



San Saba First United Methodist Church June 2015 Newsletter

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First United Methodist Church
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Rev. John Saint, 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

Kristi Owens

Custodian:

Mario Mendiola

**Newsletter deadline is the last
Wednesday of the month.**

From the Pastor's Desk.....



God's Kindness

*Note then the kindness and the severity of God:
severity toward those who have fallen,
but God's kindness toward you,
provided you continue in his kindness.*

Romans 11:22

In our continuing examination of the fruit of the Spirit set forth in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, this month let's consider kindness.

I'm not a big fan of New Year's resolutions. It's not that I don't have aspirations of being a better, healthier, more successful person, it's just that I have not had much success improving myself by sheer force of will. Kindness is one of those virtues we sometimes plan to attain through our own volition. "I resolve to be a kinder person this year," I once said. But it is a resolution which is broken as easily as it is made. What's so hard about just deciding to be more kind? Isn't it just a matter of restraining our tongues before we say something unkind?

According to Scripture, the reason we can't just decide to be more kind is that kindness is a response of the heart, not a resolve of the will. We are kind only if we have kindness in our heart. So how do we ever become kinder people? We are capable of being kind because God is first kind to us. It is God's kindness toward us that enables us to practice genuine, lasting kindness toward others.

God is kind to us. God lifts our spirits. God responds to our needs. Recognizing God's kindness toward us enables us to be more aware of the needs of others. It is good to feel God's kindness, and in the words of Kurt Kaiser's popular hymn, "once you've experienced it...you want to pass it on." Recognizing God's kindness toward us not only makes us want to share it with others, it makes us ready and able to respond when we have the opportunity.

The danger, according to the eleventh chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, is when we fail to respond to opportunities to practice kindness. According to Paul, God is severe with those who have fallen (that's us!), but kind as well, provided we also are kind to others. God's kindness to us demands our kindness to others.

Given this arrangement, we may be tempted beat ourselves up for those times we have missed the opportunity to practice kindness, or search with tunnel vision for the next occasion in an attempt to earn favor from God. Instead, it is better to ask:

- What stories of God's kindness toward me can I remember?
- How do I understand God's kindness in forgiving my sins?
- How has God kindly provided for my needs?
- Do I have assurance and hope for everlasting life?
- How can I show God my gratitude for this unmerited goodness?

April Treasurer's Report

Income in April

\$11,582.86

Expenses in April

\$12,379.30

Ending Balance

\$12,379.30

Submitted by Kevin Shahan



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for honoring Shea and me with the covered dish lunch. I know it meant a lot of both of us. I am also appreciative of the nice study bible you presented me with.

Sincerely,
Jantzen Bell

FUMC VBS 2015

"I Am a Promise"

A Mini Musical Packed With Love

June 22-June 25

4:00-5:30 Monday thru Wednesday, Practice

6:00-6:30 Thursday, Presentation

Followed by Hamburgers and Ice Cream

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By focusing not on our own capacity for kindness, but on God’s kindness toward us, we are able, as Paul puts it, to “continue in God’s kindness.” We become more kind not by our own determined efforts, but by remembering and celebrating all the ways God has been kind to us. Filled with the joy of God’s kindness, we are then ready and prepared to share it with those around us, especially our enemies.

This month, as you consider kindness as a fruit of the Spirit, I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Loving God, source of all generosity and kindness,
day after day you shower us with goodness.
Your mercy and tenderness are everlasting.
Like manna from heaven, they are renewed each morning.
Your faithfulness extends from generation to generation.
From you we learn kindness and hospitality;
we honor you when we extend kindness to others,
and in our generosity we express our thanks.
Accept our offerings of kindness as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and grant that we may continue in your kindness forever;
Through Christ who, on the cross, showed us perfectly the extent of your love.
Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor John

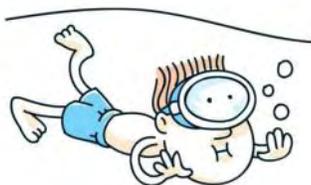
Prayer Concerns

The Family of Elsie Millican
Amanda Jackson health
Angela Scott health
Brad Reeves (safety)
Mark Owens (safety)
Alesha Rogers’s dad (diagnosed with cancer) and her family

The Family of Wade Ellis
Travis & Kathy Gage (at home)
David & Barbara Gilger (David is recovering from heart surgery)
Our Military Men, Women & Families
Our Church, Our Town & Our Nation

**MYF Summer Fun
Sunday June 7th
5:30 p.m.**

**Meet at the church
Swimming in the
Lampasas Springs
Bring a friend!!!**



The FUMC MYF enjoyed a time of kite flying at Mill Pond Park followed by supper and a devotional. The kids had a great time. Pictured above of some of the kids with their kites.



**The FUMC CHOIR
is on summer
break....
Beginning in
June!!!**

Submitted by:
Tracey Thomas

Our Church Family

There are several members of our church family who have been under the weather. We send out get well wishes to them. George Kidd has been in Scott & White Hospital in Temple as his hand has been swollen. They discovered a blood clot under one of his arms. He is a diabetic and the doctors planned on giving him steroids. As a precaution they put him in the hospital. Hopefully he is well on the road to recovery by now. Larry Lafferty has had hip replacement surgery and is recovering at his brother's house. He texted and said he came through the surgery fine. The doctors planned to get him up walking the day after the surgery. Travis Gage got a good report from his doctor after his carpal tunnel surgery. Cherry Kay Lange has had two cataract surgeries and is really seeing well now. Orlando Miller has had some surgery also and is back attending Sunday School. Memorial Day week-end is the beginning of summer and a long week-end. There was no school for a lot of places and of course it is a federal, state and county holiday. We were fortunate to have some guests because of the holiday. Kristi Murray Addington, her husband Luke, and children were in to visit with her mom and dad, Sam & Laina Murray and brother and sister-in-law, Lee & Kelly Murray. Don & Ann McElroy enjoyed a visit from his son and his family from Muleshoe. Del Sears certainly had some good news to share. Nicole Sears graduated from the University of Texas's Law School in May. How about that!!!!!! She will begin her job at the Texas Supreme Court in August. Hollee Ragsdale, niece of Nettie Oma Carpenter and Raley Kirk, daughter of Regan Kirk advanced to the UIL State Golf Championship. Not only did they go to the state tournament in Austin but they placed third!!!!!! Way to go, girls !!!! Jantzen Bell was one of four members of the San Saba High School UIL accounting team who also got to participate at the State UIL meet. His team placed second. We are very proud of you, Jantzen. Jaycee Everett also received a nice honor. She won 1st place in the Don't Mess with Texas contest at the San Saba Middle School. Daylon Smith participated in an archery contest at the Callahan County Shooting Range. It was his first shoot and he placed 5th in the compound aided and 4th place in the modified 600. Tracey Thomas has been on the road. She went to Weatherford last week-end to have a visit with her mom, Billie Stone of Weatherford. This week-end she is off to help her son and daughter-in-law, Josh & Meghan Thomas, with the grandkids. Wanda Davenport was really enjoying visiting with FUMC church family the two weeks our church did Meals on Wheels. Richard Jackson reported that Debbie Pullen has not been feeling well. Debbie, we hope you feel better soon. Sue Moody has sold her property south of San Saba and she and JT have purchased a home in Llano. JT will be attending school in Llano next year. Word is that Sue is putting in a swimming pool in the backyard for JT. I bet he will enjoy that!! We will miss you. Come back and visit us. CK & Vickie Stevenson traveled to Lubbock to attend their grandson's graduation from Texas Tech.

