

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

June 2012

**San Saba
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Church
204 W. Brown
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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**

**Pianist/Organist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter**

**Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas**

**Church Secretary:
Debbie Uli**

**Custodian:
Mario Mendiola**

Endings and

Beginnings ...

Over the course of my ministry I have written somewhere close to 150 newsletter articles. This is, by far, the most difficult. It is hard for me to capture in words what is so deeply personal.

Throughout the last several months, there has been a bittersweet quality to most of what I've done. Packing both of my offices, at church and at home, has been a journey in itself. Looking at and touching each gift on my shelves, and remembering with fondness the donor and the circumstances of the gift has brought smiles and tears. Reading through reams and reams of paper (pack rat that I can be, I had hard copies of all my sermons) I saw my spiritual being develop and expand, soften in some areas and firm up in others. Boxing up my ministry library for donation to future pastors gave me a sense of continuity, as that particular page was turning for me.

I have looked at ministry as a privilege and a sacred trust. It has been my intent to honor that in all that I've done; where I have missed the mark, God has forgiven me. As I've shared life with four congregations, there have been times of great joy, deep sadness, downright fun, and, yes, there's been frustration mixed in there too.

Your kindness and generosity of spirit has been deeply appreciated – San Saba has been a good place to be.

A new chapter is beginning, and just like in the previous one, I will follow God's lead. Certain that He is not through with me yet, I know that He will have something "interesting" and, even, "challenging" that only my retirement freedom can allow me to accomplish. Keep me in your prayers as I will you.

I am incredibly excited about the opportunities that I believe are ahead for you. Pastor Dan Harrington and family will bring vitality and enthusiasm to FUMC San Saba, which will allow you to shine with the light of Christ in a new way. I'm looking forward to hearing great things of the ministry being done here!

Blessings,
Debby



**Pastor Dan
Harrington
and his
Family's
1st Sunday will be
July 1st**



Some of the kids from our church who are playing baseball are: Casey Mathis, Ryan Mathis, Risien Shahan, Madison Shahan, Jacey Everett and J.B. Everett. Not pictured are Austin and Wyatt Smith.



The
Pausewang
Family
Sang for us
On May 20th

CIS "Christians in Service"

At the May meeting of Christians in Service those attending recalled memories they had of displayed artifacts.

This led to recollections each had of their early Church experiences and baptism. It was interesting to hear and to share our Christian roots.

CIS will not meet again until September but that doesn't mean service should decrease. Keep looking for ways you can serve and plan to join us in the Fall.

Submitted by Lesa Schulze



The choir and Monica & Kevin Shahan honored Alesha, David and Gennie Rogers with good-bye parties. The Rogers are moving to Graham Texas where Alesha will be the Family & Consumer Science Teacher, David will be starting a new business venture and Genni will be attending Graham High School.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday June 4th Annual Conference starts, Pastor Lake will be out all week for Annual Conference.. Owen & Linda Parks are also attending.

Saturday June 23rd Baby shower for Christi & Grant Mays hosted by ladies of the church. 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the church. It's a girl! Unwrapped gifts, please.

Sunday June 24th

Pastor Debby's last Sunday. We will honor her with a covered dish lunch on that day.

Thurs. June 28th

Pastor Dan and family will be moving in!

Sunday July 1st

Pastor Dan's 1st Sunday. Please be in worship to meet our new pastor and family. We will have a backyard cookout and ice cream to welcome our new family on that evening at **6 p.m.** **There will be water fun for the kids!!**

Vacation Bible School
July 9th –13th
9am-12noon
Ages 4 years – 6th Grade

register online at:

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/
FUMCSanSaba



First Choir:

There will be no choir practice June 6th and 13th since Mike and I will be in Spain. Other than that, the choir will plan to keep meeting through the end of June. July will be a choir break with no practice. We will not actually resume until Aug 15th or 22nd--to be decided later.

Submitted by Tracey Thomas

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Nancy Bannister received This note of appreciation from her friend, Mrs. Tom Billingsley, and wanted to share it with the Church:

Dear Nancy Catherine & the wonderful Christians of the San Saba Prayer Chain, Thank you so much for your prayers. There were no complications during my eye surgery and I continue to heal as each day passes.

It appears that my vision will be almost as good as it was before the hemorrhage.

We enjoy so much being a part of the San Saba Community. Please know that as we are in your prayers, you are in ours.

**Sincerely,
Cay**

Prayers Concerns

Debbie Pullen
Joe Mack Tilson
Carol Littlefield
David Gilger
Thelma Millican
Bettye McLaughlin's sister
Jane
Ray Forrester (Grace Hollis'
Husband)
Jeannette & Jeff Toole & Fam-
ily
Sam Tisdale
John & Joycelyn McRorery
Jeannie Falcones (cancer,
friends of the Belks)
Lylah (Stephanie and Chase's
daughter/running tests)
Layton Sanford
Zolly Jones
James & Pat Reavis
Katie Andreas (continuing
prayer)
Gordan Hall (prostate cancer)
Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schan-
hals)
Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia
Bell's Mom)
Landon Yarbrough
(procedures)
Connie Raesner Perry
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,
Jay Dewitt,
Ralph Kintzen(home),
Cory Clendennen(home),
Jay Huggins (home),
Matthew Phinney (home),
Andrew Reynolds,
John Paul Dretke*

Our Church Family

May is always a busy month. Lots of end of the year school activities. Our church family has been involved in a lot of it. It was prom night. Coach and Melanie Mathis went to it as well as Mike & Tracey Thomas. J.T. and some of his friends went in style. They rented a limo. Risien Shahan had a grand slam at one of his baseball games. Dylan Smith had a May birthday. He celebrated by going to Chunky Cheese for a birthday party. Charlie Belk's sister, Polly, was here and visited with her brother and sister-in-law for a week. Katie McEwin graduated from Tarleton this month. Congratulations, Katie. It sure was good to have Amanda Jackson back in church with us. I know it was a special treat for her to have her daughter, Sara home for Mother's Day. Shay Easterwood has had a busy May. His track student, Luis Vega, placed at the State Track Meet. Debby Lake also had a special visitor, her daughter, on Monday's Day. What a nice Mother's Day treat! Tracey & Mike Thomas are preparing for a trip to Spain with 10 students and several adults. Ronnie Schultz is retiring. His retirement party is at our church on June 2nd. He has certainly taken a lot of kids to the state golf tournaments. Peter Hald reported that someone returned his lost wallet. He was certainly glad to get it back. Monica & Kevin Shahan took all three of their kids to see the Texas Ranger baseball game on Memorial Day week-end. I am sure it was a great way to celebrate that school was out. Pat Butler has six more months to work in Colorado. She is beginning to count the months. She was leaving Monday to go back for 2 weeks. Dale Sears is celebrating. Both his son, Derek, and daughter, Nicole, are graduating from Texas Tech. Kristi Addington was in to visit her parents, Sam & Laina Murray. Owen & Linda Parks are headed to church conference in Corpus Christi next week. Mike & Carolyn McDowell made a trip to Boerne, Texas for the Music in the Park Festival. Son Jess works for the company that sponsored it. The San Saba Middle School band was entered in the festival and placed first. Our very own Raley Kirk was one of the band members. Mom Kim was a chaperon that day.. The trip included some time spent at Fiesta Texas. Did you notice Raley's picture in the newspaper with that BIG trophy they won!!! The San Saba High School's baseball team made the playoffs. They won the first round (made them bi-district champs) against Eastland but lost in the area round to Wall. Casey Mathis was named an honor student at the middle school awards program for making all A's for the year. Ryan Mathis got a mathematician award and got a medal for making all A's all year, too. JT Mathis also got another patch to put on his jacket for being an honor student. He too got all A's. JT Mathis received the Ray Long Award for basketball at the sports banquet. Ryan Mathis and Risien Shahan made all stars in baseball. JT was also honored. Congratulations to Kim Kirk on being elected to the San Saba ISD school board again. Raley Kirk and Audra Nagle went with the gifted and talented kids to Corpus Christi and saw the USS Lexington. Kim & Regan Kirk went along also as chaperons. Mindy Cantu is glad that school is out. She will be at the snow cone business most days this summer. Did you notice that our very own Thelma Millican's picture was in the newspaper? Nancy Bannister was spotted in Rylander Library. It is always good to see Nancy.

Methodist Help with EMS Garage Sale

Thanks go to some of our church members for lending the San Saba county EMS a helping hand with their recent garage sale. Our members who helped out during the week preceding the sale were Lesa Schulze, Vickie Stevenson, Klela Waldie, Ted Red and Millie Burnham by organizing the pricing the donations as they came in and arranging the tables. Nettie Oma Carpenter, Vickie Stevenson and Stan Burnham served as cashiers on the day of the sale while Millie Burnham assisted "customers.": The director of the EMS, Pat Pratt, said that the sale was very successful. The funds raised will be used in the purchase of two portable ventilators and will also help with the cost of training about ten EMS members to be instructors.

Scout Trailer Purchased

The scouts of Troop 55, sponsored by first Methodist Church, have a new covered trailer to use on their camping trips due to the generosity of many church members and San Saba friends of scouting. Many thanks go to the following gifts made the purchase possible: Childress & Shook Law Office, David & Barbara Gilger, Roland & Cindy Hawkins, Richard Jackson, Mike & Carolyn McDowell, Don & Ann McElroy, Forrester McGregor, Bob & Debbie Millican, Owen & Linda Parks, Sherry Ruddick, Bruce & Martha Schanhals, Ronnie & Lesa Schulze, Joe Pete & Danna Smith, United Methodist Women & Henry & Trish Warren. Thanks also to Forrest McGregor who made the actual purchase and brought to trailer to San Saba.

Submitted by Millie Burnham

Trustee's Wish List Long Term Goals

Point up Masonry on church and scout hut
Drainage around building
Repair entry doors at office and pear
New hand rails on main entry
Paint exterior of building, gutters and down spouts
Repair soffit at main entry
New doors between parlor and dining room
Add heat to HVAC unit for class rooms
Replace plywood in windows lower level
Add handrails to choir loft
HVAC unit to pastor's new office
New door pastor's office

Submitted by Trustees