



# San Saba First United Methodist Church MAY 2008 Newsletter



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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**

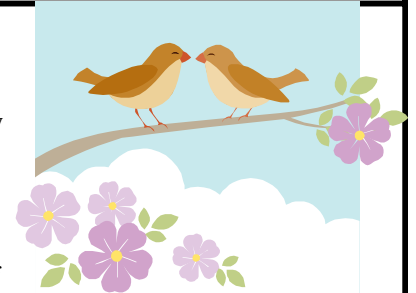
**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.**



**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!

Please read the following article written by Rev. Harlene Sadler, Pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Eagle Pass, Texas. As many of you know, Pastor Harlene was recommended for United Methodist Ministry when she lived in San Saba and was a member of our Church. The title of her article, which was published in the April 25, 2008 *United Methodist Witness*, "Southwest Texas Conference News", (Volume 9, Number 22, Page 3) is "Early responders clean Eagle Pass".



"Offering Christ to All" became more than words to those of us last year in Eagle Pass when a tornado ripped through our area. It hit dead-on in a local Colonia named Rosita Valley. Seven people were killed on the American side of the Rio Grande and at least three people were reported having died across the river in Mexico."

"Devastation was everywhere. What little these people had was wadded up in misshapen forms and tossed about like confetti. We hardly had time to take it in before phone calls began. "How can we help?" "What can we do?" Expressions of concern came pouring in, along with checks that invited us to help in any way we could."

"Initially, the Early Response teams came in with gear for clean up. People from as far away as Kansas and Oklahoma, and as near as San Antonio and Bulverde came "to offer Christ to all."

"We began the work of salvaging what we could and rebuilding where it was feasible. And when reconstruction was not possible, we would start from scratch. To date, we have built five new homes from the foundation up, and more are in process."

"We have assisted more than 30 families with projects that ranged from re-screening windows to re-roofing all, or portions, of their homes. All of this has been completely done with free labor from caring hearts."

"More than 4,500 hours of donated labor and thousands of dollars have been invested in Rosita Valley. Close to 90 percent of the time and money has come from our Methodist churches."

"All of this was given in God's name. And it was difficult for the people to believe that nothing was required in return. In God's name you provided extraordinary hope in the midst of incredible chaos."

"I wish I could tell you that it was over. Unfortunately, there are 80 or 90 families that still need help. If you can help, please call Amy Garcia at (830) 776-4126 or (830) 773-3409. The group's e-mail address is [interfaithcomm@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcomm@gmail.com)."

Please pray for the families who lost loved ones in the tornado and for those who lost their homes and all of their personal possessions. Also, if you would like to make a donation of labor, supplies, or money, please call Amy Garcia at the phone numbers listed in Rev. Harlene Sadler's article.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Robin

## Prayer Concerns



James & Pat Reavis, E.L. Byrd, Thelma Millican, Charles Peeler, Cherry Kay Lange and Fam., Family of Melvin **Collins, Joe Hegar (Loise's Dad)**, Richard Waldie, Brad Bryan, Dr. Jack & Dolly Hudgins. Vivian Allen, Debbie **Pullen's family, Anne Parker**, Mark Owens, Dr. Tobey & Natalie Yu, Fam. Rev John and Dorothy Robinson, Pat and Charlie Belk and Fam., son-in-law Teddy, grandchildren Eric, Nathan, and Stephanie, Kolby Reavis, **Glenn Norris (Pastor's Stepdad)**, Fam. Of Robert T. King, Donald & Bettye McLaughlin, Roy & Polly Waterhouse, **Deloris Mendiola (Mario's Mom), Leah Craig (Debbie's Mom)**, Dr. John Bannister, Eric Booker

Our Military:  
Shad Gragg, Robert Dillard,  
Ross Johnson, Todd Daniels



**Senior High Bible Study**  
The Sr. High group traveled to Hill Country Lanes in Marble Falls for an afternoon of bowling, fellowship and fun. Nicole Sears was awarded fabulous prizes for winning with the highest score. Thank you to Brad & Misty Everett for helping to chaperone this trip.



## Playground Equipment Workday

The men and women rallied together last Saturday morning to construct a play set for the children of the church and community. The workers included: Mike & Bob Millican, Tyler & Travis & Roland Hawkins, Risien & Kevin Shahan, Harper Stewart, Al Alison, Klela & Richard Waldie, Pastor Robin, C.K. Stevenson, Brad Everett & Scott Mathis. Thank you to Winston Millican, Bob Millican & Paul Gast for unloading the playground equipment, John Carpenter for moving it to the desired location, Mike & Charlotte Millican for donating the landscape timbers and Elsie Millican for her generous contributions.



**Thinking of  
You  
Tuesday  
May  
10 a.m.  
Nelda  
Weatherby's  
Home**



## “Amen To”

Pat Belk, Lois Cook, Nettie Oma Carpenter, Suzanne Walters, & Linda Parks for their singing worship last Sunday.

Scott Mathis for running the sound board.

Ashley Stewart for playing the piano.

Sue and Elizabeth Moody for caring for the flower beds.

Raley Kirk, Risien Shahan, Casey and Ryan Mathis for lighting the candles.

Lesa Schultz, Nettie Oma Carpenter and Pastor Robin for doing the children's sermon.

Lee Ragsdale, Bob Millican, Scott Mathis, & Roland Hawkins for serving as ushers

Marty Loeber, J.T. Mathis, Cindy Prater, Suzanne Walters, and Stan Burnham for serving as the liturgists.

Mike Thomas for singing a solo.

The choir for beautiful music.

Tracey Thomas for directing the choir.

J.T. Mathis for serving as the communion assistant.

C. K Stevenson for making the communion bread.

Pat Belk, Nettie Oma Carpenter, Suzanne Walters, Loise Cook and Linda Parks for singing.

Lesa Schultz for providing the decorations for Cristi Thornton's baby shower.

All those who helped make Faith Weavers a success.



## UMW News

The Morning Group led by Zolly Jones, and the Evening Group led by Loise Cook will meet on May 12th when they will study the program entitled "Introduction to General Conference".

Both the Morning and Evening Groups of the United Methodist Women met on April 14th in observance of "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" when a special offering was taken to help fund programs in mission institutions that reach out to women, children, and youth in the U.S. , and over 100 countries around the world. The programs were led by Wanda Davenport for the Morning Group and Pat Belk for the Evening Group.

Plans are being made for the U.M.W. to honor Shelby Letbetter, Kolby Reavis, Derek Sears and Travis Hawkins, all graduating seniors, at the church's family dinner after the morning worship service on May 18th.

Submitted by Nettie Oma Carpenter



**Tyler Hawkins  
And  
Lauren Blossman**

**Are now engaged.**

**Congratulations to the  
couple!**

**A date has not been set.**





## **Church Newsletter Deadline**

**(Last Wednesday of the Month)**

**May 28th**

**XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX**

**Meals on Wheels  
Begins on  
May 5th**

**Call Zolly or Elsie  
For more information**



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## **Mission Service Project**

Our Venturing Crew of 12 youth and 4 adult leaders will leave on Saturday, June 7 and return on June 15. If anyone would like to contribute, please watch for our fundraisers. We have a car wash and possibly another hamburger sale in the planning process at this time. All prayers are welcome!!

## **Our Church Family**

The Shahan's & Millican's spent several days camping at the mouth of the river in E.E. Risien's country home. Risien & Maddie were inducted into the sport of fishing with a trot line. Risien lost his first tooth while camping. The tooth fairy still found him in his tent! Maddie & Gracie are busy cheering for their big brother Risien play t-ball each week. Mario is celebrating a birthday. Be sure and wish him a happy birthday!!!! Melanie Mathis is enjoying her new job at the school. Marty Loeber's parents were in from Wisconsin for a visit. They got to hear their son sing which is also a special treat for us. Justin Barker, Linda & Owen Parks' grandson, is a busy senior. He has been named valedictorian of the 2008 class. He is one of the youth in the Mission Service Project so was helping with the hamburger fund raiser on May 1st. David Gilger was seen cooking some hamburgers for the fund raiser. Emmitt Lloyd Byrd is at home but still needs our prayers. We missed Nettie Oma Carpenter one Sunday as she was out of town for a wedding. Melanie Mathis's mom enjoyed a visit with her daughter and her family. She was especially here to help celebrate Melanie's birthday and watch one of J.T. baseball games. It was good to see Sara Jackson here visiting her mom Amanda Jackson. Cory Schultz and her friend were also in to visit Lesa and Ronnie Schultz and Mindy and Bubba Cantu. Ronnie's girls golf team has done very well this year. Stop by and see Mindy Cantu at the snowcone stand across the street from the school. Loise Cook went to Katy to check on her dad. John headed west and was in Californian business for a week. Lee Murray and Kelly were honored one week-end with a bridal shower at Barbara Gilger's and at a BBQ hosted by Ken and Cindy Prater and Tom & Janis Murray. Laina Murray headed to College Station the next week-end for a visit with the kids and tend to some wedding preparations. Bob & Debbie Millican hosted a birthday fish fry. Winston Millican and Kevin Shahan were the honorees. Several of our church family have been under the weather. We are thankful Richard Waldie is doing well after his knee surgery. Vickie Stevenson has also had surgery. Ken Prater left Sunday School one Sunday because of coughing. Cherry Kay Lange had trouble one Sunday with her sinus and missed church. She and 3 other family members are planning a trip. Wesley Gates participated in the Big Country Band in Coleman. He is a trombone player. The Mike Thomas' went to San Antonio to visit their granddaughter and of course visit with Josh and Megan Thomas. Cindy Prater is off digging in the dirt or on an archeology dig. WE are missing Thelma Millican. Our former pastor, Judy, sounds like she is having a rough time. The doctors have now removed her thyroid gland. We wish her a speedy recovery. Speaking of former pastors, Sara, John and Arial Reynolds (a former pastor's family) were in town for some of the Murdock-Murray wedding festivities. Please notice the flower beds as you came into the church and tell Sue Moody and Elizabeth Moody how pretty they look. They are doing a great job. It has been good to see Jason Everett at Faith Weavers and at church. He was certainly being good natured about letting lots of people hold him. Pastor Robin attended the Bishop's Fiesta in San Antonio. Jess McDowell will be moving to Arlington in May and will attend University of Texas at Arlington.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

BE A

**COSMIC CITY**™

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM MEMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is where I will be the most help:

- Group Leader    Tour Stop Leader    Teen Leader    Teen Training  
 Crafts    Snacks    Bible Drama    Learning Lab (science experiments)  
 Music    Games    Making Puppets    Puppeteers  
 Building Sets    Registration    Clean Up

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORE THE AWESOME WONDER OF GOD