

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

May 2012

**San Saba
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Church
204 W. Brown
325-372-3120
www.sansabafirstumc.com**

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**

**Pianist/Organist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter**

**Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas**

**Church Secretary:
Debbie Uli**

**Custodian:
Mario Mendiola**

From the Pastor's Study.....



"Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals; the place where you are standing is holy ground.'"
Acts 7:33

A former president of the University of New Hampshire once heard someone say, after a trip through the lake and mountain regions of his state, "I hope I never get used to it." The soul of the person who had grown so used to the glories of New Hampshire that they ceased to wonder at them would surely be dead.

Some have suggested that many of the problems of the world come from the loss of a sense of wonder. In many ways we have grown *used to* beauty, to miracles, to the gospel itself, so that we fail to stand in awe and feel the glory of the Creator. We must never *get used to* God or any of God's works. A man who once served as a guide to help people experience the Grand Canyon was sharing some of the reactions people have when they experienced this wonder for the first time. One reaction he said he'd never forget was the time a man said, "Golly, what a gully!"

In some ways that man, who lacked the capacity to wonder, reflects the problem too many of us have. Our lives are so filled with our day-to-day activities that we miss many great sights and moments.

The above passage is Moses' dramatic encounter with a burning bush. He is told in a dramatic way that the ground on which he is standing is holy ground. For those who have the eyes to see and the heart to feel and the mind to grasp, there are many moments when we are standing on holy ground. Our daily lives are alive with wonders if we are aware.

In His Spirit,
debby

Prayer Concerns



Debbie Pullen
 (broken elbow)
 Joe Mack Tilson
 Carol Littlefield
 David Gilger
 Thelma Millican
 Bettye McLaughlin's sister Jane
 Ray Forrester (Grace Hollis' Husband)
 Jeannette and Jeff Toole and Fam.
 Sam Tisdale
 John and Joycelyn McRorery
 Jeannie Falcones (cancer, friends of the Belks)
 Lylah (Stephanie and Chase's daughter/running tests)
 Layton Sanford
 Zolly Jones
 James and Pat Reavis
 Katie Andreas (continuing prayer)
 Gordan Hall (prostate cancer)
 Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schanhals)
 Mrs. McDowell (Mike's Mom)
 Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)
 Landon Yarbrough (procedures)
 Connie Raesner Perry
 Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)
 Mark Owens (safety)
 Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss

Our City, Our Nation, Our Church

In Our Military

Alex Dove, Eric Booker, Jay Dewitt,

Ralph Kintzen(home),

Cory Clendennen(home), Jay Huggins (home),

Matthew Phinney (home), Andrew Reynolds,

John Paul Dretke

Please Pray for Our Troops, All Our Military Men and Women

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Giving is a wonderful way to honor the memory of someone. All you need to do is designate which fund should receive your contribution when you make a memorial gift. If no fund is designated on the memorandum line of the check, it will be placed in the Memorial Fund.

Memorial gifts to the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** will help with the expenses of keeping our building and grounds beautiful. In the past it has funded such things as the renovations of our stained glass windows, elevator renovation expenses, and the new banners for the sanctuary. It also is a source of funds for any improvements to the parsonage.

Memorial Gifts to the **ST. STEPHENS FUND** help the church reach out to the community and assist those who are in need. We contribute to the Ministerial Alliance for the food pantry and to the Senior Center each month from this fund as well as helping individuals on occasion and helping with Mission San Saba.

Memorial Gifts to the **PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND** will help to fund special needs of ministries of this church in future years as the fund grows and generates income.

Gifts to the **MEMORIAL FUND** are used for special projects or needs of the church upon action of your Church Council.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund Income for first quarter of 2012	\$33,250
General fund Expenses for first quarter of 2012	\$32,631

The Finance Committee met April 8. Business completed included receiving the monthly Treasurer's report, authorizing a contribution of \$500 to Mission San Saba from the St. Stephen's Fund, and authorizing amendments to increase the budgeted amount for our pastor's health benefits since our new pastor has a family. We also increased the budgeted amount for nursery workers so that we may have two attendants in the nursery on Sunday mornings.

Taken at the Sunrise Service Easter Sunday

Submitted by: Tracey Thomas



Dear FUMC Family,

Imagine...

...a child hearing about God's love for the first time.

...kids worshipping in powerful ways.

...children praying for each other.

...adults and teens modeling Jesus' love to children.

...the kids in our church sharing gifts of love with children who are hurting.

...children serving each other.



This year's vacation Bible School theme is SKY, where everything is possible with God! Picture yourself in the air! You're flying, surrounded by endless blue sky and puffy white clouds, looking down on the world below! Be a part of the vacation Bible school here at the First United Methodist Church from July 9th -13th. It's our goal to reach the children of this community with this program. That's a lot of kids who will grow in their relationship with God!

We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's love. Help kids in our community discover that

- No matter who you are... trust God!
- No matter how you feel...trust God!
- No matter what people do...trust God!
- No matter what happens...trust God!
- No matter where you are...trust God!

As we plan and prepare for SKY Vacation Bible School, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to join our team. And pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to SKY VBS!

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday June 24th

Pastor Debby's last Sunday. We will honor her with a covered dish lunch on that day.

Thurs. June 28th

Pastor Dan and family will be moving in!

Sunday July 1st

Pastor Dan's 1st Sunday. We will have a backyard cookout and ice cream to welcome our new family on that evening at 6 p.m.



Be sure and see Cindy Hawkins
if you would like to help
with the book
all about San Saba!

I'd Rather See a Sermon

by Edgar Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil, more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear,
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
for to see good put in action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it if you will let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,
but I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
but there is no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.
When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.
When a weaker brother stumbles, and a strong man stands behind
just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me
to become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today
is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.
One good man teaches many; men believe what they behold;
One deed of kindness noted is worth forty that are told.
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,
for right living speaks a language which to everyone is clear.
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,
I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.



Lynlee following her baptism.

Just for Laughs.....



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Here is Joe Mack's address if
case you want to send a card.

Joe Mack Tilson's Address

Temple Continuing Care Hospital
Joe Mack Tilson
Room 215
546 North Kegley Road
Temple TX 76502

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Chairs, Chairs & Chairs

Anyone needing to borrow anything from the Church such as tables, chairs, tablecloths and/or accessories please contact the Church office at 372-3120. You may not be aware that there is a function or someone has already requested those items, and then they come to get the items and they are not available. The new gray upholstered folding chairs **absolutely** can not leave the Church building; we have other folding chairs that may be used outside of the Church. Thank you for your consideration.

Our Church Family

It is a busy time of the year. There are lots of youth activities. All you have to do is go by the baseball fields in San Saba and you will see some of our kids. J. B. Everett and Jacey Everett are both playing baseball. J.B. 's t-ball team is being coached by Misty Everett. Jacey is playing machine pitch and her dad is one of her coaches. Gennie Hamilton and Jessic Ramerez placed fourth with her FCCLA presentation on Inner Beauty at the state FCCLA competition in Dallas. Way to go, Gennie! She was also sporting a pretty good sunburn the next Sunday as she had helped wash cars at the FCCLA fund raiser. Did you see our very own Hollee Ragsdale's picture on the front of the San Saba News & Star? Hollee was named middle school student of the month at San Saba. Congratulations!. Linda Parks also made the front page of the paper. She received recognition for being one of several retired teachers who have worked lots of volunteer hours at the San Saba Elementary school. She is very much appreciated by the school. Debbie Pullen has really had a rough time. She has certainly spend more than her fair share of time in a hospital. I am happy to report that she is back home and has been spotted in town even though she has a broken elbow. She still has a ways to go, Amanda is also doing better. The Emerson household has had the chicken pox. No fun for sure. We have missed yall and hope you will soon be back in church. Bettye McLaughlin's sister Grace has cancer. I am sure Bettye would appreciate it if you said a prayer for her. Carol Littlefield is recovering nicely after her knee surgery. She spent some extra time doing rehab in Fredericksburg. Thanks goes to Tracey Thomas for filling in for Debby (Debby with a "y") Lake while she was on vacation. Suzanne Walters had some good news to report last Sunday. She has some good success with her diet and she got a good report from her cardiologist. Linda and Owen Parks' grandson Justin Barker graduates May 11 from Texas A & M with a Industrial Engineering degree. Justin and wife Hannah will be moving to Houston. Justin will be an engineer for FMC company and Hannah will be teaching in the Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. Raley Kirk is a proud member of the San Saba 7th grade band that got a sweepstakes at their recent band contest. Way to go! Risien Shahan is playing on a minor league baseball team coached by his dad. Madison Shahan is on a machine pitch softball team while Gracen Shahan is looking forward to her dance recital. Several of our church family heard Nicole Millican Grant at the Fellowship of Christian Women's luncheon. Nicole told of some miracles that occurred during the birth and first years of her daughter's life. Jess McDowell has been in Winter Park Colorado working at the Season's Band & Music Festival. Each week-end a different group of bands, choirs, etc. came & preformed and of course did some fun activities. Thanks goes to all those who helped with Faith Weaver Friends in some way. It takes a lot of people to make that activity happen. Our church really comes together for the event. Mike & Tracey Thomas and Tracey's mom met Josh & Megan Thomas and family in Marble Falls for lunch and lots of visiting. Be sure and mark your calendars for 2 special upcoming events. A covered dish luncheon for Debby Lake on June 24th and a welcome event for Pastor Dan and his family on July 1st.



The Sky's The Limit!

New friends**Amazing Science Experiments**Wild Games
Lip-Smacking Snacks** Incredible Music
Surprising Bible Adventures

Make plans to attend this summer's SKY Vacation Bible
School at the

July 9th –13th
9am-12noon
Ages 4 years – 6th Grade

Call 372-3120 for more information.
Check out our website and register online at:
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/FUMCSanSaba