

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

January 2013

**San Saba
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Church**
204 W. Brown
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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.
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

From the Pastor.....

His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:51-52



The baby grew up so fast! Just last week we were kneeling before the little baby in the manger, and this week he's a twelve-year-old boy in the temple.

Mary treasured all these things in her heart... the angel's visit, the shepherds, wise men, the manger, the baby, and the twelve-year-old coming of age.

She treasured all the memories of that holy night in Bethlehem.

I can relate to Mary treasuring these things, as I know many of you can. It's hard to believe it's been four years since the Christmas we told our family we were "blessed with a little one." Now we're looking forward to meeting our third "little one". Soon we will lovingly pack away the nativity, take down the Christmas tree, and say hello to 2013. Our family will always treasure our first Christmas in San Saba... the baby kicking, Camel-lot singing and dancing, the beautiful Christmas Cantata with Lyla's interpretive dancing, worshipping God with our family and friends, and pecans everywhere. Like Mary, we treasure all these memories and ponder them in our hearts.

May God bless and keep you all!

Pastor Dan Harrington

UP-DATE FROM NICARAGUA!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO MY INSURANCE MAN AND ALL HIS LOVED ONES--ALONG WITH ALL THOSE DEAR ONES WHO CONGREGATE AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN SAN SABA, TX. --I AM OUT OF THE HOSPITAL! I WAS IN HOSPITAL # 1 16 DAYS WITH BACTERIAL PNEUMONIA / BOTH LUNGS--THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL WAS NOT EQUIPPED TO DO CULTURES SO THEY HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS NEEDED TO KILL THE INFECTION. SO, I GOT WORSE AND WORSE--UNTIL MAYRA EXPLODED AND WANTED ME OUT OF THAT HOSPITAL (AGAINST THEIR WISHES!)--SHE HIRED A RED CROSS AMBULANCE WHO TOOK ME TO MANAGUA--THE CAPITOL CITY--1.5 MILLION PEOPLE... WE WERE LOOKING FOR A HOSPITAL THAT WOULD ACCEPT ME. THE FIRST THREE TURNED US DOWN. HOSPITAL # 4 RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED ME. DIVINE PROVIDENCE...PLAIN AND SIMPLE! A MIRACLE BEGAN TO UNFOLD! 11 DAYS I WAS THERE--AND I'VE BEEN OUT A WEEK. I AM STILL VERY WEAK, BUT I AM IMPROVING DAILY. (WE'RE STAYING WITH A PASTOR / FRIEND UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS)--THEN A FRIEND WILL COME FOR US AND TAKE US HOME--4.5 HRS AWAY). NATURALLY, MAYRA AND I ARE REJOICING--ALL THIS HAS TAKEN A TOLL ON MAYRA--SHE HAS BEEN WITH ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. SHE, TOO, NEEDS PRAYER.

BYE FOR NOW.

Orlando Miller



Sunday, January 20

Phil and Debi Jones Concert

6:30p.m.

A Covered Dish Supper

Will Be Served at 5:30 p.m.

before the concert.

Invite Your Friends & Neighbors!!!



Prayer Concerns

Stan and Millie Burnham,
Wanda Davenport,
Debbie Pullen,
Una Mae Hyatt,
Gene Hinyard,
Lewis & Zolly Jones,
Travis and Kathy Gage,
Debbie and Bob Millican
**Stephanie Conner (Nettie
Oma's family)**
Llano Methodist Church
Bettye McLaughlin
Elsie Millican
Edgar Gaddison
Mark Owens (safety)
Jennifer Davis
**Katie Andreas (in hospital,
continuing prayer)**
Joe Mack Tilson
David Gilger
**Ray Forrester (Grace
Hollis' Husband)**
**Jeannette & Jeff Toole &
Family**
John & Joycelyn McRorery
**Lylah (Stephanie and
Chase's daughter)**
Layton Sanford
James & Pat Reavis
**Gordan Hall (prostate can-
cer)**
**Kathren Wolfe (Martha
Schanhals)**
Margaret Ann Seiders
(Celia Bell's Mom)
Landon Yarbrough
(procedures)
**Sue Hemenway (friends of
Trish Warren)**
**Mitchell, Johna, Madison &
Matthew Moss**

*Our City, Our Nation,
Our Church
Please Pray for Our
Troops,*

Our Church Family

Our sympathy goes out to Betty McLaughlin who lost her sister, Jane, recently. We have all heard Bettye talk about her sister. Bettye will continue in 2013 her ministry of the exercise class **that meets on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. Bettye has led** this class for several years now. A lot of our church family has hosted company or gone some where for the holidays. **Maria and Dan Harrington had Dan's Mom and Grandpa Bill from North Carolina here for several days. Of course they had to see the children's pro-**gram, Camelot. Andrea Robinson brought some of her family with her to church one Sunday. Randy, her husband, will be sworn in as new county attorney on January 1st. Kay Thompson had her son, Kelly and Mandy here for the holidays. I bet Kelly was hoping to get a little hunting in while he was here. Mike Millican was also in to see Elsie and the rest of his family. Nicole, Darren & Elise Grant were in to see her parents, Bob & Debbie Millican and the rest of her family. Travis Hawkins, student at Texas A&M-Kingsville and son of Cindy & Roland Hawkins, is home to visit his family. Nicole Sears and her friend Jack Whitten were in to see her Dad, Del Sears. Miles Dyson came to church with her grandparents, Coach and Lesa Schulze. Kristi & Luke Addington and Rebecca were also in. Laina was planning a trip to College Station to check on her parents. There is a lot of sickness going around and our church family has had some members under the weather. Jantzen Bell has been to the doctor three times and has missed a good bit of school and the choir cantata. Patty Butler got tangled up with a dog and ended up fracturing her foot. She will be in San Saba for a while and she is not getting around very well right now. Raymond Barrier, we are missing you. Raymond has been in Dallas seeing doctors and in a hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!! **Travis & Kathy Gage are one half thru Travis' chemo and radiation treatments. Y'all are on the downhill side now!! J.T. Moody stayed** home with his Aunt Elizabeth one Sunday as he was not feeling good. Debbie Pullen had a week where she was under the weather but she was back in church Sunday. Henry Warren is just pretty proud of his Richland Springs Coyotes who are state champions of their division for the third year in a row. The Mathis family is on the road to spend time with family in San Antonio, Junction and other places. Risien Shahan placed in his UIL contests and Madison placed in her category. I am sorry to report that Millie & Stan Burnham were in involved in a wreck close to Austin. The good news is that they are o.k. and were back in church the following Sunday. C.K. and Vicki headed to Fort Worth for Christmas. Nila, Suzanne **Walters' niece came for a Christmas visit. Jess McDowell spent several days with his family. They visited Carolyn's family in** Graham and even took in a movie before Jess returned home. Cherry Kay Lange won the prize for bringing the most family to the candle light Christmas Eve service. Klela & Ted Red are hosting their family the week-end **after Christmas. The Thomas' were also cele-**brating the week-end after with Josh, Megan & their 3 kids coming in as well as Lindsey & Derek Pugh.



**December
1st Church
Activities**



Pictures taken
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