



San Saba First United Methodist Church October 2017 Newsletter

**You Are Invited to
Church Council Meeting
Sunday October 8th
1 p.m.**

**Business includes:
Report from Nominations Committee
Budget Recommendations from PPR**

**FUMC
204 W. Brown San Saba TX
325-372-3120
Pastor: John Saint**

Have a Prayer Request?

Call Debbie Millican

At 325-372-7312 cell or 325-628-3336 house



Have You Heard About

Young Adult Class

Meeting Every Sunday

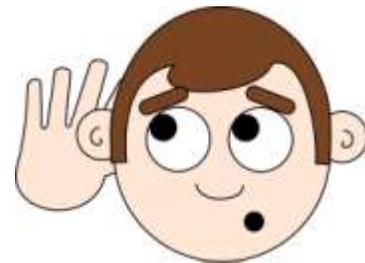
9:00 a.m.

Upstairs in the Northwest corner

Group Led Discussion

60 Day Overview of Bible

Please Join Them.....



*When You Joined FUMC you pledged to
support it with your attendance, your prayers, your time and your money.*

Prayer Concerns

Harrison Hamer (temporary at Shady Shores following surgery)
David & Barbara Gilger (David is at Shady Shores for rehab)
Mel Landers, our pianist
Mike Johnson
Travis & Kathy Gage (healing)
Orlando & Mayra Miller (health concerns)
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas & Mark Owns (safety)
Sonya Hibler Owens (cancer)
Lisa Wise (cancer)
Bettye McLaughlin
Stan & Millie Burnham
Kyler Menchaca (youth involved in 4 wheeler accident)
Shannon Hampu (health concerns)

Some of FUMC's Servants

Scripture Readers

Celia Bell
Patricia Warren
Brad Reeves
Alexis Saint
Cindy Hawkins



Communion Servers

Celia Bell
Patricia Warren
Brad Reeves
Kathy Gage
Alexis Saint
Cindy Hawkins

Front Door Greeter

Cherry Kay Lange

Back Door Greeter & Elevator

Operator

Alexis Saint

**On Service
Sunday the
Godly Play SS
class, filled Grub
Sacks with food
for kids who do
not have enough
to eat on the
week-ends.**



From the Pastor's Desk.....

Wesley's Three Simple Rules

In 1703 John Wesley was born into a church of watered-down, low expectation Christianity. Most Christians saw God as a kind of heavenly vending machine, perhaps granting what we might need or want, but otherwise staying out of our business. At the age of 35, Mr. Wesley had a transformative religious experience that would change not just his own life, but the lives of millions of others, including us today. In the years that followed, John and his brother Charles would lead a lively renewal movement in the Church of England. The Methodist movement made its way to America and eventually became our own United Methodist Church.

The first Methodist society was organized when a group of men approached Mr. Wesley explaining that they wished to, in the words of John the Baptist, "flee from the wrath to come" (Matthew 3:7, Luke 3:7), and to be saved from their sins. Believing that salvation is known by its fruit, Wesley prescribed three rules to govern their behavior. These three simple rules became the General Rules of the United Methodist Church. They are:

1. Do no harm.
2. Do all the good that you can.
3. Stay in love with God.

By doing no harm, Wesley meant avoiding evil of every kind, especially the kind we see everyone else doing: fighting, lying, cheating on your taxes, gossiping, being greedy, and even skipping church. By doing all the good you can, Wesley meant feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison, being humble, showing mercy, and working for justice. These first two are easily understood, but the third needs a little explanation.

How do we stay in love with God? By using all the means of grace supplied by God. These are practices prescribed by Scripture and having special power to open our hearts to receive God's grace. They are: public worship of God; by hearing the Word of God, through public reading of Scripture and through preaching; by participating in Holy Communion; by praying, both in private and with family; by studying the Bible; by fasting or abstinence. God's grace can

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The church today faces different challenges than it did in John Wesley's day, but his three simple rules are still just as helpful. If we can avoid doing harm to others, do all the good we can, and stay in love with God, then we can experience the kind of renewal that gave our church its start in the first place. I invite you to pray this prayer with me, adapted from the words of John Wesley:

Lord, help us to do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, as long as ever we can. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Halloween Party At Game Night

Tuesday, October 31

5:30 p.m.

**Wear Your Halloween
Costume**

**Prizes Given for Best Adult
& Kids Costumes**

Pas-
tor
John

Help Us Cut Our Electricity Bill

Turn Out the Lights Or the Air Conditioning



When

On Your
Right:

Kelly
Murray &
Lesa
Schulze
clean the
entrance to
the church
office



Right: Cherry Kay Lange
cleaning the pews in the
back of the sanctuary.



**Join Us For Cleaning Day
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th
8-10:30 a.m.
&
Thinking Of You
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18th
10:30-11:00**

Grub Sack Ministry

The St. Stephens fund is currently being used to feed 33 children (6 Richland Springs students, 3 San Saba High School and 24 San Saba Elementary School). Most of these students have **been identified by the school's principal of the kid's need for food** during the weekend. During the week the students eat free breakfast and lunch at school. In their Grub Sack the student receives 2 main dish items

(for example a can of Vienna sausage) 2-3 fruit (box of raisins, apple or orange) 2 milk (hot chocolate mix, or pudding) and 2 breakfast items(instant oatmeal). The cost of this non-perishable food runs about 3.00 per week. The Grub Sacks are delivered to the principals of the local schools to be picked up by the students. The plastic bags being used are those used by grocery and discount stores. Any one who wishes to assist with this project may leave a donation on the altar on communion Sunday, or place your donation in the offering plate. The Godly Play Sunday School class and the Thinking of You Ladies **group are assembling the Grub Sacks.** The San Saba Lowe's Market is also assisting with the project.



Stewardship

We are approaching the season of prayerful consideration of our role of stewardship for our church. Please consider what your contribution of prayers, presence and gifts will be in the coming year. If you would like to speak on how the ministries of this church are impacting our community please contact Kelly Murray.



**FUMC Welcomes
Paisley Hamer
Daughter of Katy Hamer
& Granddaughter of
Butch & Cindy Hamer
& great granddaughter**

