



San Saba First United Methodist Church November 2016 Newsletter

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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
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Church Treasurer:
Kevin Shahan
Custodian:
Alonzo Jimenez
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**Newsletter deadline is the last
Wednesday of the month.**

From the Pastor's Desk.....

The Church is Catholic



*People will come
from east and west, from north and south,
and will eat in the kingdom of God*

Luke 13:29

*Make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you*
Matthew 28:19-20

This month we continue our consideration of the four characteristics of the church as named in the Nicene Creed: "We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church." This month we will explore what it means to say that the church is catholic.

Once again the Nicene Creed uses a word surrounded by misunderstanding. Like the term "holy" which we explored last month, the idea that the church is "catholic" is also surrounded by confusion. Some churches that use the Apostle's Creed or Nicene Creed do not say "catholic," but instead say "Christian" or "universal." The second alternative is the correct one, as "catholic" means "universal." Most of us think of "catholic" as one particular branch of the church, but the term actually means the entire church, wherever it exists around the world. The Roman Catholic Church is just that part of the worldwide church which has its headquarters in Rome. As for the rest of us, we could argue that we are, for example, "Lutheran Catholics," or "Presbyterian Catholics," "Episcopalian Catholics," or "United Methodist Catholics."

So why do we even use this term? Why is it a part of our statements of belief? It is important to remember that the gospel has gone out into all the world. Our brothers and sisters in the faith are scattered across the entire globe. They speak various languages, they use various liturgies, and they observe various customs. To affirm that the church is catholic is to remind ourselves that, although there is great diversity

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among churches, we all give allegiance to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Jesus is God’s messenger of grace and peace not just to our branch of the church, but to the entire world.

We focus so much on the work of our own congregation, that it is easy to forget that Christ is working through other congregations, too. We are so involved in the priorities of our own denomination that we lose sight of the fact that we are just one branch of a very large tree. When we ignore the work Christ is doing through other congregations and denominations of the faith, we diminish God’s glory. To say that the church is “catholic” is to remind ourselves that the kingdom of God is made up of people from east and west, north and south.

As you consider what it means to say the church is catholic, I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Let all the earth praise your name, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
You created all that is,
and redeemed all that you created.
You established your church,
and called it to be faithful in every time and place.
Gather together all who are united in Christ,
so that there may be one witness to you,
across the entire globe.
We praise the glory of your Name, O God;
One in diversity, Three in unity. Amen.



Pictures from Game Night



Grace and Peace,
Pastor John

Choir Notes



Please mark December 18 on your calendars!! The community choir is working hard to present a lovely gift of Christmas music to the community of San Saba, and any others who may wish to come. The title of this year’s cantata is “Come, Let Us Adore”, and it is full of beautiful adoration and praise as well as well known Christmas carols. IT IS NOT TOO LATE to join us! Please come even if you just want to TRY IT. We meet to practice our own church music at 6:15-6:45 and begin the

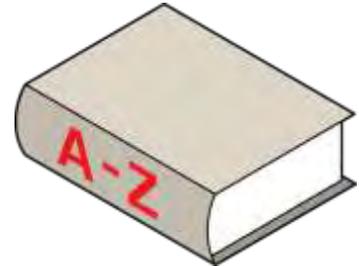
Christmas music close to 7:00 (or just a few minutes before) We would LOVE to see you there!! We sing together and pray together...it is a blessing to so many of us, that we want to share with everyone interested! Submitted by Tracey Thomas

Prayer Concerns

The Family of Bud Bell
Kaye Clancey (health concerns)
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas & Mark Owns (safety)
Jennifer Reeves (health concerns)
Barbara Gilger (health concerns)
Rain!

Peter Hald
Vickie Stevenson (Praise for healing!)
Travis Gage (Praise for excellent check-up)
Bettye McLaughlin (transition to new home)
Shannon Hampu (health concerns)
Our Military Men, Women & Families
Our Country

Mark Your Calendar!!!!
Tentative Picture Day is January 24th
For the New Church Directory!!!
Coordinated by Alexis Saint & Abby Snyder



Come Join the Fun

Game Night

Tuesday, November 15th



5:30 Supper by Donations

6:15 Let the Games Begin!!!

**Bring Your Favorite Game
And a friend!!!!**

**Just
Say
Yes**

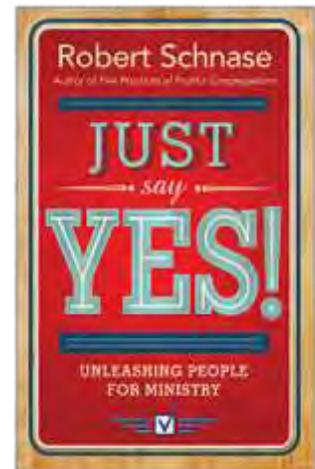
Caution! This is a dangerous study unleashing ideas and passions into an explosion of ministry!

“Just say Yes!” will lead us in examining the systems, attitudes, and dynamics that restrain, control, and diminish ministry and prepare us for an outward-focused, missional culture willing to try new ministries to fulfill the mission of Christ.

Join us for this 4-week study beginning Sunday, November 27th, immediately following worship. We will share a meal together and then begin the exploration of what it means to be “*unleashed*” for ministry.

Step out in boldness – just say “Yes!”

Submitted by Cindy Hawkins



Our Church Family

Brad Reeves was one of several San Saba County law enforcement personnel who were honored at a Richland Springs football game during half time. Brad is a graduate of Richland Springs High School. Trish & Henry Warren were at that game along with her son Lyle and her twin grandsons. Lyle was here for the weekend and also brought his sons to worship with us that Sunday. Kevin and Monica Shahan took their kids and the exchange student, Pol, to the last regular Texas Ranger baseball game. It was a quick trip to Arlington but made lots of good memories for the family. Cherry Kay Lange also made a quick trip that has lots of good memories for her. She and her daughter Kay Ann went to a Dallas Cowboy football game. Cherry Kay is a very devoted Cowboy fan so she really enjoyed the game especially since they won. Lesa & Ronnie Schulze enjoyed a visit from Corrie Dyson and Myles and Cash one weekend. Linda Parks wins the prize for being the best hostess. She entertained a lot of Michelle Barker's family who had come in to work on John Darren & Michelle's new house that they are building. Shannon Hampu enjoyed a visit from her granddaughters. It is a quite an honor for Read Saint. Congratulations to Read for being inducted into the National Honor Society at San Saba High School. CK & Vickie Stevenson made a trip to Waco so CK could participate in the soil conservation conference. He is an officer. They made it back from the convention so Vickie could attend the October Thinking of You meeting. Lesa Schulze and Mindy Cantu headed up the snow cone stand at the Family Fun Fest on October 15 at Mill Pond Park. Workers who assisted were Bob & Debbie Millican, Carol Littlefield, Roland & Cindy Hawkins, and Linda Parks. They gave away over 200 snow cones. Butch & Cindy Hamer have moved to a cottage at Cherokee Home till their new house is completed. It is suppose to arrive the first of November and then the manufactured home will be put together. Peter Hald has fallen and is temporarily in the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home. For about the next 10 days his address will be: Peter Hald; 1424 Martin Luther King Jr. Lane, Room 405 B; Temple Texas 76504. As soon as I have a permanent address I will let you know. Cherry Kay Lange's granddaughter Kaymon plays on the Llano High School volleyball team. She was responsible for 8 consecutive points at one of the recent volleyball games. Cherry Kay is a very loyal fan and has attended all of Kaymon's games. Travis Gage is doing a happy dance after his last appointment with his doctors in Houston. He has been 2 years with the cancer not returning. He has graduated to 6 months checkups instead of 3 month checkups. Yea for Travis!!! Sami Milum, mother of Alexis Saint was here last Friday to watch Read & Ian's football game and see Sarah named as band student of the week. Nettie Oma Carpenter enjoyed having her daughter and son-in-law attend church with her. Dorothy Sterner's daughter Kay Barclay (who is the wife of the Park View Baptist Church's preacher) spoke at the Fellowship of Christian Women's Luncheon this month and did a good job. Good news! Vickie & CK Stevenson have one more trip to Fredericksburg and then they are through! Abby Synder's AVID class at school is collecting Christmas decorations to decorate the school. See her if you have some to donate

Thanksgiving Lunch



Sunday, November 13th

**Immediately after the
Worship Service
Bring a side dish or dessert**

Church Finances

September Income	\$10,797.00
September Expenses	\$13,288.01
Difference	-\$2,491.01
Ending Balance	\$10,991.69

