



San Saba First United Methodist Church July 2014 Newsletter

**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**
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Rev. John Saint, 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.....

To the people of San Saba United Methodist Church:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Each day we remember you in our prayers and are looking forward to our arrival on June 26. Although we have not yet become officially a part of your community, we have been blessed by your warm welcome and best wishes.

As we prepare to get to know each of you, I wanted to share with you a little about our family. Alexis and I celebrated our twentieth wedding anniversary this year on June 4th. We were married at John Wesley UMC in Houston, where we met while in high school. Our three children are Ian (15), Read (14), and Sarah (11).

Our family has a wide range of interests. We love outdoor activities, especially backpacking, camping, and hiking. Big Bend National Park is our home away from home. We are a musical family as well; Alexis plays the viola, Ian plays the drums, Read plays guitar and bass, Sarah is learning the ukulele, and I play a little of everything. Ian and Read are looking forward to playing football, and Sarah, who has been playing soccer, is looking forward to participating in middle school sports. We like hunting, fishing, and gardening, especially when we are successful because we also love cooking and eating! In school, Ian excels at biology, Read has a keen interest in robotics, and Sarah placed third in state at this year's Future Problem Solver competition.

Alexis is a Licensed Professional Counselor and is in the process of starting her own marriage and family therapy business. She graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, and received her Master's degree from Southwest Texas State University. She hopes to someday earn a doctoral degree in psychology. Alexis grew up in an Air Force family and is no stranger to moving.

Before entering vocational ministry I spent a number of years as a technology consultant at Dell Inc. in Round Rock. I graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and received my Master of Divinity from

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Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. While in seminary I served White Oak UMC in east Texas, and served as a pastoral intern at Highlands UMC in Denver, Colorado. For the past three years I have been the pastor at First United Methodist Church in Taft, near Corpus Christi. I hope to begin working on a Doctor of Ministry degree in preaching and worship in the near future.

We are excited to be moving to such a beautiful place as San Saba, and we look forward to getting to know you all.

Blessings,
Pastor John

Stewardship Report

General Fund

Income to Date \$9,481
 Expenses in June \$19,913
 Balance on June 24, 2014 \$6,468

St. Stephens Fund

Income to date in June \$75
 Expenses to date in June \$305
 Balance on June 24, 2014 \$1544

Capital Improvement Fund

Income to dare in June \$3,000
 Expenses to date in June \$940
 (Elevator inspection & servicing)
 Balance on June 24,2014 \$18,501

Youth Fund

Income to date in June \$0
 Expenses to date in June \$1,000
 (camp scholarships)
 Balance on June 24,2014 \$4,440



Left:
 Caden John Scheu
 8 lbs. 11 oz.; 21 inches long
 Parents: Chris & Shi Ann Scheu



Right:
 Travis Smith, with his daughter
 Chelsea at her destination wedding
 in the Dominion Republic.



Scout Troop 55 @ FUMC San Saba attended Summer Camp June 8 thru 14 near Abilene, TX. Pictured are: Back Row ~ John Brown, Assistant Scout Master; Randal Hawkins, Scout Master; Middle Row ~ Eduardo Vega, Sekima Herrera, Tommy Galindo; Front ~ Omar Vega. Congratulations to Sekima Herrera, Omar Vega, & Randal Hawkins for completing the one mile swim event.

Watch for Choir News in the church bulletin.

Submitted by Tracey Thomas

“Open Hands – Manos Abiertas”

Annual Conference 2014

Dear Church Family:

The 2014 Annual Conference was truly unique. As requested by Bishop Dorff, the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conferences were not only held jointly, but in English and Spanish.

The Transitional Uniting Committee as well as the Personnel and Budget & Finance Committees have been diligently working on merging these two conferences in what is now known as the Rio Texas Conference.

All changes will be in place by January 1, 2015. Please be in prayer for the Rio Grande Districts that have not yet decided which conference to join as well as personnel who will no longer be employed due to the merge of the conferences.

Delegate elections, which were not scheduled to be held until 2015, were held at this year’s annual conference since neither conference would be in existence in 2015.

At the end of the Final Joint Business Session, an understandably emotional Bishop Dorff gave his closing remarks and with the sound of the gavel, the last annual conferences for what has been known as the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conferences came to an end.

San Saba, Goldthwaite, and Star received a warm welcome into the West District, which is under the supervision of District Superintendent Purdy in the San Angelo office.

Bishop Dorff gave a moving sermon followed by the Joint Ordination and Commissioning Service. We sincerely appreciated the opportunity to participate in the business aspect of the Methodist Church. It not only allowed us to see that we are not alone as a church or community of believers, but that it does take effort, diligence, and an intent mindset in keeping the church alive, growing and moving. Pastor John will be looking for members of our congregation to serve as delegates to the upcoming General Conference. It is my hope that each one of us will consider this opportunity to serve and cast a vote to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Love and Blessings,
Roland & Cindy Hawkins

**Meet the Saint Family
Sunday July 13, 2014
6-8 p.m.
Pecan Pool**



**Fellowship Of Christian
Women**

**Thursday, July 24
11:30**

Luncheon: Summer Harvest

**1st United Methodist
Church-San Saba**



Meals on Wheels

July 7-15

**Call Carol Littlefield
if you can help**

Our Church Family

Emily Claire Pugh, daughter of Derek & Lindsey Pugh and granddaughter of Mike & Tracey Thomas was born on June 4, 2014. She weighed in at 5 lbs. 5 oz. and 17 1/2 inches long. She was a little early so Tracey and Mike Thomas went to Spain with a group of high school students and then went to California to meet their new granddaughter. Some of our FUMC kids received some honors at the end of the school year. They are as follows: Risien Shahan: 5th grade Dillo Pride award, 5th grade boy outstanding musician, highest average 5th grade science, highest average 5th grade social studies, highest average 5th grade reading, 5th grade honor student Casey Mathis: Cross County, basketball, track, football manager, 7th grade honor student. Wyatt Smith: football, basketball, track, 7th grade honor student. Ryan Mathis: 5th grade honor student, 5th grade highest AR points, 5th grade Best Effort social studies award. I am sorry to report that Bettye McLaughlin recently fell. She



Emily Pugh

does seem to be none the worse as she was at church the following Sunday and had family with her. It was definitely Travis Smith to the rescue last Sunday. It caused some excitement when the ceiling fan in the kitchen fell down. Travis just happened to walk in the kitchen door as the fan fell. In just a few minutes he had run home, got some tools and returned to make the kitchen safe. Martha Schanhals' mom is not doing well. She is in St. David's Hospital in Austin following a stroke. Danny Shaw has been diagnosed with the early stages of prostate cancer. Please put him on your prayer list. Last Sunday Jantzen Bell reported that he has his learning driving permit. He said it was both joy and concern. Nancy Bannister was seen in the grocery store. The last report on Travis Gage was that he was at his brother's house and doing ok. Kathy Gage is going to treat her back problems with physical therapy for now. The Bob Millicans and the Kevin Shahan family attended the Oliver reunion. We express our sympathy to the family of Max Steger. It was nice to have Kim and Raley Kirk in church several Sunday's this month. Cherry Kay Lange had her daughter Linda and son-in-law Chuck with her at church one Sunday. They left afterward for Grand Prairie to hear James Taylor in concert. Thanks goes out to Sam Murray for preaching and Cristy Thornton for assisting during the worship service while Pastor Dan was at annual conference. The Reds report that the construction is going well in Ben Wheeler.

Prayer Concerns

Shannon Hampu
Amanda Jackson
Ronnie Schmidt
Peter Hald
Richard Jackson
Suzanne Walters
Carol Littlefield
Mark Owens (safety)
Danny Shaw



Travis & Kathy Gage
Dan & Maria Harrington & family (transition to San Antonio)
John & Alexis Saint & family (transition to San Saba)
Lylah Mills (Henry & Trish Warren family)
Sue Moody
Elsie Millican
Our Military Men, Women & Families
Our Church, Our Town & Our Nation