



# San Saba First United Methodist Church May 2018 Newsletter

Covered Dish Luncheon  
May 20th after Worship  
Honoring Read Saint  
San Saba  
High School Senior



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After graduation, Read will be attending Colorado School of Mines in Golden Colorado to study Mechanical Engineering. He would like to work in the field of aerospace engineering and hopes to work with NASA or Space X someday.

This summer he will work for the Bread to Dough Bakery and for the



## **Announcing Vacation Bible School Bible Camp 23rd Psalms**

**June 18-21**

**9-11 a.m.**



*When You Joined FUMC you pledged to*

## Prayer Concerns

Rain

Bill Hulgán, Peter Hald, Lisa Wise & Luke (cancer)

David & Barbara Gilger

Orlando & Mayra Miller & Nicaragua situation

Zach Schmidt & family (fell 25 feet in accident)

Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)

Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas, & Mark Owns (safety)

Bettye McLaughlin (Shady Shores)

Stan & Millie Burnham (Millie is recovering from eye surgery)

Transition of Saints to Liberty Hill

Nicolas (adopted son of Saints facing surgery)

Cindy Prater

Our Pastor to Be



Wiley says:  
Gig'em!!!!



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A big thank you to Lee & Kelly Murray for hosting the Sunrise Service at their ranch. Following the service Lee & crew served a delicious breakfast.

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

### Taken Where You Do Not Want to Go

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. *Psalm 22:19-21*

The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. *Jonah 2:5-6*

Jesus told his disciples that if he, their teacher, was mistreated, they, his students, should expect the same and more. Jesus was betrayed, beaten, and crucified before he rose again. To follow Jesus Christ is to be open to the possibility of being taken where we had not intended to go. That's the trouble with prayer: when we listen to the voice of God we are often asked to respond in ways we never intended when we first began to pray.

This was true in Jesus' day and it has been true even to this day. The witness of those who have gone before confirms my own experience that we are sometimes taken to places where we receive praise we do not deserve, and other times we are taken to places where we receive pain and suffering we do not deserve. A disciple, a person who chooses to be a student and follower of Jesus Christ, is not a self-made person and is not on a personally designed journey.

Jesus did not 'go' into the wilderness after his baptism, he was 'taken.' As his followers we are taken into experiences of discipleship that we do not necessarily choose for ourselves. We choose to follow Jesus and Jesus then decides where we will go. Plain and simple.

The saving grace in this truth is not in being taken where we do not want to go; the saving grace in this truth is that we are not alone. There is One who leads us and walks with us. Jesus arose from the waters of baptism and "the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). But even in the wilderness, Jesus was attended by angels, messengers of God who were present for him and cared for his needs. While we may not choose the place to go, we can choose to remain with the One who sends us. And there we find companionship, grace, peace, and joy.

A prayer:

Lord, keep us far from all evil; protect our lives. Watch over our going out and our coming in from this



### Report From Orlando Miller, Former San Saba Resident

In 1993--we had a building made of adobe--FMO paid for the doors, windows, all the cross beams--and the very simple benches--and 1/2 of the tin roof. 1998 Hurricane Mitch destroyed the church; the river rose and we had 3 ft of water in the building--and in our room behind the church. I went up the road and rented a room (US \$100. @ month)--and we enlarged the building (around the adobe building) NOTE: Adobe, in this part of the world is quite common. Today the church is full (180 present on any given Sunday--am or pm. But, the children have Sunday School outside--and the rainy season is almost here. So, behind the church they (we) are building an annex for Sun School. and 2 small bed rooms--for visitors. We're 20 miles from town--and no buses nor taxi after 5pm. FMO--has paid for cement and steel; they are paying for cement blocks and sand. The workers are donating their time. The benches gave way to plastic chairs. AND--the name of the church "La Hermosa" (the Beautiful; the name of the church where the beggar sat .and ask Peter for a coin or two--and Peter replied, "Silver & gold have I none, but in the Name of Jesus...R-I-S-E U-P!

### Financial Report

April Expenses *	\$15,988.75
April Offering	\$ 8,778.80
Difference	7,209.95

includes payment of 4 months of apportionments  
Fifth Sunday of April offering will be listed  
under May income

March Expenses*	\$ 9,779.91
March Offering	\$ 7,920.00
Difference	-\$ 1,859.91

### Next Game Night Tuesday June 5th

5:30 p.m.

### Outside

### Picnic





# Our Church Family

Easter Sunday always brings lots of visitors and this year was no exception. **Laina Murray's mom made it in to see a very special sunrise service at her grandson' and granddaughter-in-law's house.** Kelly Murray had her brother Travis in just back from a deployment overseas. His girlfriend was also with him.

Travis & Kathy Gage brought their sons and grandsons with them.

**Sandy, Alexis Saint's mom, made it in** for the service and for a weekend visit with the family.

It is always nice to have former members of our church come back and visit with us. Kevin, Monica, Risen, Maddy and Gracen Shahan attended our sunrise service.

Michelle Prater Carr came with her dad, Ken Prater to the sunrise service. It was going to be a full day for the Brister family. Also on the schedule Easter Sunday was an Easter egg hunt and a BBQ cooked by **Michelle's husband.**

Trish Warren brought her friend and neighbor, Jeanne Owen.

**The 10 o'clock worship service had its** share of visitors too. Grant Mays brought his mom and dad, and his brother and sister-in-law and their family.

Did you notice Daylon Smith has grown at least a foot? Daylon came with his sister Lynley, his mom and dad, Joe Pete & Danna Smith and grandparents, Danny & Amy Shaw.

Craig, Amy, & Jefferson Stencil filled a whole pew up with their family members.

Ronnie & Lesa Schulze, along with daughter Mindy Cantu, enjoyed having their other daughter Corey and son-in-law Shane Dyson and Myles and Cash.

Sara Jackson sat with her brother Richard Jackson. I am sure she also spent some time with her mom, Amanda at the nursing home.

Lee Murray and his cooking crew outdid themselves with the breakfast they cooked. Breakfast included: breakfast tacos, gravy, biscuits, etc. If you went away hungry it was your own fault.

Bob & Debbie Millican are in Tyler, Texas for a special weekend with Nicole & Elise Grant. Elise is joining the church this week-end.

CK Stevenson judged the chili contest at the Rattlesnake Roundup in Lometa the last weekend of March.

Owen Parks has had one cataract surgery. He still has the other eye to do plus knee surgery in the summer.

Mike & Carolyn McDowell spent two weeks in Winter Park Colorado helping their son Jess at the Winter Park Ski & Music Festival.

Christi Mays accompanied her daughter on one of those end of school year field trip. I bet the group had a great time.

Millie Burnham is recovering nicely from her eye surgery she had earlier this month. .

Bettye McLaughlin enjoyed a visit from her daughter on her birthday.

