. This to some sounds simple and at face value it looks simple from the outside, but there is so much that goes into the work of the church. So much so, that it takes many for it to do what needs to be done.

I have found that it is much easier to look at things with the mindset of what you just read. It is called the task of "so that". Why do we do things? So that...

A few examples that I have been looking at in the life of our church:

- Why do we do Vacation Bible School... So that the children of our church will experience VBS. So that the children will experience church as fun. All honest answers I have heard. I like this one better: so that the children of our church will come to know and love God more and that we will reach children in the community with God's love whom we have not reached before.
- Why do we have Sunday School... So that we have a time to be in small groups and study the bible and help one another be more accountable. I love this one.
- Why do we have a bell choir... So that the gifts God has given people do not go to waste.
- Why do we have church...

What would be your "so that" statement? Here we say, "To make disciples for the transformation of the world" and we follow that with "it is our mission to bring glory to God and to go and share the gospel with all".

How do we accomplish this? I started this year with the vision statement "Forward in Faith: Honoring our Past and Building our Future". Why did I choose this? So that we remember where we have been as a United Methodist Church and the people that laid the foundations in our lives that we celebrate now as Silsbee Methodist Church as a Global Methodist Church.

This month we will be in a new sermon series that I hope will allow us all to see that what we do and what we give is to be done for the glory of God.

Join me this month as we look at "The Joy of Giving" when we look at: "Why we give? Where do we give? and What do we give?". I promise you this will be a fun series and one that will cause you to look at these three questions with new eyes. Because those that say "The church is just after our money" need to reread their bible. Please read 1 Chronicles 16:29, Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 10:24-25, Mark 16:15 and 1 Peter 4:10. We are called to: worship, teach, fellowship and evangelize.

Yes, this month you have homework. You're welcome.

Till The Nets are Full,

Pastor Brian



CHURCH COUNCIL



The next scheduled meeting is MAY 9, 2023.

FINANCIAL NEWS: MARCH 2023

2023 Church Income Budget	\$	323,203.00
2023 Church Expenses Budget	\$	322,545.60
Received Income YTD - 2023	\$	101,149.48
Expenses YTD - 2023		80,753.16
Differences (+/-)	\$	20,396.32
Total Income received 3/2023	\$	43,510.22
Total Expenses spent 3/2023	\$	30,040.74
Differences (+/-)	\$	13,469.48

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Christian Care Center	\$	1,100.00
Feed My Sheep	\$	10.00
Small Repair Projects	\$	200.00
Easter Lilies	\$	150.00
UMCOR	\$	315.00
Total	\$	1,775.00

Memorials

Undesignated	\$	70.00
Men's Bible Class	\$	20.00
Total	\$	90.00

Gifts

4/2 — \$	6,946.00
4/9 — \$	5,074.85
4/16 — \$	2,352.85
4/23 — \$	5,120.11

NEW EMAILS

Pastor Brian Waddell
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The office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you to all that have served!

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

Community Call to Prayer

Every Wednesday beginning
May 3, 2023
6-7 PM, The Chapel

We will gather together to pray for restoration, renewal, revival and whatever God lays on our hearts.

Everyone in the community and our church family is invited. This is not a service or program, but a time to unite and pour out our hearts to our Heavenly Father. All are welcome and you may come and go as your schedule allows. We are still looking for volunteers to serve. For more information please contact Lee Sheppard at leezebshepp@yahoo.com.



SUNDAY, MAY 14
9AM, CRAVENS HALL

Celebrate Moms & Dads

**GATHER FOR COFFEE & DONUTS
TO CELEBRATE ALL OF OUR
MOMS AND DADS AS WE
FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



May Ministry Focus

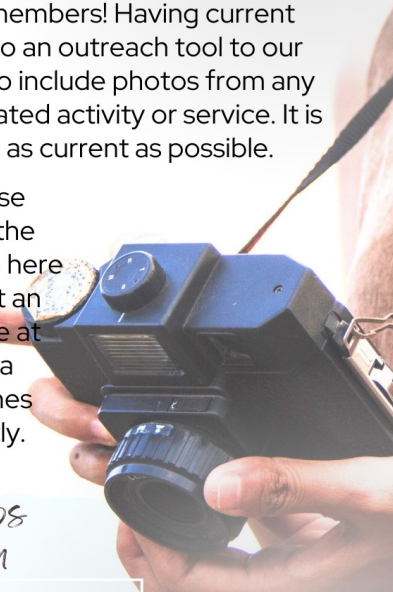
We will be collecting money to purchase 300 backpacks filled with school supplies for children in need in our community. There will be a Back to School Community Carnival on July 29th at McDonough Hall from 10AM - Noon. We will have games, carnival food, and free backpacks to those that attend, but mostly sharing the love of God to our community. Please be in prayer for this exciting event and how you can serve. More information to come, but lets start by giving to purchase the backpacks.

Send Us Your Photos

As we work on the website daily, we want to be able to put pictures on it with all of our members! Having current pictures on our website is also an outreach tool to our community. We would love to include photos from any time you attend a church related activity or service. It is our goal to keep the website as current as possible.

If you are on Facebook, please do not forget to check in to the church page and say you are here when you are in worship or at an event. This will keep the page at the top of listings for our area when people look up "churches near me" or look us up directly.

Please send your photos to pastor@silsbeemc.com



JOIN THE BELL CHOIR

No prior bell experience needed!
Practice Wednesday evenings at 7PM
Always room for more ding dongs!
Call the office for more information!



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!

NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER

From their semi-annual report of operations, the CCC has extended their thanks for support to all of their 26 member churches. From 10/22/2022 to 3/31/2023, the CCC has distributed food to 812 families, and provided utility assistance to 395 families. The 2022 Christmas Angel Tree project was a big success, distributing toys collected by six local churches to 140 children in our area. H.E.B. donates food to the center daily, but a volunteer must pick up the food from the Lumberton store. If you are able to do this pickup one weekday between 7:30 - 9 AM, please contact Patsy or Diane at 409-385-2237.



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