



San Saba First United Methodist Church September 2017 Newsletter

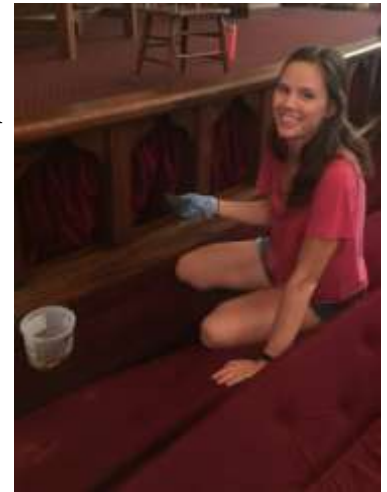
2017 Financial Statement

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	6,656.50	14,152.30	(7,495.80)
February	7,649.00	15,123.69	(7,474.69)
March	9,746.90	12,464.60	(2,717.70)
April	10,100.00	11,735.81	(1,635.81)
May	12,066.00	10,415.74	1,650.26
June	16,196.00	13,260.65	2,935.35
July	12,421.50	14,323.49	(1,901.99)
Total	74,835.90	91,476.28	(16,640.38)

FUMC
204 W. Brown San Saba TX
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Pastor: John Saint



Next Cleaning Day
Wednesday, September 20th
8:00 to 10:30 a.m.,
Bring your cleaning rags!
“Thinking Of You”
Will Meet
Immediately After



Game Night
Wednesday, September 27th
5:30 p.m.
On the Menu: Chicken strips



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

Prayer Concerns

Stan Burnham (at home following surgery)
David & Barbara Gilger (health concerns)
Mel Landers, our pianist
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)

Thank you all so much for the opportunity to work withy all of you amazing people! Thank you for being caring and compassionate. I loved every minute I spent here. Thanks to you all. Thank you for letting me be a part of such a wonderful group of people! I will definitely miss it!

Sincerely,
Riana Bass

One of FUMC's Servants



Mike & Pat Johnson are faithful workers at the Food Bank. I apologize to Mike for not having a picture of him. Thanks for your hard work!

From the Pastor's Desk.....

From Fear to Courage

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19

Don't be afraid, for I am with you! Don't be frightened, for I am your God! I strengthen you— yes, I help you— yes, I uphold you with my saving right hand!

Isaiah 41:10

Fear is one of our basic emotions, and although we may not like feeling it, fear can sometimes save our life. Fear makes us aware of dangers that could harm or kill us. But fear can also do us harm, when it runs unchecked. We can become paralyzed by fear, making us unable to think clearly or live faithfully.

Held hostage by their fears, the disciples huddled behind locked doors when Jesus appeared to them. When they realized that Jesus was really alive and present with them, their fear turned into courage. Our ancestors in the faith have long known that there is no need to fear when we are in the presence of God. God rebukes our fears and sends them away, and God replaces our fear with courage.

When we walk with God, God gives us assurance that we are walking the right way. God guides us, and gives us strength for our daily journey. What do we have to fear when we are in God's presence? Absolutely nothing! This doesn't mean we won't ever feel discouraged, or become ill, or even die, but it does mean that *we never face discouragement, illness, or death alone*. It means God will give us the strength to face these and all other challenges we meet each day. It means God will give us wisdom to judge wisely. It means we will know the joy and peace of living in the presence of God in all the circumstances of life. The natural journey of everyone who walks with God is the trip from fear to courage.

With so much to fear in our world today, I invite you to pray with me this prayer for courage:

God, our help and hope in every minute of the day:

we come before you in distress and confusion.

Death and destruction seem to rule your world today.

We do not know where to turn, or even how to pray.

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Assure us that you know our thoughts before we think them

and that you hear even our prayers that have no words.

Remind us that, in Jesus, you are always with us,

and that in times of need you do not desert us,

but stand even closer than before.

For you, O God, are our hope and our strength,

an ever-present help in time of trouble;

to you we pray, through Jesus Christ

who triumphs over all things. Amen.

Grace and peace,



Blessings of the Backpack

Service Sunday

The Godly Play Sunday School Class will start back up following a summer break on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. The kids will be starting a service project preparing food sacks for children who do not have enough food. The first Sunday of each month will become Service Sunday with the children doing service projects. Don't miss out on the fun! Be there and bring a



Game Night Fun

Opportunities for Service

Would you serve FUMC by: (please circle)

Reading Scripture during the worship service

Assisting with communion

Being an audio-visual assistant

Backdoor Greeter & elevator operator

Serve on one of following committees:

Finance & Endowment (raising money for church budget)

Trustees (care of building & property)

PPR (connecting the pastor, staff & congregation)

Nominations (identifying, equipping & deploying the spiritual leaders for church's mission)

Worship (assist in planning & preparing worship services)

Church Life (funerals & covered dish)

Member Care & Nurture (prayer chain & visitation following surgery, new baby, etc.)

Children & Youth (children & youth activities)

Volunteering at the Food Bank (Either once, twice a month or as a substitute)

Delivering Meals on Wheels

My interest, skills and talents that could be used to support our church are:

Signature_____



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