

# FIRST NEWS



**San Saba  
First United Methodist Church**

**January 2011**

**San Saba  
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Church  
204 W. Brown  
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**Debby Lake, 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  
Worship Leader:  
Tracey Thomas**

**Pianist/Organist:  
Nettie Oma Carpenter**

**Choir Director:  
Tracey Thomas**

**Church Secretary:  
Debbie Uli**

**Custodian:  
Mario Mendiola**

## From the Pastor's Study...

*... Fulfilling a Dream*

When Howard Schultz was a child growing up in a public housing project in Brooklyn, he had no idea what he wanted to do with his life. *I have to get out of these projects and escape the struggles my parents deal with every day*, he promised himself. He went to college and found he had a talent for sales. By the age of 28 he was the United States vice-president for sales for a Swedish housewares corporation. He was happily married, owned a cooperative apartment in New York City and was making an excellent salary, but he wanted to be his own boss.



About this time, he discovered that Starbucks, a small retailer in Seattle, was placing large orders for a drip coffee maker, a simple plastic cone on a thermos. Although the retailer had only four stores it was buying more coffee makers than Macy's was. Schultz was curious, so he flew to Seattle to find out why, when all the rest of the country was using electric coffee makers, this company wasn't.

Entering Starbucks, Schultz was taken with its character. The aroma was heady. Behind the wooden counter, bins were filled with coffees from all over the world. On one wall were shelves with coffee-related merchandise. The operation was simple. The coffee maker ground some coffee beans, put them in a filter, and poured hot water over them. Schultz took a sip of the sample. *Wow!* It was stronger than any coffee he'd ever had. That night Schultz had dinner with one of the owners, Jerry Baldwin. He and his partner, Gordon Bowker, were passionate about providing customers with something they "ought to enjoy." It just wasn't about maximizing sales.

*Hmmmm*, Schultz thought. "Why don't you hire me?" he asked Baldwin. Baldwin was not interested. It wasn't logical for Schultz to give up his job, and it didn't make sense to his family. He remembered when his father had broken his ankle and was not able to work. The family had had no income, no health insurance. But Schultz had an "inexplicable attraction" to Starbucks. He returned to Seattle several more times that first year and in the spring of 1982, Baldwin and Bowker invited him to meet with board member Steve Donovan. The meeting went well. Schultz told him how he'd served Starbucks coffee to his friends in New York and how they loved it. "Starbucks can be bigger than the Northwest." The next day they called him. "Your plans sound great, but it's not the vision of Starbucks." But Schultz could not accept no. he convinced them to hire him. *When someone tells me something can't be done and I believe it can, I can't let it go. Part of my determination comes from my*

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## Prayer Concerns

Amanda Jackson  
Lewis and Zolly Jones (moving)  
Kaye Clancey (Chemo treatments/  
transplant)&Fam  
Bettye McLaughlin  
Dr. Sharon Horowitz (recovery)  
F.L. Kalmus and Fam.  
Lee, Deborah and Hollee Ragsdale and  
Fam.  
John Bannister (health) and Nancy  
Bernard Goss (Surgery)  
Mike Millican and Fam.  
Abe Galloway's Fam.  
Clayton Anderson  
Debbie Pullen's Son and Fam.  
Kathleen Turner (Bettye's sister)  
James Reavis  
Katie Andreas (Trish Warren's cousin)  
Thelma Millican (nursing home)  
Gordan Hall (prostrate cancer)  
Roy Caviness  
Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schanhals)  
Mrs. McDowell (Mike's Mom)  
Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell's  
Mom)  
Sam Jones (Lewis Jones Brother)  
Landon Yarbrough  
Peter Hald  
Daniel Smith  
Connie Raesner Perry  
Jeannette Toole  
Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends of  
Trish Warren)  
Mark Owens (safety)  
James and Pat Reavis  
Nick Stripling (Pat Reavis Grandson)  
Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew  
Moss  
In Our Military  
Alex Dove,  
Eric Booker,  
In Afghanistan  
Matthew Barrier,  
Ralph Kintzen,  
Jay Huggins,  
Matthew Phinney,  
Andy Smith,  
Andrew Reynolds,  
Cory Clendennen,  
Please Pray for Our Troops,  
All Our Military Men and Women  
Our City, Our Nation, Our Church,

## First Ladies

The United Methodist Women met December 13, 2010 in the church parlor with Barbra Gilger bring a thought provoking Christmas program. She had Wahnee Stallings read the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke. Then Barbara gave the characteristics of each person in the story, asking each member to identify with one of the characters.



Following the program, the members gathered around the table for fellowship and a pear salad supper served by Suzanne Walters and Nettie Oma Carpenter.

Those present were: Millie Burnham, Nettie Oma Carpenter, Wanda Davenport, Barbara Gilger, Zolly Jones, Cherry Kay Lange, Carol Littlefield, Elsie Millican, Pat Reavis, Lesa Schulze, Wahnee Stallings, Flo Thomas, Tracey Thomas, Suzanne Walters, Trish Warren, Nelda Weatherby and Pastor Debby Lake.

The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. on January 10, 2011 with Millie Burnham bringing a pledge service program. Hostesses will be Wanda Davenport and Nelda Weatherby.

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Thanks goes to the ladies who helped decorate, undecorate, and store all the Christmas decorations. Those helping included; Linda Parks, Barbara Gilger, Lesa Schulze, Cherry Kay Lange and Klela Waldie..

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**Equipping the Saints  
For the Work of the Church**

*“Equipping the Saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ” Ephesians 4:12*

**Kerrville District Leadership Training**

Saturday, January 29, 2011

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

321 Thompson Drive, Kerrville

**SESSION SCHEDULE**

**Morning Session**

**10:00 to 11:30**

*Sessions offered:*

Finance

Guidelines for Lay Leaders

Trustees

Charting the Course

Local Missions and Outreach

Music and Worship for the Small Membership Church

Evangelism

**District Celebration Banquet**

**11:45 to 1:00**

Served in the Fellowship Hall.

Reservations are requested in advance.

**Afternoon Sessions I and II**

**1:15 to 2:00 and 2:15 to 3:00**

*Sessions offered:*

UMW (I)

Church Outside the Box (1)

Volunteers in Mission (1)

District Disaster Relief Information (II)

Stephen Ministry (II)

Stewardship /Good Sense (one session 90 minutes)

PPRC/SPRC (one session 90 minutes)

Opening Doors to Interfaith Dialog (one session 90 minutes)



Deadline for  
January 26th  
Church Newsletter:  
(last Wednesday in month)

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**Wednesday.  
January 5th  
Children and Youth  
Ministries Meeting  
4 p.m.**

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**Tuesday  
January 11th  
Church Council Meeting**

## Financial Peace University

"Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University" thirteen - week class begins Sunday, Jan. 9th, 2011 from 4 - 6pm in the FUMC Parlor. Cost is \$99.51 which purchases 1 family life-time membership and kit. Two more free preview days until the class starts, those dates are Tues. Jan. 4th at 5:30 and Thurs. Jan. 6th at 7pm in the Sanctuary @ FUMC. For information contact Cindy Hawkins @ 372-5946.



Methodist Church,

We wanted to take this time to say a big thank you to you for the donation to J.C.'s House-the large Christmas Tree. Wow! What a blessing and it looks beautiful in our new building. Thank you for your generosity.

J.C. House' Teens & Staff



Meet Dakota Uli, granddaughter of Debbie & Tim Uli



**From the Children's Christmas Program**

## Our Church Family

The holidays always have lots of church family coming and going, lots of visitors and special activities. C.K. & Vickie Stevenson had lots of company Thanksgiving. They began coming on the Monday before Thanksgiving and continued coming all thru the week. For Christmas they went to Fort Worth. Bet they had a double celebration as Vickie's birthday is close to Christmas. The Mathis Family headed to San Antonio for Thanksgiving and spend time with Melanie's mom and her dad. Linda & Owen Parks went with their daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Darren Barker to Branson, Missouri for several day's vacation. Elsie Millican had 16 at her table for Thanksgiving. I wonder how many she had for Christmas. Suzanne Walters really enjoyed her Christmas Eve Lunch with her niece and nephew, Nila and Kirk. Netta Oma Carpenter traveled to Stephenville for Christmas. She did her share of entertaining the great grand-kids by playing with them and some of their new toys. David Parker was expecting his daughter Alicia and her family in for several days beginning on the 26th. Raymond Barrier talked to his grandson Matthew Barrier. You remember that he is serving in the military and is on our prayer list. The connection was not the best but he enjoyed the call. David & Alesha Rogers had a lot of family in for Christmas. It certainly helped the attendance at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Thanks to the Rogers for leading the music at the service. Please notice the pictures in the newsletter from the Children's Christmas Program. That service also brought lots of grandparents, other family members and friends to the worship service. Grant May's parents, Dr. & Mrs. Myron Mays, were some of the proud grandparents attending. The Easterwood's also had his parents attending. Kelly Thompson and his girlfriend Mandy went the extra mile so Mandy's son could be in the program. Tara Thorp also had family who took time to come see the program. Nelda Weatherby is doing some smart managing as her oven went out. The holiday season is usually a time of lots of baking. She was figuring out how to do her cooking on the top of the stove and in electric appliances. Thanks goes out to the families who lit the Advent Candle during each of the worship services in December: The Joe Pete Smith family, the Brad Everett family, the Ronald Schultze family. Kathy McEwin and Hollee Ragsdale both earned bragging rights by winning Champion ribbons at the Pecan food Show. Kathy was champion of the Non Club category and Hollee won honors of the Youth category. Debra Ragsdale was a winner at Commercial National Bank's door prizes. Please continue to keep Thelma Millican and John Bannister in your prayers. Both spent some time in the hospital in December. Debby Lake spent Christmas at her daughter's house and then headed for the coast and some fishing. We will all have to ask her how many she caught and how big they were. No matter how hard you try it is pretty easy to leave out information that has been given to you for the newsletter. My face is red as I left out something in last month's newsletter. Better late than never. Congratulations to Scott Mathis and Shay Easterwood for a great football season. And of course the rest of the football team. J.T. Mathis is busy playing for the San Saba Armadillos basketball team. Did you notice Jantzen Bell's picture in the paper? He was in one of the Christmas Band concert pictures. I hope Amanda Jackson is recovering nicely from her toe nail surgery. Ted Red was headed to the Woodlands for Christmas with his family. Of course he was taking pies and cakes for them to all eat. George Kidd has spent some time looking at deer but is still waiting for the right one.



On December 11th, the 1st Church's Choir and their friends presented a great Christmas cantata entitled "O Holy Night". Following the presentation Linda Parks and crew provided lovely refreshments and a great time of fellowship for those present. Thanks to all who provided food or helped serve. Those singing with the group included:

Soprano	Tenor	Alto	Bass
Ann Allison	Glenna Boyd	Dr. Donna Baker	David Gilger
Rev. Mindy Baker	Doug Clanncey	Barbara Gilger	David Rogers
Pat Belk	Chuck Forman	Sandra Key	Kevin Shahan
Nettie Oma Carpenter	Sandy McHorse	Linda Parks	Mike Thomas
Nell Forman	Owen Parks	Kristy Perry	
Candace Henderson	Mickey Rundell	Margaret Rice	
Mary Catherine Holley	Ginger Skeleton	Suzanne Walters	
Erlene Merschaert	Buddy Whitley	Patricia Warren	
Alesha Rogers	David Williams		
Stacy Vierus			
Klela Waldie			
Rebecca Whitley			
Louise Williams			



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*enthusiasm, and a part is fear of failure.* Schultz always kept the picture of his father in mind. His dad was an honest man who worked hard and loved his children, but he was never able to take control of his life and climb out of blue collar jobs, jobs that left him a beaten man. On a company trip to Italy about a year later, Schultz visited a little espresso bar where a tall man cheerfully greeted customers. That day he discovered the romance and ritual of coffee bars in Italy. His mind churned. *My company's connection to coffee lovers did not have to be limited to their homes ... what we should do is sell coffee by the cup in coffee bars.*

But on his return, his bosses argued that they were retailers and not restaurateurs. In 1985, Schultz and his wife left Starbucks and founded Il Giornale. Within six months they were serving 1000 customers a day. It became a gathering place. Soon they'd opened two other stores. In 1987 Baldwin and Bowker decided to sell their Starbucks stores.

With the support of his investors, Schultz bought Starbucks. It was an electrifying but frightening time. His father was dying. It was the saddest time of his life. His father had no savings and no pension. He had never attained fulfillment and dignity from work. Although Schultz hadn't planned it, Starbucks became a "living legacy" to his father. "I've tried to be the kind of employer I wish he had worked for," says Schultz. Starbucks now has thousands of employees and thousands of stores.

"I often wonder what would have happened if I had just accepted Jerry Baldwin's decision not to hire me. A lot of what we ascribe to luck is not luck at all. It's seizing the day and accepting responsibility for your future. It's seeing what other people don't see and pursuing that vision."

I share this story with you as we enter a new year for the purpose of considering the "what-ifs" and "what-could-bes" of our lives – both individually and as a church. What personal dreams and community dreams can we play a part in fulfilling in 2011 if we seize the day and accept responsibility for them? Where would Christ have us dare to go to spread His light upon a darkened world?

It is my sincere wish that 2011 be a year of fulfilling dreams.

In His Spirit,  
*Debby*

