



San Saba

First United Methodist Church

June 2013 Newsletter

San Saba
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:
Debbie Uli
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola

From the Pastor's Desk.....

What was your first impression of church? Did you feel welcomed? Did you feel like you were important? Did someone sing songs with you and make you feel included? Did the adults take the time to learn your name? Who were the people you remember? Who taught you about God's love just by being around them? At the 2013 VBS Fun Fair we have the chance to share God's love with the children of San Saba. **This summer, VBS will be June 10th - 14th from 9AM - noon.**

Everywhere Fun Fair takes children to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including their own neighborhoods. Children will be introduced to special places from all over the world and discover that we are all neighbors and all children of God. *Everywhere Fun Fair* will feature exciting attractions such as interactive Bible storytelling, global games, rockin' music, super science, cool crafts, and more!

On **Monday** we will learn that *neighbors are Friendly*. The Scripture will be Gen. 18:1-14 and 21:1-3 (Sarah and Abraham welcome the visitors)

Students will travel to Japan, create a volcano, and a wristband.

On **Tuesday** we will learn that *neighbors are giving*. The Bible story will be 1st Kings 17:7-16 (A widow gives cheerfully) Students will travel to Zimbabwe, make a church bank, create a rainbow, and a friendship bracelet.

On **Wednesday** we will learn that *neighbors are bold*. The scripture will be Luke 10:25-37 Good Samaritan: A Bold Neighbor. Students will travel to the United Kingdom, study the gulf stream, and build a

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bridge.

On **Thursday** we will learn that *neighbors are forgiving*. The scripture will be Luke 19:1-10 Jesus forgives Zaccheaus. The students will travel to Australia, study day length and time zones, make a word frame and make some waves!

On **Friday** we will learn that *neighbors are welcoming*. The scripture will be Acts 10:1-43 God welcomes everyone. The students will travel to Mexico, eat quesadillas, and play around the world kickball.

The primary message of VBS will be based on Luke 10:27 "Love the Lord your God... and love your neighbor as yourself." Every day the students will learn Bible stories, learn about world cultures in crafts and discovery stations, and have fun recreation time with Pastor Dan. The music will be lively and fun.

There are registration forms available in the office and in the sanctuary, or online at <http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcsansaba>.

Godly Play

What is Godly Play? Godly Play teaches children the art of using Christian language - parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action in order to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. When Christian language is learned by the Godly Play approach, it is learned as a means to know God and to make meaning of our lives. This approach is quite different from the traditional model in which the teacher tells the children what they need to know. Godly Play is not about things that are that simple. It is not just about learning lessons or keeping children entertained. It is about locating each lesson in the whole system of Christian language and involving the creative process to discover the depths of meaning in them. It's about understanding how each of the stories of God's people connects with the child's own experience and relationship with God.

The goal of Godly Play is to show how to be open to the Holy Spirit, The Creator, and the Redeemer all at once and all the time in every place. To achieve this goal is to help children become deeply rooted as Christians and yet at the same time use this powerful language and community to be open and creative. Although it was originally developed as a resource for children, Godly Play is now being used with a wide range of age groups in a diversity of settings.

Our church is currently developing our Godly play classrooms in order to begin in the Fall. We will be asking for crafty folks to "build" lessons, materials, shelves, etc. Please visit: <http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org> or contact Pastor Dan at 512-777-9678 for more info.

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*



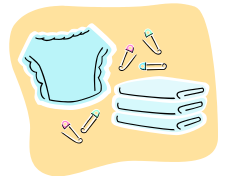
Welcome
To Our
Church Family

Jesse Wade Harrington
May 3, 2013
7 lbs. & 21 inches

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You Are Invited To A

**Diaper & Wipe Shower
Covered Dish Luncheon**



Honoring Jesse Harrington

**Sunday June 23
Immediately After the Worship Service**



Pastor Dan presenting JT with a bible from 1st Church for a graduation gift.

Thank you everyone for all who contributed to my college future. I look forward to moving on in life and enjoyed growing up around a bunch of great people. I hope to stay in touch with everyone and look forward to sharing my success with everyone as I come back.

JT Mathis

Our Church Family

June brings some changes in our church family. I am delighted to report that Suzanne Walters has been accepted to the Eastern Star Assisted Living in Arlington. That is great news for Suzanne but 1st Church is going to miss our Prayer Warrior. Suzanne is still waiting to get her paperwork and make her visit. JT Mathis is leaving on June 1st for Lubbock Texas and Texas Tech University. He is going to attend the first semester of summer school. We are pleased to have Pastor Dan's Mom and Pop (Lynn & Bill Berry) with us for about 6 months. They are assisting with the Harrington kids. I also need to report that the Shay Easterwood family is leaving. Shay has accepted a coaching job in Caldwell. It is really good news for them but your church family is really going to miss you. Ann McElroy reports that they were in Phoenix AZ for the birth of their 14th grandchild, Maitland McElroy Hatch,, a beautiful baby boy. They also spent some time recently in Muleshoe exercising his working-man skills with Eric and the business. Special thanks goes to Maria Harrington for assisting with the bulletin and singing with the Dan. What a surprise and joy it was to have Amanda Jackson and Raymond and Paula Barrier worshipping with us one Sunday!!!! It was also a thrill to have Debbie Uli call and check on the newsletter this Tuesday. It was so good to hear her voice and hear that she was back working in the office. Seems like there is lots of traveling church family members. C.K. & Vickie Stevenson headed to Arizona on Wednesday to visit Vickie's son. Trish Warren is in Mexico visiting with those precious grandchildren. I believe they are coming home with her to spend a few days also. Mike & Tracey Thomas headed to San Antonio Memorial Day to see their grandkids. Kelly Thompson spent a week-end camping on the San Saba River. Bet he caught some fish for a fish fry sometime! Casey, Libby and Daylon have all celebrated birthdays this month. It was nice to have Vickie & C.K. Stevenson's two girls here for Memorial Day Weekend worshipping with us. I believe that they will be dog sitting while the Stevenson's are in Arizona. Katy McEwin also made it home for the Memorial Day week-end. Hope she is still enjoying her new job. Monica Shahan will be teaching middle school science next year at San Saba Middle School. Jess McDowell made it in for a short Mother's Day visit. The Bend Methodist Fish Fry is Friday night June 15th at the campgrounds. It begins at 6 p.m. and is sponsored by the Bend Methodist Church. All are welcome. It is always delicious food and great fellowship. If you have never been, you have missed some good fellowship. Raley Kirk is now a freshman at San Saba High School. Her mom and dad, Kim and Reagan Kirk hosted the San Saba eighth grade class for a party following graduation. I heard everyone had a great time.

Needed for Vacation Bible School
 Stuffed animals (for Tracey Thomas)
 Artificial fruits and vegetables (for Tracey)
 Roman soldier attire (for Tracey)
 maps (for Mel anie Mathis)

June Stewardship Report

The following figures do not include the fourth Sunday income or the end of the month payroll. These are the totals on May 25, 2013.

General Fund Income to date for May only	\$8,558
General Fund Income to date for the year	\$56,426
General Fund Expenses to date for May only	\$8,788
General Fund Expenses to date for the year	\$56,247
General Fund Balance on May 25, 2013	\$14,482
Our West Disaster Relief Offering was \$581.	

Submitted by Millie Burnham

