



San Saba

First United Methodist Church

June 2014 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

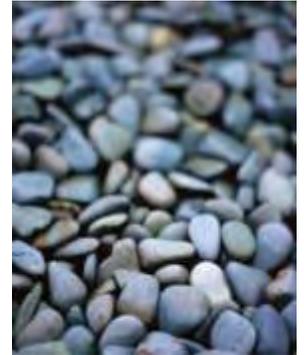
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.



Ministers:
 Entire Congregation
Worship Leader:
 Tracey Thomas
Accompanist:
 Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
 Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary
 Karen Alexander
Custodian:
 Mario Mendiola

From the Pastor's Desk.....

"GOD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your children." Abram built an altar at the place GOD had appeared to him." Genesis 12:7 (Msg).



This is the first reference to Abraham building an altar in Scripture. Building an altar and making sacrifice to God meant total dependence and reliance. It meant remembering that God is in this place. Building altars became a custom for Abraham, the "Friend of God", and he practiced it many times during his life (Genesis 12:8; 13:4; 13:18). In 1st Samuel we read that *"Samuel took a single rock and set it upright between Mizpah and Shen. He named it "Ebenezer" (Rock of Help), saying, "This marks the place where God helped us." 1st Samuel 7:12*

I remember raising a rock from the backyard of our home in Austin on my first Sunday in San Saba as we sang the line "Here I raise my Ebenezer", in the song "Come thou Fount". It was a way of saying along with Abraham and Samuel, "God is truly in this place, and in this place, God has helped us." As I look back on our time here in San Saba, I understand how true that is. God is in this place, and God has helped us! God was here long before (and during) the organization of this church in 1856 when that brave missionary came out into the wilderness with a gun and a horse, and God will continue to be present at the altar in San Saba. Of course, God is in all places and times, but we must come into an awareness, and the invitation is to daily "open our hearts" to God's presence. May the "Friends of God" here in San Saba continue to open our lives,

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moment by moment, to the love and light of the Risen Christ. In the words of the great missionary Frank Laubach, *“First: to be like Jesus. Second, to respond to God as a violin responds to the bow of the master. Open your soul and entertain the glory of God and after a while, that glory will be reflected in the world about you and in the very clouds above your head.”*

Pastor Dan

Stewardship Report

General Fund Income in May 2014	\$ 8,317.00
General Fund Expense in May 2014	\$ 13,602.35
Balance on May 30, 2014	\$ 7,343.71*

*Not yet reconciled with bank statement

Millie Burnham, Treasurer



Thank You

This is my last Newsletter in San Saba and I wanted to say thank you with all my heart. Thank you for welcoming us with a fridge and pantry full of groceries. You welcomed us with hamburgers and ice cream on our first Sunday and you made our family feel at home. There were new stuffed animals for the kids, new floors in the parsonage, and new grass in the backyard. When our family grew, you brought food, diapers, and wipes by the truck load. We have been blessed beyond measure by your kindness. Thank you for being the church. Thank you for welcoming our children in Jesus name. Thank you for your encouragement, blessings, and prayers- and most of all, for your love. Your faces will come to mind every time I sing *“Have you seen Jesus my Lord?”* We will forever treasure the holy times worshiping together in the Spirit, as the song says, *with the Lord there in our midst, and the look of Christ on each other... we have seen Jesus our Lord in you, and it has been an honor and a privilege to be your pastor.*



“May the Peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness, and protect you from the storm, may he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you, may he bring you home rejoicing again into our doors.”

Pastor Dan



Cash Robert Dyson
 Born: May 16, 2014
 Weight: 5 lbs. 15 oz.
 Length: 18 1/2 inches
 Parents: Shane & Corrie Dyson
 Grandparents: Ronnie & Lesa Schulze



Molly Ann Mays and Emily Mays, daughters of Grant and Christi Mays, were baptized during the worship service on May 22.



Henry and I have been blessed mightily in a period of less than 6 months! This will make 2 new daughters-in-law for Henry and me in five months - what a blessing! First, Henry's son, Jay, married Katarina (Kat) Furitsch on December 31. She was greeted in this union by Jay's daughter, Jillianne. Jay and Kat Warren reside in Houston, Texas.



A snapshot from my son shows a happy new family. Hannah & Lyle Yarbrough were married on the beach in Playa del Carmen on May 11. Lyle and Hannah make their home in Denver, CO.

Submitted by Trish Warren

**First Choir will begin summer break in June.
 No choir practice this month.**



Submitted by Tracey Thomas

Penne with Roasted Peppers, Garlic, and White Beans

Submitted by Cherry Kay Lange

- 3 large tomatoes, cut in wedges
- 4 cloves garlic - unpeeled
- 2 TBSP olive oil
- 1/4 tsp salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1 (15 oz) can cannellini beans
- 1/2 lb. penne pasta
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 TBSP freshly grated Parmesan



Preheat oven to 450F. Slice each tomato into 8 wedges and discard seeds. Put tomato wedges and garlic in a 9 X 13 pan. Drizzle with 1 Tbsp olive oil and sprinkle with salt and few turns of pepper. Roast in the oven, uncovered for 40 minutes. Drain beans in colander in the sink. Cook pasta and drain into colander with pasta, so hot water will heat beans. Return drained pasta and beans into pasta pot. When tomatoes and garlic are done, pick out garlic cloves. Squeeze garlic out of skin into small bowl and mash with a fork. Pour roasted tomatoes into pasta pot, add garlic, remaining 1 Tbsp olive oil, basil and salt and pepper to taste. Toss to combine. Serve topped with Parmesan.

Our Church Family

It is always good to hear news about our church family even if we don't see them very often. Derek Sears is headed to Australia this summer to work. His sister has good news too. Nicole will be interning at the Texas Supreme Court this fall. Congratulations! It was really good to have Amanda Jackson at church one Sunday. It had been a long time since we had gotten to see Amanda. Katie McEwin is starting barrel racing season and will be on the road. Good luck!!!! Several of our church family have been under the weather. Richard Jackson is having trouble with his back. We send out get well wishes to him! Cherry Kay Lange had triple bypass surgery at Austin Heart Hospital and is at home now doing well. Bill Berry has been busy doing physical therapy. He is swimming. Cindy & Roland Hawkins hosted family to help celebrate her dad's birthday. Dorothy Sterner enjoyed having her daughters home for Mother's Day. Seems like there was a spray paint project in the works. The Exercise Class under the direction of Bettye McLaughlin is enjoying some fresh air as they exercise at the LCRA Nature Park. They would love to have you join them on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's at 10:30 a.m. We have been missing Raymond Barrier. Raymond has been in the hospital and rehab following a bout with diverticulitis. Travis & Kathy Gage enjoyed a Memorial Day BBQ with Frank & Pat Gage and Milton & Trudy Gage. Mike & Tracey Thomas spent the Memorial Day Holiday in San Antonio watching their grandkids while Josh and Megan Thomas went to Washington D.C. to celebrate their 10th anniversary. JT Mathis is spending a month of his summer vacation in Anson Texas working with his cousin. Linda Parks traveled to Lubbock, Texas to attend the graduation ceremony of her nieces at Texas Tech University. CK & Vickie Stevenson enjoyed a visit from Vickie's daughter and family on Mother's Day week-end. Jess McDowell also spend the week-end with his parents, Mike & Carolyn McDowell Mother's Day weekend. Risien Shahan and Ryan Mathis have been very busy playing on baseball teams. Gracen and Madison Shahan are also playing on softball teams. Holly Ragsdale is driving a very nice looking Camaro. JT Moody told Carol Littlefield to tell the church family hello from him.



Prayer Concerns

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



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