



San Saba First United Methodist Church May 2016 Newsletter

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

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In the name of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
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**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.**



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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Purity



*I do not understand my own actions.
For I do not do what I want,
but I do the very thing I hate.*

Romans 7:15

*Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.*

Psalm 86:11

This month we continue our consideration of the Beatitudes.

*Beatitude 6: Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

Danish lay theologian Soren Kierkegaard wrote that “purity of heart is to will one thing.” It sounds simple, but our daily experience would suggest otherwise. Adults make approximately 35,000 decisions every day. That’s a little more than one decision every other second, for sixteen hours straight. That’s a shockingly high number of decisions! We make most of those unconsciously as we move about during the day, and many more are decisions of little importance, but that still leaves easily several hundred conscious judgements each day.

If Kierkegaard is right we have a lot of spiritual work to do! To will one thing is a tremendous task; one thing – not two between which we must choose – one single thing. How often have you said about some spiritual fork-in-the-road, “On one hand, I want to go in this direction, but on the other hand I feel called to go the opposite way”?

If you struggle with this beatitude honestly, then you are in good company. Even the Apostle Paul confessed that too often he wanted to do one thing, but did another. Paul ultimately decided that by his own power he could not always be of one mind. In the seventh chapter of his letter to the Romans, he concludes that only Christ could deliver him from his spiritual confusion. So if even Paul failed to achieve purity of heart, what chance do the rest of us have?

Perhaps this beatitude is not saying that first we must achieve purity of desire, before we are rewarded with a vision of God. Could it be that, like the Psalmist, when we pray to be delivered from a double mind we see God more completely?

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This month as you consider the sixth beatitude, let us join the Psalmist in seeking an undivided heart by praying:

Majestic God,
 ablaze with glory that dazzles the eyes:
 Let me see as much of you
 as I have eyes to behold.
 For all the things that I cannot see,
 give me grace to trust your goodness.
 Take away from me all selfishness and greed,
 and all the evil intentions
 I have sprinkled with holy desires.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.
 Let me trust not in my own ability,
 but in yours alone,
 for only you can do this;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who in Gethsemane
 conquered the demons that divide us. Amen.
 Grace and Peace,
 Pastor John



FUMC Financial Report

March Income	\$10,445
March Expenses	\$12,019.64
Ending Balance	\$24,418.90

Meet the Wise's!!!!

Welcome to our newest members, Mike & Holly Wise. Mike & Holly Wise are originally from Pasadena, Tx. They lived in Bellville, Tx for 38 years. Mike retired from Mossy Oaks Ranch in December. Holly is a registered nurse. She retired from the Texas Department of Health in 2005. She was the supervisor of the public health clinic in Bellville for 25 years. In December she completed 10 years as a recovery room nurse at Bellville/St. Joseph. They have 2 sons, Mark (whom everyone knows) and Tommy. Tommy lives in New Ulm, Tx with his wife and two sons. Mike & Holly bought the Vivian Moore place outside of Richland Springs in 2001 with plans to retire here..... and now they have. " We are very happy here. Everyone has been very friendly and kind. "



New Members Mike & Stacy Wise

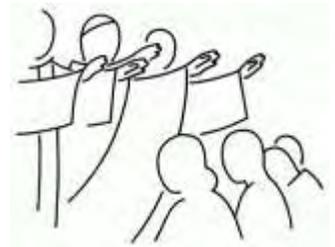
Prayer Concerns

Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves & Mark Owns (safety)
Stan & Millie Burnham (Stan is at home)
Rain—thanks for another good rain
Zolly Jones (former member now in Windcrest Nursing Home)
Our Church, Our Town & Our Nation

Bill & Evelyn Herman (Cindy Prater's parents)
Peter Hald (cataract surgery on both eyes)
Mayra Miller (loss of mother)
VBS
Our Military Men, Women & Families

Did You Know?

The money left on the altar rail Communion Sunday goes into the St. Stephens Fund. It is used to help people in need. Your contributions are welcome.



Announcing FUMC'S Bible Camp

**Including a Family Pool Party &
Thursday Night Performance with
Supper Afterward**

Invite Your Friends To Attend

**June 20-23
4:00– 6:00 p.m.**

For More Information Contact Christi Mays at 325-456-3326

What Can You Do To Help FUMC Have A Successful VBS?

Help Decorate for VBS

Be a group leader or assistant

Save your toilet paper rolls for a VBS craft

Save quart size plastic jars like peanut butter, jelly or mayonnaise jars for VBS craft

Add VBS to your prayer list!!!!

Our Church Family

May is always a busy month. There are high school and college graduations, weddings, banquets, proms, t-ball and softball and baseball games plus lots of other activities. Jaden Owens is busy playing on a softball team. She also had to have three teeth pulled because of her braces. It was a rough week or so for her but she is better now. Bettye McLaughlin is moving to a house on Sunset Street. She was spotted in the grocery store and is busy getting ready for the move. Risien Shahan and his partner Blayden Calley placed 4th in the Lampas middle school invitational tennis tournament. Then at the Mason District meet he and Calley placed second. Larry Lafferty got honorable mention in a recent 42 tournament. He also plays at the San Saba Senior Center several days a week. Raley Kirk was one of lots of San Saba High Schools students participating in the region 15 visual arts scholastic event. Kathy & Travis Gage enjoyed a week-end at their Canyon Lake place with the sons and grandsons. It was beautiful weather and I bet the grandsons had a great time playing outside. Barbara & David Gilger had a very busy week or two with the wedding activities of their granddaughter Johna. It was a tough that they had to change the location from David & Barbara's pecan bottom to the back of Kelly & John's house but it all came together and it was a beautiful wedding. We express our sympathy to Mike and Pat Johnson on the death of Mike's aunt. Tracey Thomas is off to Olney, Texas with her sister, Susan and her mom. They are going back to her mom's old home place for an open house and reunion of sorts. Bob & Debbie Millican had a busy week with the grandkids one week. Winston and Kristen spent several days in Austin with the newest grandbaby, Allison, in the hospital. They also kept the Shahan grandkids while Monica & Kevin celebrated that tax season was over. Scott & Abby Snyder enjoyed a quick visit with Scott's parents from Louisiana. Of course his parents had to check out the progress on the house. It was great to see Millie Burnham in church on Sunday. Stan is increasing his strength by doing laps in the house plus doing lots of exercises. Kelly Murray is selling Arbonne beauty products. Be sure and see her if you need something. Trish Warren is planning a road trip for May. She is off to see her sons and their families. First she is heading to the Saint Louis area and then across Kansas to Denver. She hopes to leave about the 5th and be back by the 20th. Nolan Mays is playing t-ball. They Mays family is really busy with the usual school field trips and programs. Jason Everett is playing first base on his baseball team that Brad is coaching. Jaycie is still playing basketball. Both of them are patiently waiting for summer! Brad, Jennifer Braylee and Logan joined Braylee's school on a field trip in DFW. They enjoyed viewing and playing at the Natural Science and History Museum. But they most fun was playing at the Great Wolf Lodge water park. The kids never wanted to leave the water. They had a blast! Braylee has also been enjoying the chess club at her school this semester. She has been looking forward to beating her dad soon. Braylee and Jennifer enjoyed a unique experience auditioning for a short film in DFW. But, the most exciting part for Braylee was seeing the skyscrapers. The Men's Group is now meeting the last Sunday of each month at 7:45 a.m. in the parlor. All men are encouraged to attend. The group enjoys a delicious breakfast and a brief bible study.



The San Saba High School placed 3rd at the State UIL golf in Austin. Way to go, girls. Raley Kirk, daughter of Regan & Kim Kirk and Hollee Ragsdale, niece of Nettie Oma Carpenter were members of the team.





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On May 22nd, following the worship service we will honor Mario and Gloria Mendiola for their faithful service to FUMC at a covered dish luncheon. A LOVE OFFERING is being collected. You may put your donation in the collection plate during the worship service or take it by the church office.



This cross is one of the VBS crafts that the kids will be making June 20-23. The cross is made of toilet paper roll cardboard. It takes 4 to make one cross. Please save your rolls and give to Christi Mays.



The other craft that VBS needs help with is the lantern picture on the left. The base of the lantern is made from a plastic jar. (possibly a peanut butter, jelly or mayonnaise jar. Please help out by saving your jars and bringing them to the church.

Finally please keep Taylor Wise and her family on your prayer list. Sunday afternoon Taylor ran through a plate glass door and was care flighted to Dell Children's Hospital. She had surgery as she had a 9 inch gash all the way across her abdomen. The glass did not cut through her abdominal muscles. There were no internal injuries. Taylor slept well Sunday night. She did wake up twice and had more pain meds at 4 a.m. GOOD NEWS!! Taylor and family are headed home today, May 2.