



San Saba First United Methodist Church October 2008 Newsletter



**San Saba
First United Methodist
Church**
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Robin Percy, 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!

John Wesley wrote a book titled *The Character of a Methodist*, which has been “paraphrased” and published by **Bristol House, Ltd.** The following are excerpts from this paraphrased version, which contain the essential characteristics of a Methodist:

“The distinguishing marks of Methodists are not their opinions of any sort, . . . their embracing any particular set of notions . . . or mouthing the judgments of one person or another. . . We do believe that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God.” This distinguishes us from all non-Christians. We believe that the written Word of God is the only and sufficient rule both of Christian faith and practice in our lives.” “We believe that Christ is the eternal, supreme God. This distinguishes us from those who consider Christ to be less than divine. But as to all opinions, which do not strike at the root of Christianity, *we think and let think. This means that whether or not these secondary opinions are right or wrong, they are not distinguishing marks of a Methodist.* Methodists are people who have the love of God in their hearts. This is a gift of God’s Holy Spirit. And the same Spirit causes Methodists to love the Lord their God with all their hearts, with all their souls, with all their minds, with all their strength.” “God is the joy of Methodists’ hearts; the desire of their souls, which cry out constantly, “Whom have I in heaven but you, Lord? There is nothing on earth that I desire but you, my God and my all! You are the strength of my life. You, Lord, are all that I need.” “Methodists realize that they belong to God instead of Satan. This is redemption. It is possible only because Jesus gave his life on the cross. He shed his blood to make atonement for the sins of all who believe in him. Methodists trust in Christ alone for their salvation. Methodists know that the blood of Jesus has cleansed them from all sin. Through Christ and Christ alone Methodists have received forgiveness for their sins.” “Methodists cannot help rejoicing. They rejoice every time they think of their narrow escape from eternal destruction. This miracle has been accomplished through Jesus Christ, the beloved Savior. Whoever thus believes experiences the assurance of God’s love and forgiveness. This clear and certain inner recognition is witness that Methodists are children of God by faith. Another characteristic of Methodists: The have learned to be content, whether they have much or little. When humiliation comes Methodists accept this gladly as the Father’s will. When prosperity and good fortune come Methodists accept all circumstances gladly, knowing that these are God’s doing, intended for their ultimate good. Methodists never stop praying. It is second nature for them to pray and not to be discouraged. Methodists are often on their knees in humility before God, but they do not spend all their time in contemplation. Methodists keep *all* God’s commandments – not half-heartedly but with enthusiasm and gladness. The Methodists’ obedience to God is in direct proportion to their love for God. And so I beg you, let all true Christians remain united; let us not be divided among ourselves. *Is your heart right as my heart is with yours? I ask no further questions; give me your hand. For the sake of mere opinions or terms, let us not destroy the work of God.*”

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Robin



First Women Harvest Day Dinner



The First UM Ladies met on Monday Sept 8th for the annual Harvest Day Dinner event. As their tradition continues, ladies brought out many wonderful homemade casseroles, salads and other goodies to enjoy. Barbara Gilger and her crew of Suzanne Walters, Nelda Weatherby, and Nettie Oma Carpenter served as hostesses and decorated all the tables in a festive harvest theme. After dinner and a brief business meeting led by President Nettie Oma Carpenter, the guest speaker was introduced. Kerrville District UMW President Schatzie Norris from Comfort, TX spoke of her involvement with United Methodist Women and what a joy and pleasure it has been for her to serve in an area that truly gives and ministers all over the world. She encouraged all the ladies to continue to stay aware and in prayer for our missions around the globe. Ladies were also reminded of upcoming studies and events which would be very meaningful to attend. Hazel McCoy of Goldthwaite, recognized as an always welcome guest, came with Mrs. Norris. Nettie Oma then announced that a monetary gift in mission was being purchased in honor of Mrs. Norris and her efforts to be with the ladies in San Saba. Seeming very pleased, Schatzie said she could receive no better gift.

Growing Up!!

Debbie Millican's Preschool class has grown up! After several weeks of record-setting attendance, a new class has been formed. The Kindergarten-First Grade Class will begin this Sunday. Risien Shahan, Ryan Mathis, Grace Stewart, and Jaden Owens will be the pioneers of this new class meeting on the balcony level. Lois Cook & Carolyn McDowell have agreed to co-teach these energetic kindergarteners. Praise God!!



Thinking of You

**Will Meet
Tuesday
October 21st
10 a.m.
At the
Ranch Home
Of
Nancy Banister
Weather permitting**

**All Women are
Welcome!!**

First Kids Meal

**Weds. Oct. 29th
Faith Weaver Friends
at 4p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**The Faith Weaver
Friends Dinner
to Follow
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**



Prayer Concerns

Jeannette Toole,
Tom and Sammy Thomas,
Polly Friemel,
Dolly Hudgins and Family,
Mitchell, Johna & Matthew Moss,
Charlotte and Jerry Allman,
Pat Lensch and Family.
Donald and Bettye McLaughlin,
Wesley Hooker,
E.L. Byrd,
Anne Parker,
James and Pat Reavis,
Thelma Millican,
David McPherson,
Dr. John Bannister,
Rev. Clinton Harris and Family
Sharon Clawson,
Brad Bryan,
Mark Owens ,
Dr. Tobey and Natalie Yu,
Kolby Reavis,
Roy and Polly Waterhouse,
Deloris Mendiola,
Faith Weaver Friends & Volun-
teers,
In Our Military :
Eric Booker,
Ross Johnson,
Todd Daniels,
Matthew Barrier



Welcome Naomi Saucillo

The PPR Committee recently hired an additional nursery worker to help nurture and care for our beloved babies in the nursery! Naomi Saucillo was hired to assist Mindy Cantu care for our babies: Jason Everett, Emerson Easterwood, Gracen Shahan & Faith Stewart. She attends St. Mary's Catholic Church and is an active member there. She does the church bulletin for them.

Naomi is married and the mother of 3 children, Tonya, Eloise, and Salome. Salome, the youngest son, graduated from San Saba last May and is attending UNT in Denton. Naomi is the San Saba Middle School Librarian. Please help us welcome Naomi!!



Youth– Led Worship Service September 21,2008

Thanks goes to all the youth who participated in the worship service.

Acolytes: Grace Stewart
Jaycee Everett & Jayden Owen

Elizabeth & Gigi Loeber.

Prayerful Response: Hollee Ragsdale

Children's Sermon: Jantzen Bell

Scripture Lessons: Nicole Sears, Wesley Gates, and Shay Scott

Sermon: J.T; Mathis

Affirmation of Faith: Elizabeth Bryant

Prayer in Unison: Raley Kirk

Offering: Risien Shahan, Ryan Mathis, Madison Shahan, & Addy Easterwood

Benediction: Casey Mathis.



Great Job!!!



Amen to.....

Owen & Linda Parks for coordinating the Faith Weaver Friends meal.

Linda Parks for coordinating the meal for the Hurricane Ike refugees.

Kim Kirk and Monica Shahan for organizing the Faith Weaver Friends.

Ashley Stewart for playing the piano.

Ryan Mathis, Raley Kirk for being acolytes.

Pastor Robin, Celia Bell for **doing the children's sermon.**

Bob Millican for being liturgist.

Lee Ragsdale and Roland for serving as ushers.

For all our Sunday School teachers.



First Kids

FaithWeaver Friends is off to a great start! 33 Kids have teamed up with twenty adult volunteers to laugh, play, sing, & study God's word. We have studied the first three chapters of Genesis and learned that God Made the World, God Made Everybody, & God Lets Us Make Choices... all very worthwhile Bible Points for all of us to learn!

A special **thank you** goes to our FaithWeaver Friends Volunteers:

Circle Leaders: Brandi Easterwood, Elizabeth Bryant, Carol Littlefield, Cindy Hawkins, Misty Everett, LewAnn Turner, Nettie Oma Carpenter

Journaling: Melanie Mathis, Monica Shahan, & Trish Warren

Crafts: Linda Parks & Tracey Thomas

Games: Kim Kirk

Surprise Station: Celia Bell & Loise Cook

Registration & Attendance: Millie Burnham & Suzanne Walters

Snacks: Cherry Kay Lange & Debbie Millican

Photographer: Carolyn McDowell

Time-Keeper: Deborah Ragsdale

Dear San Saba Friends,

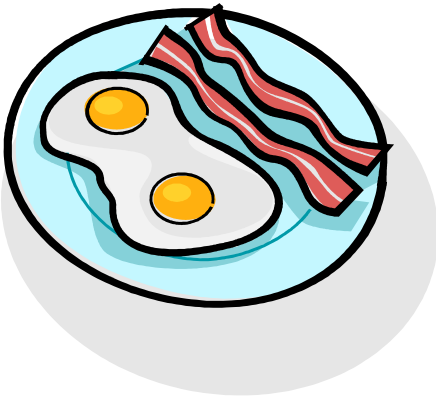
Thanks you so much for the thoughts, prayers, concerns, and cards we received at the news of the passing of my father, Bob Barlow. He really enjoyed visiting with the exercise group and bringing his instruments to share. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.



Sincerely,

Fran & Bill Hulan

Wanted: Newsworthy Items
For the Church Newsletter
Email to Carolyn McDowell
jmcd@centex.net.



First Men

**Meets
8 a.m.**

Every Sunday Morning

**For Breakfast and Bible
Study**

All Men Are Invited

**To Join The
Group**

Our Church Family

Fall is in the air! Have you noticed the cooler mornings. With it brings the hustle and bustle of a busy church family. There were certainly a lot of church family present for the youth-led worship service last Sunday. If you weren't present, you missed a real inspiration. It was good to see everyone visiting after the service. Some gathered at the back of the sanctuary. Others gathered out by the new playground equipment. Seems like some of the little ones get the privilege of 5-10 minutes on the playground equipment after sitting still for the hour worship service. Sounds like a great idea to me!! The Faith Weavers Friends really used the projection system to help them with the words and motions to the songs that they sang during the service. Several visitors included Elizabeth Bryant's grandparents and Raley Kirk's dad Regan. The report is Kolby Reavis is enjoying life as a college freshman at Angelo State University in San Angelo. Several of our church family have had friends or family staying with them due to hurricane Ike. Richard and Klela Waldie had friends for supper several nights, I believe. They just brought the deep freeze with them instead of leaving the meat to ruin. I think they had a good choice of meat to choose from for supper each night. Trish and Henry Warren had Henry's son Jay for a visit also. We were glad to hear that Lee Ragsdale was fine after a near miss accident. Charlotte Millican has been having trouble with her blood pressure. Sure hope they have got it figured out by now. Sometime it does take a while for the doctors to find the right mix of medicine. If you didn't make it to San Saba High School's Homecoming, then you missed seeing a very pretty Nicole Sears being escorted by her father Del Sears. Nicole is a junior at San Saba High School. There is a new president among our midst. Trish Warren is the new president of the Pierian Study Club. Barbara Gilger is the entertainment chairman. We all know from experience that Barbara will do a great job of that. Speaking of the Gilgers, did you hear that Morgan Gilger had a great play at the JV football game recently? He recovered a fumble and went 72 yards for a touchdown. That is definitely newsworthy! Lesa Schulze's yard really looks nice. Drive by and check it out when you are in the neighborhood. You might also accidentally see Thelma Millican in her yard if you get over on Dry Street. Cherry Kay Lange is on the grandparent's circuit. It is a soccer game in Llano on Saturday morning and then on to Dallas on Tuesday for the goat show at the Texas Fair of Texas. The big talk in town this week is the new sign out in front of Millican Pecan. It's flashing lights calls attention to the retail store on Wallace Street. You might see Bob or Winston Millican out in the yard. Ann Fry says the school year in Cherokee is off to a good start. Cindy and Roland Hawkins are headed south this week-end to Kingsville, Texas for Texan A&M-Kingsville's parent week-end. They will have a good visit with son Travis Hawkins. Travis got to spend a week-end fishing while IKE was disturbing things on the coast. Sounds like something Travis would enjoy. Sue Moody was making good use of her time the other Wednesday. While she was waiting for J.T. to get through with Faith Weaver Friends, she was watering the flower beds. Mike & Tracey Thomas have spent some time recently in Austin checking on Mike's brother Tom.

Mon. Oct. 6th thru Oct.27th
Pastor's Robin Study
"Five Practices
of Fruitful Congregations"



6 p.m. In the Parlor

First Exercise

Meets



Monday, Wednesday and Friday's

10 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Good for Your Body
and Your Soul

Mon. Oct 20th thru Oct.31st

Meals on Wheels

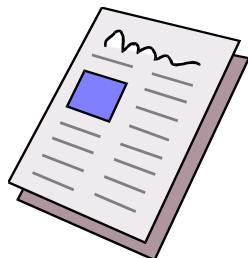


Check with
Zolly Jones or Elsie Millican
For Details



First News

Newsletter Deadline
Last Wednesday
of the Month



October 29th
5 p.m.
jmcd@centex.net

The Choir

Is Now Recruiting
Singers
for the
Christmas Cantata



See Tracey Thomas or any Choir member
for More Details