



# San Saba First United Methodist Church July 2013 Newsletter

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First United Methodist Church**  
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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:**

**Custodian:**  
Mario Mendiola

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

The prolific Christian author Ann Lamott describes three basic kinds of prayers: Thank You, Help, and Wow! In this newsletter I wanted to start out by praying: Thanks be to God... for a whole year of ministry here in beautiful San Saba!

Thank God for Vacation Bible School!

Thank God for the 2013 Vacation Bible School servant team!

Thank God for the folks who gave their time and talents to plan and decorate, and for the folks who greeted the kids at the door. Thank God for all the welcoming smiles and the excitement of singing and dancing together. Thank God for the folks who worked on crafts, discovery and recreation. Thank God for those Bible story tellers and silly skit leaders. Thank God for the folks who worked behind the scenes preparing snacks, and for those who worked on the tech team. Thank God for good neighbors (like my friend who changed a volunteer leaders flat tire in the heat) Thank God for all those folks who stayed in the fellowship hall after the kids had gone home on Friday afternoon, just to talk and pray about how we could make VBS even better next year. Thank God for all the folks who gave their prayers, presence, gifts, talents and witness at VBS. Thank God for the talented and generous folks who made T-shirts and Caps with the new FUMC logo! Thank God for all the little seeds that were planted in the hearts of the young people who felt loved and welcomed at FUMC.



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Thank God for the extravagant love and generosity of our church family. We thank God for all the folks who prayed for our family and for all those folks who brought food, diapers, and wipes!

Thank God for this time- and this season of life, and for the opportunity to worship God in this beautiful marble treasure we call "our church". Thank God for all the possibilities and opportunities to grow and look forward together.

**Monthly Youth Gathering (Jr. / Sr. High)**

FUMC is starting a monthly youth fellowship and devotional gathering for junior high and high school students. The first gathering will be a pool party at Jantzen Bell's on **Sunday, July 7th 6-8PM.**

All junior high and high school students are welcome! Please call Celia Bell for directions 325-7031.

**New Church Directory Coming this Fall!**

Please save the dates for your family portraits: Wednesday Aug. 21st and Thursday Aug. 22nd. More information and sign up coming soon.

Pastor Dan



**Travis Hawkins**  
**Son of Cindy & Roland Hawkins**  
Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
May 10, 2013  
B. S. degree in Range & Wildlife Management

Fellowship of Christian Women  
July 25th at 11:30  
Covered Dish  
FUMC Parlor

Glenda McKneely, Cherokee  
will be speaking about her  
three month trip to China.



Pastor Dan will be furnishing our  
music.

If you will be needing a nursery, please  
contact Carol Littlefield.

Please try to attend to show support.

Submitted by Carol Littlefield

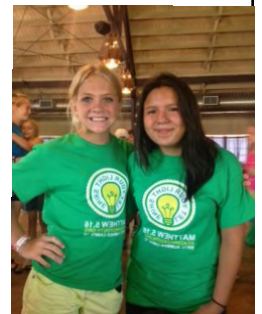
## Prayer Concerns

Charles Belk  
Suzanne Walters  
Raymond Barrier  
Peter Hald  
Charles Simmon  
Flovell Thomas  
Travis and Kathy Gage  
Gene Hinyard  
Ronnie Schmidt  
Lylah (Stephanie and Chase's daughter)  
Stan Burnham  
Johnnie Golden (Tracey's friend)  
John and Joycelyn McRorery  
Stephanie Conner (Nettie Oma's fam.)  
Bettye McLaughlin  
Elsie Millican  
Edgar Gaddison  
Mark Owens (safety)  
Katie Andreas (in hospital, continuing prayer)  
Joe Mack Tilson  
Ray Forrester (Grace Hollis' Husband)  
Jeannette and Jeff Toole and Fam.  
Sam Tisdale  
Layton Sanford  
James and Pat Reavis  
Gordan Hall (prostate cancer)  
Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schanhals)  
Mrs. McDowell (Mike's Mom)  
Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)  
Landon Yarbrough  
Connie Raesner Perry  
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's June. School is out. The church family is on the go. Kim, Regan & Raley Kirk took a family vacation, a Disney cruise aboard the Disney Dream. Raley has been to Basketball camp x 2, cheer camp and is busy working on her Summer English assignment. Jantzen Bell has been to band camp at Howard Payne University in Brownwood and is leaving for his 5th year at Camp Peniel Christian camp outside Marble Falls. During the cool of the morning Jantzen has been helping his dad spray mesquites. Brad & Misti Everett and the kids have had a fun vacation in Cozumel Mexico. They even got to swim with the dolphins!!!! Kevin & Monica Shahan took their kids to California to see Yosemite National Forest and lots of other sites. They had lots of fun too. Nettie Oma Ragsdale had a great time going to Arkansas for a family wedding with her two brothers, their wives & her son, John. J.T. Moody is \$25.00 dollars richer after winning the top San Saba Elementary Accelerated Reader Award. He read the most books for the whole school. Sometimes what is best for a church family member is not always our desire. Suzanne Walters is moving July 9th to Arlington Texas to the Easter Star's Assisted Living. She is being honored by our church family on June 30 with a breakfast. She had also been wined and dined by other folk. She is certainly going to be missed. She is well known for being the pray warrior of our church. Thirty eight of our church family attended the Bend Fish Fry and enjoyed a great time of fellowship. Kathy Gage has had cataract surgery and sees much better. You will notice she does not have to wear her glasses except for reading now. Carol Littlefield is doing iron treatments on Wednesday's. Cherry Kay Lange has 3 weeks done of her wound treatments done and has 3 more weeks to go. It was certainly good to see Raymond and Paula Barrier in church one Sunday. Our hearts were saddened when we lost one of our church family recently. Flovell Thomas had been part of our church family for several years and passed away after several months in the nursing home. We extend our sympathy to her family. Thanks goes out to everyone who helped with vacation bible school. It was a great success. Lots of our church family pitched in to make it happen. Ted & Klela Red went and got Ted's granddaughter so she could help. She is a high school student now. Several may remember when Marlo was participating as an elementary student. Travis & Kathy Gage had their 3 grandsons participating in VBS and then the next week took the new travel trailer to Fredericksburg for some more adventures. Swimming was the last activity of every day. C.K. Stevenson donated some of his yummie bread to the bible story part of VBS. Lesa Schulze had her nephew Felix here for bible school. Owen & Linda Parks enjoyed a trip to Tamale King on Father's Day. Just like a lot of kids Jacey Everett is playing ball this summer. Her team has won several games. The choir is on a much needed vacation during the month of July. Casey Mathis has been busy playing more basketball. She is playing every Thursday evening in the summer league that SS is hosting. She will be playing in a State level tournament July 19-21. JT Mathis has been attending South Plains College getting some classes out of the way.





**Life Outreach International Presents**

**Awaken Now**

**July 18-20  
Gateway Church  
Southlake, Texas**

**\$10.00 registration fee**

**Speakers include:**

**Beth Moore, Mike Huckabee, and many more**

Submitted by Trish Warren



Jesse Harrington was honored with a diaper/wipee covered dish luncheon—shower on June 23rd following the worship service.



**2013  
Vacation  
Bible  
School**



**June Stewardship Report**

The following figures do not include the fifth Sunday income or the end of the month payroll. These are the totals on June 24, 2013 .

General Fund Income to date for June only	\$8,987
General Fund Income to date for the year	\$69,099
General Fund Expenses to date for June only	\$9,949
General Fund Expenses to date for the year	\$69,315
General Fund Balance on June 24, 2013	\$14,157
One Great Hour of Sharing for UMCOR was	\$212
Our West Disaster Relief Offering was	\$581
Moore, Oklahoma Relief Fund Offering was	\$826.50
Capital Improvement Fund Balance	\$15,603
St. Stephens Fund Balance	\$3,714
Youth Fund Balance	\$6,175
Memorial Fund Balance	\$3,562
Endowment Fund Balance	\$11,829



Submitted by Millie Burnham