

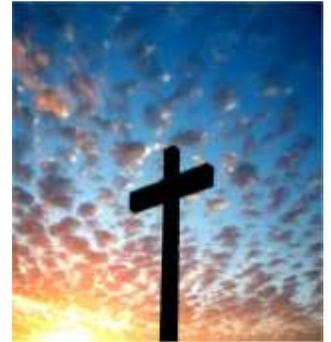


San Saba First United Methodist Church March 2018 Newsletter

Easter Sunday Schedule

Easter Sunrise Service
April 1

Lee & Kelly Murray's House
Breakfast Following
Time: To Be Announced



FUMC
204 W. Brown San Saba TX
325-372-3120
Pastor: John Saint

No Sunday school
10 am Worship Service
Bring Flowers for the Flower Cross.

Administrative Council Meeting
Sunday April 8
1 p.m.

All Committees are Encouraged to Meet
Before this Important Meeting!

Directions to **Lee & Kelly Murray's House**

We are 7 miles south of the city limits on FM 1031 (Chappel road) Turn south at the courthouse on FM 1031- drive 7 miles south of the city limits and we are on the left. We plan to light a cross in Christmas lights so the entrance will be easy to spot.



When You Joined FUMC you pledged to support it with your attendance, your prayers, your time and your money.

Prayer Concerns

Praise for Rain
Bill Hulgan (cancer)
Peter Hald
Owen Renfro (premature infant; Trish Warren's family)
David & Barbara Gilger
Mike & Pat Johnson
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas, Travis Murdock, &
Mark Owns (safety)
Lisa Wise (cancer)
Bettye McLaughlin
Stan & Millie Burnham
Tommy

One of FUMC's Servants

Cindy Hawkins has been a Sunday School Teacher for our youth for numerous years. She also serves as Lay Leader. Thanks Cindy for your dedication and loyalty to our church.



New Address For Pat & Mike Johnson

Mike Johnson
11020 Dessau
Austin, TX 78753

You Are Invited To
Fellowship of Christian Women
Thursday, March 22
1st Baptist Church
Richard Springs
11:30 a. m.
Covered Dish Meal & Speaker

From the Pastor's Desk.....

The Cost of Discipleship

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. *Romans 5:15*

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." *Luke 14:28-30*

Salvation is a gift offered without price to every person, but the cost of discipleship is enormous. These are facts I know deep in my heart, but I am still surprised, when I see these ideas in action, to realize just how true they are. There is not a thing I can do to earn my salvation. I am the recipient of God's pure, redeeming grace, without qualification or reservation. I am a child of God and nothing on earth can change that fact. Jesus Christ lived, and died, and rose from the dead to bring me this gift of salvation. I am called to respond, to accept the gift, but not even my strongest doubt can change its reality. I am embraced in the loving arms of God now and for all eternity. These statements are true for all Christians, and they don't even begin to describe the joy and amazement of the gift of salvation. How are we to respond to such extravagant love? We simply and humbly offer ourselves – all we have and all we are – to the One who promises to make us whole.

But it is when we offer ourselves completely that we begin to discover the cost of discipleship. Being yoked with Jesus, we have no choice but to follow him into places filled with sorrow and suffering. Bound to Jesus, we see walls broken down and we go places we've never been before. He gives us strength to carry unimaginable loads and still have the strength to help others. Offering ourselves fully to Christ means becoming the eyes, ears, mouth, hands, and feet of Jesus in the community, loving and healing others just as he did. The cost of discipleship is nothing more and nothing less than our entire selves.

During this season of Lent I invite you to pray this prayer with me as you count the cost of discipleship: Almighty God, you have promised to help those you have anointed to bear your good news. Answer our prayer from holy heaven and give us mighty victories by your right hand. Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God. They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. Give us grace to endure hardship so that we may stand with the righteous. Amen. (Psalm 20:6-8)



Ruby & Emma McBee at Game Night



Molly Mays

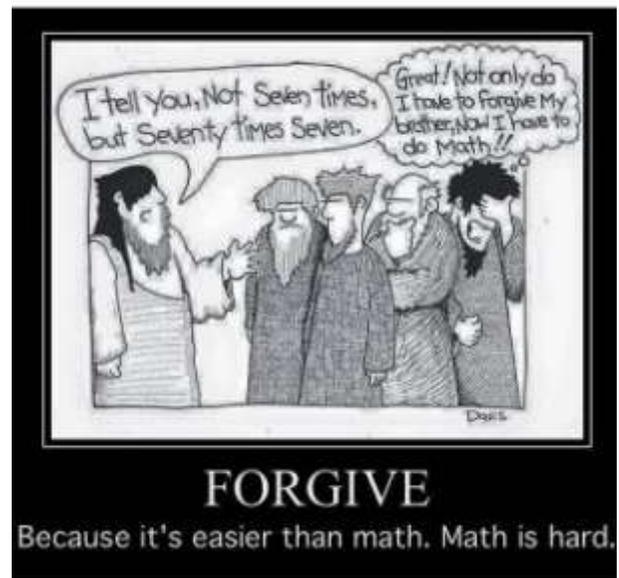


The kids at covered dish

Financial Report

January Expenses	\$10,928.59
January Offering	\$12,919.00
February Expenses	<u>\$ 9,126.77</u>
February Offering	<u>\$ 8,277.00</u>
Year to Date Expenses	\$20,055.36
Year to Date Offering	\$21,196.00

2018 Apportionments = \$15,545.00
 No payments have been made in 2018.



Clara Murray is bending Bob Millican's ear while Debbie and Laina look on!

Game Night

Wednesday, March 28

5:30 p.m.

Menu: Pancake Supper



Bring Your favorite Games!

Our Church Family

Our Sympathy goes out to the Scott Mathis family in the lost of Scott's mom Jane. Scott, Melanie, JD, Casey, and Ryan were very active members of our church several years ago and still receive the newsletter.

David and Barbara Gilger are certainly keeping the road hot to Brady. On Monday, Wednesday and Fridays David is doing dialysis in Brady. It pretty much takes all day according to Barbara.

Mindy Cantu is recovering from her shoulder surgery. She has started her physical therapy and returns to work on Monday March 4th. Mindy enjoyed a visit from her sister Corrie, Myles and Cash right after the surgery.

Cherry Kay Lange enjoyed a night out on the town February 11th to celebrate her birthday with her daughter and son in law in Marble Falls. They ate dinner out and then went to a movie. The night before she went with her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren to supper in Fredericksburg. Sounds like she had a wonderful birthday!



Larry Lafferty was the big winner in his domino game one week. He placed 1st with his partner! Congratulations, Larry!

Visitors In January

Abby Jimenez
Craig, Amy Stencil
and Jefferson
Rev. & Mrs. Andy
Smith



It certainly was good to have Harrison Hamer, his granddaughter and her family worshipping with us one Sunday. Harrison has been back living in his house for about six weeks. Paisley, Katy's daughter, has really grown.

Amy Stencil is the den mother for the Boy Scout troop that our church sponsors. The troop would like to do a service project to us for being their sponsor. They have selected the flower bed by the east ground level door to plant some flowers and plants in. Jefferson Stencil, her son, is a member of the troop. Craig, Amy and Jefferson have all been attending our church for a while.

CK & Vickie Stevenson headed to Fort Worth Texas to spend the weekend. I bet they saw some family. We missed you. CK took care of us before he left. He brought a load of bread for communion by the church before he left.

Richard Jackson was out making rounds one day. First he stopped in and saw his mom Amanda at Pecan Valley Nursing Home. He just happened to notice Peter Hald's apartment door was open so stopped by and visited with Peter Hald. He said he had a good visit with Peter.

Lesa Schulze is going to be keeping the road hot in March. She is having cataract surgery on both eyes. Good luck with the surgery!

Roland & Cindy Hawkins have been working hard on re-modeling his mom's house in the Wallace Creek area. The plans call for Roland & Cindy to move in in several months. They will be putting their current house up for sale. From what I hear it is really looking nice.



Are you missing your favorite dish? Have you checked the kitchen? These dishes are