



San Saba First United Methodist Church October 2013 Newsletter

**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**
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Rev. Dan Harrington, 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:
Karen Alexander
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2nd Corinthians 5:17

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5

We don't think of Fall as a season of newness (Springtime takes most of the credit for newness), but this Fall feels so new to me. Every day Lyla learns and grows... and we are learning what it's like to have a four year old "super power girl" (it's exhausting in the very best way). Our son Jonah is in those "terrific twos"! He's talking a lot and every day we hear new phrases from him. For weeks now, during our evening devotional, Jonah's high for the day has been "football game". Our (not so) little baby Jesse will be five months old on Oct. 3rd! Every day he tries a new food... pureed peaches, bananas. He's holding his head up and smiling a lot these days.

This fall there are some really awesome new things happening at FUMC! Our wonderful trustees have been hard at work in the sanctuary! Travis, Kathy, Ted, and Klela built up the praise band area of the choir loft (where the organ console was) and built some beautiful rounded steps. Brad Everett had some beautiful new carpet put in. The sanctuary looks beautiful! The trustees are always busy with projects that help maintain this beautiful old marble church. Today animal control came (very promptly) and got the squirrel that was trapped in the new squirrel trap in the tree outback. (Praise God!)

Godly Play Sunday School starts Sunday Sept. 29th for kids 4 (or when ready) - age 10. We are excited to begin our unit on sacred stories from the Old Testament. Special thanks to Ted Red for making the beautiful "desert box" and Lisa Schulze and Maria Harrington for their creative additions. I will be teaching GP for the first few months with Linda Parks as the "door person". Please let me know if you are interested in learning more / participating in this imaginative approach Christian education / faith formation.

We are excited to welcome the community to our first ever PUMPKIN PATCH!

Several hundred pumpkins, mini-pumpkins, and gourds are scheduled to arrive on Oct. 12th. Please be ready to bring a friend (or 10) (time TBA) to help unload. Oct. 26th is our first pumpkin patch festival, a day of food, fun, music, and fellowship. Volunteer opportunities are available in the pumpkin patch to sell pumpkins and greet folks in the community with the Love of Christ.



Pastor Dan

**New
Additions
To The
Sanctuary**



**Youth Group Fun
(grades 7-12)**

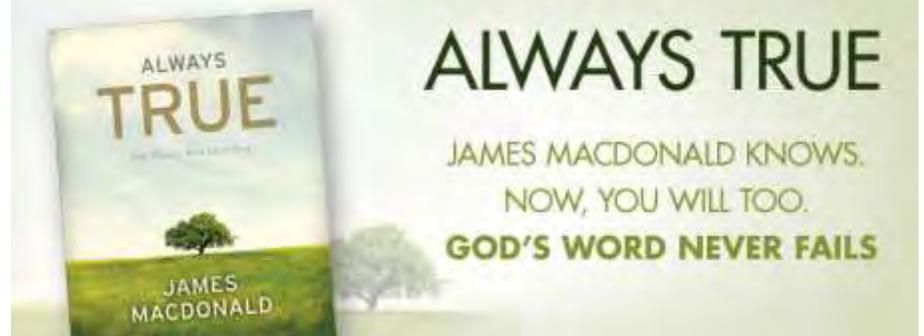
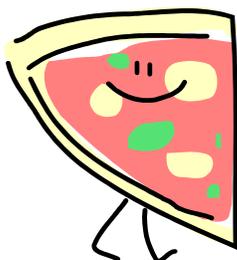
Sunday Oct. 6th

6 p.m.

Church

**Pizza, Games &
Devotional**

Come Join the Fun!!



Beginning Tuesday October 1st

9:30 a.m.

Trish Warren's Home

All are Welcome!!!!

Follow bestselling author, speaker, and pastor James MacDonald as he delivers the biblical hope of God's promises in the midst of life's storms.

2 Peter 1:3 refers to certain portions of God's Word as *exceedingly great and precious* promises. *Great* promises are ones that don't fall apart during difficult times; they reveal hope in the midst of the storm. *Precious* promises are ones that we find strong enough to hold us up and resilient enough to get us through. God's promises become *exceedingly great and precious* to us when nothing else will do. By way of digging into the theology of God's Promises, Pastor James uncovers 5 major categories of promise in the Bible and the 5 areas about which God repeatedly makes promises. From what to do with fear and doubt to God's goodness, help, and victory-the Bible has much to say about God's presence in our difficulty.

Prayer Concerns

Pat Belk
Suzanne Walters—now living in Eastern Star's Assisted Living in Arlington
Peter Hald
Gene Hinyard, son of Mary Sue Hinyard
Ronnie Schmidt
Lylah (Stephanie and Chase's daughter) (Henry Warren's family)
Stan Burnham
Johnnie Golden (Tracey's friend)
Stephanie Conner (Nettie Oma's family)
Bettye McLaughlin
Elsie Millican
Mark Owens (safety)
Katie Andreas (in hospital, continuing prayer)(family of Trish Warren
Joe Mack Tilson
James and Pat Reavis
Gordan Hall (prostate cancer)
Kathren Wolfe (Martha Schanhals' mom)
Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)
Landon Yarbrough
Pete Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)
Barbara Thornton, friend of Pat Belk
Brother Michael, friend of Pat Belk
Ray & Ruth Riggs



We are trying to update the prayer concern list. If you would like to add a loved one or family friend back on, please let us know. Carolyn

Play Date

Jennifer Reeves and Maria Harrington hosted a pajama play date on a Thursday morning in September for the Pecan Bottoms Play Group. This group consists of moms and their children in San Saba County. Eight moms and twelve babies and kids joined together for some great breakfast food, fun and fellowship. The moms had just as much fun (if not more) than the kids!





Newest Members



Kelly Murray

Grew up in Yoakum Texas

Favorite Team: Texas A&M

Occupation: Stay At Home Mom

Favorite Food: Chips & Salsa

Favorite Thing to Do: Shopping or Hunting

Favorite Animal: Goats

Stewardship Report

The following figures do not include the end of the month payroll and withholding taxes for September. This will increase the expenses line by nearly \$3,000. These are the totals on September 23, 2013 .

General Fund Income to date for September only	\$10,113 (plus fifth Sunday offering)
General Fund Income to date for the year	\$102,512
General Fund Expenses to date for September only	\$9,205 (plus \$3,000)
General Fund Expenses to date for the year	\$104,373
General Fund Balance on September 23, 2013	\$12,482

Submitted by Millie Burnham, Treasurer

Our Church Family



The air is finally cooler and we have had some rain. The night air feels different and everybody is on the go. Our church family has been on the go, too. Can you believe it? Don & Ann McElroy have another new grandson, Thaddeus Lowe Toups. Lowe was welcomed by big sister, Emmeline, and parents Stephanie and Thad Toups of Dallas. He was born September 18th. I bet Ann & Don made a trip to Dallas to check out the newest addition to the family. They are probably planning a trip to go back, don't you think? Ted & Klela have been making a few trips to Lampasas for Ted's physical therapy for his arm following surgery. Jennifer Reeves's band, Southern Rustics, performed at the Brownwood Reunion and daughter Braylee was there to watch along with some family and friends. We stayed there all day

and Braylee got to ride some carnival rides for the first time with her cousins. Then, later she crashed in her stroller. Jennifer's side of the family enjoyed her brother's wedding in early September. She & Brad were able to visit with her parents and spend their 11th anniversary with family. (Her brother was married the day before their anniversary). Braylee enjoyed playing with her Nana and Pop Matthews, Jennifer's parents. Cheery Kay Lange is celebrating that she is doing fewer trips to the doctor these days. Her foot is healing and she no longer has to go to treatments in Killen on week days. Debbie Pullen broke her foot and is in a therapeutic boot for a while. Mike McDowell has graduated off his knee scooter and is putting more weight on his foot. The Intergenerational Sunday School Class is looking into hiring their own podiatrist. Barbara & David Gilger headed to Mexico with the rest of the family plus some friends as their daughter Kelly and son-in-law John were renewing their wedding vows again. The family stayed a week and I bet had a great time!!!! The whole Burnham family enjoyed having Diana Manning's sons and daughter-in-laws here. Some of them traveled to sample Franklin BBQ. Millie Burnham made sure there was some pecan pie, chocolate cake, carrot cake, etc. for the group to eat while they were here. In case you haven't heard, there will be another May family member in a few more months. Libby made the announcement to the congregation. Katie McEwin is now back living in San Saba and working for Blaylock Funeral Home. Her boyfriend was here one week-end to see her. It was almost a prayer meeting at the Dairy Queen. The place was full of Methodists. Those attending were: Stan & Millie Burnham, Ken & Cindy Prater, Karen & Stephen Alexander and Mike & Carolyn McDowell. Randy Robinson is bragging about a new granddaughter these days. Laura Grace Rodriguez was born on September 7th. She came faster than they expected and had to put the pedal to the medal in order to get there in time. Casey Mathis is on the middle school cross country team. The team did very well recently at a cross county meet. Casey is running to stay in shape for basketball season which is just around the corner. Nicole Sears made it home one week-end to see her dad, Del Sears. Andrea Robinson traveled to East Texas to an antique show. I believe the plans call for her to purchase some items and then turn around and sell them. Mike & Tracey Thomas enjoyed a visit from their son, Josh and his family over the Labor Day week-end. Travis & Kathy Gage headed north for their vacation this year. They met Travis' brother and sister-in-law for some rest and relaxation. Jess McDowell met his family in Fort Worth for his cousin's six man football game. The new Sunday School class made up of young adults is going strong. Interested? See Tracey Thomas to get the details.



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The FUMCSS Men's Bible Study will resume the second Sunday in October, October 13, 2013. We are going to "ease" back in gradually and will only meet once a month on the second Sunday of each month until further notice. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30 with a Bible Study following from 8 to 8:30. Anyone interested is welcome. Come as early and stay as late as you want.

First Choir:

Maybe it's too early to decorate for Christmas....but not too early to begin preparing the music!!! "Bethlehem Morning" is the name of our cantata this year and we welcome any and ALL who would love to sing with our community choir in this event. Some of our members will remember when Grammy award winning Morris Chapman came and led worship at our church only a couple of weeks after 9/01/01 and what a blessing that was. He was the author of the Christmas song "Bethlehem Morning" which is the title piece. However, many will also enjoy the other familiar carols included such as "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" and "O, Little Town of Bethlehem".

Times for choir practice will be altered a bit beginning October 15th. Choir practice to work on our church music will be from 6:00-6:35. AT 6:45 we will begin Christmas cantata practice and plan to go until 7:45. Please consider joining us! The date for the cantata is December 15th.



Take a New Look At Our Godly Play Classroom Now Meeting



**During the Sunday School Hour
9 a.m. Room 5
Ages 4-10**

