



San Saba First United Methodist Church May 2015 Newsletter

**San Saba
First United Methodist Church
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Rev. John Saint, 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

Kristi Owens

Custodian:

Mario Mendiola

**Newsletter deadline is the last
Wednesday of the month.**

From the Pastor's Desk.....



Patience and Trust

*Be patient, therefore, beloved,
until the coming of the Lord.*

*The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,
being patient with it*

until it receives the early and the late rains.

You also must be patient.

James 5:7-8

*With the Lord one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years like one day.*

2 Peter 3:8

Again this month we continue examining the fruit of the Spirit set forth in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This month let's consider patience.

Last month the church's internet connection was upgraded as part of the work being done by the telephone company. I was immediately impressed with how fast the discipleship ministries web page loaded. Later, when I loaded the same web page on my home computer, which hasn't been upgraded yet, it was much slower and I began to become impatient. It took less than ten seconds for me to get impatient!

The technology at our fingertips is faster than ever, supposedly saving us time and effort, but it seems that we have fewer and fewer opportunities to practice patience. We wonder why it takes a few seconds longer to load a web page on a server halfway around the world, forgetting that not very long ago it took months to send a message that distance by ship, and then you had to wait for the reply! Perhaps it is no coincidence that we don't often sing the hymn by George Croly, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" which asks, "Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer."

Throughout this month, take notice of the times when you are patient, and when you are not. Ask God to increase your capacity for patience. Ask God to increase your trust as well. It is trust in God which leads to

patience. Pray for trust in God's graciousness; a knowledge in the heart that even when things don't go as quickly as we would like, God's love is ever directed toward our good.

This month, as you consider patience as a fruit of the Spirit, I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Eternal God:

Your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways.

Give us patience, trust, and perseverance in abundance,

enable us to wait for you without distraction,

so that we may be a witness of your love to others,

and be ready to serve you night and day

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our patient teacher. Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor John

March Treasurer's Report

Income in March
\$18,572.00

Expenses in March
\$12,205.87

Ending Balance
\$11,131.30



Submitted by Kevin Shahan

Spicy Okra-Tomatoes-Corn Saute

1/2 small onion, chopped

1/2 Tbsp. vegetable oil

1 pkg. frozen corn, thawed (12-16 oz.)

1 pkg. frozen whole okra, thawed

1 (10 oz.) can RO*TEL original diced tomatoes & green
chilies, undrained

1 tsp. sugar

3/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

Saute chopped onion in hot vegetable oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat for 5 minutes or until tender. Add undrained RO*TEL tomatoes and green chilies, then add corn; cook stirring occasionally for 5 minutes. Stir in okra and remaining ingredients and cook until corn and okra are done.

Submitted by Nelda Weatherby

To Our Beloved Church Family,

You have humbled and blessed us by the outpouring of your love for our mom, memaw, and great memaw. Praying for her and the family, sending cards, your words of comfort, giving memorials in Elsie's name, preparing food and serving the beautiful lunch and taking time to honor her at the service have brought us a peace and joy to be a part of Christ's body of believers. The service captured the very essence of Elsie by the words spoken, the scriptures chosen, the music played, and the acts of kindness shown to her family and friends.

With grateful hearts, we thank you and give praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for each of you being a part of Elsie's life.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:20

Mike, Kay, Bob and their families



Spotlight on Senior Shea Scott

Parents: Mark & Kristy Owens

Achievements: Student Council 1 yr; Spanish Club 4 yrs; UIL Calculator team 1 yr; Varsity Softball 4 yrs; Varsity Cross Country 4 yrs, Varsity Track 3 yrs; Varsity Powerlifting 2 yrs; Rotary Club Honor Student 4 yrs; President’s Award 4 yrs; Hoby Alumni 3 yrs; Freshman Class Favorite; Cross Country All Region & All State Sophomore year; Homecoming Nominee Senior year; First Team all District Softball junior year; Top 1A Powerlifting junior year.

Plans After Graduation: After graduation I plan to move to Colorado City, TX and work as a CNA at Mitchell Country Hospital for the summer. During the fall I will attend Abilene Christian University. I will be majoring in Biology and pursue my goal to become a physician’s assistant.

Dear Church Family,

With a joyful heart we praise God for his blessing of good health. Travis’ PET scan on April 20th showed no sign of cancer. God sent us here to prepare us for the journey knowing that you would be with us along the way. We also want to thank you for the paryers, cards, texts and calls. We are grateful for your support and caring during the treatment process; it enabled us to find a blessing in each day.

Peace and Grace,
Travis & Kathy Gage

Prayer Concerns

The Family of Elsie Millican
Amanda Jackson health
Angela Scott health
Brad Reeves (safety)
Mark Owens (safety)
Alesha Rogers’s dad (diagnosed with cancer) and her family

The Family of Wade Ellis
Travis & Kathy Gage (at home)
David & Barbara Gilger (David is recovering from heart surgery)
Our Military Men, Women & Families
Our Church, Our Town & Our Nation

Spotlight on Senior Jantzen Bell

Jantzen Bell has been part of our church family since he was born. He was baptized here and became a confirmed member in 2013.

During high school Jantzen participated in many activities. Being a member of the San Saba Golden Armadillo Band for 5 years was his most memorable activity. He recently placed 2nd in the regional UIL accounting contest in Corpus Christi, and on Tuesday, May 26, he will compete at the state UIL in Austin.

This June Jantzen and his mother will be traveling to England and France with a group of students and parents. In July he will attend Camp Peniel Christian Camp outside of Marble Falls where he has gone every summer for the last 7 years. In the Fall, he will attend The University of Houston Victoria and major in accounting. Jantzen and his parents want to thank our church family for the love and support they have shown him over the years.



Our Church Family

May is always a busy month. There are lots of activities and our kids have been recognized for many accomplishments. The San Saba Middle School cycle 1 honor roll listed several of our church family. Those included were: Jaycie Everett and Risen Shahan on the "A" honor roll while JT Moody, Austin Smith, Sarah Saint and Audrey Nagle were on the "A-B" honor roll. Shea Scott is on the Lady Dillo softball team. She has had a good season with the team. She has been mentioned for scoring, stealing bases, getting hits. The San Saba High School Golf team with team members of Hollee Ragsdale and Raley Kirk are headed to State. What an accomplishment!!!! Hollee is the niece of Nettie Oma Carpenter and Raley is the daughter of Reagan & Kim Kirk. Suzanne Walters wrote to let me know that she had gone with a group to Dallas Arboretum to see lots of pretty flowers. Bettye McLaughlin celebrated her birthday with lunch at Pepperbelly's with a couple of friends. My apologies to Vickie Stevenson. I called her son by the wrong last name last month. Her son, Dutch Holland, is headed back to Afghanistan. It has been a great week for Diana Manning as her sons, daughter-in-laws and grandson came for a week's visit. The meal headquarters was none other than at Stan & Millie Burnham's. I have a feeling that there was some pretty good eating going on. Some people might have even gained a little weight after eating real good for 7 days. Madison Shahan has been a busy girl. She has been playing on the 3rd and 4th grade junior Lady Dillo basketball team. They finished second in San Saba open league tourney, third in Hamilton tourney and third in Goldthwaite tourney. She also won a door prize for helping with the Keep San Saba Beautiful workday. Sophomore Ian Saint advanced to the area track meet as part of 100 relay. He was the anchor leg. Brad and Jason Everett are showing off pictures of a 40 lb. yellow catfish that they caught with some friends. Do you think they had a fish fry? Pastor John Saint spoke about his recent experience at the Kairos prison ministry at the Fellowship of Christian Women Luncheon and did a great job. Linda Parks and Dorothy Sterner's lawns/gardens were on the recent Garden Club's tour. Both of their places were beautiful. Lesa Schulze and Celia Bell were some of many who enjoyed doing the tour. Travis and Kathy Gage certainly have some good news to share!!! Travis got good news at his checkup. He is cancer free. Jantzen Bell and San Saba High School accounting team placed 1st at area and will advance to State the end of May. Tracey Thomas was one of several teachers who took the group of San Saba High School students to the Area UIL contest in Corpus Christi. Sarah Saint went and participated in the Future Problems Solvers Competition. Jaycie Everett is playing softball and Jason Everett is playing baseball. The Everett family has had their share of allergies and a stomach bug. The weather is warmer at Mindy Cantu snow cone stand. She certainly has a long line of cars at her snow cone stand now after school. Harrison Hammer enjoyed a visit with his granddaughter one weekend. He did some dog sitting. In return He got a good visit with his granddaughter. Daylon Smith participated in a 4-H archery contest recently and placed 5th in the compound aided category and 4th in the modified 600. Congratulations, Daylon!!!! Alesha Rogers, former member of our church called and requested prayers for her dad, Dan Allard and her family. He has an aggressive pancreatic malignant cyst. He is undergoing treatments that will prolong his life 3-5 years.