

# FIRST NEWS



**San Saba  
First United Methodist Church**

**October 2011**

**San Saba  
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Church  
204 W. Brown  
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**Debby Lake, 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.  
First Worship 10:00 a.m.**



**Ministers:**

**Entire Congregation  
Worship Leader:  
Tracey Thomas**

**Pianist/Organist:  
Nettie Oma Carpenter**

**Choir Director:  
Tracey Thomas**

**Church Secretary:  
Debbie Uli**

**Custodian:  
Mario Mendiola**

*But as you abound in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us--see that you abound in this grace also. – 2 Corinthians 8:7*  
Consider the impressive list of areas in which the Corinthians were abounding:



- Faith
- Knowledge
- Love for Paul and others
- Speech
- Diligence

I would love to have such a list like that describe me! But when I look at the list, I find that I fall short. For instance, do I abound in faith? Well, I have some faith. Speech? A little. Knowledge? I'm still growing. . . Diligence? Not always. Love for others? Some of the time.

I'm not sure that I could say that I abound in any of those things, but even if I did, there would still be room for growth. Paul exhorted the Corinthians to abound "in this grace also." From reading the preceding verses (2 Corinthians 8:1-6) we can see that the grace Paul was referring to pertained to the area of giving. It wasn't enough for the Corinthians to do all of the things they were already doing well; something was lacking--their generosity toward others. I don't think the point of this passage of Scripture is to guilt us into "doing more" out of a sense of duty, obligation, or fear. I believe it is more of a reminder not to become comfortable where we are in our walk with God. There are always areas to consider, ways we need to grow, disciplines we're possibly neglecting, or perhaps things in our hearts that aren't quite right.

We will never do everything perfectly while we're here on this earth; there will always be room for growth. But rather than make a long list of things you need to do, listen to the Lord and follow his agenda for your life.

The best way to know which areas of your life you need to focus on is not to compare yourself with others, but to slow down a bit and allow the Lord to speak into your life regarding areas that need attention. We're always told that the best way to do that is to spend time daily in the Word. Read, pray, and listen to the still small voice of God.

But God didn't use a cookie cutter in creating us, therefore I'm convinced that God values the diversity of personalities, learning styles, and listening styles that make up the Family of God. Where do *you* hear God's voice the clearest . . . in worship? in a walk through the woods or on the beach? reading poetry? holding a sleeping baby? watching the delicate beauty of a butterfly as it seems to dance through the air? Any and all of these, and many more, have the potential for an encounter with the Divine.

The key is listening. Having listened, then you, too, will be one who abounds in the things God has called you to.

In His Spirit,  
*Debby*



## "Faith Weaver Friends"

Wednesday's

3:45 to 5:00 pm.

Ages 3-6th Grade

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"Lies  
Young Women Believe  
and the Truth  
That Sets Them Free"



Tuesday Evenings

7th and 8th Girls  
Bible Study  
in the Classrooms Upstairs  
5:30 to 7:p.m.

Led by Cindy Hawkins

## The St. Stephens fund Needs Our Help

Sometimes people ask how our church gives to local missions, and I remind them that the purpose of our St. Stephens Fund is to give financial aid to persons or groups who are residents of San Saba County. We give to world missions through the apportionments which we send to the conference each month from the General Fund, but we give to **San Saba's mission needs from the St. Stephens Fund.**

Funding for the St. Stephens Fund comes mainly from the altar rail offering given on Communion Sunday as a way to express our gratitude for the communion experience. We also receive occasional donations from individuals on other Sundays if there were not present on First Sunday.

If each of us leaves a dollar or two on the altar rail as we come forward to take communion, we will be making it possible for our church to maintain and even increase our local mission ministry. Presently we give a monthly check to the Senior Center and to the Ministerial Alliance. We also need to have funds available for the pastor to use at her discretion to help individuals who approach our church for help. Our offerings at communion this year have averaged about \$120.

Submitted by Millie Burnham, Treasurer

## San Saba FUMC Helps Bastrop Fire Victims

The collection taken on September 11th and 18th to be sent to our **United Methodist Committee on Relief's Advance #901670: Texas Wildfires** to help community of Bastrop was \$2525. **This is an excellent way for us to "do something to help."** We can be assured that what we send to UMCOR will go immediately to work for those that the offering is intended to help—and all of it will be used for that purpose. They are ready to respond to emergencies at any time. Thanks to all of you who responded so generously.

Millie Burnham, Treasurer

## Schedule for Children's Sermons

1st Sunday	Communi on
2nd Sunday	Debby Lake
3rd Sunday	Lesa Schul z
4th Sunday	Ci ndy Prater
5th Sunday	Ci ndy Hawki ns



**Prayer Concerns**

**Rain, Rain, Rain**

F.L. Kalmus  
Bettye McLaughlin's sister Jane (recovery/treatment)  
Ron Moss (traveling mercies/selected for a experimental drug program)  
Kaye Clancey (recovery)&Family  
Zolly Jones  
David and Barbara Gilger  
George and Margaret Kidd  
Rode White  
Linda Mixon and Family  
Michael Ogden (Kim Kirk's friend w/ cancer)  
James and Pat Reavis  
Katie Andreas (continuing prayer)  
Thelma Millican (nursing home)  
Gordan Hall (prostrate cancer)  
Roy Caviness  
Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schanhals)  
Mrs. McDowell (Mike's Mom)  
Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)  
Landon Yarbrough (procedures)  
Connie Raesner Perry  
Jeff & Jeannette Toole & Family  
Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)  
Mark Owens (safety)  
Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss  
*Our City, Our Nation, Our Church*  
*In Our Military*  
*Alex Dove, Eric Booker, Matthew Barrier, Ralph Kintzen(home), Cory Clendennen Jay Huggins (home), Matthew Phinney (home), Andy Smith, Andrew Reynolds, John Paul Dretke, Jay Dewitt*  
*Matthew Dennis*  
*Please Pray for Our Troops, All Our Military Men and Women*



**First Ladies:**

It was a joyous occasion at San Saba United Methodist Church on September 10th as 65-70 ladies met for the Kerrville district Annual Meeting.

Following the welcome by San Saba united President Nettie Oma carpenter and devotional led by Susan Dietrick of Lampasas, Rev. Harlene Sadler delivered a wonderful message.

There was a business meeting, candle burnings honoring those who were deceased and installation of district officers for next year.

A delicious luncheon prepared by betty Ann Johnson was served, and the ladies returned to the sanctuary for a communion service and dismissal. It was a lovely day.

Submitted by Wahnee Stallings

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*Scenes From  
Corrie Dyson's  
Baby Shower*

*Mindy, Corrie &  
Lesa*

*Lots of Nice Gifts*



**Just for Fun**



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**United Methodist Women**

**Monday October 10th**

**Church Parlor**

**4:30 p.m.**



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**Meals on Wheels**

**October 17-21**

**October 24-28**



Col ten Mark Schue  
Born:  
Sept. 20, 2011  
Grandparents:  
Mark & Kathy  
McEwin  
Vital Stats:  
7 lbs 3 oz  
20.750 inches

**Stewardship Report**

General Fund Income for September 2011	\$9,645
General fund Expense for September 2011	\$10,618
General fund year-to-Date Income to 9-28-11	\$104,650
General fund Year-to Date Expenses to 9-28-11	\$102,554

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**Tri County United Methodist Men**

**Thurs. Oct. 6th  
6:30 P.M.**



**Lometa United Methodist Church.**

**Donations of \$10.00 for your Meal**

**RSVP to 512-752-3661  
with the number that will be attending.**

## Our Church Family

Once September gets here it seems like the pace picks up. There are all sorts of activities going on. Debby Lake enjoyed a long vacation on the coast. She really enjoyed some fishing. Rebecca Addington certainly enjoyed lots of attention when she and her mom, Kristi Murray Addington made it in for Labor Day week-end. David Gilger quickly gave her a nickname, Hairball. She certainly did have a lot of dark hair. Labor Day week-end also brought others home to San Saba. Tyler & Ashley Hawkins made it in and got to greet lots of well wishers at their wedding reception. Jess McDowell made it in that week-end also. Everyone enjoyed seeing and visiting with Nancy Bannister. J.T. Mathis, a.k.a. #10 on the San Saba High School football team has made some good plays for his team. He was also a flower presenter during the Homecoming activities. This is a good time of the year for some people to take a vacation. Bob & Debbie Millican headed north where it was cooler and met friends in Southfork, Colorado. Travis & Kathy Gage went east to see lot of historic sites and some family. I bet they saw some pretty leaves, too. Tracey & Mike Thomas went a different direction, west. They flew out to see Lindsey & Derek Pugh in California for a week-end and then headed to Las Vegas for the State Farm Insurance Convention. On the return trip to San Antonio they had dinner with Josh & Megan Thomas & family before they came home. Sam Murray took a well deserved vacation. I believe he headed to College Station and visited his grandbaby. Well, maybe he visited a little with Kristi and Luke, his daughter and son-in-law, too. It certainly has been good to have the choir back in their regular place. It is especially good to see David Gilger up there on the back row. Anyone interested in joining the choir should see Tracey Thomas. They are always looking for new members. Madison Shahan & Jacey Everett are the cheerleaders for the elementary football team. Among the team members are Risien Shahan and Ryan Mathis. Our sympathy goes out to Cherry Kay Lange on the death of her cousin, Don Johnson of Llano. Wahnee Stallings was certainly looking forward to a visit from her brother. The plans, I believe, called for attending the high school football game, his class reunion and a visit with a cousin in Lampasas. Laina Murray got her deer hunting done early. She hit a deer one morning on the way to work at Llano High School. The vehicle, although damaged a little, was still drivable. Jantzen Bell is on the San Saba High School cross country team. His picture was in the paper after a good meet. His dad Bud can be heard every Friday night on radio Station KBAL announcing the San Saba High School football game. Bettye McLaughlin and a friend are counting down the days till they leave on their trip. They will fly to Italy and then go on a eleven day Mediterranean cruise. I am sure she will have lots to report when she gets home. Martha and Bruce Schanals are **in the process of moving in to Del Sear's home. Del and Shirley are moving to the river. Speaking of the Sear's, Nicole Sears made it in for San Saba's Homecoming.** We have several new couples attending our worship service. I hope you have introduced yourself to Randy and Andrea Robinson. You might want to talk football with them as their son Ryan William Casano is the kicker for Toledo University. Mary & Ray Ridgeway, who are also new to us, are busy getting **settled into their new home (Ashley & Harper Stewart's) and are making some trips to Austin for furnishings.** The previous 12 years they spent living on a boat so they have some interesting stories to tell.

## New Event, New Time, "Fresh Grounded Faith"

An area wide women's event featuring Jennifer Rothschild will be Friday, February 10, 2011 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. These tickets are not sold out for this new time; the tickets are \$34.00. At this event there will be a box lunch offered for \$6.00 from Chick Filet. Breakfast is also available for a charge to be determined that morning depending on what you order. There will be carpools available. So do not wait! The event in the evening sold out very quickly. There are also overflow tickets for \$19.00 each for the Friday February 10th at 7p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday the 11th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. event. These seats are in different rooms with big screen TVs. Jennifer Rothschild will come around to these overflow rooms and visit and sign autographs and door prizes will be given away. If you have any question, contact Cindy Hawkins 325-205-2127.

## Sunset Cross



Submitted by Debbie Pullen

# A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

### What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



### What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

# Fall

