



San Saba First United Methodist Church
July 2017 Newsletter

Please Pre-Register

<http://san-saba-vbs.eventbrite.com/?s=75813464>

**your children, grandchildren, friends & neighbors
for Vacation Bible School
July 17-20 @ 3:00—5:30 p.m.**

Ages 5 & up

(for church family 4 year olds are invited)

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



**Fellowship of Christian Woman
Thursday July 27th
11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Covered Dish Luncheon
Music by Alexis Saint & Mel Landers**

Why Are We Having Vacation Bible School?

Some children rarely hear the stories of the Bible. Vacation Bible School gives them the opportunity to hear those stories. For some children who do not attend Sunday School, it is the only church provided faith education that they received during their elementary years. Other children, who are members of other churches, get to meet the FUMC children and adults and receive a message of grace. Vacation Bible School is for planting seeds. We plant. God, the Holy Spirit, waters.

**You are Invited to the
Hamburger Supper
Thursday July 20
Immediately Following
Vacation Bible School**



Prayer Concerns

Vacation Bible School
Praise for Plano Christ UMC Mission Trip
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas & Mark Owns (safety)
Sonya Hibler Ellis (cancer)
Nancy Bannister (health & moving)
Bettye McLaughlin
Stan & Millie Burnham
Kyler Menchaca (youth involved in 4 wheeler accident)
Shannon Hampu (health concerns)
Our Military Men, Women & Families
Our Country

FUMC San Saba fed approximately 60 youth and adults from Plano Christ UMC on June 18th while they were here to do mission work. Did you wonder how they picked San Saba? One of the leaders was Nelda Weatherby's niece. Thanks to all who helped cook, prepare, serve and clean



We enjoyed having a group of the Plano Christ UMC attend worship with us.

**You
Are invited to
The 2nd Sunday Covered Dish Luncheon
July 9, 2017
immediately after the worship service**

From the Pastor's Desk.....

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Signs & Wonders

God delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth.

Daniel 6:27

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Psalm 86:12-13

The early church touched people's lives with the power and presence of God in a way that attracted followers like an irresistible magnet, drawing many to believe in and follow Jesus Christ. The apostles and the church continued to work signs and wonders just as Jesus had done. It was clear that God was at work transforming the lives of individuals and communities. The church grew because people longed for salvation, healing, and wholeness in their own lives, and they found it in the church.

Today people are still looking for evidence of God's transforming presence in the church and in their communities, but the church is growing smaller. Why? Where the church is declining it is not because people no longer need God, but because they do not find God there. Wherever people sense the work of God they are drawn closer because they know how much they need God's transforming presence.

This past month we had the pleasure of hosting the youth of Christ United Methodist Church, as they worked on over twenty houses in San Saba. I had the opportunity to visit most of the sites and talk with many of the homeowners. To hear the homeowners talk, you would think the youth and adults had worked signs and wonders. They spoke of how much it meant to have their roof fixed, or a ramp installed, but mostly they beamed with joy to know that someone cared enough to do these things for them out of their love for God.

The signs and wonders of God's active and transforming presence are visible in San Saba today. By making ourselves available to God, we participated in these signs and wonders along with the youth we hosted. Be ready: The congregation where signs and
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wonders are evident is the congregation that finds new people coming to be touched by the transforming presence of God. By making ourselves available to God with an unqualified yes we have begun to transform our community. Our ministries to feed the hungry and help the poor and elderly are exactly the signs of God's transforming presence that people hunger and thirst for. This month, let's remember to give thanks for God's divine presence among us, and to pray that God continues to work through us to transform not only our own lives, but the lives of all who are part of our community:

God of all, ruler of the universe:
Look with favor on Christ's flock in this place.
Cause our congregation to be an effective witness of your love and power.
Guide us into your ways, bind us together in your love and empower us to be a people who help others out of darkness into your marvelous light.
We ask these things through Christ, who works signs and wonders among us. Amen.



Thanks to all the FUMC church family who supported the Boy Scout Hamburger Fund Raiser. The group made \$400 that day.



On Vacation In July (Except for July 23)

Godly Play SS Class (see special note below)



Returning in August Game Night



Sunday July 23rd
an additional
Vacation Bible School Session
9 a.m.
Godly Play Classroom



And at the 10 a.m. worship service the kids will be singing the VBS Songs

Our Church Family

Summer time has lots of people traveling on vacations, going places with grandchildren, going to family reunions, etc. Our church family is certainly on the go. Travis & Kathy Gage took two of their grandkids to Austin for a fun time and then back to their house for a different kind of fun.

Cherry Kay Lange traveled to Round Rock to attend her grandson Justin's baseball game on Friday and Saturday.

Tracey Thomas probably wins the prize for traveling the farthest. She took some high school students and adults on a 10 day trip to Spain.

Randy & Andrea Robinson picked a seven day Alaskan cruise for their vacation this year. According to Randy the highlight of the cruise was seeing the whales jump in the water.

CK & Vickie Stevenson were invited to Kerrville for a delicious lunch of salmon with some special friends.

Trish Warren has the perfect excuse to not heat up the house by cooking. She and Henry are remodeling their kitchen.

Stan & Millie Burnham are back at home.



Kevin & Monica Shahan picked Yellowstone National Park for this year's vacation. They flew and then went on to Yellowstone for some great times.

Bob & Debbie Millican attended the Oliver Reunion here in San Saba and a few weeks later attended the Millican reunion also in San Saba.

Mike & Carolyn McDowell traveled to Wichita Falls and attended the Legends of Western Swing Festival and enjoyed seeing some of Carolyn's family.

Wahnee Stallings was entertaining her great grandchildren by taking them to a local pizza restaurant for lunch. Doesn't that sound like something kids would love to eat? Andrea Robinson had her granddaughter for lunch in a local restaurant too.

Monica Shahan took 20 eighth graders to Washington, D.C. for five days. Included in the group were Risien Shahan, Justin & Landon Yarbrough.

Nicole Sears has a stress fracture from running and is on crutches. Del Sears is going to spend several weeks of his summer babysitting the grand dog.

Mark McEwin hurt his elbow and had to go see a doctor. Kathy was getting ready for her grandkids to visit for several days. That meant a trip to the grocery store for some treats.

A special thank you goes out to Nettie Oma Carpenter for filling in at the piano while Tracey was on vacation.

Braylee & Jennifer Reeves are busy practicing for the Lyric Theater's production of Oliver July 7-10.

It has been nice to have Margaret Kidd attending church with George.

Nancy Bannister is moving to Shady Shores.