



# San Saba First United Methodist Church March 2008 Newsletter



**San Saba  
First United Methodist 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!

March 9, 2008 is “Bring a Friend Sunday” for United Methodist Churches. According to Doug Cannon, Director of The Southwest Texas Conference Communications and Public Witness Office, “The annual Bring a Friend Sunday effort encourages all church members to see themselves as hosts on the Sunday before Palm Sunday. As hosts they are to: Pray in advance for unchurched friends, relatives, and acquaintances to open themselves to Christ. Ask these friends and acquaintances into their church home. Join these guests in worship to help them to feel welcome. Introduce guests to others in the congregation. Invite guests back for Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations.”



“Furthermore, sociologists have found, new members come overwhelmingly from the ranks of those with no prior religious commitment or only nominal connections to any faith group. Those are the people we try to reach during Lent through Bring a Friend Sunday – unchurched individuals we know. They are the same people we have tried to connect with during Open House Month in September and Home for Christmas during December.”

“To establish a backdrop for our Lenten invitations to unchurched friends, the conference is buying radio ads in Austin, Corpus Christi, the Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio and is putting up billboards across the region. These Southwest Texas ads will appear at the same time the General Commission on Communication is running television commercials on national cable networks. All these ads end with a common message: “Open hearts, open minds, open doors – The people of The United Methodist Church.”

Please remember “The Great Commission” all Christians have received from Our Lord, Jesus Christ: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 19 – 20, NRSV)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Robin

## Prayer Concerns



Frank Lange,  
Joe Hegar (Loise's Dad),  
Jason Brandon, Misty and  
Brad Everett,  
James and Pat Reavis,  
Joe Perez (Pauline's husband)  
Mark Owens,  
Anne Parker,  
Brad Bryan,  
Kolby Reavis,  
Dr. John Bannister,  
Dr. Roy & Polly Waterhouse,  
Donald & Bettye McLaughlin,  
Dr. Jack and Dolly Hudgins,

**In Our Military, Eric Booker,  
Shad Gragg, Robert Dillard,  
Ross Johnson, Todd  
Daniels**

Dick Miller and Family  
Del, Derek and Nicole Sears,  
Ted Red and Family,  
Joyce Lovell and Family  
Maggie & Amy Fry & Family  
E.L. Byrd and Family

## Faith Weaver Friends



3/5 Jesus is Stronger than Death  
3/12 We Can Praise Jesus!  
3/19 No FaithWeaver Friends due to Spring Break  
3/26 Jesus is Alive!  
3/26 Dinner for FaithWeaver Friends & Family & our  
Church Family, too!  
4/2 Jesus Brings Joy  
4/9 Go Tell Others About Jesus  
4/16 Encourage One Another  
4/23 Stand Up for Jesus  
4/30 We Can Know God  
4/30 Dinner for FaithWeaver Friends & Family & our  
Church Family, too!



## Easter Sunrise Service

( Check Announcements  
for time )

**March 23rd  
At  
The  
Gilger's**



## Meet Our New Church Family Members



### The Stewart Family

**Madilyn Grace** turned 5 years old in November - Hobbies: anything pink, Barbies, baby dolls, reading, art

**Emma Faith** will be 2 years old this Saturday - Hobbies: Elmo, anything belonging to Grace, coloring, dancing

#### Harper:

**Schooling:-** Haskell High School , McMurry University - Bachelor's in Math and Education; Tarleton University - Master's in Educational Admin , Abilene Christian - Superintendency Program

**Professional** Jim Ned - Math teacher and coach - 3 years Springtown - Math teacher and head basketball coach - 5 years; Asst. Principal at Middle School - 1 year Anson - Middle School Principal - 3 years Llano - Middle School Principal - 1 year

**Hobbies---** fishing, golfing, hunting, sports, yard work, spending time with family

#### Ashley:

**Schooling:-** Abilene Wylie High School, McMurry University - Bachelor's in Elem Educ and History; Tarleton University - Master's in Educational Admin; Abilene Christian - Superintendency Program

**Professional:** Abilene Wylie - Social Studies and Lang Arts teacher at Middle School - 5 years; Springtown - Elementary teacher - 1 year; Elem Asst Principal - 1 year; Elem Principal - 4 years Region 14 ESC - Curriculum Consultant - 3 years; San Saba - Asst. Superintendent - 1 year

**Hobbies--** playing piano, reading, cooking, gardening, spending time with family



Carol Littlefield moved to San Saba from Pine Top, Arizona. Carol is very active in her community and is often seen helping at the various community events. She also likes to garden. She lists Chinese food and soups as her favorites foods. Carol has 2 children: a daughter ,Laura Green, who lives in Denver Colorado and a son Jay C. who lives in LakeWay, close to Austin and has a pet dog.

**Ted Red grew up in Willis Texas which is 8 miles North of Conroe. Ted is well known in San Saba for his garden. He has shared vegetables from his garden with lots of his friends and acquaintances. He is also well known for his cooking abilities. His specialty is pies. He often bakes pies and takes them to the Senior Center for everyone to enjoy. He especially enjoys his dog Tico and his 10 grandchildren. He was recently bragging about the addition of his newest grandchild, Kayla Marie.**



**Easter 10 a.m. Worship Service**

**Sunday March 23rd**

**Please Bring Flowers for the Flower Cross**

**Which will be Displayed On the Church Lawn For Several Days After Easter**

## Meals on Wheels

Special thanks to all our Meals on Wheels Volunteers:

Stan & Mille Burnham  
Nelda Weatherby  
Wanda Davenport  
Patricia Warren  
Thelma Millican  
C.K. & Vicki Stevenson  
Nettie Oma Carpenter  
Loise Cook  
Bettye McLaughlin  
Wahnee Stallings  
Barbara Gilger  
Anita Felts  
Pat Belk  
Kim & Railey Kirk  
Cherry Kay Lange  
Sue Moody  
Lynn Blankenship  
Elsie Millican  
Zolly Jones  
22 Volunteers – GREAT!!

## Next Delivery

**May 5-9 & 12-16**

Submitted by Zolly Jones



Raley Kirk's basketball team, Dribbling Divas, took 3rd place at the San Saba Tournament. This was taken after our first win of the tournament held on February 23rd. Submitted by Kim Kirk

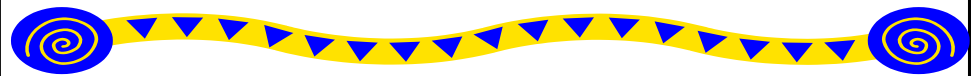
## UMW News

### Teddy Bear Ministry

The UMW decided at the Easter program on Monday, March 21, 2005 to begin a new ministry. Back in January, at Equipping the Saints, we were really moved by the teddy bears in their sanctuary and some of us brought back one for little Carson White (son of former pastor Joey White of Parkview Baptist Church).



In an effort to be ready to show the love and compassion of Jesus to hurting children (or others if needed), we are purchasing teddy bears of varying sizes and styles to place in our sanctuary. These bears are to be held, loved on, hugged, and prayed over as they sit with us in all of our worship experiences. A poem around their necks expresses God's love to a person who will receive a bear anytime someone hears of a need. **SO PLEASE hug a bear in worship!** Let the children sit and pray with a teddy bear during church, and explain to them how we must show real compassionate love to those who are hurting, because that is exactly what Jesus would do.



There will be "Open House" at our public schools on March 10th so the **UMW Unit Meeting scheduled for March 10th has been changed to March 17th.** A covered dish dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the business meeting and Easter Program to follow. Shepherdess Suzan Warner will be in attendance to encourage and inspire us in attaining our UMW goals. It is our hope that the UMW membership and our church family will support our public schools by attending the "Open House" on March 10th. We invite all women to attend our March 17th meeting.

### A Blessed Event!!!!

**Kinley and Carley Thornton are thrilled to announce the arrival of their new cousin Jackson Hall Thornton, who was adopted by their Aunt Cristy Thornton. Jackson was born on Tuesday, February 26th at 7:21a.m. in Houston. He weighs 8 lbs and 9 oz. and is 21 inches long.**



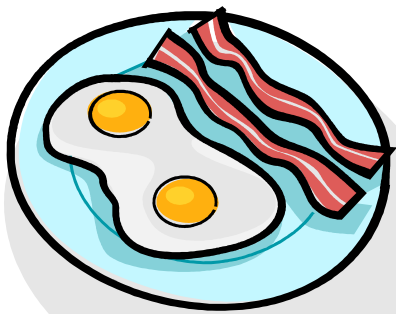
**"Our family has been blessed by this gift from God. Thankfully we are all healthy and the birth mother, who is my cousin, made it through the C-section without complications. Please keep us all in your prayers as we make our way home to San Saba and our new life."**



## **Church Newsletter**

### **Deadline**

**March 26th**



## **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**

Monica Shahan and the kids spent time in Chandler with Nicole & Elise. Kevin then met them in Dallas to celebrate Brady Shahan's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Gracen has mastered walking and there's no slowing her down! The news is good about Katie McEwin. She recovered from her accident on her horse after several days in San Saba with her mom and dad, Mark & Kathy McEwin. It is a good thing as the household is really busy these days as their other daughter, Shi'Ann, is getting married in March at Horseshoe Bay. Barbara Gilger hosted with lots of other hostesses a bridal shower for Shi'Ann on February 23rd. Lots of people have had the crud that is going around including Suzanne Walters. We have missed Suzanne at several church events. Johnny Thornton has also been in the hospital but is out now and feeling better. Debbie Ragsdale had a short stay at the Llano Hospital but is doing much better now. Derek Sears was on the front page of the San Saba newspaper as he was named Academic All State. Congratulations, Derek!!! Anne and David Parker have made a trip to West Texas to see Alisha and her family and then traveled on to New Mexico to see Alan and his wife. David has really been enjoying the pretty weather and being able to get some rounds of golf in. Monday March 3rd the vacation is over for a while and it is back to work for David at the Ford dealership in Brady. Loise Cook is back in Houston with her dad, Joe Hegar. Joe, I believe had surgery this past week. Please keep Joe in your prayers. Looking for a good inexpensive place to eat lunch?. Try the Senior Center and eat at the Methodist table. Some of the folks you will get to visit with include C.K. & Vickie Stevenson, Pat & Charlie Belk, Bettye McLaughlin, James & Pat Reavis, Elsie Millican, and several others. Elsie Millican took a short ride to check out the Lampasas Emergency Room when her blood pressure got too high. After a short stay, she got to come home. She will be checking back in with her doctor the first week of March. Melanie Mathis certainly has some good news. She is starting a new job as an aide at San Saba school. She is very excited about the job. She is taking her sister-in-law and mother-in-law to San Antonio this week-end to shop for her sister-in-law's wedding dress. Ryan and Casey, I believe, will also both be in the wedding. J. T. Moody is really enjoying the pre-school in Llano that his grandmother Sue is taking him to each weekday. Bob & Debbie Millican had a little excitement out at their place on Monday night. A fire started on their neighbor's place and ended up burning a little of their land before it was put out. Sam & Laina Murray enjoyed having son Lee Murray and his fiancée Kelly home one week-end. Richard Waldie is enjoying doing a couple of archery tournaments before he has his knee surgery in March. Thelma Millican's daughter Sylvia, retired from City National Bank. Pat Reavis got a good report from her doctor recently. Congratulations, Pat. Jess McDowell was in for a visit with his parents and grandfather, Harry Stockhoff. He worked a wedding in DeLeon as a disc jockey with his former boss, Eric Logan of eMotion Entertainment of Abilene.

## “Amen To”

Kim Kirk, Ashley Stewart, Cindy Prater & Marty Loeber for serving as liturgist.

Lesa Schulze for doing the children’s sermon.

Casey Mathis for lighting the candles

All those who contributed to the UMW \$288 for Souper Bowl Sunday

Ashley Stewart for teaching for Monica Shahan.

C.K. Stevenson for making the communion bread.



Fran Hulan’s dad is shown here with Vickie Stevenson, Pat Reavis, Suzanne Walter, Sharon Hayes, and Bettye McLaughin at the exercise class.

Praise and Thanksgiving to those who helped with the Faithweaver’s Friends Dinner:

Owen & Linda Parks

Klela Waldie

Zolly Jones

Wanda Davenport

Cherry Kaye Lange

David Gilger

Millie Burnham

Kay Thompson

Elsie Millican

Monica Shahan

Bob Millican

And

Those who came in support of this ministry

## Thinking of You

**Will Meet  
March 11th  
10 a.m.  
At Nancy Bannister’s**

**Please bring new or gently used towels for the Williams House**



**Don’t Forget  
Daylight Savings Time  
Begins  
Sunday, March 9th**