



San Saba First United Methodist Church May 2014 Newsletter

**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**
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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.
Worship 10:00 a.m.**



Ministers:
Entire Congregation
Worship Leader:
Tracey Thomas
Accompanist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary
Karen Alexander
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola

From the Pastor's Desk.....

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

When I was called to San Saba, I remember saying "Great, I accept! Where is San Saba?" We were looking forward to the new adventure but we loved our home and our church in Austin. One of my mentors encouraged us to make a list of things we liked about the place we were leaving. "When you get to your new place, make a new list" he said, "even if you have to make up stuff to put on your list."

What we didn't know at the time was how long our San Saba "list" would be.

I could fill this newsletter article up with people and things we love (and my eyes would fill with tears)

Our list would certainly include (but not be limited to) FUMC, the parsonage, the pecan trees, the rivers, the Christmas lights, the parks, the wedding oak, and Rogan field. Our list would include all the wonderful experiences: Kayaking, fishing, hunting, playing music with friends at church and at the nursing home, sitting on the front porch and in the back yard, the way the sunset makes the westward windows of the church glow and incredible covered dishes. We will always treasure the experiences we shared in weekly worship, and special services like the Easter sunrise services, Christmas caroling, the Camel-lot musical and VBS (just to name a few).

At the very top of of our list is our FUMC church family. We have been blessed time and time again by the way you love God and by the way you love your neighbors. You have cared for our family and welcomed us with open arms. It is not easy to say goodbye.

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Good Friday Service

I remember coming over the (five mile) hill on 190 with Owen Parks in his dusty red truck. He said "Well there's San Saba- beautiful isn't it... well at least I think so." I didn't quite feel that way when I heard him say that, but now I think that every single time I come over the hill.

Pastor Dan

Stewardship Report

Beginning Balance: January 1, 2014	\$11,361
General Fund Income in April 2014	\$ 10,794
General Fund Expense in April 2014	\$ 12,252
Balance on April 30, 2014	\$ 6,028

*Not yet reconciled with bank statement

Millie Burnham, Treasurer



Easter Sunday



Left: Randal Hawkins presented a plaque to Tracey Thomas at the Pack 55 Blue & Gold Banquet on April 12, 2014. The Plaque said: *Venturing Crew 55 Outstanding Crew Member 1994-2006*

Right: Pack 55 Court of Honor at Blue & Gold Banquet held on April 12, 2014 at FUMCSS. 1st Church charters the San Saba Pack 55.



Dear Church Family,

It seems in some ways like only yesterday Mike and I moved to San Saba with our 5 year old and 5 month old to begin a new stage in life. Through the years, our lives have become a part of this town and this church family in particular. "With cords that cannot be broken" is how I feel about our connection to the dear people at FUMC. On that note, words are completely inadequate to express our gratitude for the gorgeous baby shower given for our Lindsay last weekend. Why would Lindsay and I be so totally blown away when we have seen the love outpoured so many times



to us and others? Our other family members were so impressed as well by the extravagant love and generosity expressed and "showered" on our new mommy-to-be and the Baby Pugh we can hardly wait to lay eyes on. The decorations, food and gifts were all incredible! The love shared....absolutely priceless! Thank you from the bottom of all our hearts!!!

With His love, and the love of our entire family... Tracey



It is with great sadness we tell **the Scott Mathis family** good bye. It is hard to believe that they have been here nine years. Some of us remember when they first moved to San Saba and Ryan was two, Casey was four and JT was 10. We were so excited to have a new family with young children coming to our church !!! What a wonderful addition they made! Scott has been a substitute for the children's Sunday school classes. Melanie has run the projector for several years and helped with vacation bible school. JT has brought numerous friends to church and helped as a teen leader for VBS. Ryan and Casey have been in the youth Christmas plays and are always willing to read scripture or whatever they are asked to do. It has been such fun to watch them to grow up and develop their faith. We all have special memories of them during these years they have been here . Ryan and Casey 's young voices as they say the Lord's Prayer. Ryan saying "Have I got a car for you !" in the youth

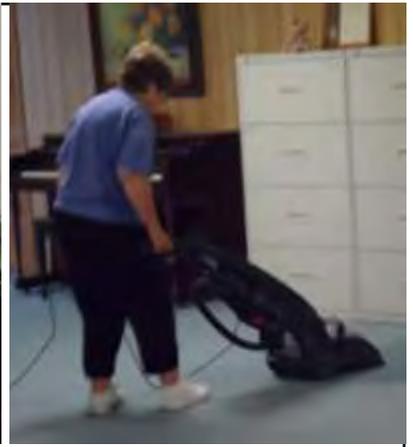
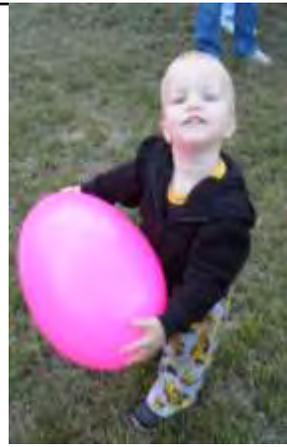
Christmas play, Mel 's "Hello, how are you Miss Carolyn each Sunday. JT coming to church with his prom tux on and a sleepy look on his face. Talking with Scott about San Saba athletics. Having Mel 's mom Michelle sing with the choir. What a joy you will be to your next church!!!! Please remember you will always have a special place in our hearts . If your travels take you through San Saba, please stop by and visit us. There will always be a church pew waiting for you . Our formal good bye will be a covered dish luncheon **Sunday June 1st after the worship service** . All are invited to come and give the family a memorable send off.

The Daniel Plan Bible Study wanted to place this recipe in the 1st Church newsletter to encourage healthy eating.

Crunchy Oat Bar

- 3 Tablespoons margarine
- 1/2 cup Splenda brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons sugar-free imitation honey
- 1 1/2 cups quick cooking oats
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup pecans

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and spray or grease your pan. Cream margarine and sugar. Add honey. Sprinkle premeasured oats with salt and cinnamon. Mix oats into creamed mixture. Flatten and spread mixture evenly in cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 17 minutes only. While the bars are still warm use a knife to cut into bars. Allow to cool and break apart. If your bars set too hard to cut, put in a warm oven for 1 minute and then cut. (Watch closely as 17 minutes was too long in my oven)



Our Church Family

The church family was saddened to hear that Pastor Dan and his family are leaving and moving to San Antonio and the Northern Hills UMC the end of June. Plans are being made for a good-bye party for them. This week the PPR Committee met our new Pastor, John Saint, and his family who are from Taft, Texas. Please be in prayer for both families and their churches during this time of transition. Our sympathy goes out to Karen Alexander on the death of her sister, Barbara Hamer. Karen's mother is also on our prayer list as she is healing from cancer. Our sympathy goes out also to Celia Bell and her family on the loss of her mother, Margaret Seiders. Travis Gage did not get a good report from his doctor and will be having surgery in May for his cancer. The church was a bee hive of activity all last week. First Linda Parks, Kathy & Travis Gage, and Mike & Carolyn McDowell cleaned the carpet in the Fellowship Hall and Parlor. Then Mario set up the tables and chairs. Then Linda Parks and Barbara Gilger did magic and decorated using white tablecloths, black and white table runners, black and lime green baby buggies, an assortment of stuffed animals and lime green balloons. Numerous people brought refreshments to the brunch/baby shower before the guests arrived. The Thomas family came for the occasion and filled the MT Nest and the Stone Oak Bed & Breakfast. Cherry Kay Lange underwent surgery and had three bypasses done at Austin Heart Hospital. She is at home now recovering. Martha Schanals is progressing nicely with her physical therapy. Ted Red had an accident and fell backward and hit a piece of equipment when pulling on a weed at their place in Ben Wheeler. He has been in a good bit of pain. We have missed them and wish him a speedy recovery. Vickie & CK Stevenson enjoyed a visit from their daughter Easter. Lesa and Ronnie Schulze and Mark & Kathy McEwin are eagerly awaiting grandbabies. Dana Smith is recovering from a day surgery procedure. Get well soon, Dana!!

Prayer Concerns

Shannon Hampu
 Amanda Jackson
 Ronnie Schmidt
 Peter Hald
 Ronnie Pete Smith
 Suzanne Walters
 Carol Littlefield
 Our Church
 Our Town
 Our Nation



Travis & Kathy Gage
 Dan & Maria Harrington & family (transition to San Antonio)
 John & Alexis Saint & family (transition to San Saba)
 The family of Barbara Hamer (Karen Alexander's sister)
 Sue Moody
 Elsie Millican
 Marjorie Ferrell, Karen Alexander's mom recovering from cancer
 Our Military Men, Women & Families