

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

March 2013

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Church
204 W. Brown
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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.
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**

Dear First UMC,

I am writing this from a coffee shop in Winston Salem, NC. I grew up not far from here. The weather has been cold and cloudy since we arrived... perfect weather for a funeral. As many of you know, I am in town to be with family as we celebrate the life, and mourn the loss my Grandmother, Dot Hurley. It seems so strange that she is gone... after all we talked on the phone last Monday! I am grateful for the conversation. I told her she was "the best Grandmother ever." and she said "that's what you always tell me." We said "I love you" one last time and then she said something I don't believe she has ever said to me... she said "Don't worry honey". Don't worry? The words sounded strange coming from her, after all, Grandmother was the one who always said things like "be safe", and "be careful". She went on to be with Jesus a few hours later. She was gone before I ever had the chance to worry.



I learned so much from Grandmother Hurley. She taught me about a love that endures forever and I will always be grateful for the time we shared. At the service I played "Softly and Tenderly" and explained that the line about "sinners coming home" was especially appropriate- because no matter what I had done wrong, and no matter how far I roamed... I always knew how much I was loved. I always knew I could come home.

I love to imagine what heaven will be like for Grandmother Hurley. I take great comfort in the thought of my young, handsome, cancer free Granddaddy hugging her at the gate and showing her around. I can only imagine, but one thing I know for sure... Grandmother is with someone who knows her and loves her, and when you're with someone who loves you, someone who really loves you... you're safe, you're home, and there is nothing to worry about.

Thank you, FUMC, for all your love and support... for singing, preaching, praying, loving, taking care of things, and just generally being the Church. I love you all. No worries!

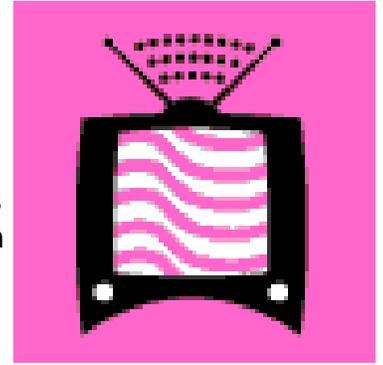
In Christ,
Pastor Dan Harrington

WONDERFUL NEW TELEVISION MINI-SERIES BEGINNING MARCH 3 -

Hello Everyone,

Finally some decent television coming to a set near you. This mini-series does not begin until March 3rd but this will give all of us a chance to tell as many people as possible about this series. Let's use this series to reach as many people as possible. The Bible is an epic five-week, 10 hour television mini-series premiering March 3, 2013 on the History Channel from Emmy Award winning husband and wife team, Mark Burnett and Roma Downey.

For two hours each Sunday night millions of viewers will see the Bible come to life in a way never before seen. The final episode of the series will air on Easter Sunday and will feature the death and resurrection of Jesus. To help insure the accuracy of the miniseries, many Christian scholars served as advisors and hundreds of Christian leaders have given their endorsement. - (Outreach Magazine) "It is also a project close to Mr. Burnett's heart. In the past couple of years the 52-year-old former paratrooper says he has become deeply religious, a transition he credits to Roma Downey, his wife since 2007. "It wasn't until I met Roma that I truly understood my faith and it's been a dynamic shift for me," Mr. Burnett said. – Wall Street Journal "Famed television producer Mark Burnett tackles his projects with passion, but The Bible is a special labor of love. The 10-hour, five-part docudrama, which premieres March 3 on the History Channel, it will span the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, presenting some of its best-known stories, including Noah's Ark, the Exodus, Daniel in the lions' den and the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Former Touched By an Angel star Roma Downey, Burnett's wife and fellow executive producer, heads a large international cast in the role of Mother Mary. Keith David, an Emmy winner for voice-over performances, will narrate with a musical score by Oscar- and Grammy-winning composer Hans Zimmer. "In terms of importance, nothing we've ever done, not Touched By an Angel, not Survivor, not The Voice, not The Apprentice, none of this could possibly compare to The Bible," Burnett says. "To us, as a family, we love the Bible. This is not a TV show to us. It's images and sound and sacred text that people will still watch, way after our grandchildren are old people." Since the entire Bible can't be covered in 10 hours the miniseries, which was filmed in Morocco, focuses on a select group of stories and features such compelling figures as Abraham, Moses and David. Some stories had to be compressed for artistic purposes. "In the end, what we've done is a meta-narrative, a grand narrative of emotionally connected stories. We know we're not qualified to teach the Bible. We're qualified to be good television producers and storytellers. By telling these emotionally connected, big stories, hopefully millions of people will reopen their Bibles," Burnett says. Downey came up with the idea for the miniseries a few years ago. "It is our obligation to tell the stories as written," he says. "The stories are so brilliant and compelling." The project will have broad appeal, he says. "If you know the Bible, you'll enjoy seeing the stories come to life. If you've never read the Bible, I think you'll love the stories," he says. "There's a reason the Bible is the most widely read book in the world." - USA Today



Easter Sunday March 31st Sunrise Service at the David Gilger's home 6:30 am.

Breakfast will be served
Dress is very casual (no makeup, sweats and cap to hide hair)
Bring a lawn chair & blanket

A time of singing, a message and breaking of bread together.
Come celebrate the Risen Lord!

Prayer Concerns

Pastor Dan and Family (loss of his Grandmother)
Raymond Barrier
David Gilger
Peter Hald
Flovell Thomas
Travis and Kathy Gage
Debbie and Bob Millican
Family of Una Mae Hyatt
Gene Hinyard
Noah Richardson (Tracey's Family)
Lylah (Stephanie and Chase's daughter)
Stan Burnham
Zolly Jones and family
Johnnie Golden (Tracey's friend)
Wanda Davenport (at home)
John & Joycelyn McRorery
Stephanie Conner (Nettie Oma's family)
Bettye McLaughlin
Elsie Millican
Edgar Gaddison
Mark Owens (safety)
Jennifer Davis
Katie Andreas (in hospital, continuing prayer)
Ray Forrester (Grace Hollis' Husband)
Jeannette & Jeff Toole & Family
Layton Sanford
James and Pat Reavis
Gordan Hall (prostate cancer)
Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schanhals)
Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)
Landon Yarbrough
Pete Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)
Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss

Our Church Family

We extend our sympathy to Pastor Dan & Maria Harrington. Maria lost her grandfather, Papa Joe Fields and then Dan lost his grandmother. Maria traveled to East Texas for her **grandfather's funeral while the whole family flew to North Carolina for Dan's grandmother's funeral. We were very glad to hear Del Sear's news. He announced that Derek** will be attending Medical School at the University of Texas at El Paso. Way to go Derek!!!! Johnnie Golden, a former member of our church, had heart surgery in Abilene. She is doing well. Ri sien Shahan was named Student of the month at San Saba Elementary School. A very nice honor!!!! We missed Melanie Mathis one Sunday while she took J.T. and Casey to Mid-Winter Retreat. The kids had a great time. Wish I could say the same for Melanie. She was sick that week-end. It was her chance to do what she wanted and she spent the day in bed. Have you introduced yourself to Jody & Stephanie Huff? Stephanie attended our church several years ago and Jody is a native San Saban. Please help make them feel at home. Another couple that **has been attending is Lisa & Ronnie Schmidt. Lisa's dad** was B.C. McDoniel who attended our church for years. They are selling trees so if you are in need of some, be sure and look them up. Coach Shay Easterwood was very proud of his power lifting team. They placed second at the contest that San Saba High School hosted. Several of our church **members have been taking a meal on Wednesday's to Raymond & Paula Barrier.** All have reported how much they enjoyed **their visit. Michelle, Melanie Mathis' mom is almost one** of us. She attends pretty regularly and often helps out by singing with the choir. We are probably going to be seeing a lot of her since J.T. is a senior. Travis & Kathy Gage have been sharing some good news with us. Travis has completed his cancer treatments. The doctor says the tumor is gone and he continues to improve. The San Saba High School Band sent 22 kids to state solo and ensemble contest recently. Our J.T. Mathis was one of them. Good job, J.T.!! Suzanne and her Eastern Star Committee continue to work on getting her admitted to the Arlington Texas facility. It has been good to have Katie McEwin worshipping with us. She is home for a while. She is going to rodeo among other things. A very special thanks goes out to all the people who helped last Sunday while Pastor Dan was out: Arleen Stratton, piano; Bob Millican, Sermon; Cindy Hawkins, Lenten Bible Study & Welcome; Cindy Prater, Kevin Shahan, Song Leader; & Owen Parks, Offering.

Schedule for Holy Week

March 25th, 26th, 27th: . Worship and Fellowship Meal with brief devotionals by Rev. Dan Harrington and Rev. Drew Harrison at 1st Presbyterian Church at 12:00Noon—1:00 P.M.

Thursday March 28th: (Maundy Thursday) Living Last Supper Drama at FUMC 6:30 P.M.

Friday March 29th (Good Friday) Tenebrae Worship Service at FUMC 6:30 P.M.

Easter Sunday Sunrise service at David and Barbara Gilger's home 6:30AM Worship at 10AM
March 31 (No Sunday School on Easter Sunday).

**Don't Forget to Bring Flowers
For the Cross
Easter Sunday**



Daylight Savings Time

Begins March 10



Your Clock Forward One Hour

