



# San Saba First United Methodist Church April 2015 Newsletter

**San Saba  
First United Methodist Church  
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**Rev. John Saint, 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  
Kristi Owens  
Custodian:  
Mario Mendiola**

**Newsletter deadline is the last  
Wednesday of the month.**

## From the Pastor's Desk.....



### The Way of Peace

*By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Luke 1:78-79

*[Christ] is our peace.*

Ephesians 2:14

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7

This month we continue examining the fruit of the Spirit set forth in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Having considered love and joy, this month let's consider peace.

We live in a world that is continually disrupted by war. Whether for good causes or bad, war always has tragic consequences. So our prayers often include the request that God grant peace to our fractured world. Because of the circumstances of our world, we normally talk about peace as the cessation of war. But this is not the whole story.

When the Holy Scriptures speak of peace, it is a kind of peace that means more than simply the absence of hostility, conflict, and ill will. The Apostle Paul understood that God's peace is so much more than this that it actually "surpasses all understanding." The Epistle to the Ephesians goes so far as to say that Christ is the embodiment of peace.

In the Hebrew Scriptures the word we translate as "peace" is *shalom*. *Shalom* means completeness, wholeness, and the perfecting of all that is broken or out of order. To seek *shalom* is to work for reconciliation, and to offer restitution. So in this sense, when the Scriptures speak of peace it is far more than the absence of bitterness, violence, and confusion. Ultimately, peace or *shalom* is the restoration of God's original, intentional will in creation by triumphing over sin and death.

This month, as you consider peace as a fruit of the Spirit, ponder these questions:

- How strong is my sense of being made whole by God?
- How do I spread God's peace and reconciliation to those around me?

- How can I teach others about the wholeness God desires for each and every one of us?
- How can I grow into the conviction that God’s desire is to bring *shalom* to all of creation, so that there will be “a new heaven and a new earth”?

As you contemplate the nature of peace this month, I invite you to pray this prayer with me”

Most holy and undivided Trinity:

within the complexity of your Being there is unity;  
 yet from that unity, diversity springs forth,  
 and all this together is wholeness.

Share with us this mystery of your divine life,  
 that, in spite of our differences, we may not be at odds with one another,  
 struggling to gain power over others,  
 competing for prestige,  
 but instead that we might be at peace,  
 that we might be whole as you are whole,  
 that we might be conscientious stewards of your reconciling love.

Blessed are you in whose image we are made. Amen.

Grace and peace,  
 Pastor John



## February Treasurer’s Report

Income in February	9,130.75
Expenses in February	11,763.73
Ending Balance	4,765.17



Submitted by Kevin Shahan



Libby Mays was selected as a winner in last month’s literacy contest and was invited to the monthly literacy panel meeting. She won a book of her choice and a 2 liter drink.



The Yoga Class for Fun and Fitness meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church basement under the direction of LouEtta Cummings. Anyone interested is invited to join them.



## Were You There?

The Youth of FUMC invite you to the play, "Were You There?" on Palm Sunday March 29th, 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The group has been working hard preparing their award winning presentation under the direction of Celia Bell. You won't want to miss this !!!!!

## Prayer Concerns

Amanda Jackson health  
 Elsie Millican health  
 Angela Scott health  
 Brad Reeves (safety)  
 Mark Owens (safety)  
 Alesha Rogers's dad (diagnosed with cancer) and her family

Travis & Kathy Gage (at home)  
 David & Barbara Gilger (David is recovering from heart surgery)  
 Our Military Men, Women & Families  
 Our Church, Our Town & Our Nation

### MYF Spring Schedule

Mar 29	No MYF	Palm Sunday
April 5.	No MYF	Easter
April 12	(sponsor needed)	
April 19	Mike & Carolyn McDowell	
April 26	Kim Kirk	



This is a picture of the trophy that Larry Lafferty won in a 42 tournament in Richland Springs. Congratulations, Larry!!!!!!

## Our Church Family

Spring is here. Have you noticed that the bluebonnets are beginning to bloom along the country roads? The pastures are green too and a few of the trees are about to break out in leaves. The spring is always a busy time of year. Raley Kirk was named to academic all district basketball team. Congratulations Raley!!!! What does that mean? She had a 90 and above average for the 2nd and 3rd six weeks. The Brad Everett family combined business with pleasure for spring break in the metroplex. The kids got to do fun stuff while the parents did market. Jason was really looking forward to going to Legoland. We certainly missed Mario Mendiola, our maintenance man, one Sunday while he was out with the flu. I am glad to report that he is going full steam again. Jantzen Bell and his parents, Bud & Celia Bell, headed to Victoria, Texas one week-end recently to check out the University of Houston-Victoria. It passed inspection and that is where Jantzen will be headed this fall. Vickie Stevenson and her daughter headed one week-end to Las Vegas to see their son/brother, Byron Stevenson. Byron had some news for them while they were out there. He is going to Afghanistan. The Roland Hawkins family had a rough month. Roland had stomach surgery **in Fredericksburg. Then Cindy's uncle, Dave Stewart, passed away. We express our sympathy to her and her family for their loss.** Braylee Reeves was sick one Sunday. That is never fun. Jantzen Bell spent his spring break getting his wisdom teeth out. Jantzen placed second individually at the District UIL Meet on the accounting team while the San Saba High School accounting team placed first. Way to go, Jantzen!!!! He and the team will be advancing to regional UIL in Corpus Christi. You just never know who you are going to run into at Risien Park. **It could be Bettye McLaughlin's exercise group. Or it could be Nettie Oma and John Carpenter.** They had spring break company and were entertaining them by showing off the park. We also express our sympathy to Richard Jackson on the loss of his cousin. Several of our church family participated in the San Saba Foundation Never Surrender 5K Run/Walk. Lee Murray, Misty & Jaycie Everett, Carolyn & Jess McDowell participated. Misty Cantu helped out at a water station. Harrison Hammer enjoyed having some of his family with him one Sunday. Pastor John Saint, Alexis and the kids headed to Big Bend State Park for spring break. They had great weather for the trip and a great time. Our appreciation goes out to Bill Hulgán for filling in for John in the pulpit. **Henry & Trish Warren enjoyed having Henry's son Jay and daughter-in-law Kat** spend the week-end with them. Shannon Hampu is enjoying a new job at the San Saba News & Star. The San Saba ISD has announced the honor roll. Congratulations goes out to Libby Mays, Madison Shahan and Gracen Shahan for being on the **San Saba Elementary "A" honor roll and to Jackson Thornton for being on "A/B** honor roll. The San Saba High School listed Read Saint, Raley Kirk, Ian Saint, Brooke Nagle, Hollie Ragsdale, Jantzen Bell and Shea Scott on the semester 2 cycle 1 honor roll. Former FUMC member Alesha Rogers called and asked that we put their family on the prayer list. Alesha and David Rogers sang in the choir while they lived in San Saba. She was the FCS teacher at school. They are now **living in Graham Texas. Alesha's dad has been diagnosed with cancer.** Jason Everett is playing baseball and Jaycie Everetti is busy finishing up basketball and starting softball. Raley Kirk was part of the 1st place UIL spelling team and will advance to Regionals.