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San Saba First United Methodist Church April 2017 Newsletter

Applications For The Plano Mission Project

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Submitted by John Saint



April 9th Palm Sunday
 Confirmation Class Joins The Church
 Covered Dish Luncheon

April 13th Maundy Thursday
 Service of Holy Communion & Tenebrae @ 6 p.m.

April 16th Easter Sunday
 Sunrise service @ Barbara & David Gilger's House, 6:30 a.m.
 Bring flowers for the flower cross
 No Sunday School & 10 a.m. Worship Service



The Thinking of You Ladies Group brought socks to their March meeting for veterans. The Soldiers' Angels group in San Antonio collects socks to use with veterans in Veterans Hospitals and also include them in packages to the deployed. Two boxes of socks were mailed to the group.

**Need Some
 Exercise?**

**Walk With The
 Lord**

From the Pastor's Desk.....

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Living the Transformed Life

*And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another;
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

*And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow
more and more
with knowledge and full insight to help you to deter-
mine what is best,
so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and
blameless,
having produced the harvest of righteousness that
comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.*

Philippians 1:9-11

When we think of what it looks like to live a transformed life, our minds naturally turn to the martyrs in the book of Acts, the Saints of the early church, or more contemporary heroes of the faith like Mother Teresa. In the light of these shining examples, we often overlook those near to us who accept the freedom and power God gives to live lives marked by holiness.

On our own, living a transformed life is out of the question. Most of us don't even live up to our own standards, much less those of God! In our secret heart we know the parts of our lives that need to change. We know we can do better. Thankfully, God senses our desire to improve and showers us with grace. When we desire to follow Christ more nearly, God creates a partnership with us that leads to transformation.

Living a transformed life means following God's direction instead of our own. It means allowing God to use us, but it does not mean trying harder. On our own, we can try harder and harder to do what we think we ought to do, while ignoring what God is calling us to do. God not only calls us, God also empowers us to accomplish whatever tasks he gives. God

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Ruby & Emma McBee, daughters of Cade & Elizabeth McBee, playing a game at Game

Prayer Concerns

CeCi Rodriquez (friend of Tracey Thomas, health Concerns)
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas & Mark Owns (safety)
Joey Offield (Pat Johnson's family member who was in wreck & now at home doing physical therapy)
Spencer Altman (cancer)
Barbara Gilger (health concerns)
Nancy Bannister (health)
Peter Hald
Lisa Wise, sister-in-law of Mark Wise (cancer)
Shannon Hampu (health concerns)
Our Military Men, Women & Families
Our Country

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**Braylee Reeves,
daughter of Brad
& Jennifer
Reeves, enjoyed
some ping pong at
Game Night.**



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enables us to do more than we ever could on our own. Letting go of our own world-improvement-agendas and taking up God’s agenda is a matter of trust. It means staying close to God and trusting that God will care for us even as he transforms our lives, making us more than we are today.

The more we learn to trust God, the more open we become to accepting God’s transforming power in our own lives. The joy we feel when we trust and follow God’s direction is our reminder that God is leading us into abundant life. We set aside this season of Lent just for this purpose. Now is the time to trust God with your daily life.

Throughout the remainder of this season of Lent I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Almighty God,
help me to see and know myself as you know me;
let my relationship with you be unhindered.
Give me assurance in my heart
that I belong to you.
Remove from me those doubts and fears
that you may be leading me to suffering and punishment.
Cut out the spots in my life
which separate me from you.
Touch me and heal my sin-sick-soul.
Lord Christ, I abandon myself to you.
Put me to the tasks you have set before me;
equip and empower me
to accomplish your will for my life.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John



Applications Due by April 21st

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A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the FUMC members who have helped with the Food Bank.

The Welcome Crew

The Welcome Crew is off to a good start. They take a pecan pie along with information about our church to new people in our community. Do you have a new neighbor, a co-worker or know of someone new to San Saba? If so please give their name and address to Harrison Hamer.

Our Church Family

With Spring break in March, lots of the church family traveled or did fun activities that week.

Raley Kirk, a member of the San Saba High School Golf team, is playing on the San Saba HS Golf team. She was 3rd in the San Saba Spring Break Bash.

Ann McElroy was entertaining company from Puerto Rico. Roberto, her guest, is hosting Ann's granddaughter in Puerto Rico. When he needed to come to the United States on business, Ann returned the favor and showed him around San Saba.

Cindy Prater was enjoying her granddaughter, Ashton and her kids in town & going to park. It was a beautiful spring day so I am sure they had a great time.

Lee & Kelly Murray took the kids to Corpus Christi to see the battleship Lexington. Be prepared for Wiley to spend at least 20 minutes about what all he saw.

A special thank you goes out to Nettie Oma Carpenter for filling in for Tracey Thomas on the piano. Tracey & Mike Thomas headed to California to spend a week with Lindsey, Derek and Emily Pugh during spring break. Nettie Oma also has a new great grandbaby that I am sure she would be happy to tell you about.

Misty Everett placed second in her age group at the Never Surrender Cancer Foundation 5K Run held March 18th.

Travis & Kathy Gage enjoyed time with their sons and grandsons during spring break. I hear that hot dogs and s'mores are a family favorite.

Jantzen Bell made it home for spring break from the Univ. of Houston-Victoria. He is getting pretty close

to having two years completed. Jantzen has gotten involved playing Quidditch, a sport played in the Harry Potter books and movies.

Carol Littlefield has a new ride. A very pretty white Chevrolet SUV. Be patient with us, Carol. We may not recognize you for a while and therefore not wave.

Did anyone remember that Ken Prater bought a new pickup in 1992? Ken may not even remember that. The event was mentioned in the Down Memory Lane column written by our very own Shannon Hampu.

Dorothy Sterner is a new officer for the San Saba Ladies Golf Association. The group will be in good hands with Dorothy helping to lead them.

Kaye Clancey certainly had some good news the other day. She is feeling good and does not have to go back to the doctor for three months. The

doctors are really going to try to help her keep

her present liver! Yea!!!!

Amanda Jackson is moving to room 29 at Pecan Valley Nursing Home/. She will have Neva Rae Hector as her roommate. Although they both have the same birthday, there is 2 years difference in their ages.

Regina Allison had a run in with her 38 year old horse named Fire. You will have to get her to tell you all about it.

Vickie & CK Stevenson celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Their SS class sang to them Happy Anniversary!

