

FIRST NEWS



San Saba

First United Methodist Church

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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.
First Worship 10:00 a.m.**



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

Greetings In Christ!

Rev. Clinton Rabb, Director of the Mission Volunteers Program at the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, died from injuries received in the rubble of the earthquake that struck Haiti, according to David Briggs and Linda Bloom of The United Methodist News Service. "More than 700 family and mission workers from throughout the world packed University United Methodist Church in Austin for Rev. Rabb's memorial service on January 23 to celebrate his life."

"As we are gathered here this day, the occasion of our worship is the death of Clinton Rabb. The purpose of our worship is to give thanks to almighty God for his life and for life eternal," said Bishop James Dorff, who is Bishop of the Southwest Texas Conference, where Rev. Rabb was a clergy member."

"Rev. Rabb was in Haiti to discuss ways to assist the impoverished island nation. He had joined five colleagues for a dinner meeting at the Hotel Montana in Port-au-Prince when the January 12 earthquake struck. He and the Rev. Sam Dixon, top executive of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, found their legs pinned under a concrete slab. Two days later, French rescue workers found the group, but it took hours for them to free Rev. Rabb. He was airlifted to Florida but died of his injuries at a hospital there on January 17. Rev. Dixon died earlier in Port-au-Prince."

"The Rev. James Gulley, an UMCOR consultant who was trapped with Rabb and Dixon, struggled to control his emotion at times as he spoke of the ordeal. Although Rabb was pinned down in the rubble with his legs broken, Gulley said, Rabb would spend much of his time trying to lift up Dixon to make him more comfortable by creating a makeshift bed of plaster and laptop bags."

"His resilience through days of agonizing pain and suffering, gave hope to his colleagues that Rabb would survive. At one point, as rescue workers struggled to free him, Rabb told a reporter, "Please tell my wife that I deeply love her." Rev. Rabb's wife, the Rev. Suzanne Field Rabb said: "There is a deep abiding grief, one that would extinguish the stars and dismantle the sun, with the knowledge, My beloved Clint is dead. He was my north, my south, my east and my west."

"Many at the service recalled Rev. Rabb as a man with a gentle, kind spirit, with a passion for service. Clint never waited for the world to come to him, said West Ohio Bishop Bruce Ough, president of the Board of Global Ministries; Clint went to the world. He channeled the talents and equipped thousands of other United Methodists to go to the world (to be) a mighty river of grace, mercy and transformation."

"In a eulogy, the Rev. Robert Huie, a close friend and former neighbor, said, "Clint's God was always getting bigger. If someone said Rabb thought outside the box, "Clint more than likely would say, "What box?" Huie told mourners that Rabb would want to tell each of them that he loves them with all of his heart and mind and soul; and his love endures forever."

"Besides working with the mission volunteers program, he had been involved with new mission initiatives in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. The family has started a charity, <http://www.clintonclarkrabbcharity.org>, in memory of Rev. Rabb. Memorial contributions should be designated to The Clinton Clark Rabb Charity. Checks can be mailed to P. O. Box 721115, Dallas, Texas 75372.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Robin

Prayer
Concerns



Family of Jo Linzey
Kaye Clancey (up coming surgery)

Marjorie McDowell (Mike's Mom)

Tony Kirk

Fran Hulgan

Doris Bryant (Nursing Home)

Margaret Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)

John Bannister

John Hickey (Bettye's friend)

Doug and Kaye Clancey and Fam.

Riley Rutledge (premature)

Sam Jones (Lewis Jones Brother)

Guenevere and Eli Johnson and Fam.

(Pat Belk's niece)

Midge Love

F.L. and Linda Kalmus

Kendall Wadsworth and Fam.

(Kaye Clancey's friend)

Landon Yarbrough (and Justin his brother in handling this situation with Landon)

Peter Hald

Daniel Smith

Connie Raesner Perry

Howard and Sherry Ruddock

Jeck White (Boe and Margaret

Rice's Grandson)

Michael Pullen and Fam.

Jeannette Toole

Pete and Sue Hemenway

(friends of Trish Warren)

Mark Owens (safety)

Elaine and John Lansford

(Nancy and John Bannister's friends)

James and Pat Reavis

Jean Miller (Pat Belk's friend)

Nick Stripling (Pat Reavis Grandson)

Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss

(John and Nancy Bannister's nephew)

In Our Military

Alex Dove, Eric Booker, Matthew Barrier,

Cory Clendennen, Andy Smith

Please Pray for Our Troops,

All Our Military Men and Women

From The Endowment Fund Committee.....

An anonymous donor contributed a Perpetual Gift of \$200 to honor the memory of Pastor Robin's mother. As with all contributions to the Permanent Endowment Fund only the interest earned by the gift may be spent. The gift will keep earning interest for the Church's purposes as long as the Church exists. 100% of the gift and the interest earned by the gift, remain in San Saba for the use by our Church. As the Permanent Endowment Fund Grows it can be an important contributor to the financial health of our Church and make wonderful things happen in His Name.

Submitted by John Cook



DON'T FORGET!!!!!!

**Sun. February 14th
Valentine's Day Dinner
Covered Dish Family Dinner**

6:00 p.m.

**Church Fellowship Hall,
Also Featuring The Valentine Singers**



Taylor Paige Wise was baptized Sunday January 24th during the worship service. Proud parents are Mark & Stacy Wise. Numerous family members also were present for the special occasion.

1st Ladies

Pastor Robin installed the UMW officers on Sunday January 10th during the morning worship service. The officers for 2010-211 are; Nettie Oma Carpenter, president; Bettye McLaughlin, vice-president; Wahnee Stallings, secretary; Carol Littlefield, treasurer; and Cherry Kay Lange, program resources.

Monday, January 11th at 4:30 was the beginning of a new agenda for the UMW. Each member was presented with a new yearbook as they arrived by Bettye McLaughlin. She did a fabulous job in preparing them. Carol Littlefield, newly elected treasurer, presented the Pledge Program, assisted by Pat Belk, Pat Reavis and Suzanne Walters. Carol displayed maps showing where UMW mission dollars are used in the United States and throughout the world to support missions, especially those which aid women, children and youth. After the inspiring program, the group was treated to a supper of taco soup, crackers, chips, cookies and wassail prepared by Zolly Jones and Wanda Davenport.

On January 23, the president and vice-president attended a leadership training event in Kerrville. Ralph Thompson spoke to the group with the title of his message being, "Leadership with Purpose, Vision and Planning".

Wahnee Stallings will be the leader for the February 8th meeting with Nettie Oma Carpenter and Suzanne Walters serving as hostesses.

Here are the goings on for FEBRUARY.

UMM meet every Sunday am for Breakfast and Bible study
Every Mon., Weds, and Fri, Aerobic Walking 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Every Weds. Faith Weavers 3:45 to 5:30

Every Weds. Methodist Youth Fellowship meet at 3:45 at Kim Kirk's house.

Every Weds Worship Team at 6pm Choir at 7pm

Every 2nd and 4th Weds. the Mobile Food Pantry 10 am to 12 noon

Tues 2nd Worship committee Meet 6 pm Church Parlor

Sun. 7th Souper Bowl of Caring \$1.00 in the basket

Sun. 7th Finance Committee Meet 12:30

Mon. 8th UMW 4:30

Sun. 21st Eventide Nursing Home

Weds. 24th Faith Weaver Friends Dinner 5:30 to 6:30

Thurs. 25th Fellowship of Christian Women 11:30 First Presbyterian Church San Saba, treating the 80's and 90's



Meet Debbie Pullen

Debbie Pullen, our newest 1st Church member, was born September 6, 1954 to James W. & Billie C. Holmes. She was raised in Fort Worth Texas. She attended and joined Ridgela Baptist Church till 1969 when she moved to Burleson Texas and joined a church there. In 1986, Debbie moved to San Saba. She has 2 children: Jennifer and Michael, Jr. She has 5 biological grandchildren and 2 adopted. These 7 wonderful grandchildren are from 2 years to 16 years old.

She worked for L&L Motel for 15 years and is now at the Senior Center. (Hill Country Community Action). This lady loves to cook and enjoys the relationships with the people at the Center that come every day. She is also looking forward to a wonderful membership here in San Saba as a member of our church.



Congratulations goes to Elizabeth Bryant for being chosen as a nominee for Outstanding Youth of our conference.

Amen to.....

Nettie Oma Carpenter and- Jennifer Reeves for filling in Tracey Thomas.

Scott Mathis for substituting in the K-2 class.

Lesa Schulze for doing an outstanding job with the children's sermons.

Lewann Turner and Carolyn McDowell for furnishing refreshments for the MYF group.

Tracey Thomas for preaching while Robin was out with his mother.



J.T. Mathis showed in his first stock show this year. He got 2nd in his class with his heavy weight cross market barrow. City National Bank bought it at the sale..Sam Murray is shown here with J.T. at the auction. Scott & Melanie had a bunch of company in that day....Melanie's dad and stepmom made their first trip to San Saba, Melanie's mom, and Scott's sister and her husband....that Friday was JT's birthday....J.T. grandfather and step grandmother gave him the ultimate gift for a teenage boy: a truck..

Faith Weavers Friends

FaithWeaver Friends is off to a great start! Thirty children have returned for an exciting new spring semester. Everyone who volunteers at Friends has a special job to do, but there are a few things everyone can do. Even if you are unable to serve each week this semester, here's what you can do: Pray, pray, and pray some more. Ask for God's blessings on this program, the kids we'll serve, their families, and the volunteers. Also, you can join us for the FaithWeaver Friends Dinners to be held at 5:30pm on February 24th and April 14th . Here's a look ahead at FaithWeaver Friends:
2/3/10 An Angel Frees Peter from Jail God Wants to Help You
2/10/10 Lydia is Converted Tell Others the Story of Jesus
2/17/10 Paul's Jailer Believes in Jesus Say Yes to Jesus
2/24/10 Paul Describes Genuine Love Love Puts Others First
2 /24/10 FaithWeaver Friends Dinner

Faith Weaver Friends Dinner

Wednesday, February 24th
at 5:30pm

in the parlor at

1st Methodist Church



Our Church Family

Wanda Davenport and Betty Ann Johnson enjoyed a lunch out. I am not sure whose turn it was to cook. Charlie Peeler was squiring Nancy Bannister around town. There was also a four legged friend with them on the trip. Cherry Kay Lange is off to Hawaii for a little vacation. Her son and daughter-in-law invited her to go with them to celebrate Linda's birthday. Who could turn down an invitation like that! Hollywood will soon be calling some of our church members. J.T. Mathis, Ryan Guidroz, and Elizabeth Bryant did a skit during the worship service concerning the Nothing But Nets program. There is a lot of sickness going around. Ted Red was one of the no so lucky ones that came down with it. Suzanne Walter had a runny nose one Sunday and she also missed church one Sunday. Hope yall are feeling better. Sooner or later everyone has plumbing problems. It was Stan & Millie Burnham's turn recently. Here's hoping the problem was a quick fix. Grace & Faith Stewart were getting the royal grandmother treatment last Sunday while their parents were out of town. Mike & Tracey Thomas were given a chance that they just couldn't turn down. A free plane ticket. They went to Los Angles to check out Lindsey and Derek's apartment and jobs. Grace Stewart received a 5th place Youth Fair ribbon on her art entry. Raley Kirk received a 1st place in the food category. She chose to enter one of her grandmother's recipes. Hollee Ragsdale was the overall winner in photography with a picture that she took while on vacation with her grandparents. J.T. Mathis placed with his hog as did Elizabeth Bryant. Our sympathy goes out to Stan & Millie Burnham on the loss of their niece, Georgiana. It was good to see Cori & Shane Dyson sitting with Lesa Schulze and Mindy Cantu one Sunday. Monica & Kevin Shahan went with some other Shahans to Tyler Texas to the indoor water park. All of the kids had a great time. David Rogers has been on the road. First it was to Seattle to the home office. Then it was to Louisiana. He says this is his busiest time of year. Alesha is just as busy helping a lot of her FCS student prepare for their FCCLA contests and attending a workshop in Kerrville. Several of our church family are having surgery. Bo Rice had heart surgery at Austin Heart Hospital. Kaye Clancey's surgery scheduled for Thursday was postponed for a week or so. Tom Moody is also having heart surgery on Friday. Our prayers are with these church family members. Cindy Prater was having goat problems. She spent one night getting up several times nursing a goat. The end was not what she desired. Cindy and Kelly Murray were both planning on attending a program on goats. Jantzen Bell is busy being on the 7th grade basketball team and looking forward to track season and a ski trip during Spring Break. Attending the Equipping the Saiuts workshop in Kerrville were Mike & Tracey Thomas, Robin Percy, Kaye Clancey, Bettye McLaughlin, Owen & Linda Parks, Elizabeth Bryant, Lewann Turner and Orabeth Hicks. Elizabeth was one of the nominees for outstanding youth of the conference. J. T. Mathis had a basketball game following the stock show. They won. Bet he was a tired teenager that night. Casey Mathis has started playing basketball in a Little Dribblers league in Llano...They lost their first game by one point in the last minute of the game...Scott is getting ready for baseball season...they start practice on Feb. 1st. Please keep the family of Jo Lindsey in your prayers. Jo was a long time member of our church. We also express our sympathy to Robin Percy on the loss of his mother.



Program Committees

Worship Committee

Chair: Tracey Thomas

Pastor: Robin Pearcy

Lay Leader: Mike Thomas

Music: Tracey Thomas, Ashley Stewart, Nettie Oma Carpenter

Communion Stewards: Richard Waldie, C.K. Stevenson

Lesa Schulze	2010	Kim Kirk	2011	Trish Warren	2012
Melanie Mathis	2010	Pat Belk	2011	Kevin Shahan	2012

Church Life Committee

Chair: Linda Parks

Pastor: Robin Pearcy

Zolly Jones	2010	Sue Moody	2011	Linda Parks	2012
Klela Waldie	2010	Tom Moody	2011	Richard Waldie	2012
Bettye McLaughlin	2010	Debbie Pullen	2011	Margaret Rice	2012
Owen Parks	2010	Richard Jackson	2011	Bo Rice	2012

Purpose: To plan & coordinate the fellowship activities for the church family.

Member Care and Nurture Committee

Chair: Linda Parks

Pastor: Robin Pearcy

Nettie Oma Carpenter	2010	Nancy Banister	2010
Zolly Jones	2010	Linda Parks	2010
Lewann Turner	2011	Elsie Millican	2012
Barbara Gilger	2010	Owen Parks	2012
Klela Waldie	2010		

Purpose: To plan & coordinate the activities that provide nurture and care to the church family including bereavement meals.

Technology Committee

Mike Thomas Mike McDowell

Peter Hald Melanie Mathis

Children and Youth Ministry

Chair: Monica Shahan

Pastor: Robin Pearcy

Diana Manning	2010	Brandi Easterwood	2011	Kim Kirk	2012
Misty Everett	2010	Monica Shahan	2011	Kevin Shahan	2012
Melanie Mathis	2010	Carolyn McDowell	2011	Celia Bell	2012

Purpose: To initiate, plan and implement activities for the development and religious education of the children and youth of the church and community.

Welcoming Congregation Committee

Chair: robin Pearcy

Vickie Stevenson	2010	Jennifer Reeves	2011	Suzanne Walters	2012
Linda Parks	2010	Brad Reeves	2011	Cristy Thornton	2012
Richard Waldie	2010	Kathy McEwin	2011	Mike McDowell	2012

Purpose: to plan and coordinate the activities that provide an outreach to the community.