



San Saba First United Methodist Church

June 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!

San Saba First United Methodist Church has been recognized by United Methodist Communications (UMCom) as an official "Welcoming Congregation" for the second year. I would like to thank all of our members, who have assisted and continue to participate in this important Ministry of Hospitality.

"Welcoming Congregations" are a select group of United Methodist Congregations nationwide that meet established criteria, including embracing newcomers and providing opportunities for discipleship. This recognition program of The United Methodist Church (umc.org) is part of a larger effort launched in late 2000 by United Methodist Communications, our Denomination's communication agency, and its **Igniting Ministry** team, to utilize modern technology, including radio, television, and the Internet to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are a number of members in our Congregation, who have volunteered to serve as official 'Greeters' for newcomers and visitors, as they enter our Sanctuary on Sunday morning to Worship in our Church. Many of our members intentionally introduce themselves to anyone they do not recognize on Sunday morning, both before and after our Worship Service. I follow up each visitor's registration of attendance with a phone call and a personal letter, thanking each individual for worshipping in our Church.

Mike McDowell and Steve McDowell have volunteered many valuable hours to establish and update our Church web site, www.gbgm-umc.org/fumcss, which includes current and archived Church Newsletters, Calendars, and Bulletins. Mike and Steve have provided the technical support, which is necessary to continually qualify our Church, as an official "Welcoming Congregation". Carolyn McDowell, who produces and edits our monthly Church Newsletter, should be congratulated for the countless hours she serves our Church, collating this publication and providing a copy to members and visitors.

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" is the theme of the denominational effort, the centerpiece of which is a series of National Cable TV advertising, supplemented by regional, conference, and local church participation. The overall aim of the effort is to invite people to enter into connection with our Christian community, as they seek meaning and purpose in their lives."

Our Church formed a "Welcoming Congregation Committee" last year to plan for events, which attract visitors, such as "Back to School", "Advent", "Home For Christmas", "Easter Sunday", and other 'Special Sundays'. Reverend Larry Hollon is the chief executive of the **Igniting Ministry** team of the United Methodist Communications Office. More information about this exciting Ministry of Hospitality is available from the agency's website: www.ignitingministry.org. Please continue to witness to your Faith and invite everyone you meet, who does not have a Church home, to Worship the Lord in our Congregation on Sunday morning.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Robin



Prayer

Concerns

Our 2008 Graduates

James & Pat Reavis

E.L. Byrd

Thelma Millican

Sharon Clauson

John Harrell

(Becky Harrell's son)

Brad Bryan

Debbie Pullen's Family

Anne Parker

Mark Owens

Rev. Judy Tolbert

Kolby Reavis

Richard Waldie

Jeannette Toole

Donald & Bettye McLaughlin

Dr Jack & Dolly Hudgins,

Dr. Tobey & Natalie Yu

Roy & Polly Waterhouse

Deloris Mendiola (Mario's mom)

Sheila Gragg (Debbie's sister)

Dr. John Bannister

Our military:

Eric Booker

Shad Gragg

Robert Dillard

Ross Johnson

Todd Daniels



The Young Adult Class after studying Steven decided to recognize Debbie Millilcan and Nettie Oma Carpenter as 2 members of our church who showed the same characteristics as Steven. They were presented certificates at the morning worship class.

Our Seniors

Following the worship service on May 17th a covered dish luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall to recognize and honor our seniors. This year's seniors include: Derek Sears, Travis



Hawkins and Kolby Reavis and Shelby Ledbetter who was unable attend. Nettie Oma Carpenter, UMW president presented each with a bible or inspiration book of their choice. Kevin Shahan as their High School Bible Study leader gave others in the congregation a chance to remember these youth as they grew up in our church. Finally each senior told of their future plans. Derek Sears plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcus and will be a pre-med major. Travis Hawkins will be attending Texas A&M Kingsville. He will major in wildlife biology. He hopes to be a walk-on team member of their baseball team. Kolby Reavis is heading west to Angelo State University where he plans on majoring in business and minor in accounting.

**Thinking of You
Is on Vacation
Till
September**



Derek



Travis



Kolby

“Amen To”

The choir for some great specials

Tracey Thomas for directing the choir

Mike Thomas, Kevin Shahan for assisting with the music each Sunday

Tracey Thomas, Pastor Robin, Cindy Hawkins for doing the children's sermon

Trish Warren, Loise Cook for serving as liturgist

Hollee Ragsdale, Raley Kirk for lighting the candles

Bob Dobry and Pat Belk for lovely music at a worship service

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

Loise Cook for assisting with communion

Madison & Risien Shahan for singing Jesus Loves Me during the worship service



.Get Ready for Cosmic City!

No mission could be more exciting—or vital—than drawing our young Space Voyagers closer to the Lord. Beginning July 14th we're embarking on an out-of-this world adventure that brings the wonder of God to life.

During our 2008 Vacation Bible School, our Space Voyagers will join Cosmic City Tours on a journey through Cosmic City, a floating space city unlike anywhere else. In every corner of Cosmic City, God's wonder will dazzle their hearts and minds. They'll experience this awesome wonder in a new way every day at the city's stellar attractions. Children will experience God's awesome power with hands-on Bible dramas at the Theater of the Galaxies, rocket beyond our atmosphere with games at Asteroid Alley, create memorable crafts at the SuperNova SuperMart, touch and feel the wonder of God at Wonder U., worship the Creator of the Universe at Deeper Space, and fuel up with tasty snacks at The Shooting Star Drive-In.

So buckle up, hang on, and get ready to blast into an amazing week! Vacation Bible School begins July 14th from 8:30-11:30am for children ages 4 years through fourth grade. Everyone interested in helping with Cosmic City VBS is encouraged to attend a planning meeting June 17th at 6pm in the church parlor. Please remember to pray for our Cosmic City VBS leaders and support staff who will help run this year's VBS program. Pray also for each child who will participate in the program. May God's wonder and love be experienced by all!

UMW News

The United Methodist Women, as part of their ministry to youth, presented Bibles to the High School Seniors, Travis Hawkins, Kolby Reavis and Derek Sears, at the church luncheon held in their honor on May 18th. Shelby Ledbetter was unable to attend due to illness and was presented with a Bible at a later date.



Another project of our U.M. W. is assisting Troop #55 boy Scouts of American Venturing Crew's mission to Mission, Texas. Cindy Hawkins, coordinator for the group was recognized at the luncheon and presented with a check to assist them as they make repairs to the home of a deserving family.

Plans are being made to serve a meal to the San Saba Mission Team, which will be doing home repairs for a San Saba family going through difficulties at this time.

The Unit will be having a covered dish supper June 9th at 6:30 p.m. followed by a business meeting and a program by Millie Burnham. We invite all women of the church to join us as we continue our spiritual growth through study and respond to God's call in missions.



Pastor Robin

Will be in Corpus Christi

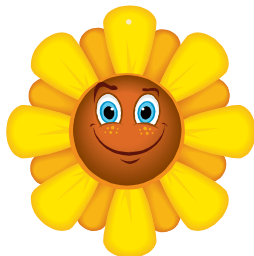
June 3rd-6th

Annual SWTC Conference

As Well As

Monica & Kevin Shahan

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Voices & Faces

for

Eventide Nursing Home

June 15th

3 p.m.

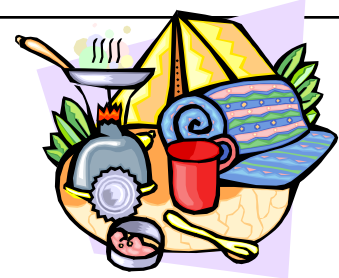
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San Saba Nursing Home

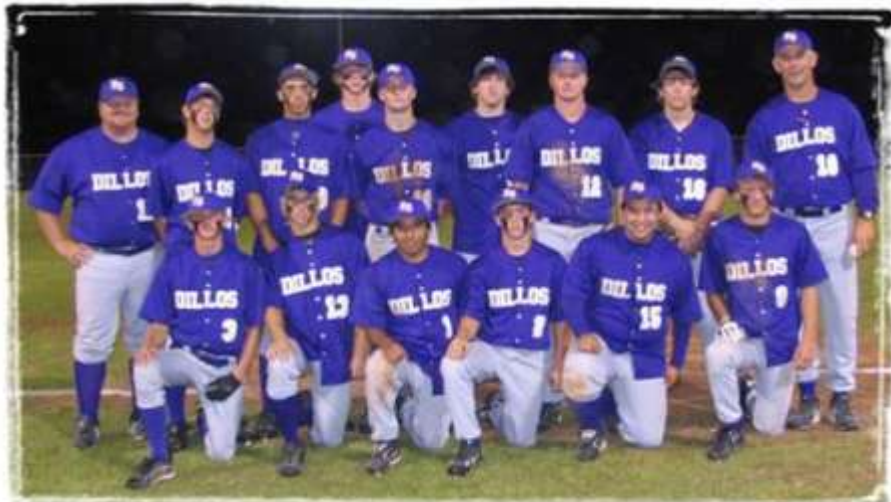
June 29th

3 p.m.

Church Camp



Due to a generous, anonymous gift the First United Methodist Church was able to offer scholarships for children to attend church summer camp. Currently, two of our FaithWeaver Friend girls, Kassidy & Juanita, have signed up for camp in June at Mount Wesley. Also, JT Mathis will be attending the United Methodist River Camp at H.E.B. camp in Leakey. Please be in prayer for these young people that their experience will have an eternal impact!



Congratulations to the San Saba High School Baseball team for their wonderful season. Can you find Scott Mathis, Derek Sears and Travis Hawkins in this picture?

Thanks to all volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels:

Nelda Weatherby
Stan & Millie Burnham
Pat Belk
Vickie Stevenson
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Bettye McLaughlin
Kim Kirk
Anita Felts
Sue Moody
Zolly Jones

Wanda Davenport
Patricia Warren
Elsie Millican
Cherry Kay Lange
Loise Cook
Wahnee Stallings
Barbara Gilger-Johna Reavis
Lynn Blankenship
Fran Hulgán

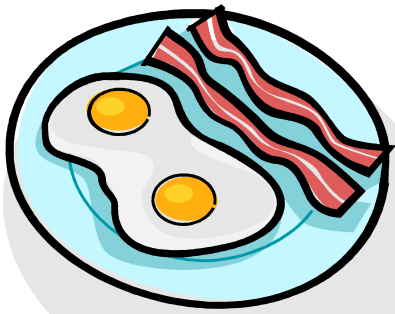
Our next time to deliver will be July 28-August 1st!

We can always use volunteers so if you would like to help, call Elsie at 372-3446 or Zolly at 372-3113.



Church Newsletter Deadline

**(Last Wednesday of the Month)
June 25th**



The Methodist Men Group

**Meets
8 a.m.**

**Every Sunday Morning
For Breakfast and Bible
Study**

All Men Are Invited

**To Join The
Group**

Our Church Family

Summer time is almost upon us. Kim Kirk, and I am sure, Raley are so excited about their new swimming pool. I bet Raley is the first one in as soon as it is finished. Cherry Kay Lange is on the road. She and a group shopped till they dropped in Wimberly. The next trip planned is a two week vacation with her sister and 2 cousins. Speaking of traveling, Trish Warren has done some of that. She went to Colorado, of course, to see those grandchildren. She even got to see some snow. Cindy Cantu attended the State Golf Tournament in Austin. Her dad, Ronnie Schultz, was recognized for the number of golf teams he has taken to state. There was a nice article in the San Angelo paper about him and his coaching career. Ann Allison traveled to San Antonio to see her daughter Jodi and attend several grandchildren's functions—kindergarten graduation and baseball games. Ask Stan Burnham about his new friend, Buster. Mother's Day brought several visitors to our church. Ann Melton had all three of her daughters, Maggie, Amy and Lorrie, attending church with her. Ann & David Parker had their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson visiting with them for the week-end. It was a really special occasion. Anne couldn't remember the last time Alicia was in church with them. Cherry Kay Lange had her daughter Kay Ann and grandchildren Caymon and Justin with her. Mrs. Mindy's Snow Cone Stand is open. Lesa has been working in it but now that school is out we know where to find Mindy. The plans calls for the snow cone stand to sell hot beverages in the winter. Lee Murray and Kelly Murdock have also been in since Lee graduated from Texas A&M. Winston, Kristen and Anna Millican attended church Mother's Day with Bob and Debbie Millican and also ate lunch with them at VEEB's. Nicole and Elise Grant spent a week-end with Bob & Debbie and other family members. It has been so good to see Emmitt Lloyd Byrd back in church. He was even spotted driving his pick-up in town. Nettie Oma Carpenter also had her daughter and son-in-law in church with her on Mother's Day. Loise & John Cook have a remodeling project going on at their house. It requires lots of patience and numerous trips to Home Depot. Travis Hawkins was named MVP of the week by the San Angelo Standard Times. Katie McEwin spend some time in San Saba between the spring and summer semesters of college. Of course she is participating in some rodeos. James Reavis is sporting a pacemaker and is doing better. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with him and Pat. J.T. Mathis was elected student council president of the San Saba Middle School. Jennifer Reeves graduated with a master's degree in music from Baylor University. We are so proud of her. Brad Reeves is really glad to have his wife home all the time. Brad has an intern with him this summer, Stephan Hunt of San Saba. Cristy Thornton had her hands full with Jackson, and her two nieces with her at church Memorial Day Sunday. It was a tough job for David Parker but he did his duty. The dealership that he works for was hosting a golf tournament and he played in it all week-end. J.D. Barker, grandson of Owen and Linda Parks, is off to China on a mission trip. Their other grandson, Justin, was valedictorian of his 2008 class and wowed the audience with is valedictorian speech.



Cosmic City

Vacation

Bible School Planning

Meeting

June 17th

6 p. m.

“Wheels of Sharing”

Mobile Food Pantry
2nd & 4th Wednesday
of every month
10 a.m. to 12 noon
First Baptist Church

208 W..Wallace

Volunteers Needed
Call Brenda
372-4085



CHANGING TIMES..... INTERESTING TIMES

During the last Church Administrative Meeting the Technology Committee presented a proposal for a projection system for our church.

Some of the questions asked about the new worship and education tool include:

How will this new technology be used?—This technology may be used during worship by showing sermon outlines, scriptures, graphics, maps, announcements and hymn lyrics. Sunday school classes may wish to utilize this tool as well as Faith Weavers, various Bible Studies such as the Disciple Series, Vacation Bible School and during funerals. As we become more familiar with this new worship tool, new uses will emerge.

Do we really need this new technology?—After much research, both locally and nationally, it appears that if a church wishes to meet the desires of younger members it must adopt new approaches for worship. We live in a visually oriented society. This technology serves as enhancement to our concept of traditional worship by presenting visually God’s Word.

Will there be changes in the appearance of our sanctuary?— Preserving the integrity of our sanctuary was the number one concern the Technology Committee faced. The short answer to this question is no; unless an individual is directly under the projector, it will not be seen. There will be a single screen behind the choir loft which is retracted when not in use. Similarly there will be a smaller retractable screen and projector in the rear of the sanctuary for the choir’s benefit.

What is the cost of this system?—The cost of this system, which includes improvements to our existing sound system, is projected to be approximately \$16,000.00

How can I contribute to this project?—At this time approximately 1/3 of the funds for the project have already been donated. Funding for the balance of the project will not come out of the church budget. If you wish to contribute to this project, please note your check “Projection System”.

