



San Saba First United Methodist Church
September 2017 Newsletter

FUMC
204 W. Brown San Saba TX
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Pastor: John Saint

Cleaning Day
Wednesday, September 27th
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Bring your cleaning rags

Game Night
Wednesday, September 27th
5:30 p.m.
On the Menu: Chicken strips



*When You Joined FUMC you pledged to
support it with your attendance, your prayers, your time and your money.*

Prayer Concerns

Praise for a great Vacation Bible School
David & Barbara Gilger (health concerns)
Mel Landers, our pianist
Travis & Kathy Gage (surgery for Kathy)
Orlando Miller (health concerns)
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas & Mark Owns (safety)
Sonya Hibler Owens (cancer)
Nancy Bannister (health & moving)
Bettye McLaughlin
Stan & Millie Burnham
Kyler Menchaca (youth involved in 4 wheeler accident)
Shannon Hampu (health concerns)



Left: The speaker at FCW
Right : Riana Bass leading singing at FCW.



From the Pastor's Desk.....

Faithful Leaders

Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak...as Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty warrior."

Judges 6:11-12

"But sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our ancestors recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has cast us off."

Judges 6:13

One of the stories we explored in VBS this summer was the story of Gideon: the smallest member of the smallest family in all of Israel, whom God chose to lead the nation. Gideon was hiding in a winepress when God delivered the news to him. Obviously, when choosing our leaders, we look for qualities different from those God thinks are important. With the first day of school just around the corner, we will soon be choosing volunteers to assume leadership positions here in our very own church.

All of us want faithful leaders and we reject the idea that leaders don't make much difference in the long run. We can see dramatic evidence of the importance of faithful leaders in each of the organizations, movements, and groups that influence our lives. The irony is that while we recognize our need for faithful leaders, we sometimes make it hard to choose them, and even harder to keep them. Was the early church any better at this? Could we borrow from their methods and the qualities they looked for to instruct us in choosing leaders today?

A primary consideration in the early church was seeking the will of God. From David and Gideon to Matthias and Stephen, the method for choosing leaders was centered in God and depended on God. Choosing faithful leaders meant starting with God, continuing with God, and ending with God. Other things were important too, but the first consideration was God's own choice.

Today we tend to use methods borrowed from politics to choose our church leaders: polls, popularity, image. Listening to people's voices is important, but the peo-



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As we enjoy the last bit of summer break, I invite you to listen for the will of God for the lay leadership of our church by praying with me:

Almighty God,

Open our eyes to your desire
that we might be the people
you made us to be.

Open our ears to your voice
that we might hear your call on our
lives.

And open our hearts to your love
that we might share it with all we meet.

In the name of Jesus, our supreme example,
Amen.

Grace and peace,

Pastor
John



Christi Mays telling the congregation what the VBS kids studied

2017 VBS Key Points

God Made You
God is for you.
God is always with you.
God will always love you
God made you for a reason.

**The Godly Play
Sunday School Class
Will Return To
Their Regular Schedule
Of Sunday School
September 10th at 9 a.m.**



The playground equipment is always popular during VBS even if it is extremely hot.



Monica Shahan leading the Imagination Station at VBS.

Our Church Family

Larry Lafferty and his domino partner from Goldthwaite placed 4th in the Stars and Stripes 42 tournament held July 4th weekend. They won 7 games to clinch that honor.

Special thanks goes out to Lee Murray for climbing the big ladder and replacing the bulb in the back projector.

A thank you also goes out to Nettie Oma for filling in

Former member of FUMC Ryan Mathis got to spend several days with his good friend, Risien Shahan.

Tracey Thomas spent five days at a foreign language teacher in-service in San Antonio. Mike joined her for part of the week.

Harrison Hamer is having issues with his back. He is seeking a second opinion.

Scott & Abby Snyder headed for a place with cooler temperatures for their vacation. They have had lots of fun geo-



Left: Singing the VBS Songs during Sunday Worship.

Right: The kids loved the relay donkey relay race in

at the piano one more time.

Diana Manning has moved to Maryland to be closer to her grandson and his family. She will be serving as a nanny to the family. We wish her well in this new chapter in her life. Stan and Millie Burnham have sold her house to Don & Joan Van Gorp and are working forward to having them as neighbors.

Pat Reavis-Watson has been sick with throat problems. Linda Parks got a good report from her cardiologist.

CK Stevenson has really had a great garden this year. He has had lots of okra, Israel melons and cucumbers.

Trish & Henry Warren received some good news. Her son Lyle and his wife are expecting a baby girl to the family in December. Justin & Landon are going to be big brothers!!!

Rachel Derrington has bought Nancy Bannister's home and will be moving into it the first weekend of August.



One of the favorite parts of VBS was the Kid Vid. The kids got to eat a snack while they