



San Saba First United Methodist Church
January 2017 Newsletter



Game Night
Tuesday, January 30
Super Bowl Party
Wear Your Team's Colors

FUMC
204 W. Brown San Saba TX
325-372-3120
Pastor: John Saint

Volunteers Are Needed to Clean Church
See Calendar in Parlor to Sign Up



Service Sunday

All Youth are Encouraged to Come Help
Assemble Some of the Grub Sacks
on January 7th, 9 a.m.
In the Godly Play S.S. Room



Grub Sack Ministry receives \$400 dollar donation.
St Luke's Episcopal Church's ladies group has made a \$400 dollar donation to the Grub Sack Ministry. This ministry is feeding 37 kids who don't have enough food on the weekend. During the week, they eat breakfast and lunch at school. Then on the weekend the grub sack gives them some food. Each grub sack contains at least 10 food items with 5 for each day. The project is a cooperative ministry with the Godly Play Sunday School Class, The Thinking of You Group, the St. Stevens Fund, Lowe's Market, and individual contributions.

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

Prayer Concerns

Harrison Hamer at Shady Shores
David & Barbara Gilger
Mike & Pat Johnson
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas, Travis Murdock (Kelly Murray's brother) & Mark Owns (safety)
Lisa Wise (cancer)
Praise for Trish & Henry Warren's new grandbaby, Everly B.
Bettye McLaughlin
Stan & Millie Burnham
Our church
Our Country

Some of FUMC's Servants



Many thanks go out to these ladies for all their work on the **Children's Christmas** Program. It was a wonderful addition to our worship service on December 21st. It will be something our children remember for a long time.

Fellowship of Christian Women
Thursday, January 25
Parkview Baptist Church
11:30 a.m.
Covered Dish Meal of Winter
Casseroles & Desserts

From the Pastor's Desk.....

God's Outlandish Promise

God Clothed in Human Flesh

Do not be afraid; for see – I am bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. *Luke 2:10-11*

Do you ever wonder what the baby Jesus looked like? Certainly not a king. Probably his face was red and strained. His cry was piercing. He was absolutely helpless and dependent on his mother to keep him alive.

Majesty in the midst of the ordinary. Holiness in the filth of a sheep pen. Divinity entering the world through a stable, from the womb of a teenager, the illegitimate son of a laborer.

This same baby had just been surveying the entire universe. He gave up his golden throne room in favor of a stinky, drafty barn. Angels had worshiped him, but now shepherds kneel at his feet.

Meanwhile the world goes about its trifling business, greedily counting every penny. The shop keepers are unaware that God has entered their midst. The inn-keeper would never believe that he had just rejected God and sent him out into the cold. The townsfolk would scoff at anyone who told them the Messiah lay in the arms of a teenager in a barn just outside of town. They were all too busy. Too many obligations. Too many parties. Too many guests. So much to do. They didn't miss it because they were evil. They didn't miss it because they were lazy. They missed it because they were not looking. Not much has changed in two thousand years.

During this season of Christmas and Epiphany I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Lord, make me worthy to serve you
and all the world's people who live
and die in loneliness, hunger, poverty, and sickness.
Give them through my
hands
this day their daily bread,
and by my love,
give them peace and joy.
Amen.



Grace and peace,



The **Thinking of You Group** has completed several projects recently. They bought gifts for 3 names on the Angel Tree at Arrowhead Bank. They signed and sent cards to Kelly Murray's brother's unit who is stationed overseas and far from home on Christmas. (picture on topleft). They also mailed care packages to our college students during final week. They also have given money to support the Grub Sack Ministry. Two of the pictures on the left show the group decorating



Christmas Caroling at Amanda's, Wahnee's and Nancy's. Wahnee's swing was a big hit with the





Above: Kids did an excellent job with their Children's Christmas Story Dec. 17th. Far Left: Nolan lighting the Advent Candle. Middle: Libby on the Christmas float. Above Right: Our sign on FUMC's Christmas Float. Below Left: Lyle Yarbrough (Trish & Henry Warren with his new baby daughter. Mid-



