

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

April 2012

**San Saba
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Church**
204 W. Brown
325-372-3120
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Debby Lake, 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**

**Pianist/Organist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter**

**Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas**

**Church Secretary:
Debbie Uli**

**Custodian:
Mario Mendiola**

From the Pastor's Study.....

*"I came that they may have life and
have it more abundantly." John
10:10*

Willie Sutton was a notorious bank robber several decades ago. He was released from prison at the age of 70. By his own account he stole millions of dollars during his life. In his autobiography he tells why he made a career of robbing banks. He wrote that he robbed banks, "Because I love it. I was more alive when I was inside a bank robbing it, than at any other time in my life."

An interesting question to ask ourselves might be, "When am I most alive? Or "What makes me most alive?" Most people are looking for something that makes them feel alive and vital, and many are looking for it in strange places, and the price can be extremely high.

Some people seek this feeling by trying to accumulate wealth. They pour out their life energies into achieving financial security, but all too often the satisfaction is short term, and the real feeling of fulfillment escapes them.

Jesus understands the broad dimensions of the human soul, and knows what people really need to have their lives fulfilled. He challenges people to the adventure of following Him and to living a life of commitment to life's highest values.

As we approach Holy Week, I encourage you to journey with Jesus through both the agony and the ecstasy.

In His Spirit,
Debby



Prayer

Concerns

Debbie Pullen

Bettye McLaughlin's
sister Jane

David and Barbara
Gilger

The family of Bonnie Harkey

The family of Karen Johnson

Joe Mack Tilson

Ray Forrester (Grace Hollis'
Husband)

Jeannette and Jeff Toole and
Fam.

Nelda Weatherby

Margaret Haug (recovery)

Sam Tisdale

John and Joycelyn McRorery

Jeannie Falcones (cancer, friends
of the Belks)

Lylah (Stephanie and Chase's
daughter/running tests)

Layton Sanford

Zolly Jones

James and Pat Reavis

Katie Andreas (continuing
prayer)

Thelma Millican (nursing home)

Gordan Hall (prostate cancer)

Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schan-
hals)

Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia
Bell's Mom)

Landon Yarbrough (procedures)

Connie Raesner Perry

Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends
of Trish Warren)

Mark Owens (safety)

Mitchell, Johna, Madison and
Matthew Moss

In Our Military

*Alex Dove, Eric Booker, Jay
Dewitt, Ralph Kintzen(home),
Cory Clendennen(home), Jay
Huggins (home), Matthew
Phinney (home), Andrew Rey-
nolds, John Paul Dretke*

*Please Pray for Our Troops,
All Our Military Men and
Women*



First Choir:

Some of you have noticed lately that the choir only sings once in a while. This choir is the most beautiful bunch of dedicated singers I have ever known, and we are like family!! Yet the family can always grow, and even NEEDS to if it is to survive! I don't want to press anyone who doesn't feel like their heart is drawn to the ministry of singing Christ's message in worship. Many gifts are given for the uplifting of the Body of Christ, and this is only one. Yet....I feel there may be a few folks who might love to try it, but don't feel "good enough". Please don't let that stop you if you feel your heart being tugged in this direction. Pray about it, and just show up on Weds at 7:00 if interested. There are empty chairs waiting.....

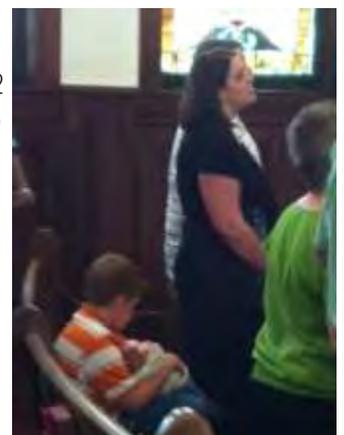


The Junior High Bible Study girls at youth skate/movie night. They watched The Fifth Quarter.



Left:
Our precious blessing arrived March 8, 2012 at 9:07pm. Lynlee Jo Smith weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 inches long

Right:
Daylon holding his little sister.



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank each and everyone for the calls, prayers, and love shown to our family during this special time. A huge thank you to everyone who brought food during the first week home! It made life so much easier and we greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness!!!

Love to you all!

The Smith's

Joe Pete, Danna, Daylon and Lynlee



Tyler & Travis Hawkins
Headed to the coast for
Some vacation. These pictures
illustrate that it will be a trip
that they will always remember.



Holy Week Schedule

- Sunday April 1** Palm Sunday
- Monday April 2** Holy week service at 1st Presbyterian Church at 12 noon.
- Tuesday April 3** Holy week service at 1st Presbyterian Church at 12 noon
(our ladies here at 1st Church will be serving the meal.)
- Wednesday April 4** Holy week service at the 1st Presbyterian Church at 12 noon.
- Thursday April 5** Maundy Thursday service at 6pm here at 1st Church.
- Friday April 6** Good Friday service at 6pm here at 1st Church.
- Sunday April 8** Easter Sunday (there will be no Sunday School classes).
"Son Rise" service with be at the home of Barbara and David Gilger(845 N. hwy. 16) at 6:30 am. Breakfast will be provided, so bring your lawn chairs and a blanket, put on a sweatshirt ,jeans and a cap(no time to do your hair that early), dress warm and join us. There will be a time of singing, a message and a breaking of bread together.

Flowers for the Flowers cross, we have such beautiful spring flowers already in our gardens, come fill up the cross on display.

A Prayer Path Journey

"Just a closer walk with Thee..." Prayer path resources will be available in the church office the week of Sunday, April 1st. A prayer journal is also available upon request to be used with the guide if you enjoy this discipline. The time and date is at your convenience, but is especially meaningful this last week before Easter. The place is at the new LCRA San Saba River Nature Park, but only on the north side of the highway (opposite side from the pool). Comfy shoes, a desire to take in God's quiet splendor as time stands still and walk humbly with your God are all that is needed. Setting aside 1 ½ - 2 hours will not be unheard of. Don't you think it's time to go on down to the river and pray?



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372-3120

Materials will also be available at Millican Pecan at 1101 W Wallace.

Nursery Needs!!!

We have had a spring cleaning in our nursery. There are some things we need for our baby beds, sheets, mattress pads and baby wipes. If you would like to make a contribution for our nursery we will purchase these items. If you make a check designate it for the nursery. Stop by and check out how nice the nursery is looking. Submitted by Linda Parks



Monday April 23
Vacation Bible School
Planning Committee
5: 00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Monday April 30
Women's Social
10 a.m.
Church Parlor.

"Holy God, we begin this week shouting
"Hosanna! Hosanna!" But we know the story all too well.
Soon we will be shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Lord, as
we worship this day, help us see that we are no better - no
worse - than those in Jesus' day. Shower us with grace and
mercy, Lord, as you have done for centuries. Make us whole."

Amen



**Faith Weaver Friends
Last Wednesday
For the Spring
April 11th
3:45 to 5 p.m,**

**The 7th & 8th Grade
Girls
Bible Study
Begins January 10th
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Upstairs Sunday School
Room**

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Faith does
not struggle;
faith lets God
do it all.”

—Corrie ten Boom

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Our Church Family

The youth of our church have really been busy. Raley Kirks' 7th grade girl's basketball team finished their season as District Co-Champs with a record of 14-3. Raley made the honor roll this 6 weeks and has just made Middle School Cheerleader again. Her mom is just as busy. Kim is back working at Brady Home Health. Give her a call if anyone needs anything. She is also running for school board again. Gennie Hamilton placed second with her FCCLA project called Inner Beauty. She will advance to state competition April 12-14. I am sad to report that the Rogers will be moving this summer to the Bridgeport area. David will be starting a new business venture. Tracey Thomas had the nice honor of being named the San Saba High School's teacher of the month. Her picture was on the front page of the newspaper. Congratulations, Tracey. Debbie Pullen is under the weather. She has been in Scott & White Hospital for several weeks now. You can mail her a card to 1106 E. Annex, San Saba, TX 76877. Addy Easterwood is playing soccer this spring. She was very excited when her team won their first soccer game. Way to go, Addy! Llaina Murray is back teaching at Llano High School after her surgery. Glad to hear everything went well and she did not miss very much work. Ted Red also had surgery on his hand. He reports that he is doing well also. Bet he is itching to get back in his garden. Elsie Millican celebrated her 98th birthday the first of March. She really enjoyed having all of her great grandchildren present for her birthday and even had her picture made with them. Nicole Sears has been accepted to Baylor Law School. You may not recognize Vickie Stevenson these days as she has a new ride. It's very pretty, Vickie. Debbie Lake made a trip to see her kids. Bet they had lots to talk about. Several of our church family participated in the Relay of Life's fund raiser. I am not sure who has the most to brag about. Flo Thomas' daughter Jerri was in and worshiped with us one Sunday. There is some illness going around. Cathy Gage had that cough and missed church one Sunday. Some people say it takes 3 weeks to get rid of it. Mario, our janitor, ended up with pneumonia. Gloria says he is doing much better now. Elsie Millican is another one who missed church a couple of Sunday's as she was not feeling real well. Coach Mathis and Easterwood both have articles in the San Saba News & Star about the teams they are coaching this spring. Andrea Robinson likes to garden so she attended the Keyhole Gardening Program. Jantzen Bell is the proud new owner of a San Saba High School letter jacket. He is staying busy by playing tennis and working at Mrs. Mindy's Sno Cone Stand. Jess McDowell made a flying trip to San Saba on his way to San Antonio. He was deejaying a wedding so stopped in San Saba on the way and on the way back. Carol Littlefield has knee surgery on Monday April 2nd in Fredericksburg. She will be staying in re-hab for about 7-10 days. We wish you a speedy recovery, Carol. David Gilger is having some problems with an infected toe so he and Barbara are in San Angelo. The Women's Social Group met and cleaned in the nursery. Reports are that it looks much better. The group will be meeting again the end of April. I have heard that there will be doing another surprise project. Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for the first week school is out. They also need lots of volunteers. Talk to Melanie Mathis or Monica Shahan if you would like to help.

