



San Saba

First United Methodist Church

October 2014 Newsletter

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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
Worship Leader:
Tracey Thomas
Accompanist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary
Karen Alexander
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola

From the Pastor's Desk.....



Blessed Assurance

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. Isaiah 42:8
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Revelation 22:13

Steady and mindful discipleship rises from a sure knowledge that we are loved by God, and that devotion to God is our response to God's covenant love for us. It is appropriate, therefore, that we spend time reflecting on the nature of our gracious God.

The world is filled with competing deities. We are bombarded daily by the allure of money, power, possessions, and public image, just to name a few. We long for the sense of security and importance these things can bring, even if we know it is a false sense.

Although we may not identify these things as gods, there is a temptation for any or all of these to occupy the place of primary importance in our lives. Money is important; just try living without it. The things we possess – cell phones, washing machines, cars – make our lives much easier and more enjoyable. None of us wants to be despised and rejected; we all want to be liked. But when these legitimate needs become The Most Important Things in our lives, when they occupy the place reserved for God, they become false idols.

Whether we recognize it or not, we are continually tempted by these false idols. We are locked in spiritual warfare against the false gods which would devour us. Our victory over these idols will depend on a regular re-examination of our understanding of who God is, and the assurance of God's blessed love for us. This month, consider these questions:

- How do we know God?
- Which passages of Scripture are for you the most powerful testimonies to the nature and work of God?
- What time-honored beliefs do Christians need to transmit to each new generation?
- How do we hand on the faith of what the Nicene Creed calls the "one holy catholic and apostolic church"?
- What stories can you tell which demonstrate how God has been a crucial personal presence in your own life?
- How do you distinguish faith from superstition, deep discipleship from superficial feeling, covenant promises to God from trendy beliefs about God?

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As you continually search your understanding of God this month, I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

You alone are God. You alone are Holy.

You have revealed yourself to us
in the beauty of creation we see all around us.

You have revealed yourself as the God of faithful covenants:
when you called Abraham and Sarah to journey with you,
when you led your people Israel out of bondage in Egypt,
when you raised up judges, kings, and mighty prophets.

But above all, you have made yourself known to us
in Jesus the Christ, your anointed One,
and in the ever-present power of your Holy Spirit,
in which we live, and move, and have our being;
your sacred breath within us,
your mighty wind around us.

You alone are God. You alone are holy. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Pastor John

Stewardship Report

General Fund

Income in September	\$9,046*
Expenses in September	\$9,619
Current Balance on 09-24-14	\$11,140.86



* Does not include the 4th Sunday or the end -of-the-month payroll and taxes

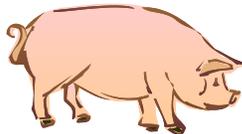
Submitted by Millie Burnham, Treasurer

Pictured on the left is the Daniel Bible Study group led by Trish Warren. They are: front row L to R: Carolyn McDowell, Ann McElroy, Lynn McHenry, Wahnee Stallings, Nettie Oma Carpenter. Middle Row: Cherry Kay Lange, Andrea Robinson, Vickie Stevenson, Barbara Gober, Lisa Larremore, Jeanne Owen, Trish Warren, Millie Burnham, Back row: Patti Owen, Janie Potts, Imogene Hawkins, & Frances Hibler.



MYF Fund Raiser

Pulled Pork Sandwich Plate
(pulled pork sandwich, chips,
sweet treat & drink)



Friday, October 10

FUMC Back Yard

4:00-7:00 p.m.

\$7.00

Come Eat & Support Our Youth

Money raised will be used to carry out
youth activities and service projects

Meals on Wheels

October 13-24

Please call
Carol Littlefield
at 372-3883
if you can help



The MYF Youth need YOUR
support of their fund raiser.
What can YOU do to help?

Donate:



canned sodas
(Dr. Pepper, Coke,
Sprite or bottled
water)

fun size packages of
candy bars



ADMIT ONE
And buy a ticket to
the fund raiser and
attend

Donated food items need to be
at church or parsonage no later
than October 6th.

In the Lost & Found in Church Office

1. Set of keys with Gene Stewart Real Estate Tag (found in July)
2. Costume Jewelry Necklace (found in August by front door)
3. Electronic device (found last week-end. Call the church office and describe in order to claim.

First Choir News:

It may seem a little early to start singing Christmas, but not for our choir! We unwrapped the new cantata for this year and began to sing! The title is "The First Noel" and, as usual, it has a variety of traditional and contemporary sounds. You will recognize portions from "Handel's Messiah" as well. There are upbeat sounds and sweet softer melodies within this same cantata and we are gearing up to begin inviting others in the community to join us in practice. This would be a great chance for you to come on Wednesday evenings and see if you like being a part of this ministry of our church. As always--there is an extra seat available for you to try out!



Colt Owen Barker
Born September 18, 2014
7 lbs. 14 oz.
20 inches long

Grandparents: Owen & Linda Parks

Our Church Family

The Rotary Club has an exchange student this year. Belen Alzugaray from Argentina is staying first with Regan, Kim and Raley Kirk. She will also live with the Ken Jordan family before she returns home. I am happy to report that Wiley Murray came through his surgery fine and got a good report on his follow up appointment from his doctor. Logan Reeves, son of Brad & Jennifer Reeves, still needs our prayers as he deals with the healing of a broken arm. It was really good to see Melanie Mathis and kids Labor Day week-end. Nicole, Daren & Elise Grant, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter of Bob & Debbie Millican, were also visitors Labor Day week-end and worshipped with us. Vickie & C.K. Stevenson enjoyed a visit from daughter Janice recently. It sure was good to see Ted and Klala Red recently. They have been very busy working on their place in Ben Wheeler. It is about time for George Kidd to head north for his annual hunting trip. Del Sears enjoyed a visit from his daughter Nicole. It was good to see her with Del one Sunday morning and have them worship with us. Kathy & Travis Gage sent word that they really appreciate all the mail, thoughts and prayers that have been sent their way. Travis starts his radiation treatments next week. Mike & Tracey Thomas are headed west to a State Farm National Convention in Las Vegas and then on to see Emily Pugh. Maybe they will visit with Daughter Lindsey and son-in-law Derek too. Linda Parks is headed to Humble, Texas to help Justin & Hannah Barker after the birth of their baby boy, Colt Owen. Alexis Saint enjoyed a visit with her mom one week-end. One of the reasons she came was to see her grandsons play football.



Our Newest Member—Larry Lafferty

Larry, a Richland Springs native, moved to Austin after his high school graduation and took a business course. He worked in the restaurant management business for 35 years. He later moved to Houston where his brothers and sisters lived. He worked for Kroger Grocery and enjoyed watching his nieces and nephews grow up. After retirement, he decided to sell his home and move back to Richland Springs. He has enjoyed living back here and playing 42 at every opportunity. He enjoys watching sports and going to the six man games at Richland Springs.

Prayer Concerns

Amanda Jackson health
Wiley Murray recovery after surgery
Mark Owens safety
Danny Shaw cancer
Harrison Hamer bereavement
Pat Murray
Ronnie, Lesa Schulze & family
Matt & Debra (Jennifer Reeves' brother)

Travis & Kathy Gage cancer treatments for Travis
His address is 10100 S. Main Street Houston Tx 77025
Elsie Millican health
Border situation & children
Peace in Israel
Our Military Men, Women & Families
Our Church, Our Town & Our Nation,
Logan Reeves (recovery from broken arm)