



San Saba First United Methodist Church

September 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.....

Learning Gentleness



*The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome
but kindly to everyone,
an apt teacher,
patient,
correcting opponents with gentleness*

2 Timothy 2:24-25

In our continuing examination of the fruit of the Spirit set forth in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, this month let's consider gentleness.

Some of my earliest memories are of playing with my brother David. He is seven years older and I have looked up to him as long as I can remember. I craved attention from him, following him everywhere, thankful for any notice from my big brother. David didn't think much of playing with his baby brother, but at a certain age I began to be the butt of his jokes. He loved to set up elaborate and cruel schemes to showcase his mastery over me, playing on my appetite for attention and my gullibility. But in time this became a two-way street, each of us sharpening our wit on the other.

No one had to teach me or David how to be cruel to one another. We knew it instinctively. But being harsh toward one another trained us up in the art of cruelty, so that as adults, we could ply our skills on any who stood in our way. I know that I am not alone when it comes to harshness. Most of us, I think, have mastered well the skills of sarcasm and superiority.

Gentleness, on the other hand, seems to be something we have to learn, especially when dealing with those who strongly oppose us. I cannot remember a time when I felt I won a shouting match with anyone, but I know from my own experience that people can be persuaded to change their minds. The times when I have changed my mind were not times when my error was brazenly reproved, but when someone gently and patiently suggested that I consider other views.

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July Treasurer's Report

Income in July

\$8,881.00

Expenses in July

\$11,961.67

Ending Balance

\$4,356.14



Submitted by Kevin Shahan

National Day Out



FUMC had a booth at the local National Day Out held at Risien Park. Hot dogs and bottled water were given out free to those participating.

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Which of us would not prefer to be corrected by a gentle person rather than someone whose manner is rude and caustic? Paul asks the Corinthians this rhetorical question: "What would you prefer? Am I to come to you with a stick, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?" (1 Cor 4:21)

In all our interactions, whether at home, at work, in church, or the world at large, a Christian who acts gently presents a powerful testimony to the mysteriously attractive gentleness of Christ. This month, then, pray for grace to act gently in all you do, that we might instruct others in the example of Christ:

O Lord Jesus, give me grace as I seek your way,
that I may grow more and more into your likeness
and that I may gently bear your banner
as a sign of hope and direction
for all who are distressed or confused.

As I pray each day,
put within my heart your own gentleness,
calm my anxious fears,
and enable me to confidently rest in your wisdom.
Grant these requests by the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John



**I can BEE
GENTLE**

by showing consideration
and personal concern
for others.

Membership to Discipleship
Dr. Phil Maynard
Thursday, October 1, 2015
First United Methodist Church, San Angelo
Time: 9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

What if our congregations could make a radical impact upon their community by radically impacting the lives of her members? What would we look like to one another and to our communities if we took the next step and moved from membership to discipleship? Would our churches be more vital, more effective, more transforming if we were more than just members? What if we were truly disciples living lives honoring God in the ways we worked, played and engaged others? What if we were intentionally building relationships in order to be Christ to someone? What would our impact be like if we were giving hope and guidance for someone else on their faith walk, helping them move toward maturity?

You will walk away with an understanding of how you will lead your congregation in the utilization of the Membership to Discipleship process. I believe that as pastors and lay leaders, this is exactly what we have been waiting for to help us lead our people to make disciples for Jesus Christ and for the transformation of the world.

Prayer Concerns

The Family of Imogene Hawkins (Roland's mom)
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Angela Scott (health)
Brad Reeves & Mark Owns (safety)
Shannon Hampu (spiritual strength)

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



The Boy Scout Troop that FUMC sponsors hosted a fish fry and Summer Social. These scouts were some of the troop that were recognized for achievements.



The youth performed several songs that they had learned at Vacation Bible School following the Back To School Blessing of the Backpacks.

Our Church Family

Recently Nelda Weatherby received a visit from her granddaughter, Rev. Alicia Harker, her grandson-in-law, Rev. Joseph Harker and great grandchildren, Jonathan, Sarah and Matthew. Alicia grew up in San Saba where she was very active in FUMC. Shannon Hampu has started swimming in the once forbidden, now welcoming Mill Pond. Peter Hald swims there also daily. Peter is swimming a mile a day grateful that his good health allows him to. I bet that swimming feels pretty good on these hot days. Jantzen Bell is settling into life as a college student in Victoria. He is attending classes at UT-Victoria. Shea Scott is in Abilene Texas and is starting classes at Abilene Christian University. We wish both of these students good luck as they start this next chapter of their life. CK and Vickie Stevenson traveled to Fort Worth to see family, etc. Gracen Shahan, Rylee Tupin and Sarah Saint participated in the basketball camp hosted by San Saba ISD. **Cindy Hawkins' dad Glenn Fitzgerald is in rehab in Round Rock. Noma, his wife, is staying with Cindy's brother close by. Please keep both of them on your prayer list. Harrison Hamer's granddaughter Ashley has been having lots of trouble with her back. She has finally found a doctor who thinks he can help her. She is scheduled for a procedure before the end of August. Please keep her on your prayer list also. Ronnie Schulze had an exciting time at football practice the first week of two a days. He was knocked down and ended up being air flighted to Scott & White in Temple. The story has a good ending as he was dismissed after he was thoroughly checked out. Cherry Kay Lange went with her daughters Kay Ann and Lynda and her son-in-law Chuck to Santa Fe, New Mexico for a short vacation. They had a great time and really enjoyed the cooler weather. Nettie Oma Carpenter was gone one Sunday this month. We certainly missed you Nettie Oma but we know you enjoyed your time away. Our sympathy is extended to Bud Bell and family on the loss of his sister. Zolly Jones, long time member of FUMC is now living in Fredericksburg. I know if you are in Fredericksburg she would love for you to drop by and see her. Or you may drop her a line at: Heritage Place 96 Frederick Rd # 406 Fredericksburg Tx 78624. Linda & Owen Parks enjoyed attending the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of his brother and sister-in-law. It has been nice to have the new San Saba High School principal Scott Synder and his wife Abby worshipping with us. They have bought the house behind the Owen Parks and will be moving in soon. The Reeves enjoyed a big family vacation **with Brad's family. They** took a long road trip to Granby, Colorado. Logan was thrilled to get to the final destination. Logan Reeves celebrated his 1st birthday with family. Braylee started Pre-K in Brownwood at Cross Classical Academy. She is super excited to have her mom, Jennifer as her teacher.**

Choir

CHOIR is back in session! If you love to sing songs that lift praises to the Lord, you may want to try out choir practice on Wednesdays! We are still meeting at 6:00 p.m. in September but in October we will probably start meeting a little later. The time change will be so that our FRIENDS from other churches can join us for Christmas cantata practice. HELP needed!! We will need someone to run our SOUND BOARD when we begin to practice our cantata. Just an hour Wednesdays and then on December 6th when we present it to the community!