

# FIRST NEWS



**San Saba  
First United Methodist Church**

**May 2011**

**San Saba  
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Church  
204 W. Brown  
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**Debby Lake, 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  
Worship Leader:  
Tracey Thomas**

**Pianist/Organist:  
Nettie Oma Carpenter**

**Choir Director:  
Tracey Thomas**

**Church Secretary:  
Debbie Uli**

**Custodian:  
Mario Mendiola**

## **From the Pastor's Study.....**



Some time ago a friend steered me to a wonderful little book of daily meditations entitled "*Tea Time With God.*" (Published by Honor Books). I just loved it — it was one of those books that I was sorry to finish. The readings aren't dated, even by days of the week —so if I felt like reading 2 or 3 instead of one, that was OK. The basic idea is to spend time every day with God, to look for God in both the quiet and the busy times of our lives, and to rest in God's presence.

A week or so after I finished "*Tea Time...*" I was in a book store and discovered "*Coffee Break with God.*" One of the first readings in "*Coffee Break...*" is titled "Take a Breather." The first part of it talks about how that phrase is very accurate — that we need to breathe correctly and deeply in order to be healthy. But there are connections between "breath" and our spiritual life too. In both the Old Testament (Hebrew) and the New Testament (Greek) the words that we translate as "Spirit" mean "breath" or "wind" as well. The Spirit of God is quite literally the breath of God.

The little "*Coffee Break*" book says, "The Scriptures tell us God breathes His life into us both physically and spiritually. Jesus breathed upon His disciples to impart the Holy Spirit to them (John 20:22). The early church experienced the Holy Spirit as a rushing mighty wind — a manifestation of the breath of God (Acts 2:1-2). Today in our personal lives, an awareness of the Spirit of God working in us is often experienced as a fresh breeze, one that cleanses us and revives us in every part of our being. The word 'inspiration' literally means to have the things of the Spirit put into us. We do well to take a periodic breather in the Lord's presence. When we do, we find the rhythm of our life evens out. We find our spirits are refreshed and renewed at a level deeper than the superficiality of our daily routine. ... Take a breather! Inhale deeply of His goodness, strength and love."

In His Spirit,

*Debby*

## Prayer Concerns

Nancy Bannister & Family

Zolly Jones

Rode White

Eddie Campbell

George and Margaret Kidd

Linda Mixon and Family

David and Barbara Gilger  
and Family

Betty Smith (Daniel Smith's  
Mother)

Michael Ogden (Kim Kirk's  
friend w/ cancer)

Kaye Clancey (Chemo treat-  
ments/transplant) & Family

Dr. Sharon Horowitz  
(recovery)

James and Pat Reavis

Katie Andreas (continuing  
prayer)

Thelma Millican (nursing  
home)

Gordan Hall (prostrate cancer)

Roy Caviness

Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schan-  
hals)

Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia  
Bell's Mom)

Landon Yarbrough  
(procedures)

Connie Raesner Perry

Jeff and Jeannette Toole and  
Family

Pete and Sue Hemenway  
(friends of Trish Warren)

Mark Owens (safety)

Mitchell, Johna, Madison  
and Matthew Moss

*In Our Military: Alex Dove,  
Eric Booker, In Aphanastan  
Matthew Barrier, Ralph  
Kintzen, Cory Clendennen Jay  
Huggins, Matthew Phinney,  
Andy Smith, Andrew Rey-  
nolds, John Paul Dretke, Jay  
Dewitt, Matthew Dennis*

## Yard Sale Planned

Our Income for April 2011 was \$11,336 and our expenses were \$11,311. In addition we received a special gift of \$1500 for music ministry expenses.

Finance Committee and the Trustees are sponsoring a Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, June 4th. Are you remembering to gather together any items you might wish to contribute to the Yard Sale? The proceeds will be used to fund the new draperies to be installed behind the choir loft—thanks to the efforts of Lesa Schultz, Klela Waldie and Ted Red. If we raise more than is needed for the draperies, it will be used to pay for other improvements needed in the sanctuary.

We will start collecting items in the Fellowship Hall anytime from May 16 to June 3. Try to bring your **“stuff” any morning between 8:30 and 12:00** when the church is open if possible.

We will need more people to help with this project both on Thursday and Friday before the sale to organize and price all the items and on the day of the sale. If you would like to help or have any questions, call me at 372-3123.



**2011 Easter Morning Pictures**



**Sunday May 29th  
5th Sunday Singing  
Place & Time  
To Be Announced.**

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**Thursday May 19th  
Fellowship of Christian  
Women  
1st Baptist Church  
Cherokee  
Treating the 50's  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX**

**Thursday  
May 5th  
National Day  
of Prayer**



### First Ladies

Fifteen members of the United Methodist Women met in the church parlor on April 11, 2011.

President Nettie Oma Carpenter called the meeting to order and led the devotional. Prayer concerns included Nelda Weatherby with knee problems and John Bannister and we are thankful for the rain.

Secretary Wahnee Stallings read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as presented. Treasurer Carol Littlefield gave the treasurer's and distributed copies of the 2011 Budget. Both were approved.

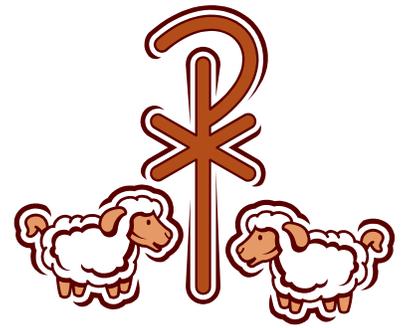
The president announced that the pastor's wife from Goldthwaite, Chris Cloyd, will present the program for the May meeting. A motion to pay her \$25.00 was made by Pat Belk and seconded by Wanda Davenport. Motion carried. Also Billie Rowell, our Shepherdess, will visit at the May meeting. There will be a training session the third week-end in July at Kerrville.

It was suggested that we make baked goods for the June 4th grad sale to make extra money.

Pastor Debby Lake gave a moving program taken from a Houston Chronicle newspaper article "War Casualty on the Homefront" about a 28 year old veteran with post traumatic stress who took his own life.

After the program the ladies enjoyed a light supper prepared and served by Trish Warren and Ann McElroy.

Submitted by Wahnee Stallings



**Happy Birthday!!  
Pastor Debby's  
May 7th  
and  
Mario's Birthday  
May 5th.**



Big Church Basement  
Sale  
Saturday, June 4th.

What Will Be Your  
Contribution?

Will You Work A Shift?

Do You Have Items to  
Donate?

Will You Make a Purchase?

Proceeds to Help the Choir  
Loft Make Over

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Meals on Wheels  
May 2nd - 5th  
May 9th - 13th.

## John Bannister



John Holland Bannister was born in Houston, TX on September 24, 1922 and died April 16, 2011 in Goldthwaite, TX at Goldthwaite Health & Rehab Center. His parents were Catherine Holland and John Howard Bannister. John was raised in Houston and graduated from

West Columbia High School. He then attended the A&M College of Texas (class of '44) prior to Officer Candidate School. John then returned to graduate with the class of '46. On November 27, 1943 he married Nancy Catherine Moss of Bryan, TX. He served as an artillery captain in Europe during World War II and as a combat infantry major with the 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division in Korea during the Korean conflict. John was active in the oil industry for many decades, both in the domestic and international fields. After retiring, he and Nancy then moved to San Saba in 1990. John was involved in ranching, the A&M Former Students Assoc., the Masonic Lodge, the Rotary Club, the San Saba County Museum, EMS, First United Methodist Church (a member of the Men's class), until his health declined in 2009. He is survived by his wife Nancy, and sons Dr. John Howard Bannister II and wife Dr. Pamela Yu of Austin, and Kimball Bryant Bannister of Sugarland and his daughter, Sara Bannister Wilson and her husband, Richard of Austin. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church in San Saba. Funeral service will be at 1:30 PM Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at McMillin Cemetery with Rev. Judy Tolbert and Rev. Debby Lake officiating. Interment will be at McMillin Cemetery. John is preceded in death by his brother, Wesley M. Bannister. Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church, EMS, or charity of choice.



**Palm Sunday  
2011**

## Our Church Family

The warm weather and lots of wind have our church family on the move. J. T. Mathis is in the middle of track season. He placed 1st in the 330 hurdles, 1st in triple jump and 3rd in the mile relay at the Mason Relay. Monica & Kevin Shahan attended a school board training in San Antonio. Risien enjoyed lots of attention from the grandparents, Bob & Debbie Millican and Gracen and Madison had a fun time with Adrain and Jimmy Shahan. Cherry Kay and her traveling partners made their way to China for a 10 day tour. I am sure she will have lots to tell us about her adventures. Kristie & Luke Addington have a new addition to their family. Rebecca Grace was born on April 2nd. Of course the grandparents Sam and Laina Murray made a trip to check out Rebecca Grace. Addy Easterwood has been playing soccer and scored a goal. Good job, Addy!! Bob & Debbie Millican made a trip to Tyler to see the azaleas and of course their daughter Nicole, son-in-law Darren and granddaughter Elise. Elise didn't get them into her swimming pool completely. Just their feet. It sure is good to see Eddie Campbell back in church following his knee surgery. Gennie Hamilton is a busy lady. She and the band went to a band competition and then she and 26 other FCCLA students, and her mom and step dad went to Houston for the State FCCLA Meeting. We extend our sympathy to Nancy Bannister on the lose of her husband John. Jason Everett had his adenoids out. I wonder if he got to eat some extra ice cream because of the surgery. I am happy to report that Margaret Rice's son, Rode, is recovering nicely following his motorcycle accident. George Kidd has also had surgery to remove a kidney. Hope it won't be long till he is back worshipping with us. Cindy Hawkins and her mom Noma Fitzgerald participated in the Relay for Life held in San Saba on April 16th. The relay raised about \$10,000 dollars. Chris Amthor was in town for his annual fishing trip with his dad, Mark Ewin. Bet they came home with lots of fishing stories. The Kirk family certainly helped to fill up some of the pews Easter Sunday. They had Kim's mom, Reagan's brother and his family, and Kim's sister sitting with them. The Easterwood family also had their pew full with Shay's mom and dad from Brady and several others. David Butler was proud to have his daughter, son-in-law and grandson with him. He was very excited to report that he is going to be a grandpa again. Corrie Dyson from Mason made it in to see her folks, Ronnie and Lesa Schultze. Travis and Tyler Hawkisn also added to our crowd on Easter Sunday at the Son Rise Service and the 10 a.m. service. Kelly Thompson and his friend Mandy brought Mandy's son so he could participate in children's sermon and the blowing of the bubbles. J.T. Moody had his grandmother Sue with him and also his Aunt Elizabeth. Misty Everett is one of three candidates running for the school board and Charlie Peeler is running for City Council. Good Luck, Misty and Charlie!! What a surprise to see David Gilger at the Son Rise Service. First we heard it was going to be home for it and then we heard it wasn't going to happen. What a sight for sore eyes to have David there. Pat Reavis had her sister and brother-in-law from Tomball Texas visiting over the Easter week-end. Pat Belk has recovered from her surgery. It sure was good to have it back in church and singing with the choir. John Cook had his daughter and son-in-law here to help him pack up and move back to Dallas. John says he will be back in a year. We are going to hold you to that promise, John. Be sure and tell Mark McEwin what a good job he is doing as sound technician. It really helps out, Mark. Kathy McEwin had her daughter Katy with her Easter Sunday. Carol Littlefield is ready to be through with her home remodeling project. She says it is really looking nice but the mess is getting to her. I bet that is right! Bettye McLaughlin, I am sure, can sympathize with you. What a treat it was to have Diana Manning with her parents Stan & Millie Burnham on Easter Sunday. Scott Mathis is getting to be a regular columnist for the San Saba News & Star with San Saba High School baseball reports. The varsity team is in the play-offs. Nicole Sears, a student at Texas Tech, was in to see her dad, Del Sears on the Easter holiday. Bet she is one of several counting the days till school is out. C.K and Vickie Stevenson headed to Fort Worth and their daughters as soon as the Son Rise service was over. Bo & Margaret Rice also made it to the Son Rise Service before they headed to Stephenville. Tracey Thomas has been spending lot of hours in the concession stand at the San Saba High School baseball games. She is a National Honor Society Sponsor and their spring fund raising was the concession stand. Klela Waldie headed to the DFW area to be with her son, daughter-in-law, and family for Easter. Trish and Henry Warren and several others from our church will be all decked out for the Catkins Ball this week-end.



## Son Rise Service 2011

Left:: David Gilger and Trish Warren

Bottom: 69 were present for the Son Rise Service on April 24th. The Worship Team and Debby Lake are pictured during the service. The sausage and biscuit breakfast was prepared by the United Methodist Men group. Lesa Schultze led the Children's Message. At the conclusion of the service all the children came forward and blew bubbles.



Ready for a Wild Adventure!!  
1st United Methodist Church  
June 20-24  
9 a.m. to 12 noon  
Contact Monica for more information  
325-372-4668