



San Saba First United Methodist Church July 2008 Newsletter



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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.
Worship 10:00 a.m.**



Ministers:
**Entire Congregation
Worship Leader:**
Tracey Thomas
Accompanist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary:
Debbie Uli
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola

Greetings In Christ!

Bishop Joel N. Martinez, graciously thanked our Church with the following letter to me (June 27, 2008) as your Pastor, for the 'congregational pledge' we made to assist new churches in the Southwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church:



"I give great thanks to God for your faithfulness in responding to our campaign of *Offering Christ Today For Tomorrow*. As you heard in the report at Annual Conference, we have greatly exceeded our \$5,000,000 goal. To date, the total of pledges and gifts for *Offering Christ Today For Tomorrow* stands at \$6,545,687.00. Because of your generosity we might live the biblical promise that the "next generation might know."

"In June of 2006, and reaffirmed in June 2007, the Southwest Texas Conference voted a great commitment to reach out by starting new churches. This is living out of the great commandment and great commission of Christ. New churches reach new groups of people, including seekers and explorers, and share the gospel with people in new locations. The Council of Bishops has made this a priority for our denomination. I believe that this is absolutely crucial to the future of the United Methodist Church and the Southwest Texas Conference."

"Your faithfulness in responding to this great initiative marks a significant step forward in our faithfulness together as a Conference "Offering Christ To All."

"Once again, please accept this letter with my deep appreciation and joy in the faithfulness of your response to this effort."

Bishop Joel N. Martinez has served with distinction as Bishop for the Southwest Texas Conference and the Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church for many years. Also, Bishop Martinez served simultaneously, as President of the Board of Global Ministries for our Denomination, in addition to his many duties as Bishop for two United Methodist Conferences. Bishop Martinez will 'retire' this summer.

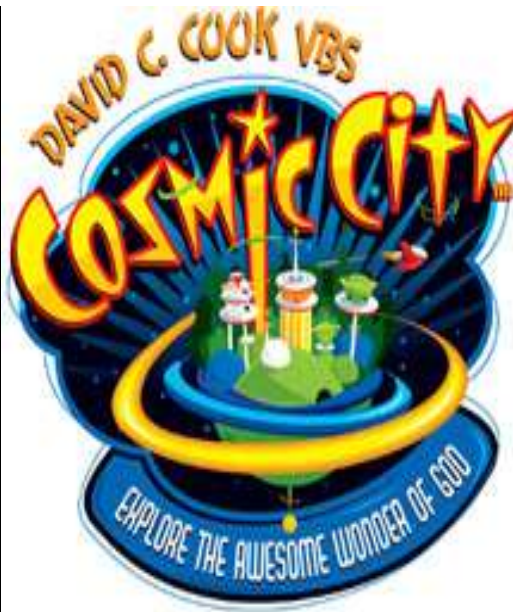
Many of you remember Joel preaching and his wife, Raquel playing piano, when they attended the 150th Anniversary of San Saba First United Methodist Church in September 2006. That celebration was a very spiritual and blessed worship service; I am certain we shall never forget that occasion. Please pray for Joel and Raquel, as they embark on new adventures in service on behalf of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Robin

Prayer concerns
Elsie Millican
Linda Parks
Paul Percy
Wesley Hooker
(Kim Kirk's dad)



E. L. Byrd
James & Pat Reavis
Thelma Millican
David McPherson
Sharon Clauson
Brad Bryan
Dr. Jack & Dolly Hudgins
Debbie Pullen's new grand-
baby Camden &
family
Anne Parker
Mark Owens
Dr. Tobey & Natalie Yu
Kolby Reavis
Jeannette Toole
Donald & Bettye McLaughlin
Roy & Polly Waterhouse
Marge Spiller
Deloris Mendiola (Mario's
Mom
Debbie's mom & family
Dr. John Bannister
Bill Groos
Jessica Estrada & family
Our military: Eric Booker,
Shadd Gragg, Robert Dilliard,
Ross Johnson, & Todd
Daniels



Count Down to
Cosmic City!
July 14th-July 17th
9am-12noon
Ages 4--6th Grade

Few places inspire the awe and wonder of God more naturally than the heavens He created. So we're launching our Voyagers into space, where they'll experience that awe and wonder for themselves. We've created a fun and fanciful float-

ing space city where they can delight in discovering who God is. For four mornings, kids will tour a world filled with incredible music, amazing stories, memorable science experiments, and wacky games. Each stellar attraction highlights the awesome wonder of God and leads kids into a closer relationship with the Creator of the universe. Please pray for our volunteers, the children and their families as we embark on an out of this world experience! Call Debbie Uli at the church office at 372-3120 for registration. For all other questions, including how you can share your gifts during VBS, call Monica Shahan at 372-4668 or Kim Kirk at 372-5909.



Video Projection System

Our goal for the Video Projection System Fund is \$16,300. The total to date is \$10,315. Thanks goes to those who have already contributed to this Fund. As of the publishing of the newsletter that would be the following: Mike and Carolyn McDowell, Mark and Kathy McEwin, Mike and Tracey Thomas, Richard Jackson, Stan and Millie Burnham, Corrie Schulze, C.K. and Vickie Stevenson and Lewis and Zolly Jones.

As it June meeting the finance committee authorized the transfer of \$4000.00 from the Memorial fund to the Video Projection System fund since many of those giving memorial gifts this year have expressed a desire for their gift to be used in this manner.



Casey Mathis decided she needed a new look for her aunt's wedding. She decided to do it herself. Do you like it?

Photo by Melanie Mathis

“Amen To”

Celia Bell, Pastor Robin, Lesa Schultze for doing the children’s sermon

Kevin Shahan for serving as liturgist

Hollee Ragsdale, Raley Kirk & Lauren (Barrett Renfo’s granddaughter) for lighting the candles

Nettie Oma for playing the piano each Sunday.

Our Sunday School Teachers: Debbie Millican, Millie Burnham, Stan Burnham, Bob Millican, Monica Shahan & Kevin Shahan

Loise Cook for assisting with communion

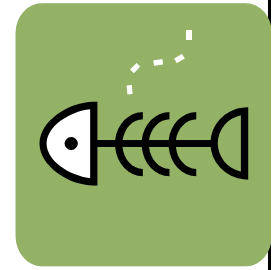
Sue Moody for watering and maintaining the flower beds

Bob Millican for spreading the pea gravel for the playground equipment



Jessica Estrada, a 9 year old San Saba girl, has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Jessica is now at Cook’s Children Hospital in Dallas and her family is staying at the Ronald McDonald House. A fund has been set up for her at City National Bank. Please say a special prayer for Jessica.

Friday July 18th Annual Tri County Methodist Fish Fry 6 p.m. FUMC Bend Campground



Lay Speaker Tracey Thomas was recognized for becoming a lay speaker on June 22nd. Tracey attended Lay speaker school in Menard. Pastor Robin is shown here presenting a certificate to her. Congratulations Tracey!!

Our Playground is Complete!

A very special thank you goes to Lee & Deborah Ragsdale for providing the pea gravel for our playground. Also, thank you to Bob Millican, Paul Gast, Risien Shahan, & Winston



Millican for laying the plastic, spreading the pea gravel, and adding some final touches to the playset. Once again, thank you to all the men and women of the church who came together to help create a beautiful playground for our church and community.



New Coverings For Windows

Thanks goes to all who contributed to the Stain Glass window fund so the old covers could be removed and new ones put on. What a difference!!!



The Choir

Is on Vacation

Till Wednesday

July 30th

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United Methodist

Women

Are not Meeting

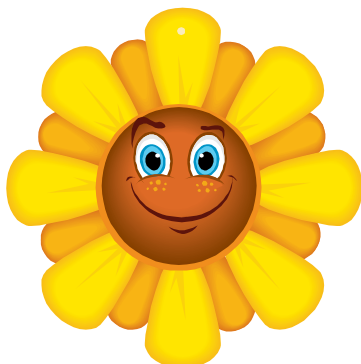
In July

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Thinking of You

Will not Meet

Again till September



Our Church Family

June is always a busy month with people coming and going. This year is no exception. The Scott Mathis family has had a busy month. First it was Scott's sister's wedding. Casey was in the wedding. Please note the picture on another page. Then the next week-end it was a family reunion. Then it was a vacation trip to New York. We have missed them. Trish & Henry Warren were delighted to have a visit from Lytle Yarbrough and his twin boys from Colorado. Bet our weather was warmer than theirs. J.D. Barker, grandson of Linda and Owen Parks, has been on a mission trip to China. He will have some fun and interesting stories to tell on his return. Bettye McLaughlin had some corrective surgery done. It was good to see her back in church so soon after the surgery. Cindy Hawkins and Travis Hawkins were some of those involved with the Mission Service Project trip to Mission Texas. A nice letter was read from the Mission Methodist Church one Sunday about what a nice group San Saba had working on the project. We already knew what a nice group we had going. A large group from our church attended the Murray wedding June 7th in Victoria. It was a lovely affair and our best wishes go out to Lee and Kelly. Those of us who didn't get to go will be ready to check out the pictures. Debbie & Bob Millican decided it was time to make a visit east and visit Nicole, Darren & Elise Grant in Tyler. Elsie Millican, Charlotte and Mike Millican attended a service at Harmony Ridge. James Reavis is at home. He and Pat are in our thoughts and prayers. Elizabeth Moody is always glad when she has a mule customer. She just wishes sometime they would want to come when it is hot outside and not on Sunday morning. Monica, Kevin and the kids enjoyed attending the Church conference in Corpus Christi. They even stayed a couple extra days after the conference was over. With gas prices the way they are, who could blame them? Upon returning Maddy broke her arm. Part of the cast broke off and they had to go back and see the doctor about it. Owen Parks was really wanting to sign it. Cindy Hawkins and Travis made a trip to Kingsville so Travis could attend orientation at Texas A&M--Kingsville and do the first of his tryouts for the baseball team. Wonder what the mascot is for Kingsville? Did you see Raley Kirk's "Build a Bear". Well actually it was a "Build-A-Dog". She used her birthday money to purchase it. It was pretty cute and very well-behaved in church. Corrie Schulze and her friend were in from Abilene for Father's Day. Lindsey Pugh, daughter of Mike and Tracey Thomas, was also in. Her husband Derek needed to go to Lubbock to work on his Master's. Josh & Megan took daughter Avery to Schlittbaugh. Linda Parks is home from Fredericksburg and is recovering nicely from her knee surgery. Al Allison's son Johnnie brought his two children to San Saba for a Father's Day visit. Elsie Millican spent some time in the Lampasas Hospital, came home and then visited the hospital in Austin so she could have her gall bladder removed. Doesn't sound like a real good vacation to me? She came home one afternoon and that night had supper with Mike and Charlotte Millican. Barbara & Barnett Renfro have made several trips to their week-end home in Richland Springs recently. Last week-end they had their son and one of their grandchildren with them. Lauren, the granddaughter, graciously lit the candles. Sylvia McGregor and her daughter Thelma Millican were out enjoying a lunch in town one day recently.