

# FIRST NEWS



**San Saba**

**First United Methodist Church**

**June, 2009**

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Church  
204 W. Brown  
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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!**

Last September twelve of our Laity joined me in a book study of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2007), written by Bishop Robert Schnase of the Missouri Conference of The



United Methodist Church. After completing our study, we discussed future small group meetings with interested members of our Congregation, to engage in further study of each of the *Five Practices*, which are covered in Bishop Schnase's book.

I propose that anyone interested in a deeper study and discussion of *The Practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service* meet with me this summer. Our main focus will be on this *Practice* in "Chapter Four" of Bishop Schnase's book. We shall meet weekly in July and/or August, as I facilitate an in depth study of this *Practice*. The day, place, and time will be decided by consensus of those interested in this study.

Each participant in this small group study will be furnished a copy of the "workbook" titled, *Risk-Taking Mission and Service*, written by Bishop Schnase. Please call me, e-mail me, or talk to me at Church, if you are interested in participating in this exciting study and planning group, during July and/or August 2009.

I shall close this article by quoting "**The Letter of James**" **1: 22 – 25** (NRSV):  
"Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing."

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Robin

Prayer  
Concerns



Landon and Lyle Yarbrough and Family  
Trish and Henry Warren and Family,  
Daniel Smith,  
Kolby Reavis,  
Kaye and Doug Clancey & Family,  
Peter Hald,  
Howard and Sherry Reddick,  
Jeck White,  
**Sonya (Ted Red's daughter),**  
Michael Pullen & Family,  
Jeannette Toole,  
Johnnie Thornton,  
Pete and Sue Hemenway,  
Mark Owens,  
Elaine Lansford & husband John,  
Dr. John & Pamela Bannister,  
Natalie Yu & Family,  
James & Pat Reavis,  
Jean Miller,  
Jason, Jana and Seth Teague,  
Patrick Francis Gates,  
Nick Stripling ,  
Mitchell, Johna & Matthew Moss,

In Our Military

(Alex Dove,  
Eric Booker,  
Matthew Barrier,  
Cory Clendennen,  
Andy Smith)

Please Remember to Pray  
for Our Troops, All Our  
Military Men  
and Women,  
Our Nation,  
Our Church.



**Thanks.....**

To the FUMC, our heartfelt thanks for any and everything you do that keeps our beautiful church up and running. Corrie's wedding was wonderful and that was in part due to the wonderful facility that has been so well cared for. Our out-of-town guests were in awe of the marble, woodwork, stain glass, dome and the history of our church structure. The friendliness and helpfulness of everyone they met made a good impression of our community as well. We have a lot to be proud of and we thank you again.  
**Lesa & Ronnie Schulze**

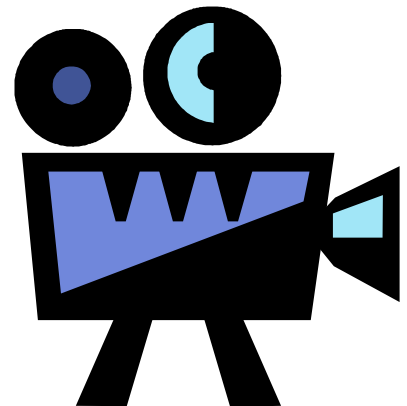


**Movie Night**

**At 1st Church  
Wednesday, June 3rd**

**6-8 p.m..**

**"Hotel for Dogs"**



**"Mission San Saba"**

It is that time of year again, to give your time and energy to work on a house in San Saba. The address this year is 403 N. 8th St. They will start a little demolition on Sunday June 7th, but they will really start working on Monday morning June 8th and finish Sat. June 13th. Breakfast will be at **The Father's House at 7:00 a.m., lunch 12:30 and supper 6:30, (all meals at The Father's House).** Donna Blossman said they would love to have everyone come out to help. Come for an hour, a day or stay all week. If any group would like to prepare a meal, or donate anything call Amanda Brand 325-205-0708.





**The Choir  
is on  
vacation  
during the month  
of  
June.**

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**Amen to.....**

**Brandi Easterwood** for teaching the young adult class

**Carolyn McDowell & Cindy Hawkins** for coordinating an Acolyte Training session for our acolytes.

**Debbie Millican, Addy Easterwood, Ryan Mathis** for working and planting in the flower beds.

**Margaret Rice, Mario Mendiola and Debbie Uli** for watering the flower beds.

## The Children & Youth Ministries

**Committee** has planned several great activities for this summer. Please mark your calendars for the following events:



**June 3<sup>rd</sup> Movie Night at FUMC 6:00-8:00pm** All children & youth are invited to come watch Hotel for Dogs! Coordinated by: Celia Bell, Melanie Mathis & Brandie Easterwood

**July 26<sup>th</sup> Picnic at Rough Creek.** Coordinated by: Monica Shahan & Cindy Prater

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Back to School Pool Party** Coordinated by: Kim Kirk, Misty Everett & Carolyn McDowell

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> Promotion Sunday**

Times, Locations & More Details coming soon!

In addition to these fun activities, our youth will have the opportunity to participate in a service project. This summer, the committee decided to participate in the **Meals on Wheels** program. Our church is responsible for 2 routes daily during the weeks of June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet will be located in the Young Adult Sunday School Class for parents/youth to sign up.



## Mark & Stacy Wise

Mark & Stacy Wise joined First church on May 23rd. Mark works at Central Texas Telephone while Stacy is a physical therapist at Brownwood Regional Hospital. They live at Algerita. They are expecting their first child in August. Please welcome our new members.

## Becky Harrell

Becky Harrell, Global Missionary from Chile, spoke to First Church on May 26th. Using a power point presentation, she told of her work in Chile. Those attending really enjoyed the presentation. .





## Summer Campers

Casey and JT Mathis as well as Elizabeth Bryant will be going to summer camp.

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Monday June 8th

Celebrate Life

### "Cancer Survivors"

Luncheon/Reception

1:00pm

at the

San Saba

Senior Citizen Center

For further info contact

Linda Mixon

372-5833

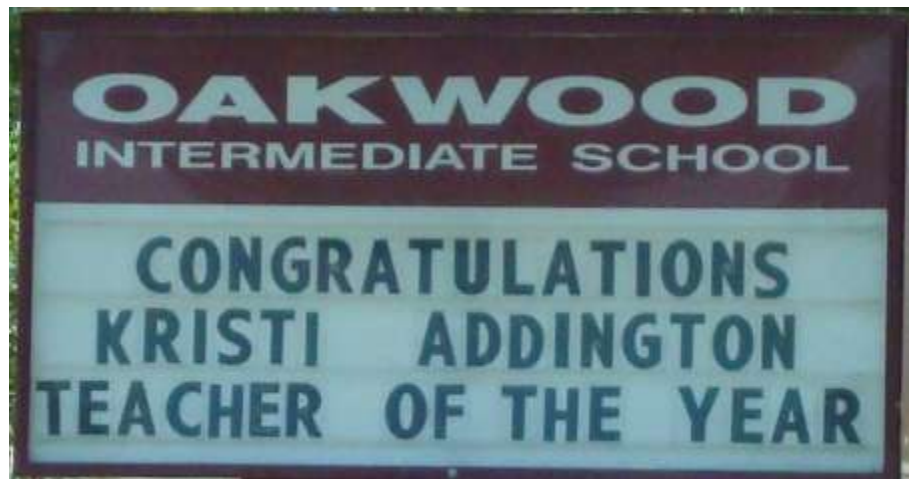


**Aerobic Walking** is meeting every Monday., Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30 a.m.in the Fellowship Hall. All women and men are welcome. Since it is starting to get hot, come exercise in a cool area.

## Landon, Trish Warren's Grandson



Since I don't know who has received an update, I'm sending this to all I can think of that's had Landon on their prayer list. Folks, those prayers really came through, praise God! The following information is my take to the bits & pieces I was privy to, so don't hold me to the details. Landon was in surgery from 1:30 to 4:30 Tuesday, the 19th, as I was driving to Denver. The growth turned out to be larger than anticipated (size of small watermelon) & connected to an area where there is important vein that feeds the area (intestines) is located. Because of this it could not be removed but was drained. The initial diagnosis was a lymphangioma (sp?) cyst which was verified from the results of the biopsy that we didn't get until Tuesday! It was benign. He goes back in for a follow-up visit next week. Best case scenario concerning what is left of the cyst is that after collapsing on itself, it will seal itself off & not refill & have to be drained again or surgically removed on down the line. Hope this all makes some sense as I don't feel like I have much right now after my drive back from Denver. The picture attached was taken the day after surgery & Sunday. He was able to go back to school Wednesday to participate in his "graduation" from kindergarten. His brother, Justin, was really glad to have him out of the hospital. Again, thank you all so much for your prayers. God is good. Trish



### Kristi Addington

Kristi Addington, daughter of Sam & Laina Murray, was named Teacher of the Year at her elementary school in College Station. This is quite an honor for a teacher who has only taught 3 years.

Submitted by  
Roving Reporter  
Jess McDowell

## Our Church Family

Congratulations to Ann Melton on the arrival of her new grandson. Her daughter Amy gave birth to a son recently. Amy will be starting her final year at Sul Ross University in Alpine. Linda & Owen Parks are gearing up for not only one but two grandson weddings in June. Linda was helping her son-in-law Darren do some painting in preparation for Justin's wedding. Cherry Kay Lange is headed to San Antonio to check on the progress of her daughter Kay Ann's new house. Travis Hawkins is home from Texas A&M Kingsville. He is working this summer. Tyler, his brother, is remaining in Lubbock and is planning on graduating in August. Derek Sears is also home from Texas State University in San Marcus. His job for the summer is working for Bud Bell. Nicole Sears has several different things lined up for the summer. She is going to work in June for Alamo Pecan & Coffee. In July she is going to Europe and then in August it is cheerleader camp and activities. Monica & Kevin Shahan are headed to Corpus Christi the first week of June for annual conference. Risien & Madison Shahan, Ryan Mathis, Jaycie Everett, & Grace Stewart have had a super busy month playing T-ball. Madison has completed a semester of dance and showcased her new dances with a recital here at the church on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Ryan Mathis, Grace Stewart, & Risien Shahan participated in the Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Dillo Café on the Elementary Campus. Grace was awarded the Best Storyteller Award for her class. Ryan was awarded the Most Athletic Award for his class. Risien received the "Best All Around Kindergartner" for his class. All three of our FUMC kindergartners received special recognition and awards for reading. Risien received the Awesome AR Reader trophy for being the top point earner in kindergarten. Way to go Grace, Risien, & Ryan! You may not recognize Kelly Murray driving these days. She is sporting a new pick-up truck. I am not sure how much Lee is getting to drive the new vehicle. Beth & David Harris were both home one morning as their son Conner was home sick. Betty McLaughlin enjoyed some company recently and a genealogy session. Kolby Reavis, Barbara & David Gilger's grandson, came thru his surgery fine. He does have several more doctor's appointments before he is thru. C.K. & Vickie Stevenson hosted her girls for a early Mother's Day week-end. Also celebrating early were Bo & Margaret Rice. They celebrated by having dinner with their kids in Stephenville. Several were in San Saba to attend the Class of 99's reunion. Josh, Megan & Avery Thomas were here from San Antonio. Chris & Crystal along with their twin boys Hunter and Heath. Mark McEwin barely made in back in time from a week long meeting in Dallas to see the family. Winston & Kristen Millican were assisted with the planning of the reunion held at the Senior Center. Jess McDowell was in from Arlington and provided music for the reunion with his DJ equipment. Alan Parker, Ben Burnham, & Scott Sanderson cooked for the reunion. Morgan Gilger, grandson of Barbara & David Gilger and Ross Williams won Regional and a spot at state in team roping.



### Matthew Harker

Rev. Joseph & Rev. Alicia Harker, currently of Wylie Texas announce the birth of their son, Matthew Joseph Harker. Matthew arrived on May 11, 2009 at 12:26 p.m. at medical City Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He weighted 9 obs. 4 oz. And was 20 inches long.

Matthew is greeted by big brother Jonathan, age 6 and big sister, Sarah, age 2. Matthew is the grandson of David Parker and the late Anne Weeatherby Parker and the great-grandson of Nelda Weatherby, all of San Saba.

## First Women

The United Methodist Women Morning Group met 9:30 a.m. on May 11th with Wanda davenport leading the program from the program book “Who’s at the table”? The program she chose was entitled “Who am I at the table?” when the members reflected on their gifts, graces, challenges and passions and what it means to be in community with a group of women in today’s world.

The Evening group met at 5:30 p.m. on May 11th when Loise Cook challenged the members to name the “masks “ in their lives and discove who they are as individuals while taking their seats at God’s table of grace and hospitality. The title of her program was “Food and Faith: Where Would Jesus sit?” Members realized their spirituality was at risk sometimes because the “masks” they wore prevented the Holy spirit to lead them.

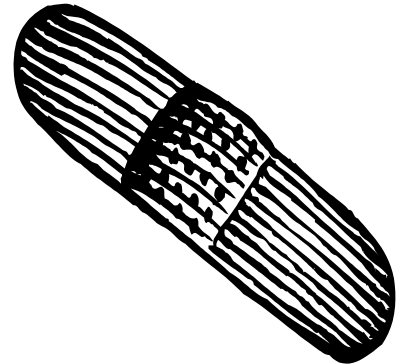
### **There will be no UMW meeting in June.**

The Unit will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 13th for a covered dish dinner. Suzan Garner, our shepherdess, will be bringing the program.

Members are asked to bring Health Kits to the July meeting. These will be distributed as directed by our district president, Schatzie Norris. The should be made as follows:



- 1 hand towel (15”x25” or 17x27”)
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket size)
- 1 nail file or pair of fingernail clippers (no emery boards)
- 1 bath size (5 oz. or larger) bar of soap in original wrapper
- 1 toothbrush in original wrapper (single brushes only)
- 6 adhesive bandages (such as Band-Aids)



Wrap all these brand new items in the new hand towel, tie it with string or yarn, and place the bundle inside a sealed, one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

**We invite all women of the church to join us for this special July meeting and will gratefully accept “Health Kits” from all who are so led to participate in this act of giving to those in need.**

**Submitted by Wahnee Stallings**

