



San Saba First United Methodist Church February 2014 Newsletter

San Saba
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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
Karen Alexander
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Most every Wednesday morning at 6:30AM, I join a few folks from our congregation to pray, listen to hymns of praise, and celebrate Holy Communion. Wednesday morning for me is a special sacred weekly time of prayer and reflection. This year I have added a prayer book to my morning devotions called "Sacred Space" written by Irish Jesuits. Each day there is a scripture passage and some reflection questions- and each week (for me starting on Wednesday morning) there is a little devotion to think and pray about during the week. There is one devotional called "The Challenge of Growth" that really spoke to me in this season.



Is there not a certain springtime in all prayer? Maybe we breathe easier with the passing of winter and its coldness. The time we spend in prayer refreshes both our bodies and our spirits. While all times and seasons are God's and we can never limit God's working, springtime can enliven us with the youthfulness and newness of the creator each day.

Spring does not always come easily. For the trees that prepared to blossom afresh, there is pain for the wood as the bud breaks through. Sometimes there is a bud that doesn't make it.

Prayer engages us to deepen our welcome in our openness to God. That is its task. Sometimes this will be easy; at other times, it will painfully challenge us. Does not all challenge in the name of love have it's own special, sweet bitterness? There is a letting go of something we treasure in order to make space for something better. Any openness to love is an openness to the

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Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels are over for the 2013 year and we would like to thank the following for all the work they have done.

Vickie,
Cherry Kay,
Lesa,
Nettie Oma,
Shannon,
Linda & Owen,
Barbara & David,
Carolyn & Mike
Sherry & Shana from Blaylock
Funeral Home,
Celia,
Wahnee,
Nelda,
Debbie & Richard,
Nancy,
Tracy,
& Trish.

The number of San Saba people that you have serviced is approximately 1200 for the year.

Carol Littlefield

**Church Workday
Saturday Feb. 8th
9 a.m.**

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immense blessing of the Creator God. Like the spring, our prayer brings a certain gentleness and warmth to us, the gentleness and warmth of God. Those two prayer being secretly nourished from within. The sap of divine life runs freely through them. It enables them to cope more generously with the demands of loving.

May we always know that at any time of the day or night, we can call on Jesus. He is always waiting, listening for our call. What a wonderful blessing. No phone needed, no emails- just a whisper.

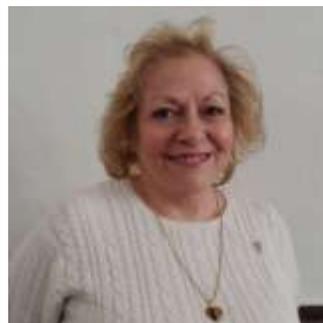
Pastor Dan

Stewardship Report

Beginning Balance: January 1, 2014	\$11,361.32
General Fund Income for January	\$ 9,636.00
General Fund Expense for January	\$12,955.21
Ending Balance: January 31, 2014	\$ 8,042.11

The good news is that we were able to pay our apportionments for 2013 in full thanks to an end-of-year gift given for that purpose.

Millie Burnham, Treasurer



Our Newest Member Shannon Hampu

Shannon was born in the northern Ohio town of Alliance, Ohio. She graduated from Kent State University with a B.S Degree in Deaf Education. She first moved to Texas in 1977, and taught deaf children in Brownsville, TX and later was the coordinator of the program there. She earned her M.A. from the University of Arkansas in 1981 and attended the FUMC in Fort Smith, Arkansas while teaching hearing impaired pre-schoolers. She became a Texan by choice when Austin ISD beckoned her to teach middle school and high school deaf students. She became the mother of Austin Lively and moved to San Saba County where Austin's father lives. Currently Austin and his wife Melanie live in Lometa, Texas with Kaisia, Pantera and Leona. She currently hangs out with her 3 year old granddaughter, Leona, through the week.

Our Church Family

Raley Kirk's JV basketball team has 18-wins and 3 loses. How about that!!! She placed second in spelling at the UIL practice meet. Lesa & Ronnie Schulze certainly got some good news. Corrie & Shane Dyson are expecting. Kristi Addington brought the kids to see their grandparents, Sam & Laina Murray. Bet they all had a great time! Some of us had not seen the new baby born last fall. It was a busy week for the Reeves household. Both Brad and Braylee had a birthday. Nicole Grant combined business with pleasure and came to see her folks, Bob & Debbie Millican. She made a trip to Austin on Saturday and attended a Ambit conference . Our sympathy goes out to the Joe Pete Smith family on the death of his stepmom, Sherry Smith. It is nice to have Katie McEwin worshipping regularly with us. Katie is working at the Blaylock Funeral Home. Be sure and speak to our visitors, Mary Dell & Dusty Rhodes. They live in Cherokee and have been attending several weeks. It is certainly good to have Debbie Pullen back at church following her surgery. We are glad everything went well. Pastor Dan & Maria celebrated their anniversary by going to Fredericksburg. How fun! Jason Everett has a broken arm. Seems like there were some couch cushions that got moved to be the landing pad and they slid and he missed!!! Our sympathy is also extended to Don & Ann McElroy on the death of Ann's stepdad. By this time Carol Littlefield is hopefully home after having knee replacement surgery. Orlando Miller also has been scheduled for surgery. Lots of get well wishes go out to him. Pat Belk is enjoying having her grandson live with her. Seems like he is a handyman as well as she has a new floor in one room of her house. Our church hosted the Fellowship of Christian Woman recently. Linda Parks and Lesa Schulze did a great job of decorating using Corrie's collection of snowmen. I am happy to report that Lee Ragsdale is back at work. Bill & Lynne Berry enjoyed having their grandchildren, Lyla & Jonah, spend the night with them. Lynne & Bill are headed east this week back to their other home. Bill will have surgery and hopefully they will be back around Easter. Debbie Pullen would like for us all to pray for her grandson, Koen Pullen. The newborn was transferred to Cook's Children's Hospital because he was having breathing and eating problems. Jantzen Bell is involved in San Saba High School's one act play. This year's play is Beggar's Opera. Celia Bell had the fun experience of flying out to California for an Eagles concert. JT Mathis received a scholarship from the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. He was one of 7 in the state to receive one. Ryan Mathis placed 3rd in his class with his Hamp at the stock show while Casey placed 4th in her class with her Cross. JT Mathis has settled in at Texas State. Here is his address: Blanco Hall #109B; 701 Moore Street; San Marcos, TX 78666. Laina Murray and Cindy Prater decided to take a hike last Sunday. They started at Laina's house and kept going till they reached Rough Creek. It took about 3 hours. What a walk!!!



From the December
Christmas Caroling
Taken by Lynne Berry



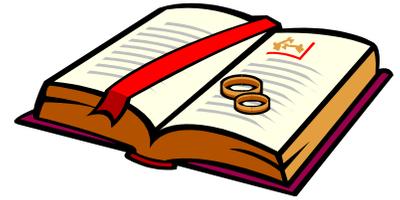
Dear Choir Members,

Thank you so much to our wonderful choir for the gift certificate you gave me at Christmas! It is my honor to lead you in singing God's amazing and glorious messages in song anytime we are together. Thank you for the time you give up to practice, and to learn new music so that we might share His grace and be a blessing to His Kingdom. You all mean more to me than I can put into words. Just know that I appreciate your generosity toward me in many ways, and I love you all!

Tracey

Bible Study

Trish Warren will be leading a bible study called Gideon - Your Weakness; God's Strength by Pricilla Shirer. The six week study begins Tuesday, Feb.4th from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at her house. Seventeen have signed up so far, but extra books have been purchased. Workbooks are \$13 and scholarships are available. (in other words don't let not being able to buy a book hold anyone back)



Trish Warren

In Memory Of James Reavis

James was born in Locker Community on June 9th, 1930 to Raymond and Arba Reavis. James attended San Saba Schools where he graduated 1949. He served in the Army Reserves from November 1949 until March of 1953, where he was honorably discharged.

James married Pat on July 25th of 1980. He was a Member of the First United Methodist Church of San Saba. James served on many boards and organizations throughout his lifetime, and he achieved many awards and honors for his service in San Saba County. He was employed as City Manager for the City of San Saba for 33 years. James was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years and served as chief twice; He and his wife Pat owned Reavis Sporting Goods for 20 years; He served as Rotary Club President as well as Secretary/Treasurer; While James served as the Chamber of Commerce President, he was voted Man of the Year; He served on the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Council of Governments; and was a member of the Pecan Valley Water and Waste water Association where he served as a 2 term President; James was appointed by Governor Ann Richards, as a representative of the private sector to the Central Texas Private Industry Council, where he served 2 terms; He served as the President of the Ex-Student Association; James served as the county chairman for the Salvation Army; and he also served as President of the San Saba Booster Club for 2 terms.

As you can see James served his community to the fullest for many years of his life. James was also willing to help his community and friends on a personal level. Many remember James hearing of a need and simply showing up unannounced to fill that need.

James participated in the Disciple Bible Studies. He took these studies very seriously and always came to class prepared and with questions he wanted answers for.

James is best remembered for his cheerful attitude and optimism

James loved to be outdoors with his family whether it be, hunting, fishing or just helping to erect a barn with his son. James loved hunting in San Saba County, Norwood Colorado, and West Texas, he also was known to catch a few fish now and then, even in cold Alaska.

James passed away on Monday, December 23, 2013. He will be missed by all.

Prayer Concerns

Koen Pullen
Raymond Barrier
Ronnie Schmidt
Pat Belk
Peter Hald
Suzanne Walters
Carol Littlefield

Elsie Millican
Our Church
Our Town
**Our Military Men, Woman &
families**
Sue Moody
Family of Pauline Sealy

