



San Saba First United Methodist Church June 2017 Newsletter

Help Needed

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who have worked to make our church's sponsorship of the food bank a great SUCCESS. It is now summertime and some of those who have volunteered will be going on vacation, attending family reunions, etc. Carol Littlefield, volunteer coordinator for the food bank, needs people to serve while some of the regulars are off. Youth who are out of school are very able to do this and also get community service hours. The food bank is held on the second and fourth Wednesday's of the month. Whether you can help Carol out one or two Wednesday's, or all summer please give her a call at 372-3883.



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Stay Connected
Have you checked out the
FUMC facebook Page?
Have you been to the
FUMC website?

Albert Pike Award

Linda Parks received the Albert Pike Award for Excellence in Education Award at the annual Masonic Lodge recently. She is shown here with her award and her niece, Cassidy Ellis.



FUMCSS Invites Children to Vacation Bible School Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.

This summer we are hosting a kids' event called Maker Fun Factory VBS. It will run from Monday, July 17, to Thursday, July 20. At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, enjoy yummy snacks, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and craft Sciency-Fun Gizmos. Each day concludes with the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 5:15.

Kids at Maker Fun Factory VBS will join a missions effort to fund the digging of effective clean water wells for remote villages in Peru.

Maker Fun Factory is for kids who are entering kindergarten this fall and older, and will run from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm each day. For more information, call Christi Mays at (325) 456-3326.



Prayer Concerns

Plano Christ UMC Mission Trip
 Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
 Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas & Mark Owns (safety)
 Sonya Hibler Ellis (cancer)
 Nancy Bannister (health)
 Bettye McLaughlin
 Stan & Millie Burnham
 Kyler Menchaca (youth involved in 4 wheeler accident)
 Shannon Hampu (health concerns)
 Family of Deidra (Lesa's cousin who lost battle with cancer)
 Robert (Mayra's son who is dealing with liver problems)
 Our Military Men, Women & Families
 Our Country

Quarterly Financial Report



When we join the church, we promise to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please be in prayer as to how each of us might be **faithful to the promises we have made to help God's kingdom reign in our community.**

Income	\$10,100.00
Expenses	\$11,763.81
Difference	\$1,663.81
Ending Balance	\$5,962.57

Seniors 2017

Raley Kirk and Ian Saint, FUMC's seniors were honored at a covered dish luncheon on May 21st. They were present a key chain with a cross on it and a bible verse on the back of the cross. Ian will be attending Angelo State University this fall and Raley will be going to Texas A&M University. Congratulations !!!!!



From the Pastor's Desk.....

Power From Above

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:33

Most of us, at some point in our lives, have seen or heard of some great act of wisdom, strength, or faith, and thought to ourselves, "I could never do that!" Ordinary people like us seldom do the extraordinary things we read about in Scripture. But the amazing things we read about in our sacred stories were done by regular people. Often the heroes of those stories told God they could not lead, witness, or perform the job God told them to do. And they were right! Just like us, they could not do the simple things God asks, much less the difficult things, on their own. Only with power from above could they fulfill their calling.

What impossible task is God calling you to do? What great plan for ministry are you counting on God to accomplish through you? If you haven't asked yourself these questions, don't be alarmed; we don't usually think this way. These questions just illustrate the fact that we usually choose the easy path in life; the path of least effort and faith. But we know that God is calling us, both as individuals and together as a community of faith, to do "greater works than these." How will we ever measure up?

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus told the disciples to stay together and wait for God's power. They waited and the power did come. The book of Acts records how the early church lived and ministered with the power of the Holy Spirit. Since that time, countless individuals and Christian communities have transformed the world around them with power from above. The same power is available to us, and the same God is calling us into ministry. So, what great ministry is God going to accomplish through you?

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:We are entering now the season after Pentecost: the long green season of growing in Christian discipleship. As we enter this summer season I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Almighty and Glorious God,
you are greater than our senses,
greater than our thoughts,
greater than our emotions.
You touch us in the secret places of our heart.
Even when we cannot point to those places,
we feel you tugging us
to speak with you in prayer,
where you reveal the work you planned for

us.

You call us to your side
and give us a part to play
in the transformation of the world!
Empower us to connect with you deeply
so that we might be the riverbed
through which your healing waters

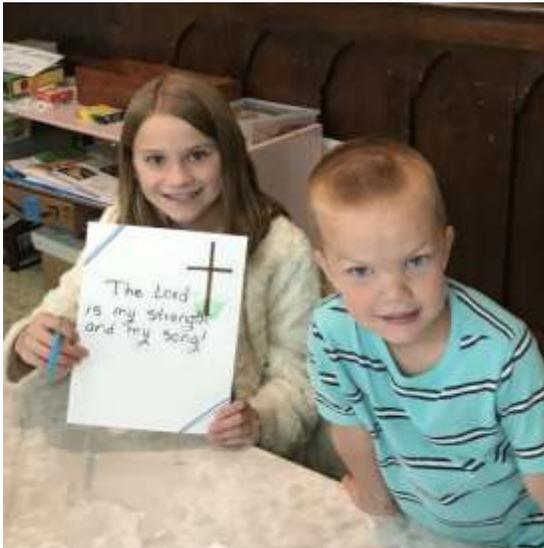
flow

into all the world.

Through Christ Jesus, the Living Water.

Amen.

Pastor John



The Godly Play Sunday School Class has announced their summer schedule. The class will meet every Sunday through June. It will be on vacation during the month of July and part of August. The class will resume again when school starts. Celia Bell and Lesa Schulze are the teachers for the class.

Celebrations to honor the retirement of Rev. Dr. Lynn Parker Barton: (former San Saba FUMC Pastor)

**Retirement service at the American Bank Center
Corpus Christi, Tx
Friday, June 9, 2017
11:00 am**

**Emmaus 4th Day Service and Reception
Westlake United Methodist Church
1460 Redbud Trail
Austin, Tx
Sunday, June 18, 2017 4:00 Worship
Reception following.
No gifts please.**



**The Godly Play
Sunday School Class**



**Bend Methodist Fish Fry
Friday June 16th
6:30 p.m.
Campground
Bring Card Tables & Lawn Chairs**

Our Church Family

Celia Bell headed to Washington D.C. with two friends for 5 days. She said she had a great time.

Are you having a family get together, wedding, new grandbaby this summer. Mark the event by getting some pictures made. Elizabeth McBee will be happy to help you out. She has started a photography business.



Regina Allison hosted a birthday party for her 38 year old horse. Birthday parties are unusual for horses but so are 38 year old horses. Did u know that Regina was the Texas State Championship Old West Mounted Shooting winner several years ago? She was the first woman to win it. And Fire, her horse, was the first mare to win it.

Kevin Shahan was Valedictorian of his San Saba High School class 25 years ago. Corrie Schulze Dyson was on the regional golf team that went on to state that year.

Madison Shahan 's basketball team has won 4 tournaments in a row. Madison is one of the main scorers for the team. Way to go, Madison!!!

Junior High tennis results from district team tournament April 29th are as follows: Risien Shahan 3rd places in 8th grade boys singles ; Sarah Saint 2nd place in mixed doubles 8th grade ; Justin Yarbrough 2nd place in boys doubles; Landon Yarbrough 3rd place in 8th grade boys doubles.

Joe Pete & Dana Smith took a 7 day cruise to Cozumel, Belize and Honduras with the kids. They had a great time!!! They were all glad to get back home. 7 days at sea is a long time! Joe Pete got very sick after they got back. All symptoms point to the flu but it was not confirmed. He is feeling much better now and we are thankful for that!

Congratulations go out to Mike Johnson who was named Rotarian of the Year at the recent Rotary Club's Honor Banquet. What a nice honor!!!!

Trish Warren headed to Austin to visit her son Lyle and other family. She attended the worship service at Riverbend Church with her family.



The Saints had family in to celebrate Mother's Day. Other Mother's Day guests at our church included Cynthia Sweeney and her husband. Cynthia is Nettie Oma Carpenter's daughter. Abby & Scott Synder enjoyed a visit from their daughter and son-in-law, Chelsea and Danny.

You never know who you are going to run into. What a nice surprise to run into Derek Sears, son of Del & Shirley Sears. Derek stopped in to see his dad after a three week vacation to Thailand and now has the letters Doctor in front of his name. He said he will be in Fort Worth for a year and then 3 years in Arizona for his internship and residency. Then he hope to return to the Austin area to practice ophthalmology.

Did you see Gracen Shahan's picture in the newspaper as she was second place winner in the keep San Saba beautiful art contest ? Nice job, Gracen!

Cherry Kay Lange was very busy in May attending all the graduation activities of her granddaughter. Kaymon received over \$22,000 in scholarships

Braylee Reeves played a boxer dog in her school musical, 101 Dalmations. She was excited to perform in her dance recital with her cousins and friends.

Pat Reavis Watson traveled to NYC with her daughter to see her nephew who lives there.