

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

June 2011

**San Saba
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Church
204 W. Brown
325-372-3120
www.sansabafirstumc.com**

Debby Lake, 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
Worship Leader:
Tracey Thomas**

**Pianist/Organist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter**

**Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas**

**Church Secretary:
Debbie Uli**

**Custodian:
Mario Mendiola**

From the Pastor's Study.....



Summer has arrived, and with it a different rhythm and pace. We may travel more, play more or work more, as we embark on trips or home improvement projects, take on volunteer activities, and enjoy the sweetness of summer.

Our bodies are the physical place where the presence of God can be known and experienced. If we look to Jesus as an example, we find that He used His body to minister, travel, celebrate, worship, serve and to be present with humanity. He showed us how to live well through His example of rest, time with His Father and His friends and family, connection with nature and self care. Our bodies also require our consideration and stewardship.

So where do we begin? Sabbath is one of the ways we can become still and know God. It is about pausing, worshipping, enjoying, resting, and caring for others and for ourselves. Sabbath takes us from production mode to dependence on God.

Traditional Jewish Sabbath practice includes worshipping, sharing simple meals with family and friends, napping, and ceasing work and productivity. It sounds inviting, doesn't it?

In these long, delightful days of summer, let's consider some simple things we can do to care for our bodies:

- Unplug regularly from TV and other electronic media and enjoy a walk, a bike ride, a sunset or a sunrise, with family and friends or alone, with God.
- Substitute water for some of those diet or regular sodas.
- Enjoy some fresh summer fruit for dessert or a snack.
- Get a physical or dental exam if it's time.
- Listen to your body and adjust your pace accordingly.
- Take a mini retreat.
- Consider what it means to be the living temple of the Spirit—the place where heaven meets earth—and the vehicle through which God's purposes are executed.

I pray that as you do a few of these things, you, too, will gain a new perspective on life in the Kingdom.

In His Spirit,
Debby

Prayer Concerns May 29, 2011

Everyone in the disaster hit areas

Nancy Bannister and Fam.

Kaye Clancey (waiting for transplant)&Fam

Zolly Jones

David and Barbara Gilger and Fam.

Eddie Campbell

George and Margaret Kidd

Rode White

Linda Mixon and Fam.

Betty Smith (Daniel Smith's Mother)

Michael Ogden(Kim Kirk's friend w/ cancer)

Sherri Smith

James and Pat Reavis

Katie Andreas (continuing prayer)

Thelma Millican (nursing home)

Gordan Hall (prostrate cancer)

Roy Caviness

Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schanhals)

Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)

Landon Yarbrough

Connie Raesner Perry

Jeff and Jeannette Toole and Fam.

Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)

Mark Owens (safety)

Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss

Our City, Our Nation, Our Church

In Our Military

Alex Dove, Eric Booker,

Matthew Barrier, Ralph

Kintzen, Cory Clendennen Jay

Huggins, Matthew Phinney,

Andy Smith, Andrew Reynolds,

John Paul Dretke, Jay Dewitt

Matthew Dennis

Please Pray for Our Troops,

All Our Military Men and Women

1st Ladies

Sixteen ladies met in the parlor of the United Methodist Church on Monday, May 9, 2011, for the regular monthly meeting of UMW.

President Nettie Oma Carpenter called the meeting to order, read a devotional, and called for joys and concerns. Following the prayer, Wahnee Stallings read the minutes of the April meeting **which were approved; and Carol Littlefield gave the treasurer's report which was also approved.**

It was then noted that the yard sale will be held June 4th and Millie Burnham stated that workers will be needed to help mark prices prior to the sale and items for the sale can be left at the church beginning in mid May. Also needed will be people to help with the sale, take money, etc. on June 4th. At the last meeting, the possibility of a bake sale in conjunction with the yard sale was mentioned, however there was no interest shown for doing that, so the matter of a bake sale was dropped.

Kay Clancey then introduced the guest speaker, Chris Cloyd, the **pastor's wife from Goldthwaite. She is in charge of the House of Hope located in Goldthwaite, Austin and Lockhart and had brought many items to display and for sale. She told of poverty and hardships in other countries and showed some of the items they make to earn money. Many of the items are made into useful and beautiful objects to sell from "stuff" we throw away every day.**

Following the program and a prayers the ladies enjoyed fellowship over delicious refreshments served by Cherry Kay Lange and Millie Burnham.

Submitted by Wahnee Stallings



The Worship Committee did a great job of re-doing the area above the choir loft. It had been 50 years since any improvements had been done to the area and it was past time for an update. Thanks to all who helped.



**The Choir
Is On Vacation
In June**



Next UMW Meeting



**June 13th
4:30 p.m.
Church Parlor**

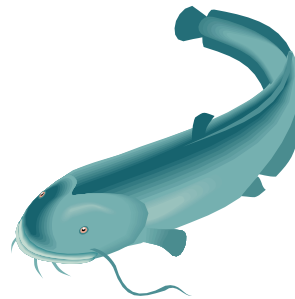


**Sat. June 4th
1st Church Rummage Sale
Starting at 7a.m.**

**Do Your Spring Cleaning and
Help the Church!!
Bring Your Donations Early!!
Come Help Mark Prices,
Sell the Items or Clean Up
All Help is Appreciated.**



**Tri-County Methodist Men's
Annual Fish Fry**



**The Methodist Campground in Bend
Friday June 17
Serving Begins @ 6 P.M.
Adults: \$10.00
Children 12 & under: \$5.00
All Profits to Benefit the
Bend UMC Youth Fund
Entertainment Provided by
Tausewager Family**



Debbie Uli

On Vacation

May 30-June 3



Come Join the
Sunday Service
June 19th
Eventide Nursing
home
3pm.



Exercise Class
Will be meeting
In a new location
In June
Due to the
Garage Sale
&
VBS
See Betty McLaughlin
for More Details

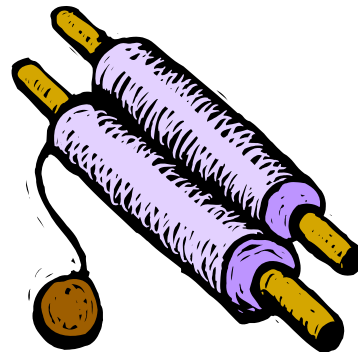
Just for Kids.....

Search for wisdom

Read Proverbs 2:1-5 (NIV) and then search the puzzle for the capital letter words

“...if you ACCEPT my words and store up my COMMANDS within you, turning your EAR to WISDOM and applying your HEART to UNDERSTANDING, and if you call out for INSIGHT and cry aloud for understanding, and if you LOOK for it as for SILVER and SEARCH for it as for hidden TREASURE, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the KNOWLEDGE of GOD.”

U F R P Q X I X H E A R T
D N R D X R M P F I C O E
H A D I Z O I R J E B G X
E G G E D C R N R J D P H
S Y U S R E O U S E O C I
E U I E V S S M L I Y K B
A W K L D A T W M H G Z P
R X I P E T O A K A C H L
C S D R P N J G N N N E T
H J T J K O N O V D W D K
H U Y N L O R D O S I O S
Z X Z A G X C Z M U O N J
A C C E P T S Y D L E D G



Our Church Family

May is always a busy month. Lot of School activities, graduations from high school, college, baseball or softball games, etc. Our church family has had a busy month. Here are some of their activities. Baseball is a huge part of the Mathis family's May. They finished HS baseball season. The San Saba High School Varsity Baseball team got 2nd in district and won bi-district but lost in the area round. School activities included lots of banquets. The first one was the FFA banquet. JT Mathis got the swine production award. Then it was the Rotary Honors banquet where JT was honored as an honor student. Next was the band concert/awards. JT received the sophomore outstanding musician award. The final banquet was the Sports Banquet. JT received the most improved basketball player. Several members of our church family went on the high school band's trip to South Padre. Our band members are Jantzen Bell, Gennie Hamilton, and JT Mathis. Aleshia and David Rogers also went as chaperones. The band performed at a contest at Schlitterbahn and received straight 1's. They also received a trophy for best in class and grand champion. Lesa & Ronnie Schultze are popping their buttons these days. They are going to be grandparents. Corrie & Shane Dyson will become parents in October. Congratulations!! Amanda Jackson enjoyed having her daughter, Sara, at church with her on May 8th and for Mother's Day. Kelly Thompson and friend Amanda were also in for Mother's day and to see his grandmother Elsie Millican. Darren Barken, son-in-law of Linda and Owen Parks, fell in an accident. I hope by this time he is well on the way to recovery. C.K & Vickie Stevenson traveled to Corpus Christi to participate in a convention. Debby Lake and family had a big celebration. Not only was it her birthday celebration and it was also Mother's Day. Fishing, lots of visiting, etc. is a great way to spend your vacation. Little League has started. Several of our kids are playing. Casey is playing softball this year and her Mom, Melanie, is one of her coaches. Kevin Shahan is coaching a machine pitch team again this year. Team members include Ryan and Risien and Jacye Everett. Melanie Mathis took her Special Olympic team to Abilene. She took 6 athletes and came home with 7 golds, 3 silvers, and 1 bronze. Debbie & Tim Uli have a new daughter-in-law, Miranda Wilson Uli. She is now an official daughter, although she has been like one of the family for 4 years. Their son Sam and Miranda married the middle of May. Genni Hamilton celebrated her birthday this month. Her dad also has a birthday this month so they had a joint celebration. Margaret Rice attended the regional track meet in Abilene so she could cheer her grandson on. She was also met her sisters in Christoval at the Hummer House for some family bonding. Ann McElroy is off to China with her daughter for a fun trip. Cherry Kay Lange was advising her. Pat Belk was one of the Red Hatters that enjoyed a trip. Elizabeth Bryant is enjoying making some rodeos. David Butler was really enjoying having his wife, Pat, here for a few days and also their daughter and grandson. Lindsey Pugh, daughter of Mike & Tracey Thomas was in from California for a baby and bridal shower. It was a busy week-end for the Mike Thomas family. Jess McDowell has had a really busy spring and was in to see his parents, Mike & Carolyn McDowell. Owen & Linda Parks traveled to Texas A&M to attend their granddaughter-in-law's college graduation. Hannah is married to Justin Barker. C.K. & Vickie Stevenson entertained their 2 daughters by going to Austin. Congratulations to Misty Everett on being a new school board member. Jerri Petmecky enjoyed a visit with her mom, Flo Thomas. I am sorry to report that Margaret Kidd broke her leg again. George Kidd doesn't let a little surgery get him down. He has gotten his lawn mowed. Bob & Debbie Millican traveled to Tyler for a very special birthday party. Their granddaughter Elise celebrated her birthday. Suzanne Walters was sick and missed a Sunday. Suzanne usually doesn't miss so we know she was really feeling bad. If someone is waving at you and you don't know who it is, it could be Celia Bell. She has a very pretty new car. Diana Manning has been working a lot recently. The Llano Hospital is a little short-handed and they have been calling her to fill in. Stan & Millie Burnham have been really enjoying having both Diana and their other daughter Pat in San Saba. Mindy Cantu is expecting to be busy at the snow cone stand all summer. She and Celia & Jantzen Bell are going on a little trip to New Orleans this summer. Kaye Clancy is on hold. At press time the latest report was that the liver was not a good one so the transplant did not take place. She is still on the top of the list to receive one. Klela Waldie's garden is doing well. I bet Ted Red's is also doing well. If you are lucky they will share their produce with you. Johna Reavis, granddaughter to Barbara & David Gilger was one of the 2011 seniors who graduated on May 27th. I am sure Barbara & David are proud of her. She will be attending Texas Tech this fall where she will study nursing. Raley Kirk really enjoyed her basketball season. Her team made a \$300 donation to the San Saba ISD for use of their facilities during the season. Check it out in the News & Star newspaper. Cindy & Roland Hawkins are busy preparing for Tyler's wedding. Some advice Cindy has received is the mother of the groom wears beige and keeps her mouth shut.



Gods Master Plan

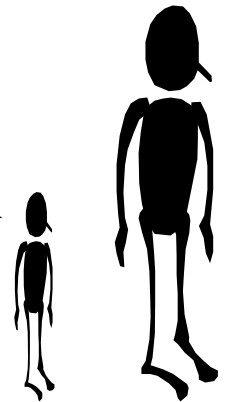
An old cowboy sitting,
..rope in hand
While others think of him,
..a man
But in his heart he is,
..but a child
And strong in faith,
..on earth awhile
For over the range of life,
..he must ride
And in God's blessing,
..he must abide
As all of God's children he,
..is one
And like his Christ before him,
..he tries to become
But through the turmoil,
..he must go
Through time of sorrow,
..and time of woe
However in time he too,
..will stand
With his savior before God just,
..man to man
And God will listen,
..as Christ explains
This Father is my brother,
..and him I claim
My brand is upon him,
..my mark is true
And Father now I give him,
..back to you
For like the old cowboy,
..we all must stand
Before our God,
..yes man to man
And pray that our lives,
..as we understand
Somehow can fulfill,
..God's master
plan

Submitted by:
Mike Millican



STANDING

NOW THERE ARE THOSE AMONG US
PERHAPS SOMEONE WE ALL KNOW
WHO ARE CONTENT TO STAND ON
THE SIDELINES
WATCHING OTHERS AS THEY GO
THEY NEVER HAVE TIME TO RAISE A
HAND
TO HELP OTHERS ALONG THE WAY
YEAH, JUST STANDING THERE WAIT-
ING
NO MOVEMENT, NO, NOT A SWAY
BUT LET THE TIME GO AGAINST THEM
AND IF THEY FIND THEMSELVES SO WEAK
MAYBE JUST STANDING IN THE KITCHEN
AND COMPLAINING ABOUT THE HEAT
PLEASE LORD NEVER LET ME BECOME ONE
WHO WATCHES OTHERS AS THEY GO
INSTEAD LET ME OFFER A HAND TO HELP THEM
AS CHRIST DID SO LONG AGO



MIKE MILLICAN



Ready for a Wild Adventure!!
1st United Methodist Church
June 20-24

9 a.m. to 12 noon

Contact Monica for more information
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