

# FIRST NEWS



**San Saba  
First United Methodist Church**

**September 2011**

**San Saba  
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Church  
204 W. Brown  
325-372-3120  
www.sansabafirstumc.com**

**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**

## **From the Pastor's Study.....**



*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away." 2 Cor. 5:17*

Have you noticed how easy it is to speak with finality and absolute-ness? It is as though we are able to express our last words on a subject and when they have been spoken, there is nothing more to say.

A man named Roger Duncan wrote about what he calls *hardening of the categories*. When we quickly classify people or ideas and close our minds to learning more, our thoughts and actions become unyielding pigeonholes into which we file both people and ideas.

At barbershops and beauty parlors, at coffee hours and dinner parties, the intricate problems of poverty, racial strife, the economy, and war are often quickly and neatly solved with an absoluteness that is incredible. Because of hang-ups and hurt feelings, entrenched prejudice and deep-seated fears, hardening of the categories becomes a suffocating way of life for many of us, much of the time.

Maybe it's natural to be intolerant of other people, to fear change, to hide from new ideas, to pretend to be certain. Maybe it is natural, but it is not Christian. People change, grow, develop, and mature. One of the characteristics of the Christian faith is the realization that we have a forgiving God. When we really accept that we are forgiven, we are not so quick to condemn, to harden our categories, and we can more readily forgive and accept others.

In His Spirit,  
*Debby*

**Prayer Concerns**

**Rain, Rain, Rain**

Debbie Pullen  
 Michael Pullen  
 Elsie Millican  
 Nelda Edgmond (Suzanne’s Friend)  
 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)  
 Margaret Ann Seiders (Celia Bell’s  
 Mom)  
 Landon Yarbrough (procedures)  
 Connie Raesner Perry  
 Jeff and Jeannette Toole and  
 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 Rey-  
 nolds, John Paul Dretke, Jay  
 Dewitt  
 Matthew Dennis  
 Please Pray for Our Troops,  
 All Our Military Men and  
 Women*

Please Join Us For  
A Baby Shower



Honoring

Corrie Schulze Dyson

Saturday, September 17th  
 10:00am - 11:30am  
 First United Methodist Church

204 W. Brown, San Saba

Corrie Is Registered At  
 Babies-R-Us, Bon Ami, Sisters',  
 Everett's Furniture, Mbellishments, & Target

PLEASE BRING GIFTS UNWRAPPED

**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

**Special Thanks  
To Our  
September  
Sunday School  
Teachers**

**Preschool:**

Lesa Schulze,  
Misty Everett,  
Debbie Millican

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades:**

Kim Kirk

**3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades:**

Monica Shahan

**7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grades:**

Cindy Hawkins

**High School:**

Kevin Shahan

**Young Adults:**

David & Alesha Rogers

**Intergenerational:**

Bob Millican

**Martha's Class:**

Millie Burnham

**The Men's Class:**

Dr. Stan Burnham



FaithWeaver Friends

Where Faith, Fun, & Friends Come Together!

This fall, FaithWeaver Friends is Living Inside Out!

We're starting a new curriculum

designed to teach kids how to live their faith 24/7!

**Who:** Children!! Ages 4 yrs – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**What:** Praise & Worship, Drama, Hands-on Bible Fun!

**When:** Wednesdays starting September 7<sup>th</sup>

Drop off at 3:45pm in the backyard.

Pick up at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall.

**Where:** First United Methodist Church

New Format! New Curriculum! Same Bible Fun!!

For more information:

Call the First United Methodist Church

Office at 372- 3120 or Monica Shahan at 372-4668

## BLESSINGS

Words seem too inadequate to express my appreciation for all the prayers, cards and phone calls I received over the summer. You are truly wonderful friends and great "Prayer Warriors!" Although a test of my faith, the good Lord finally provided a gift of love; the gift of life. I had my liver transplant May 28<sup>th</sup> at Methodist Hospital in Houston. His timing was impeccable! My recovery has progressed nicely and follow-up appointments have been positive. It just takes time for internal healing from such a major surgery. I've had a wonderful summer with my family and the girls are finally entrenched in their daily school routines. I have been so blessed! Although I feel ready now, and barring any unforeseen problems, I anticipate a complete recovery and return to work by November. Until then, keep up the prayers and may God bless you.

Kaye Clancey



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**Needed : Refrigerator**

**Where: Church Library**

**Why: To place cold drinks in Refrigerator so there is more room for food in kitchen refrigerator and allow for over flow of items for church active ties**

## First Choir:

Ok, singers! We have had a longer summer break than usual which probably was good considering the electric bills for this hot, hot summer! It is about to cool a little (thank you Lord!) and we are ready to begin warming up those vocal cords again! I have some very nice music to begin learning and the Christmas cantata is already here...so be up in the choir loft on Weds Sept 7th at 7:00 pm. We have great fellowship while there, and we work hard to blend our voices to the glory of God, so just show up!!



## First Women

Members of the United Methodist Women met at 4:30 p.m. August 8, 2011 in the Church Parlor with 18 ladies present. President Nettie Oma Carpenter called for prayer concerns which included Billie Bub McCoury and Vickie Stevenson's grandson. Pastor Debby Lake led the prayer. Secretary Wahnee Stalling read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved, and read thank you notes from Linda Mixon for the prayer shawl and from Malissa Mims for the donation to the Dove Project. Carol Littlefield gave the treasurer's report which was approved as presented

There was a discussion of the District Meeting to be held here September 10th and committees were named. Betty Ann Johnson will provide the luncheon food. The luncheon will be \$8.00. Harlene Sadler will be the speaker.

Ladies were appointed to provide sandwiches, cookies and chips for the luncheon for the EMS trainees. On a motion made by Carol Littlefield and seconded by Pastor Debby Lake and ladies voted to do school packets.

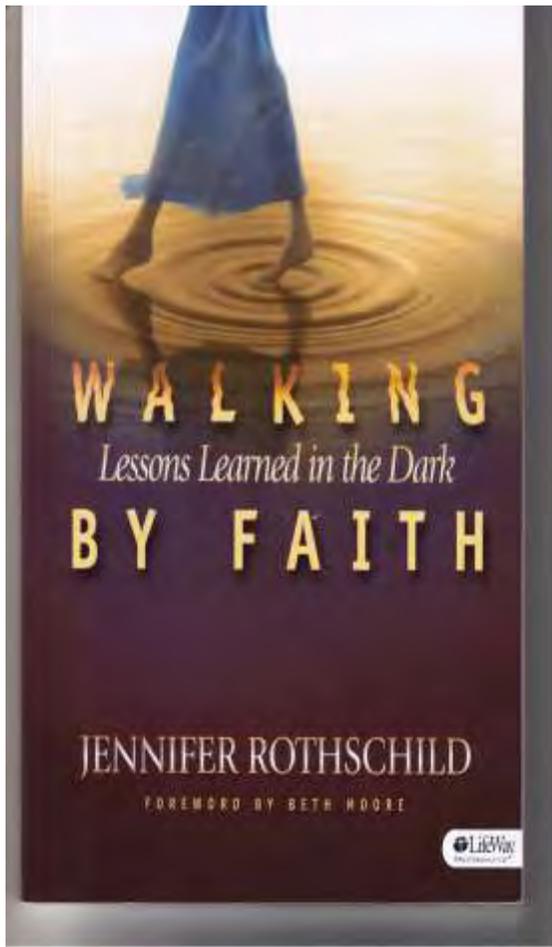
Tracey Thomas then presented an enjoyable program on the Majesty, Mystery, and Miracles of God.

Hostesses Pat Belk, Carol Littlefield and Elsie Millican then served delicious refreshment which everyone enjoyed. The District President has asked that everyone bring infant disposable diapers to the District meeting on Sat. Sept. 10th.

Wahnee Stallings, Secretary

## Our Church Family

September is here. With that happening, school is back in session and we are hoping for some cooler temperatures and rain. Daylon Smith was named the top cowboy recently at a local rodeo and received a \$20.00 gift certificate from **Harry's**. **Congratulations to you, Daylon. Risien Shahan and Ryan Mathis had their first football scrimmage.** According to his grandfather, it was a hot day **even if the game didn't start till 7 p.m. in Brownwood. Risien's Uncle Mike** Millican even got to see the game. It is good to see George & Margaret Kidd out and about. The fried fish at the Cactus seems to be a favorite. Be sure and note the before and after pictures of the parsonage in the newsletter. I think you will be able to see a big difference in the way the house looks. Thanks to all who helped make it happen. Klela Waldie has been back to check on her son and daughter-in-law and family. C.K. & Vicki Stevenson enjoyed a trip to help celebrate the return of their granddaughter after her tour of duty overseas. Nettie Oma is a great-grandmother again. She reports that she had a good trip to check on that baby and she got to hold it a good bit. The women in **Lewann Turner's family had a get-together** recently before school started. They report a great time. Carol Littlefield would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with Meals-on-Wheels. Mindy Cantu, Lesa Schultz and maybe some other family members enjoyed a week-end in Dallas. The reason for the trip was a baby shower for Corrie. It was a good way to for Mindy to spend the last week-end before school started. David Butler is leaving for Colorado about September 1st to go and get his wife. He is really looking forward to having his wife in San Saba. She is fortunate that she can still work at home for a while with the same job she had in Colorado. The Hawkins report a great wedding in Lubbock uniting Tyler and Ashley. A reception for them is being held the afternoon of September 4th in the church parlor. Have you met Travis & Kathy Gage? In a short time, they have certainly become regulars. They have retired here. Travis originally is from San Saba and Kathy is from the panhandle. Mindy Cantu **has a new job in the lunch room at San Saba ISD's cafeteria. Gloria Mendiola** also has a new job. She has been moved to the middle school. Bettye McLaughlin's family brought her sister, Jane, to see her. **I bet they had lots to catch up on. Betty's house is completely restored after the fire. The Mike Thomas** family is completely moved into their new house. And it is just in time for a Labor Day get together. I believe about 20 are expected. Bet there will be lots of eating and visiting going on. Josh & Megan Thomas are announcing that there family will be growing soon. The 3rd baby is on its way. Laina Murray is joining lots of other teachers and going back to school. She teaches at Llano High School. If you happen to go to a San Saba High School football game, be sure and watch for some of our other church family members. You may or may not recognize them. J.T. Mathis is wearing the number 10 jersey for varsity. Gennie Hamilton is in the flag corp that performs with the band. Elizabeth Bryant is inside the dillo mascot costume talking to all the little kids. Jantzen Bell is a student manager. Of course our coaches Easterwood and Mathis are there. Raley Kirk as a junior high cheerleader was selling programs. Mindy Cantu was in the concession stand working selling some food and drinks. And last but not least, Darren Barker, son-in-law of Linda & Owen Parks, was the announcer for the game.



## Walking by Faith

Fall Women's Bible studies are being formed for Monday evening Sept. 12th and Tuesday morning Sept. 13th. Pastor Debby will be leading the Monday evening study at 6:30 p.m. and Trish Warren will be leading the Tuesday morning study at 9:30 a.m. The study "Walking by Faith, Lessons Learned in the Dark" will introduce Jennifer Rothschild, the guest speaker at the "Fresh Grounded Faith" women's event in February. The workbooks for this study will be \$10.95. You will be able to pay and receive your workbooks on the first session.

**"Fresh Grounded Faith"**, an area-wide women's event co-hosted by Coggin Ave. Baptist Church, will be Friday February 10th, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 11th, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come see Jennifer Rothschild, speak, the best-selling author and bible study teacher. The church office has 10 tickets left to sell in the office at FUMC for \$34.00. Overflow room tickets are \$19.00 (program will be simulcast and Rothschild will make an appearance). There will be car pooling available for anyone needing a ride.



Thanks to the Trustees for doing a great job of taking care of our church and the parsonage.