

# FIRST NEWS



**San Saba**

**First United Methodist Church**

**April 2010**

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Church**

**204 W. Brown  
325-372-3120**

**[http://www.gbgn-umc.org/  
fumcss/](http://www.gbgn-umc.org/fumcss/)**

**Robin Percy, Pastor**

**We bid you welcome  
In the name of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Pray with us,  
Sing with us, rejoice  
with us**

**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
First Worship 10:00 a.m.**



**Ministers:**

**Entire Congregation**

**Worship Leader:**

**Tracey Thomas  
Pianist**

**Ashley Stewart  
Organist:**

**Nettie Oma Carpenter**

**Choir Director:**

**Tracey Thomas**

**Church Secretary:**

**Debbie Uli**

**Custodian:**

**Mario Mendiola**

## Greetings In Christ!

### MISSION SAN SABA

The following information includes an opportunity for mission service. Volunteers for this mission will not be required to leave the city limits of San Saba. Mission Organizer, Donna Blossman, has requested that members of our Church participate in MISSION SAN SABA again this year. "Mission San Saba is a mission project that was started in 2004. The purpose behind MISSION SAN SABA is to give high school students and adults the opportunity to participate in a mission to bless a needy family without having to travel hundreds of miles."

"Each year, one family is chosen and a team of volunteers works for one week to make necessary repairs and updates to their home without cost to the family. MISSION SAN SABA teams have successfully restored homes of six deserving families since 2004. Throughout the past year, we have been planning and making the necessary arrangements to bless another family in San Saba." "The home that MISSION SAN SABA will work on this year belongs to Bill and Melba Temples, which is located at 505 S. High Street. We are asking for the support of the community of San Saba to help raise enough money to complete our plans for this home. We would like to invite you to the mission field this year. There is no charge to participate in this project. Dates for work on this home for 2010 are June 6 - 12. All meals and lodging are also provided to those who wish to come and stay throughout the week." "We are asking for the support of the community of San Saba to help us raise enough money to complete our plans for this mission project. Other ways the community can help is by lifting the mission up in prayer, volunteering to work, providing meals for the MISSION SAN SABA team, donations of materials, lumber, insulation, plywood, electrical wire, paint supplies, nails, and flooring." If you would like to make a donation, please note on your check "Mission San Saba", during an offering in the months of April and May 2010. If you would like to volunteer your labor, or to provide supplies, please contact Donna Blossman at 325-623-5429, or 372-1070. If you wish to contact Donna, Mission Organizer, via email, her address is: [d\\_blossman@yahoo.com](mailto:d_blossman@yahoo.com).

I hope and pray our Congregation will actively participate in MISSION SAN SABA!

Grace and Peace,

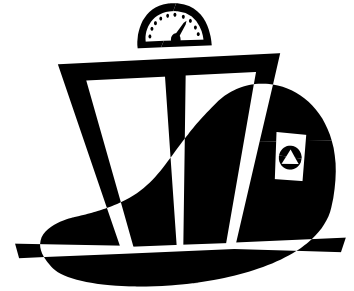
Pastor Robin



Sue, Elizabeth and J.T. Moody and Family  
 Family of Midge Love  
 Wahnee Stallings (recovery)  
 Jantzen Bell  
 James Reavis  
 Kaye Clancey (recovery)  
 Betty Wilson  
 F.L. and Linda Kalmus  
 Dixie Hewitt  
 Doris Bryant (Nursing Home)  
 Margaret Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)  
 John Bannister  
 John Hickey (in remission, Praise the Lord)  
 Doug & Kaye Clancey & Family  
 Riley Rutledge (premature)  
 Sam Jones (Lewis Jones' Brother)  
 Carl and Jane Carter and Family (loss of Grandson)  
 Landon Yarbrough ( & Justin his brother in handling this situation with Landon)  
 Peter Hald  
 Daniel Smith  
 Connie Raesner Perry  
 Michael Pullen & Family  
 Jeannette Toole  
 Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)  
 Mark Owens (safety)  
 Elaine and John Lansford  
 (Nancy and John Bannister's friends)  
 James and Pat Reavis  
 Nick Stripling (Pat Reavis Grandson)  
 Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss  
 (John and Nancy Bannister's nephew)  
*In Our Military:*  
*Alex Dove, Eric Booker, Matthew Barrier, Cory Clendennen, Andy Smith*  
*Please Pray for Our Troops,*  
*All Our Military Men and Women,*  
*Our City, Our Nation, Our Church,*

## The Elevator

A special committee composed of Cindy Prater, Brad Everett, Richard and Klela Waldie has been appointed to oversee the issues concerning the elevator. Several elevator repair companies have been contacted for information, proposals and price quotes regarding the inspection and repair of the elevator. A telephone and an alarm have been installed in the elevator to minimize the chance of a rider being trapped without a way to call for help. Until the elevator has been checked out by qualified persons and repaired, OUT OF ORDER signs will remain posted. Anyone that ignores the signs and uses the elevator does so at their own risk. Always use the elevator with caution, only as necessary and never when alone in the building.



Submitted by:

Cindy Prater



### 2010 FIRST QUARTER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### INCOME AND EXPENSES

#### GENERAL FUND

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE
January	11,198	11,375	- 177
February	9,216	10,607	- 1391
March	10,545	10,965	- 420
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,959</b>	<b>32,947</b>	<b>- 1988</b>

Apportionments paid: 25%

#### BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES:

General Fund	\$18,672.77
Capital Improvement Fund	8,417.71
St. Stephens Fund	643.69
Youth Fund	9,872.21
Memorial Fund	3,808.42
Endowment Fund	<u>9,706.33</u>

**TOTAL** \$51,121.13

## Hey Friends & Pastors,

Don't forget to sign up your youth for the [YOUTH WORSHIP CONFERENCE](#), April 16-18, 10 at FUMC Boerne. Its going to be a Holy Spirit worship event. Although we have workshops, times of training, the primary focus is worship and God will be glorified. I truly believe Revival is happening in our midst. Please join us as the Movement of Christ continues among the youth of the SWTC. The cost is \$50 per youth plus your housing costs (hotels or floors of churches.)



**Over 110 churches and almost 1300 youth and adults** participated in the Midwinter Retreats. I hope and pray you are encouraging your students to become the hands and feet of Christ. I heard recently where students in the local churches are doing just that. FUMC Goldthwaite has a student putting on a Compassion Walk for Haiti, Dripping Springs youth are leading Bible studies, and Kerrville students are leading their friends to the Lord. I know there are many other stories you have of students being Christ in their schools and community. Let's pray for them and encourage this all we can.

And finally, the [YOUTH LEADERS SABBATH](#) is a **one-day even for youth directors who need a break from the real world.** We will meet on Tuesday, April 27, from 10 AM to 7 PM, starting at my home in Marble Falls at 100 Gateway Pwky, for Bible study led by Rev. Will Rice of San Antonio, worship led by James Sanderson of Llano. We will spend time in the pool (or hot tub), on the lake, or just on the porch with a Starbucks in your hand (it's in walking distance from my house.) Our website has more info plus hotel options if you want to really escape. The cost is only \$25 per adult. Let this be a time for you as a youth leader to be encouraged, resource with other youth leaders, and find rest in the Lord.

May the Lord bless you and refresh you during the Holy Season. May you realize His grace is upon you and that through this time, Jesus will rise again.

In Christ,  
Rev. Rusty Freeman  
Dir. of Youth, SWTC  
[www.reachingyouth.org](http://www.reachingyouth.org)

## Thanks to Meals on Wheels Volunteers:

Nelda Weatherby  
Lisa Schulze  
Pat Belk  
Suzanne Walters  
Gladys Ann Conner  
Thelma Millican  
Cherry Kay Lange  
Bettye McLaughlin  
Nettie Oma Carpenter  
Barbara Gilger  
Linda Parks  
Lynn Blankenship  
Jerry Blankenship  
Trish Warren  
Vickie Stevenson  
C.K. Stevenson  
Carol Littlefield



Next time to deliver is:  
June 1-4 (NO DELIVERY  
MAY 31) and June 7-11.



**Palm Sunday 2010**



### UMW

The United Methodist Women met on March 8th with Millie Burnham bringing a very inspirational Easter program. We were blessed to have Billie Rowell, our Shepherdess, to give us greetings and to encourage us in the special projects of U.M.W. She extended us a special invitation to attend the Kerrville District U.M.W. "A Day Apart" meeting to be held in Fredericksburg on April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Our treasurer, Carol Littlefield, will collect the \$8.00 for this Bible Study and luncheon and send in our pre-registration.

Following the program, those present enjoyed a delicious meal served by Cherry Kay Lange and Vickie Stevenson.

The program leader for the April 12th meeting will be BSVP to 512-752-3661 ettye McLaughlin with Pat Belk and Amanda Jackson as hostesses.

### Palm Sunday 2010

Tri-County United Methodist Men  
April 15, 2010

Lometa United Methodist Church  
100 South 2nd Street, Lometa

Entertainment:

D'Anne Willis of Lampasas with Music and Humor  
\$10.00 donation

Please RSVP to 512-752-3661

### Thomas Arthur Moody

Thomas Arthur Moody, 79, of San Saba County died Friday March 26, 2010. He was born December 29, 1930 in Danbury Connecticut. He was the son of Joseph Moody and Carrie Wood of Brewster, New York. He married Martha Sue Hoffmeyer of Tyler, Texas August 17, 1957.



Thomas is survived by his wife, Martha Sue; son Thomas of Quitman, Mississippi; daughter Elizabeth; and son Matthew of San Saba. Also daughter-in-law Theresa Moody of Quitman Mississippi; and son-in-law John Hoenow of San Saba. He had six grandchildren. Tom was a graduate of Becker College in Worcester Massachusetts. He was employed for 38 years with General Electric Company where he held many managerial assignments in the cooking appliance business.

Memorials may be made to the memorial fund at 1st United Methodist Church .

## Our Church Family

Congratulations goes out to Maggie Fry on her new job in Austin at a nursing home. She is really enjoying her new job and has moved to Austin. Ashley & Harper Stewart recently celebrated a 90th birthday of a relative. I bet the girls enjoyed helping blow out the candles. Jantzen Bell had surgery on his leg recently and was reported doing well on the crutches. Hope he is without the crutches by now. It is always good to have someone to be removed from the prayer list. Bo Rice has recovered nicely from his surgery and asked to be taken off the prayer list. The Mathis Family is in high gear with baseball games (J.T. and Scott's), and Casey's basketball games. Right now Casey's team is undefeated. Of course, her grandmother came up to see her play and J.T. play in their games. Nettie Oma made a trip to Stephenville where she caught a ride with her daughter and son-in-law and traveled to Fort Worth to attend her great grandchild's birthday. Braydon Fry, about a year old, came home with his mom, Amy Fry, for spring break. Amy attends Sul Ross University in Alpine. Elsie Millican had a big birthday celebration at Pepperbelly's Restaurant in San Saba. The party was planned by Carol Littlefield. It is on Youtube in case you want to catch a replay. Mike & Tracey Thomas have certainly been on the road. First it was Advanced Lay Speaker School in Kerrville. Then it was a spring break trip to California to see Lindsey & Derek Pugh. They report a wonderful time in California. Then they made a quick trip to San Antonio to see granddaughter Avery Thomas, daughter of Josh & Megan Thomas play in a soccer game. I am happy to report that Kaye Clancy is doing well and will soon be back at work. Nicole Sears, daughter of Del Sears, has certainly been getting some nice honors. She was selected by the San Saba High School faculty as a high flying student. She also was recognized as being in the top five of her class. The reward included a meal at Pepperbelly's Restaurant. Harper Stewart, San Saba high School principal, organized the affair. She was also selected as San Saba High School basketball sweetheart. Jacey Everett enjoyed bringing her cousin to Sunday School one Sunday. Debbie Pullen's son broke his leg. We hope he is recovering quickly. Monica & Kevin Shahan went to Dallas and combined business with pleasure. Kevin attended a Rotary Club training while Monica and the kids did some fun things during the day. They all did things together at night. Cherry Kay Lange has booked another trip. This time her group is going to France and going to travel down a river to check out the sights. Elizabeth Bryant has spent some time on the track practicing and of course participating in some track meets recently. Did you hear the news about Suzanne? She won the twist contest at the recent San Saba Awards Banquet. Our very own Elsie Millican won the Heritage Award. Suzanne was also really looking forward to a visit to see her niece Nila who has recently moved back from Austin from Utah. Congratulations to Pastor Robin on the birth of his new grandchild. Kelly Murray's brother Travis has returned to the states as he has completed his deployment. Bob & Debbie Millican had a great time with their grandkids and Monica Shahan on a camping trip during spring break. The only downer was that Debbie came home with a cough. She enjoyed it so much she gave it to her husband. Hopefully they are on the road to recovery. Richard Waldie has also been sick. Roland Hawkins's dad had surgery in Fredericksburg. So he and Cindy have been spending some time there. You had better me careful around Grace Stewart. She got a new camera for her birthday and just might take your picture. David & Alesha Rogers had all of their kids here for spring break. Alesha had a schedule of things for the kids to do while they were here. Did you hear about Peter Hald? He was certainly been in the news this week. He raised over 2,500 dollars for the American Cancer Society with his run from Cherokee to San Saba. Thanks goes to Linda Parks for coordinating the meal for the Lenten service at the Presbyterian Church. The Mathis family is headed to San Antonio to see Melanie's mom during the long Easter break week-end. The UMY group had a good crowd at their hamburger lunch on Saturday. The Easter bunny a.k.a. Elizabeth Bryant was there to greet customers.



## Improve your Churches' Worship Service

I was sitting in a worship service the other day and listened to the musician do the best he could. I listened to the choir do the best they could. I listened to the congregation sing the best they knew to do. No one was working together and no one was singing together.

As the service moved slowly, I wondered how I could leave gracefully without being seen. Perhaps I could set my phone to ring or just leave. But then I realized that I needed to engage in the service myself.

I needed to pray for my attitude in God's House.

I needed to find the things in the worship service that sparked my attention and imagination.

I needed to look for Christ! Christ may have been looking for me!

Now if you are mean spirited and not seeking to improve your Church's Worship Service You Can.

Pray before service that it ends quickly.

Sing loudly, and sing off key.

Talk about how another pastor did it during the service.

Read your mail from home during the service then leave during the message, while you grimace, glare, snarl and hiss at the pastor at the back of the church. But you will not be blessed!

Can You Improve Worship?

Come early before the service starts and pray for God's presence.

Pray for the pastor, the message, and the pastor's connection with the Holy Spirit.

Come seeking a "Word from Heaven" that can transform your life.

Count the number of things, ie, ideas you glean from the pastor's spoken message; as you pray, seek the revelations God will give you.

Count the number of things that are meaningful to you during the service.

Join the choir and bring your friends, relatives, and neighbors to come and participate.

If you sing well, sing for the Glory of God!

If you sing poorly sing for the Glory of God!

Pray for the health of the church.

**You will be blessed.**

From March 12,2010 UM Witness, Victoria District Happenings