



San Saba

First United Methodist Church

April, 2013 Newsletter

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Rev. Dan Harrington, 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.
Worship 10:00 a.m.



Ministers:
Entire Congregation
Worship Leader:
Tracey Thomas
Accompanist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary:
Debbie Uli
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola

Happy Easter!

This season we studied Adam Hamilton's "24 Hours that Changed the World." I learned so much from the study, but I am so glad it's finished.

It was so hard to preach on the passion. I got down deep in the darkness of the details, and over and over I found myself thinking... I can't wait until Easter. I took lots of banjo breaks and over and over again I found myself singing "Oh how he loves you... oh how he loves me... oh how he loves you and me." I sang that little line at least a dozen times before I could sing the words through the lump in my throat. I wish I could have skipped the whole "lump in my throat" part, but sometimes tears just have to fall.

I wish we could skip the passion and the death but we can't because we follow Jesus. Jesus prayed that the cup would pass from him but that was not God's will. Jesus couldn't skip that part.

As the song says "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe..."

Maria and I took our little ones to the Jerusalem Encounter at the Baptist Church last week. It was awesome! They did an absolutely fantastic job.

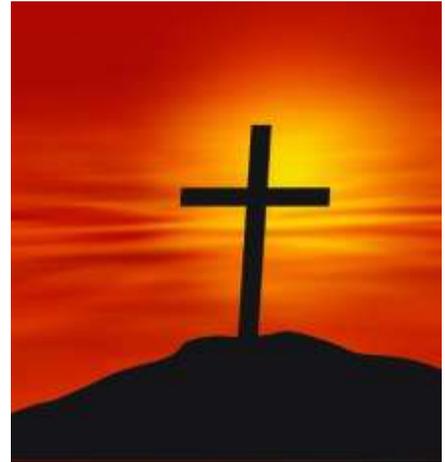
The music, the message, the special effects, and the presentation was truly amazing! But there was a part of it I wish we could have skipped... . You see, I knew what was going to happen... there would be some pain and some blood. I knew there would be a cross. I wasn't sure if Lyla was ready for that (I am not sure if any of us are). Lyla asked so many little "why" questions, questions that we all wrestle with, but one thing she asked will always stick with me. With a concerned look on her face she asked "Why are they hurting him?!? He's our friend!"

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There was part of the story when we had to close Lyla's eyes. "Don't worry baby," we assured her, "It all turns out ok... I promise... Jesus is resurrected... it will have a happy ending."

We couldn't skip that part because the cross just can't be avoided.

I wish I could say that this life is going to be easy, but death is a part of life and death is never easy. Jesus couldn't miss holy week and we can't either.



Maria and I are having our third baby in May. I wish we could just wait for the stork! I wish we could skip the whole uncomfortable and painful "going into labor" part.

In this life there will be pain and there will be death there will be many sleepless nights, and many holy weeks to suffer through... and there will be times when we feel forsaken and alone and there will be times when we just don't see Jesus- but let us be people of steadfast hope as we hear Jesus say:

"So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your Joy from you."

May you share all the love that God gives you.
May your Easter be filled with Grace, Peace, Hope, and Joy.

Pastor Dan

District UMW Day Apart Event

The Kerrville District Day Apart Event will be at the Gaddis UMC in Comfort on April 13th beginning at 9 a.m. The **theme for the day will be "Walking with Jesus and Serving His People"** led by Rev. Harlene Sadler. There will be no charge for the meal, but they need a count by April 10th. Contact Nettie Oma Carpenter (373-3717) if you would like to attend.

March Stewardship Report

The following figures do not include the fourth and fifth Sunday income or the end of the month payroll. These are the totals on March 22, 2013.

General Fund Income to date for March only	\$8,292
General Fund Income to date for the year	\$31,300
General Fund Expenses to date for March only	\$8,795
General Fund Expenses to date for the year	\$32,426
General Fund Balance on March 22, 2013	\$13,254

Our UMCOR offering was \$212

Submitted By Millie Burnham

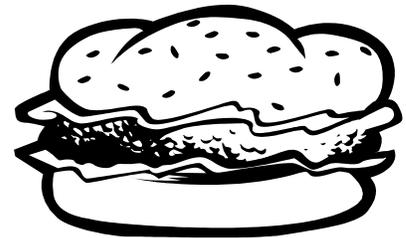


Sloppy Joes

From the Kitchen of Kathy & Travis Gage

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Cook Time: 20 Minutes Serves 8

2 Tablespoons Butter
2-1/2 pounds Ground Beef
1/2 whole Large Onion, Diced
1 whole Large Green Bell Pepper, Diced
5 cloves Garlic, Minced
1-1/2 cup Ketchup
1 cup Water
1 Tablespoon Brown Sugar (may want to use 2 Tablespoons, if not sweet enough)
1 teaspoons Chili Powder (more To Taste)
1 teaspoon Dry Mustard
1/2 teaspoon Red Pepper Flakes (more To Taste)
Worcestershire Sauce, To Taste
2 Tablespoons Tomato Paste (optional)
Tabasco Sauce (optional; To Taste)
Salt To Taste
Freshly Ground Black Pepper, To Taste



Add butter to a large skillet over medium high heat. Add ground beef and cook until brown. Drain most of the fat and discard. Add onions, green pepper, and garlic. Cook for a few minutes, or until vegetables begin to get soft. Add ketchup, brown sugar, chili pepper, dry mustard, and water. Stir to combine and simmer for 15 minutes, adding salt and pepper to taste. Also add tomato paste, Worcestershire, and Tabasco if desired. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed. Serve hot on hamburger bun or Kaiser roll.

Our Church Family

Suzanne Walter's papers to be admitted to the Eastern Star Assisted Living in Arlington Texas are completed. She is trying to wait patiently. Jody & Stephanie Huff have sold their house in Ruidoso New Mexico, have moved their belongings back and have even built a storage shed. Sounds like they have been busy. It was a big day for Elsie Millican. After all it is not every day someone has a 99th birthday. Lots of friends and family came by to see her. She also received lots of cards. Happy Birthday Elsie!!!! A little birdie told me that Gloria Mendiola is retiring the end of school year. She has some sick leave she needs to use up so she is not working on Monday's and Friday's for the rest of the year. Have you heard the good news? Carter Barker, great grandson of Owen & Linda Parks is here. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 12 oz. Of course Linda and her daughter Kelly needed to go and check this new family member out. Linda was lucky and got to go back and keep him for five days while others were working the next week. Lesa & Ronnie Schulze enjoyed keeping her nephew for several days during Spring Break. Lesa and Mindy enjoyed the trip to San Antonio to take the nephew, Felix, home. Oh, by the way, Mindy has the snow cone stand open. Be sure and stop by and get one on a hot day. It is a great way to cool down. Jantzen Bell has been very busy with the San Saba High School's One Act Play. The play takes lots of practice. The group did their play for the Pierian Study Club and several other times. Bruce & Martha Schanhals enjoyed a visit from their son and daughter-in-law. I am happy to report that Travis Gage got a very good report from his doctor. He is in remission. To become cancer free, he has to go five years with good reports. Michelle, JT Mathis' grandmother was in San Saba for spring break. She worked all week-end at the baseball concession stand. What a nice grandmother!!! We missed Millie Burnham one Sunday. She was out due to blood pressure problems. Kathy McEwin enjoyed having all her kids in over spring break. Of course they did some fishing. Kathy enjoyed cooking for her kids and their families. Travis and Kathy Gage also had their grandkids in over spring break. I believe they played some Farkle, a dice game. Klela and Ted have sold one of their places. They then needed to take some things to some of Ted's kids. Ronnie Schmidt is still having some health problems. Please keep him on your prayer list. Peter Hald certainly got some good news from his doctors. He had a good report. Libby Mays certainly wanted to remind everyone that her daddy was having a birthday. Grant, hope you had a good one. Other birthdays included Gracen Shahan's. The theme for her party was a poodle party. Shay Easterwood was very proud when his powerlifting student, Diego Montoya, placed 1st at the state meet. Dan & Maria Harrington took the kids and did Sea World. They had a great time. Oh, by the way, did you noticed the outhouse in front of the parsonage? The Boy Scouts are having a fund raiser and some fun with the outhouse. Money is suppose to be put in the box before it leaves your yard. It found its way to the Harrington's house. Wonder where it will end up next? JT Mathis made first all district in basketball. He was also named to the academic all district team in basketball. Casey Mathis has been busy with basketball also. She and the rest of Junior Lady Dilloos have played in numerous tournaments. They played in Brownwood, Priddy, and Zephyr. They placed first in all three tournaments. They won the Priddy and Zephyr tournaments in the same weekend. Baseball has gotten into full swing for Scott, JT, and Ryan and so has softball for Casey. The high school baseball team started district with a win. JT is also running track. J.T. placed 3rd in the triple jump at the Bluebonnet Relays in Brownwood. The next track meet was in Mason. J.T. also placed 2nd in the triple jump, 3rd in the 300m hurdles, and 3 in the mile relay. Vickie & C.K. Stevenson made a business trip to Fort Worth. Bet they made a stop by the girl's houses while they were there. Raley Kirk has been a busy girl. She placed 2nd in the discus at the Early Track Meet and she made Varsity Cheerleader. She celebrated her 13th birthday with a trip to Austin for a day at the Main Event and Chinese food with 5 friends. She visited Kim's folks in Junction over spring break and did some fishing. Carolyn & Mike McDowell met Carolyn's sister and brother-in-law in Ruidoso New Mexico and helped them settle in a new vacation home.



Carter Barker

Everywhere Fun Fair - Vacation Bible School

FUMC San Saba | June 10-14

9 A.M.– 12 Noon

Everywhere Fun Fair takes children to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including their own neighborhoods. Children will be introduced to special places from all over the world and discover that we are all neighbors and all children of God. More info coming soon.

Early registration available online at

<http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcsansaba>



PLAY!

Godly Play Workshop is being held Saturday April 6th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Burnet at FUMC. The church's address is 301 E. Graves. There is still time to sign up and go with the team from FUMC San Saba; just call the office 372-3120 or contact Pastor Dan 372-3129. This should be a fun and exciting new Program for our Sunday School hour.



Debbie Uli will be out of the church office from Tuesday, April 16th thru Monday April 22nd. Tim, her husband, will be having his carpal tunnel surgery on his left hand. His right hand has healed from the same surgery. We wish Tim speedy get well wishes.



Palm
Sunday



On Saturday, March 16 four members of our church participated in the 3rd annual Never Surrender 5K in San Saba. Peter Hald, Misty Everett, Jennifer Reeves and Stacy Wise all ran in the 5K in honor and memory of loved ones that have been struck by Cancer. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Congratulations to Stacy who got 1st place in her age category.

Submitted by Jennifer Reeves