

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

February 2013

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Church**
204 W. Brown
325-372-3120
www.sansabafirstumc.com
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.
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

Practicing our Faith - A Lenten Worship Experience

Sunday Evenings in the Sanctuary,
Feb. 17th – March 17th

FUMC will have special worship and
prayer services on Sunday evenings
throughout Lent. Please join us for a time of contemplative
prayer, reflection, music, testimony, and more. There will
be arts and craft activities for children... and childcare will
be available so everyone is welcome!



February 17th "Being" with God

This service will explore contemplative centering prayer and lectio divina (sacred reading).

But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray. Luke 5:16

February 24th Letting Go

Have you ever tried fasting? Every year during Lent, Christians practice giving something up (fasting) in order to be more Christ centered. This will be a time of unburdening and letting go as we ask God for guidance and direction.

Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. Daniel 9:3

March 3rd Sharing our Faith

How has God been present in your life? This will be a time of testimony through personal stories and songs.

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written. John 21:25

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March 10th Taize Worship Service

The Taize-style service is a beautiful, reflective service that includes communal prayer, a brief period of silence, the sacrament of Communion, and music inspired by the Taize community in eastern France. The "music from Taize" is characterized by simple, repetitive phrases set to eminently tuneful melody.

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Psalm 100:2

March 17th Journey with Jesus

Join us for a multi-sensory prayer and worship time as we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week.

Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:8

Thursday March 29th 7 PM Living Last Supper

Our church will host a "Living Last Supper" on Thursday March 29th. There are several spots open so please sign up!

ATTENTI ON!

Choir is now starting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday's. If you can come out for one hour and enjoy singing God's praises with us, Come on!! We would love to welcome willing hearts and joyful singers!!!



Phil & Debbie Jones Concert

On Sunday January 20th, our church family had a covered dish supper. Following it, Phil & Debbie Jones presented a concert. It was a great time of music, laughter, fellowship and of course a great meal!

Prayer Concerns

Noah Richardson (Tracey's Family)

Lylah (Stephanie and Chase's daughter)

Zolly Jones and family

Johnnie Golden (Tracey's friend)

Flovell Thomas

Travis and Kathy Gage

Debbie and Bob Millican

Raymond Barrier

Wanda Davenport

John and Joycelyn

McRorery

Stephanie Conner (Nettie Oma's family)

Bettye McLaughlin

Elsie Millican

Edgar Gaddison

Mark Owens (safety)

Jennifer Davis

Katie Andreas (in hospital, continuing prayer)

David Gilger

Ray Forrester (Grace

Hollis' Husband)

Jeannette and Jeff Toole and Family

Sam Tisdale

Layton Sanford

James and Pat Reavis

Gordan Hall (prostate cancer)

Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schanhals)

Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)

Landon Yarbrough (procedures)

Pete Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)

Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss

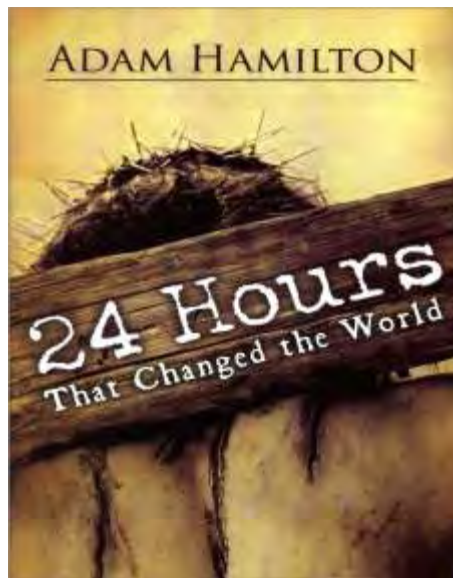
*Our City, Our Nation,
Our Church*

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

Our Church Family

It was great to have Travis & Kathy Gage back in church with us last Sunday. The next six weeks still means trips back to Austin and the doctor but it is great to have them back in San Saba. Raymond Barrier is at home. He continues to be in our thoughts and prayers. Flo Thomas is now at the Pecan Valley Nursing and Rehab. Please note her address on the back page of the newsletter and drop her a card or stop by for a visit. We extend our sympathy to Zolly Jones on the loss of her husband, Lewis. Zolly has a new address. The address is on the back page of the newsletter in case you would like to drop her a line. Wanda Davenport is at home and able to cook her own breakfast. Suzanne Walters is in the process of change too. She is going through the process of getting admitted to the Eastern Star Home in Arlington. Casey & J.T. Mathis are in Kerrville this week-end for the Mid-Winter Retreat. Melanie was taking **them early Saturday morning after J.T.'s basketball game Friday night.** She was going to stay in Kerrville for a little R&R for herself and then pick them up on Sunday. **Raley Kirk's's 8th grade basketball team finished their season District Co-Champs. Way to go, Raley!! Did you notice Risien Shahan's picture in the paper? He was San Saba Elementary School's Student of the Month. That's a nice honor.** Chris and Crystal Amthor and twin boys were here for a visit. We had not seen the Marty Loeber family in a long time. They were in to visit. We now know that they are **living in England now as Marty's job has taken him there.** Linz and Derek Pugh and Josh & Megan Thomas were here to celebrate a late Christmas. Maria Harrington enjoyed a visit from her sister before school started back up. Nelda Weatherby went to Austin for Christmas with Gail. There has been a lot of illness going around. Cindy Hawkins and Kristi May both missed one Sunday due to the bug. Myles Dyson and Corrie were in to visit her mom and dad, Lesa & **Ronnie Schultz. Kids are good to announce their parent's** birthdays on Sunday. Brad Reeves and Shay Easterwood both had birthdays. Ted Red had an accident with his hand. He was working on the chicken manison. It did slow Ted down for a little bit. Henry Warren also had an accident with his hand. Debbie Pullen missed a Sunday but did get a good report from her doctor. Maddy Shahan went to Austin to celebrate her birthday. You will have to ask her about her bull ride. On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for helping my retirement be such a special occasion. Son Jess came in to help with the festivities. A good number of our church family came to the Courthouse on Monday. Others sent cards or express personally their congratulations to me. It was much appreciated.

Walk with Jesus on his final day.
Sit beside him at the Last Supper.
Pray with him in Gethsemane.
Follow him to the cross.
Desert him. Deny him.
Experience the Resurrection.



Beginning Sunday, February 17 - 5 weeks

Attend all or what you can:

5-6 p.m. Study Groups for all ages

Book w/DVD \$12 (adult group)

6-7 p.m. Meal

7-8 p.m. A Lenten Worship Experience

Join us as we walk through the events of this life-changing day

KERRVILLE DISTRICT TRAINING SHINDIG”

Formerly known as “Equipping the Saints”

Saturday, February 9, 2013 - 1st UMC, Kerrville

Schedule

Check-in/Registration 9:00 AM
Welcome/Opening worship 9:30-9:45 AM
Devotional 9:45-10 AM
1st Morning Session 10 AM – 11:30 AM
Celebration Lunch 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ruben Saenz
Conf. Director—New Church Development
Afternoon Session #1 1:45 - 2:30 PM
Afternoon Session #2 2:45 - 3:30 PM

SESSIONS PLANNED:

MORNING:

Lay Leader – John Young, District Lay Leader
Trustees – Ken Bruner, FUMC Kerrville Executive Director
Clergy Class – Rev. Michael Murray, National Consultant for local churches
Youth Ministry – Christie Wynn, Youth Leader at Leakey UMC and
Claire Dillard, Director of Children/Youth Ministry FUMC Uvalde
Missions/Conference Opportunities – District Missions Committee
Music – Rev. Don McAvoy, FUMC, Kerrville and Rev. Russell Miller, FUMC, Boerne
Technology and Social Media - Kat Cochrane, FUMC, Kerrville

AFTERNOON:

PPRC – Rev. Bill Henderson, District Superintendent
What’s so great about being United Methodist – Rev. Conrad Archer, retired UMC Clergy
How to assist the Caregivers of Alzheimer’s Patient – Peggy Pilkenton, local expert on Alzheimer’s &
Dementia
Spiritual Formation: A Labyrinth Experience - Rev. Celia Halfacre and Rev. Sam Hunnicutt
Financial Peace on the Edge of the Fiscal Cliff – Ed Engleking, Texas Methodist Foundation
Local Missions/Outreach – District Missions Committee
Disaster Relief – District Missions Committee
Trustees Follow-up - Ken Bruner, FUMC Kerrville Executive Director
Poverty— Hill Country Daily Bread (Agnes Hubbard and Pat McDaniel)

Deadline for reserving lunch is NOON, Monday February 4th!!

Call Liz Cöver at the Kerrville District Office: 830-896-6400

Church Family Update

New address for:

Zolly Jones

Meridian Temple

4312 South 31st

Temple Tx 76502

254-774-8118 (same phone number)

New address for:

Flo Thomas

Pecan Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation

1405 W. Storey St,

San Saba, TX 76877

Returning to old address:

Wanda Davenport

109 W. Commerce Street

San Saba , TX 76877

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Why?

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2. Costs less
3. Same Day Delivery
4. Less man hours
5. Postage has gone up again.

Sign up now. Either

1. Email Carolyn McDowell (c-lmcd@centex.net)
2. Call her at 325-372-8865 (cell Phone) and tell her.
3. Tell Debbie Uli in church office

Dear Church Family

Words can't express our appreciation to you for your many kindness these last 2 months. The cards, the phone messages, the food, the welcome home sign, the prayers all were very much appreciated. Your support helped us tremendously. Thanks.

Travis & Kathy

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly known as Valentine's Day, or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is observed on February 14 each year. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it remains a working day in most of them.

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyr-ogy associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire; during his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius.

Legend states that before his execution he wrote "from your Valentine" as a farewell to her. Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on July 6th and July 30th, the former date in honor of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna.

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-

