

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

December, 2009

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Church
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Robin Pearcy, 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!

“Imagine No Malaria” – prevention, treatment, and education – is possible, if the leadership of The United Methodist Church is successful, by the grace of God, to be successful in our efforts by 2015, to overcome the reality of a child dying every thirty seconds in Africa from this preventable disease. “The world already possesses the treatment and the preventative measures to eliminate more than 1 million deaths each year caused by malaria.”

San Saba First United Methodist Church has three young energetic Christian disciples, who have volunteered, and are leading our efforts in San Saba to overcome deaths from malaria in Africa – J. T. Mathis, Elizabeth Bryant, and Ryan Guidroz. We shall be hearing from this ‘mission team’ in the very near future and learn more about the disease, treatment, and prevention.

“Many United Methodists have joined in the fight already against malaria through the “Nothing But Nets” campaign, which provides nets for protection of individuals while sleeping, from the disease bearing mosquitoes. As our first step in this effort, The United Methodist Church partnered in an effort to cover the entire country of Sierra Leone with insecticide-treated bed nets. However, there is much more we need to accomplish, if we are to eradicate all deaths from this preventable disease.”

“Every 30 seconds a child loses their life to malaria. YOU can make a difference: \$5.00 provides one course of treatment to a child with malaria. \$10.00 sends a life-saving mosquito net to a family in Africa. \$20.00 provides food and treatment of anemia for one pregnant woman with malaria.”

Therefore, when you hear the message J.T., Elizabeth, and Ryan will offer our congregation over the next few months, please pray about your role in eradicating malaria in Africa, and saving the lives of millions of children from this preventable disease. Please pray unceasingly to make the “Imagine-No- Malaria” campaign a reality!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Robin



Prayer Concerns



Barbara Norris (Pastor Robin's Mother)
John Bannister
Doug and Kaye Clancey and Family
Riley Rutledge (premature)
Sam Jones (Lewis Jones Brother)
Maurine Liles (Zolly's Sister-in-law)
Guenevere and Eli Johnson and Fam. (Pat Belk's niece)
Midge Love
F.L. Kalmus
Kendall Wadsworth and Family (Kaye Clancey's friend)
Mary Frances Seghers (Kaye Clancey's Mother)
Landon Yarbrough
Lyle Yarbrough and Family
Peter Hald
Shirley Hardy
Lisa Brown (Pat Belk's friend)
Daniel Smith
Connie Raesner Perry
Howard and Sherry Ruddock
Jeck White (Boe and Margaret Rice's Grandson)
Michael Pullen and Family
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 (Bannister's nephew)

In Our Military
Alex Dove, Eric Booker,
Matthew Barrier,
Cory Clendennen, Andy Smith

First Ladies News:



Our First Methodist Ladies met in November and collected the annual World Thank Offerings to help in missions around our state, nation and the world. Barbara Gilger led the morning group and Nettie Oma led the evening group as a stand in for Pat Belk who was ill.

We will meet as a unit on Dec 14 at 6:30 for a yummy covered dish dinner and a Christmas program by Trish Warren. Hostesses will be Barbara Gilger and Tracey Thomas. Ladies, bring something fun and wonderful and come out to join us for fellowship and a time of Christmas blessing!

First Music

The choir is gearing up for the annual Christmas Cantata to be presented on Dec. 13th at 6:00 p.m.. "Jesus, There's Something About That Name" is the name of the music and you will want to slow down the busy pace to come out and hear the true message of Christmas. Our choir has a few community friends joining us as usual, so plan to be there and celebrate with us the joy of Jesus, our Lord!



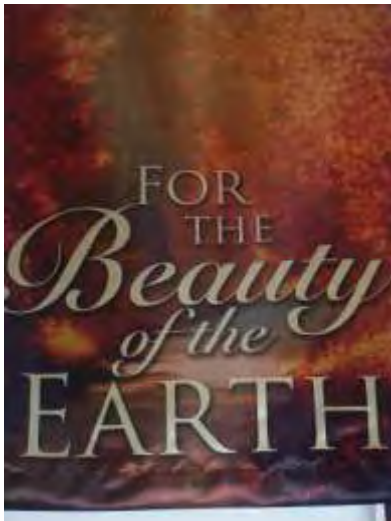
Tiger Cubs

The 1st grade Tiger Cubs of Boy Scouts Troop 55 would like your support! Did you know that approximately 40 boys meet every week in the FUMC scout hut on the church grounds? Yes, FUMC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 55 here in the community of San Saba. The 1st grade Tiger Cubs have already begun a year of fun and discovery and plan to learn more about closer family ties, being good citizens, developing character, and providing community service in San Saba. We have studied the pecan industry and pecan trees, we have learned more about patriotism, the American Flag, and Veteran's Day. We have also celebrated the joy of Thanksgiving as Troop 55 in the FUMC church parlor with turkey, dressing, and plenty of other fine foods! If you are interested in supporting the 1st grade Tiger Cubs Den of Boy Scouts this year please contact Kevin Shahan at 325-205-0113. We have several Boy Scouts that cannot afford uniforms this year and would appreciate the opportunity to look just like their other scouting comrades! Please also contact Kevin Shahan if you have any great ideas for scouting exploration and discovery over the next 8 months! We look forward to keeping you more informed of what is going on with the 1st grade Tiger Cubs Den of the Boy Scouts this year!

Have you



noticed the
new banners



in the
sanctuary?

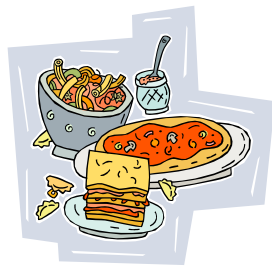
Come One, Come All
Wednesday
Dec. 16th
Christmas Caroling
5:30 p.m.
Afterward
Fellowship &
David Gilger's Stew
At the Church



Faith Weaver Friends
& MYF Meal
December 2nd



Lasagna with all the trimmings
5:30 to 6:30



Church Parlor
& Fellowship Hall



The United Methodist Women are selling the Christmas ornament of our church for \$10.00. If you are interested please see Debbie in the church office. It makes a nice gift for a family member or yourself.

Our Church Family

Martha & Bruce Schandlas were in town for the opening day of deer season. They had company and were showing them the town. Bob Millican & Risien Shahan went hunting the opening day of deer season and Risien got a deer. While some people were really into deer season Cherry Kaye Lange was having an early Thanksgiving with her family. Seems like some of the family had too many places to go on Thanksgiving Day so the Lange family just celebrated early. Mike & Tracey Thomas made a trip to San Antonio to see Josh, Megan & Avery Thomas. Shay Easterwood was certainly giving lots of high five's to the San Saba High School football team. They certainly deserved it after such a great season. Wanda Davenport had surgery on her foot and is feeling better. We missed you Wanda and are glad to see you back at church. Kim Kirk has also had a foot injury. It prevented her from running in the 10K like she had planned. Grace Stewart had a birthday. To help her celebrate lots of her family came in from out of town. Margaret Seiders, Celia Bell's mom, is having some health problems and Celia has asked us to keep her on our prayer list. At the recent Richland Spring Play Day Banquet two youth of our church family were recognized. Daylon Smith, son of Joe Pete & Dana Smith won a halter and Elizabeth Bryant was named ALL Around Cow Girl and received a saddle. Congratulations. Peter Hald will be running from the stop light at Highway 190 and 16 to Cherokee this spring. He is accepting donations that will be given to the Relay for Life. If you are interested in contributing, please see Peter. Nelda Weatherby celebrated Thanksgiving at her granddaughter's Alicia Parker-Harper's home in the DFW area. Kelly Thompson, son of Kay & Deen Thompson and grandson of Elsie Millican was home for Thanksgiving. He was going deer hunting, going to help Elsie with some projects and help his Uncle Bob Millican in the pecan orchard. His school where he teaches was on vacation the whole week of Thanksgiving. Elizabeth Bryant placed 4th in the District 7 4-H Food Show held recently in Abilene Texas. Great job, Elizabeth. Ted Red was enjoying a visit with his granddaughter Marla. Some of you will remember Marla from her vacation bible school visits. Vickie & C.K. Stevenson were going to have a house full of company for Thanksgiving. Vickie was spending the week doing some cooking getting ready for those big eaters. Cherry Kaye Lange was off to San Antonio for a Thanksgiving with her daughter Kay Ann and then back home to get ready for her trip with her traveling companions. Debbie Pullen had 2 days off as the Senior Center was closed for the holiday. She was hoping to get to get in a visit with her kids. J.T. Moody and his grandparents, Sue & Tom Moody were off to Mississippi to visit Sue & Tom's son and J.T.'s uncle. I bet J.T. will really have lots of tell us. Alesha & David Rogers were having a house full of company also. All of their kids, both sets of parents and some sibling were coming for the holiday. Alesha may need a day of vacation to recover from the holiday. Lindsey Pugh and Josh Thomas ran in a marathon in San Antonio recently. Their parents, Mike & Tracey Thomas were on the side lines to cheer them on. Pat Belk had some good news to share with her church family. She has her eight great grandchild. Grace & Faith Stewart and their parents were headed to their "g's" house for Thanksgiving. The Scott Mathis family was headed out of town to see their family. They were looking forward to a break from school and seeing all of their family. Jess McDowell was in for the Thanksgiving holiday and also a break from his classes at UTA. Nancy Bannister was looking forward to spending her Thanksgiving with her sister Dolly from East Texas and her niece and her family. Our thanks to Lesa Schulze for the great job she is doing with the children's sermons. Her shield of faith and the umbrella of grace has touched lots of adults as well as children. Natalie Oyler and her family were spending the Thanksgiving holiday in San Saba. It sure was good to see Anita Felts at the Community Thanksgiving Service. Thanks goes to all who provided food for the fellowship after the service. It was a good service and the fellowship afterward was great.

