

FIRST NEWS



San Saba

First United Methodist Church

August, 2009

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Church
204 W. Brown
325-372-3120
<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/fumcss/>

Robin Percy, 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

Ashley Stewart

Organist:

Nettie Oma Carpenter

Choir Director:

Tracey Thomas

Church Secretary:

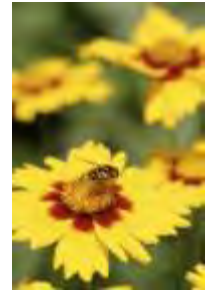
Debbie Uli

Custodian:

Mario Mendiola

Greetings in Christ

United Methodist Communications has published a pamphlet titled: *What If We Rethink Church?* I shall summarize some of the key ideas expressed in this publication. "Rethinking church is about taking action. It is a wake-up call reminding us of the many needs of human beings, both in our own backyards and around the world. It is a call to action for all United Methodists to become involved together in a world bigger than one individual's reach."



"A new generation of both seekers and believers is yearning for something more, something deeper, something relevant. It is a generation that believes actions speak louder than words. Think about all the ways the world has changed since you were a child. Then think about how the digital revolution has affected the way we communicate. What if all of our churches were vibrant, active places where people wanted to be, not just on Sundays but all week long?"

"We will be using digital and Web technology in ways the church has just begun to explore: social networking, search portals and a new Web presence for seekers. 10thousanddoors.org will provide tools to help seekers open new doors to ministries around the world. Television advertising will continue, and we'll move in new directions with radio and magazines that capture the attention of people at different life stages and experiences."

"What if church were not just a place we go, but something we do? What if we were to go beyond the doors of the church to serve those in the world who are in need? What if we could offer the world a dramatically new vision of church, a vision that inspires hope, faith and action? The word "open" in "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" would no longer be an adjective that describes, but a verb that directs – so that together we open hearts, open minds and open doors."

"In the first century, Jesus' ministry made his world rethink faith beyond the walls and doors of the Temple and synagogues. In the 18th century, John Wesley called people to rethink church and make the whole world our parish. Today, we are challenging United Methodists to do the same – to rethink the way our church makes contact with the world."

"**RETHINK CHURCH TRAINING**, provided by United Methodist Communications, offers three ways to help your congregation become more actively engaged with spiritual seekers in your community: Welcome. Connect. Identify. In our day-long training experiences, you will begin to Rethink Church and open hearts, minds, and doors. These interactive, high-energy sessions will help you Rethink Church and begin to plan how your congregation can meet the needs and interests of people in your community. Find out more at training.rethinkchurch.org."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Robin

Prayer
Concerns



Stan Burnham
Anita Felts
Barbara Norris (Pastor Robin's Mother)
Landon Yarbrough (up coming Surgery July 27th)
Lyle Yarbrough and Family
Trish and Henry Warren and Family
Alfreda Whitley
Tracey Thomas
Mike McDowell
Don and Bettye McLaughlin (Bob Jones, Bettye's Brother - in - Law Passed away)
Family of Brad Bryant
Elodie Steger
Kathy McEwin
Shirley Hardy
Lisa Brown (Pat Belk's friend)
Daniel Smith
Connie Raesner Perry
Kolby Reavis
Kaye and Doug Clancey and Family
Peter Hald
Howard and Sherry Ruddock
Sonya (Ted Red's daughter)
Michael Pullen and Fam.
Jeannette Toole
Johnnie Thornton
Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)
Mark Owens (safety)
Elaine and John Lansford (Nancy and John Bannister's friends)
James and Pat Reavis
Jean Miller (Pat Belk's friend)
Nick Stripling (Pat Reavis Grandson)
Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss (John and Nancy Bannister's nephew)
Debbie Uli
Lesa Schulze's aunt

Back to School Blessings
for our Students and Teachers
during the Worship Service
on Sunday Aug 23
& Hamburger Lunch after Church Service



The Children & Youth Ministries Committee
will meet on
Sunday, August 2nd
at 11 a.m.
Join us to
begin planning
for the fall semester!



First Ladies News



First Ladies at FUMC met on July 13 for a covered dish dinner and unit meeting. 29 health kits were brought by our ladies to help women who have faced disaster. (kits included washcloth, soap, toothpaste, band aids, etc) Our shepherdess, Suzan Garner, came from Goldthwaite to lead our program on Food and Faith, which was very inspiring. She also agreed to carry all our health kits to the School of Christian Mission this weekend for delivery. Hostesses were Zollie Jones, Wahnee Stallings and Pat Belk.

On August 10 we will all meet at 10:00 am for a study entitled "Giving Our Hearts Away" and led by another one of our sisters in Christ from Goldthwaite. We hope to have a good attendance and believe all who come will receive a blessing!! As always, all interested ladies are welcome. Members have elected to bring school supplies to that meeting to help those in need....we will be notified as to what supplies are really needed. ".... whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Proverbs 14:31b





Church Directory

A Church Directory will be published this fall. All members are encouraged to submit family information (digitally if able) along with family or individual photographs (digital or print) by August 31, 2009. Digital information may be submitted to: worship@centex.net. Print information may be submitted to the church office. If you wish to have an informal digital picture made for the directory, please contact the church office or email worship@centex.net to schedule a time. When submitting information please indicate if you prefer a print version of the directory or electronic.



150th Anniversary Celebration SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 14, 2009 ~ 11:30 a.m.
1936 Goliad Memorial Auditorium,
925 US Highway 183, Goliad, Texas

Please join Bishop & Mrs. Jim Dorff
for worship, fellowship and outdoor activities
celebrating the first 150 years of the
Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church

11:30 a.m.

Gathering & Greeting

12:00 Noon

Barbeque Lunch & Dessert/ \$10 Per Person
12 years & under, Complimentary

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Worship & Fellowship

"Circuit Riders" Saddle Up!

Susannah's Ol' Fashioned Buggy Rides!

Historical Site Visits

Small groups, large groups, youth groups, Sunday school classes...

Everyone is welcome!

Dress informal for outdoor family style activities.

Please return the enclosed reply card by October 1st!

Indicate number of persons planning to attend.
Further details will be sent to those who RSVP.

Welcome, Little One

Mark & Stacy Wise are the proud parents of a baby girl.
She was born on Saturday July 7th at the Brownwood Regional Hospital. Taylor Paige weighed 5 lbs, 8 oz.





Thank you to the following who delivered **Meals on Wheels**:
Jerry & Lynn Blankenship
Pat Belk
Suzanne Walters
Wanda Davenport
Nelda Weatherby
Vickie Stevenson
Cherry Kay Lange
Nettie Oma Carpenter
John Carpenter
Bettye McLaughlin
Wahnee Stallings
Gladys Ann Conner
Thelma Millican
Elsie Millican
Zolly Jones

And to a special group!
Jayce Everett & her mom Misty
Risien, Madison, Gracan Shahan
& their mom Monica
Raley Kirk & her mom Kim
J.T., Ryan & Casey Mathis and
their mom & dad, Scott &
Melanie Mathis,
Addison Christian
The boys and girls were learning
about community service. They
did a great job!

Our next time to deliver will be
September 21-25 and September
28- October 2.

If you would like to volunteer to
deliver meals, call Elsie at 372-
3446 or Zolly at 372-3113.

Special Meals On Wheels Deliverers



Left to Right top row : Risien Shahan, Casey Mathis, Raley Kirk, J.T. Mathis. Bottom row: Gracen Shahan, Jacey Everett, Ryan Mathis and Madison Shahan. Not pictured Allison Christian

Praise God!

Wonderful news from Lyle this morning! Seems the tube was taken out of his stomach last night. They had him in for sonogram early this morning to see how things looked after it was removed, ready to go back in if there was a problem. There wasn't! All looked well & some of the cysts had already started shrinking! Thank you, Lord! Landon is doing well & will get to leave the hospital today. Lyle is heading to San Saba soon & plans are still on for the two of us driving to Denver in the morning. I will be staying a week as he will have the twins. If I'm not mistaken, their school begins soon after that. Thank you, dear friends & family for all your prayers. God is good!

Submitted by Trish Warren



Welcome to our Newest Members

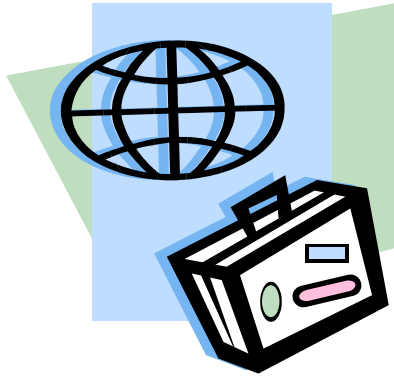
Danna, Joe Pete, & Daylon Smith are our newest members. Both Danna and Joe Pete are San Saba natives. Danna works for Texas State Department of Health & Human Resources while Joe Pete works for S&S Bulldozing and Bagley Pecan. Daylon keeps his parents busy by participating in horse play days and other rodeo events. One of Danna's interests is jewelry making. Joe Pete loves to go fishing.

Attending to watch the special ceremony/baptism were:
Sherri and Ronnie Pete Smith, Jimmie Lindsey, & Dwayne Shaw (Danna's brother),

Our Church Family

Suzanne has some really good news. Her niece Nila and her husband are moving back to Texas. They are currently living in Utah. That's means Suzanne is going to get to see them more. Barrett and Barbara Renfro had company for the 4th of July. Her daughter and son-in-law plus their kids enjoyed the week-end. The kids were in the Richland Springs 4th of July parade and the whole family enjoyed the other activities. Bob & Debbie attended the Millican reunion at the Civic Center on 4th of July. Sounds like it was a cool place to have a reunion. Have you met David and Alesha Rogers. Alesha will be the new Family & Consumer Science teacher & drill team sponsor at San Saba High School this coming year. David has been to Seattle on business. Cherry Kay Lange vacationed with family on the coast. There were 23 in the group and everyone seemed to have a good time. We were sorry to hear about the passing of Bettye McLaughlin's brother-in-law. We extend our sympathy to Bettye. Word has also been received that Brad Bryan passed away. Some of you will remember praying for Brad and his cancer. He was the son of Janet Red. We will have 2 "new students" from our church attending school this fall. Maggie Fry will be attending Medical Assistant training in Brady and Diana Manning will be attending LVN school. Both are excited about furthering their education. Elizabeth Bryant attended a church camp in Kerrville recently. Derek Sears has decided to become a "RED RAIDER". Tech offers a major that Derek is interested in. Ann & Al Allison have their granddaughter Alexis visiting with them. She won the prize at the Bend Fish Fry for being the one who traveled the farthest to attend. We wish Stan Burnham the best with his upcoming surgery. Brad & Jennifer Reeves are enjoying some vacation time. Brad was really looking forward to some fishing time at his in-law's cabin at the lake. Joe Pete & Dana Smith were taking Daylon to the coast for a long week-end. The first stop was in San Antonio for a visit with Dana's aunt and uncle. Then it was on to the beach. I bet Joe Pete also gets some fishing in. Jaycie Everett was really enjoying telling about her vacation. She, her brother and mom and dad (Brad & Misti Everett) went to Round Rock and attended a friend's birthday party and then went to a small water park the next day. Jaycie reports having a great time. Raley Kirk went to church camp and her mom Kim also went along and attended as a camp counselor. Debbie Uli, our church secretary is having surgery on the July 29th. Please keep her in your prayers. I am not sure Bobby Flay from the food network was there but the Lange family had their own version of a "throw down" between two family chefs. I heard it was a tie. Cindy Prater had her family reunion and had her cousin's camp the week following the 4th of July. Shay and Brandi Easterwood also attended the coach's retreat in Kerrville. Harper & Ashley Stewart & family were off to see his parents in East Texas one more time before school starts. Tracey and Mike Thomas had a cousins camp for three of Tracey's family friends/cousins—Taylor, Morgan & Hailey. Anita Felts has been in the Brownwood Regional Hospital and is doing re-hab. Stan Burnham came home a day early after having surgery. Jennifer Reeves has had eye surgery.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." -John Wesley



**Mario will be on Vacation
starting Aug. 3rd
and will return Aug. 17.**



**Thank you to whomever
fixed out pretty little iron
birdbath. It is nice to have it
back in the garden.**



Aug. 9

Choir Planning Meeting

3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner Provided.

**Anyone interested in
sharing their musical gifts in
the weekly ministry of the
Church are welcome.**



**Youth
Picnic At
Rough Creek**

Sue & JT Moody, Brad, Misty & Jaycie Everett, Brad & Jennifer Reeves, Kevin, Monica, Risien, Madison, & Gracen Shahan, David & Alesha Rogers, and Tracey Thomas with her three neices all enjoyed an afternoon of fun at Rough Creek Ranch Sunday, July 26th. Ken and Cindy Prater graciously hosted the picnic at their family ranch on Rough Creek Ranch. Everyone had a blast floating, swinging, swimming and splashing in the very cool spring-fed creek. The Children & Youth Ministries Committee would like to extend a special thank you to Ken and Cindy for a spectacular afternoon!

