



## 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!



# Awakening

August 2023




One year ago in July my wife Angela and I arrived in Silsbee to become part of your church family and begin walking alongside you in ministry. Without question, leaving a familiar environment to start a new life is always a challenge for all of us, and it isn't easy. We had many things to learn: new faces, new names, a new way of doing church business and to get to know each of you (and you to get to know us as well). There is a movement from the familiar to the unfamiliar, from the old to the new -- for us, and in many ways, also for you.

This January, we as a church found ourselves experiencing a new beginning, as a Global Methodist Church. What did this new beginning bring? Take just a moment to consider that question. No doubt there were times of testing and growth, times of grief when people left, times of joy when people returned and others joined us in membership, times of assurance and times of doubt. It was Solomon who warned us, "there is a time for everything." (Ecclesiastes 3) so we should not be surprised. But again, I must ask, what did this new beginning bring? I would like to suggest this new beginning gave us all an opportunity for a fresh start...to make a new commitment in living out our faith and serving the Lord. A time to "Move forward in Faith: Honoring our Past and Building our Future" as our vision for this year states. There is now a time to try new things because we have found a new freedom to do so. Moving from an organization run from the top down to an organization that gives the church the power to minister in their community the way it truly needs to be done. I think back to the time I came to be your pastor and help lead you through some of those tough decisions that had already begun before I arrived. I thank God for those that came before me here in ministry, it is because of them we are where we are today.

Listen to these words from a book titled Chasing Daylight by Erwin McManus: "You were born to live a great adventure; You were created with a divine destiny; You are called to fulfill a great mission. You were designed for a unique purpose. Now, you are called to live it out." This book deals with the understanding that every Christian has been given the opportunity and ability to serve God in a great way. What a wonderful vision to set our new lives together in motion.

So again, what did this new beginning bring? Whatever the answer is for you, submit to God and "...live it out!" I am proud to be your pastor and excited to say it is a great time to be a Global Methodist.

Till The Nets are Full,  
Pastor Brian

  
 Methodist Church  
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
 Silsbee Methodist Church  
 670 N 5th St  
 Silsbee, TX 77656

# CHURCH COUNCIL



The next scheduled meeting is September 12, 2023.

## FINANCIAL NEWS: June 2023

2023 Church Income Budget	\$	323,203.00
2023 Church Expenses Budget	\$	322,545.60
Received Income YTD - 2023	\$	174,269.51
Expenses YTD - 2023		160,001.16
Differences (+/-)	\$	14,268.35
Total Income received 6/2023	\$	19,539.84
Total Expenses spent 6/2023	\$	31,706.70
Differences (+/-)	\$	12,166.86

### Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Christian Care Center	\$	70.00
Feed My Sheep	\$	30.00
Threads of Hope	\$	417.00
Small Repair Projects	\$	200.00
Backpack Ministry	\$	31.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>748.00</b>

### Memorials

Undesignated	\$	210.00
Men's Bible Class	\$	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>230.00</b>

### Gifts

7/2 — \$	5,723.85
7/9 — \$	4,880.00
7/16 — \$	4,300.85
7/23 — \$	3405.13

## 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](mailto:leezebshepp@yahoo.com).



## HAPPY LABOR DAY

WE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT MONTH ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH IN OBSERVANCE

## AUGUST MINISTRY CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER

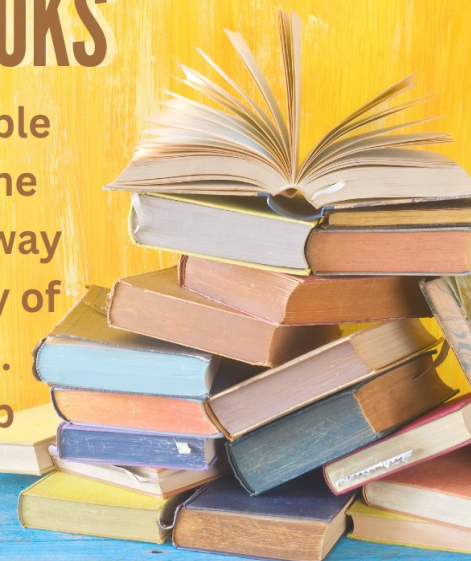
YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CCC WITH MONETARY DONATIONS (MARKED ACCORDINGLY ON YOUR CHECK) OR DONATE ITEMS FROM THE LIST BELOW. ITEMS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY AND PLACED IN THE BOX ON THE TABLE.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

JELLY	RAVIOLI OR SPAGHETTIOS WITH MEAT
PORK AND BEANS	5 OZ. CAN CHICKEN INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
CANNED FRUIT	FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
CANNED MEAT (SPAM, VIENNA SAUSAGE)	LAUNDRY DETERGENT (SMALL BOTTLES FROM DOLLAR TREE WORK WELL)
CANNED VEGETABLES	SHAMPOO
CANNED SOUP	
SALTINE CRACKERS	
SPAGHETTI SAUCE	
SHELF STABLE MILK	
POWDERED MILK	
COOKING OIL	
SPAGHETTI NOODLES	
MACARONI & CHEESE	

## FREE BOOKS

There is a table located in the Cravens hallway with a variety of free books. Please help yourself!



AFDS classes begin on Wednesday, August 16th. Please pray for our staff and our students.

## Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 6th

Students & teachers bring your backpack to worship service to be prayed over. We will also have tags for your backpacks and scripture cards for the parents.



## ROOTED

MYF Youth Group is now "Rooted" which comes from Colossians 2:7. Rooted will resume meeting beginning Sunday, September 10th, 4:30 - 6 PM in the youth center (located inside the Methodist Center). Rooted is open to youth entering 6th grade through 12th grade. Mark your calendars and plan to come fellowship together.