



San Saba First United Methodist Church

October 2015 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
Worship Leader:
Tracey Thomas
Accompanist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary
Kristi Owens
Church Treasurer
Kevin Shahan
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola**

**Newsletter deadline is the last
Wednesday of the month.**

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Called to Devotion



Proverbs 25:28

*Like a city breached, without walls,
is one who lacks self-control*

*Athletes exercise self-control in all things;
they do it to receive a perishable wreath,
but we an imperishable one.*

1 Corinthians 9:25

This month we have come to the last installment in our examination of the fruit of the Spirit set forth in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

You'll always find self-help books among the best sellers on Amazon.com, and on the New York Times Bestseller list. Whether it is losing weight, overcoming anxiety, or lifting our self-esteem, there's a book out there to help us do it. Of all the things necessary for life – food, water, shelter, clothing – safety is always our brain's first thought. If we are not safe, food and water are of little consequence, and nothing makes us feel as safe as control, or at least the illusion of it. If we think we are in control of life, we can sleep safe and sound. Sadly, most things are actually beyond our control, and much of what passes for self-help is actually just self-indulgence.

Self-discipline is not a favorite pursuit for most of us. Self-indulgence is much more popular, because it is much less work, and certainly more fun – at least in the short term. In the verse above from 1 Corinthians, Paul is trying to motivate us by comparing the short and the long view of things. Athletes, Paul says, exercise self-control in everything they do, so that they can win the prize. They eat right, get plenty of rest, train their bodies to be strong, and to increase their endurance. They do all these things, none of which are easy, just for the joy of winning. The crown bestowed on the winners is really of no consequence – merely a laurel wreath which will soon fade and die.

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August Treasurer's Report

Income in August
\$13,520.00

Expenses in August
\$13,249.15

Ending Balance
\$4,627.34



Submitted by Kevin Shahan

The Godly Play Sunday School Class made these pictures for Amanda Jackson. Amanda is pretty proud of them and has them hanging on her wall.

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These wilting wreaths are not to be compared with what James calls “the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him” (James 1:12). In the Holy Spirit we have a kind of self-control like that of an athlete, except that this discipline leads not to a crown of leaves, but a crown of life. When we exercise self-control we offer our lives to God.

As part of your offering to God this month, honestly answer these questions:

- In what parts of my life do I have sufficient self-control?
- In what areas do I need to improve?
- Am I determined to bring about improvement with God’s help?

God, you call me to ever greater devotion and service.

Help me to have control

over every impulse that distracts me from loving you
over every impediment that disrupts my work for you.

As a trainer prepares and athlete for the contest, so discipline me
that I may grow in strength and endurance
and may receive the crown of life from your hand.

Shine forth with such beauty
that I may willingly accept

even your necessary correction of me,
that I may value above all your eternal realm
and its righteousness;

through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor John

The TOY Group

The TOY (Thinking of You) reorganized September 16th at Trish Warren's home. The group originally formed under the guidance of Nancy Bannister and Anita Felts and were no longer meeting. Trish Warren felt the need of a woman's group to minister to the needs of the church and community and so got 11 women to come together and re-organize. The group decided to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. All



women are invited to attend. Projects that the group decided to do at the first meeting was a love offering for the Potosi UMC near Abilene. The church was destroyed by fire. A card ministry will be headed up by Cherry Kay Lange and Carolyn McDowell. Kim Kirk will head up community service projects by the youth for the home bound. Nursing Home & Shut ins will be headed up by Celia Bell, Lesa Schulze and Kelly Murray. Communication is chaired by Trish Warren and Transportation will be Celia and Trish. Although certain people are listed as chairs for the group everyone will help all of the committees. Special Needs will included everyone. October 21st at 10 a.m. is the next meeting at the home of Trish Warren. All women are encouraged to attend. Those attending are asked to bring canned goods or non-perishables goods for a pounding.

Prayer Concerns

The Family of Debbie Pullen
 Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
 Potosi UMC (fire burned their building)
 Brad Reeves & Mark Owns (safety)
 Shannon Hampu (spiritual strength)
 Travis Murdock (Kelly Murray's brother in service)
 Rain

Glen & Noma Fitzgerald (Glen is in rehab following successful surgery)
 Travis & Kathy Gage (thanksgiving for Travis' good check up)
 Wanda Davenport
 George Kidd
 Our Military Men, Women & Families
 Our Church, Our Town & Our Nation

Help Needed

For

The 5th Quarter

October 23rd
 Following the
 San Saba High School
 Football Game

Food, Money
 Or Being Willing to Work

See Alexis Saint



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet the last Sunday of the month for breakfast and a bible study beginning at 7:45 in the church parlor. All men are invited to attend. On September 27th, eleven men enjoyed the bible study, breakfast and the fellowship. Come join them!!!!

Our Church Family

Unfortunately several church family members have been under the weather. Grant Mays had an accident on his horse and parted company from the horse. He has several broken ribs but was back at church on Sunday. Wanda Davenport has had surgery and is in the Fredericksburg Hospital. Get Well Wishes are sent out to her!! Nelda Weatherby has also spent some time not feeling well with a sodium issue. She did say she was feeling some better. George Kidd was also having some health issues and has been in the hospital at Scott & White in Temple. Paula Barrier was doing better following surgery but then she fell. I am happy to report that Amanda Jackson is doing well at the Pecan Valley Nursing Home and Rehab and has started doing physical therapy. Bud Bell had a successful procedure done and then celebrated by going hunting with Jantzen who was home from college. **Oscar Saint, Pastor John's dad is recovering from surgery. The Mike Thomas' headed to California to do several days of babysitting for their granddaughter Emily while Lindsey and Derek attended a wedding. It was a tough job but they got it done. Ann Allison has been keeping the road hot between going to see her daughter and to the doctor's office. CK & Vickie Stevenson enjoyed a week-end with granddaughter Rebecca and her family. Our sympathy is extended to Sam & Laina Murray and Lee & Kelly Murray's family on the death of their father and grandfather, Pat Murray. Kristie and Luke Addington also came for the week-end to be with the family and attend the funeral. Our sympathy is also extended to Richard Jackson and Amanda on the death of Debbie Pullen. A memorial service was held at our church. Richard and Amanda you are in our thoughts and prayers. Shannon Hampu is having some much needed dental work done. Of course George Kidd attended the San Saba Homecoming football game. His granddaughter, Christine, was the freshman class nominee. She sure looked gorgeous. The golden voice of Scott Snyder was heard doing the play by play at the Junior Varsity San Saba football game. Taylor Wise performed with the Little Dillo Cheerleaders between a 7th and 8th grade football game. She did a great job!! Her Mom Stacy and brother Eli cheered her on. Having your picture in the paper is even better than your name being mentioned. Monica Shahan had her picture in the paper for being one of three 7th grade science teachers who were being recognized for outstanding test results. Trish Warren celebrated her birthday in Colorado with her family. Better watch out for **Read Saint! He has his learner's permit and will be out driving. Did you notice in the paper that 40 years ago "Little Joe Pete Smith spent the night with his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Buck Millican". Have you heard the good news? Katie McEwin is engaged!!!! Mike and Pat Johnson have been heading to Austin to watch the Texas Longhorns play. Mike keeps stats on all the team members.****



Our very own Kelly & Wiley Murray made the cover of a Baylor Scott & White magazine.