

# FIRST NEWS



**San Saba  
First United Methodist Church**

**March, 2009**

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Church  
204 W. Brown  
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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.  
First Worship 10:00 a.m.**



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

## **Greetings In Christ!**

San Saba First United Methodist Church has been selected by Methodist Healthcare Ministries to be a site for the assignment of a Wesley Nurse, who will also serve the Goldthwaite area from an office located in the First United Methodist Church of Goldthwaite. Kaye Clancey, R.N., a member of our Congregation, has been assigned to this Wesley Nurse position.



A Wesley Nurse “is responsible for assessing, planning, developing, implementing and evaluating holistic health and wellness programs. This position is designed to promote collaboration with and facilitation of individuals, congregations, and communities in the achievement of their health through the provision of high quality professional nursing care.”

“The Wesley Nurse is expected to participate in the life and activities of the congregation as a member of the church staff. It is expected that the nurse’s activities will be influenced and defined by the unique needs of the congregation of the participating church. These ministries utilize nursing interventions of education, counseling, advocacy, referral, and collaboration to facilitate health and wellness of individual participants.”

“The Wesley Nurse will function to the full extent of the RN License under the supervision of a medical director and in compliance with the policies and scope of clinical practice that guide the provision of nursing services. Serves as a community resource. Collaborates with community services and agencies in order to make appropriate referrals. Recruits and coordinates volunteers who provide support to church members in identified areas of need. Facilitates the creation of support groups within the congregation. Functions as an active member of the church staff.”

Please welcome Kaye, and let her know you will volunteer to support her Ministry, as our Wesley Nurse!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Robin

## Prayer Concerns



David Parker & Family  
Mike and Carolyn McDowell  
and family,  
Keeney Family,  
Mary Sue Hinyard,  
Mike and Tracey Thomas and  
Family  
Mark Owens (safety),  
Peter Hald,  
Vickie Stevenson  
Jean Miller,  
Pete and Sue Hemenway,  
Butler Family,  
Michael Pullen,  
Mary Cummings,  
Patrick Francis Gates,  
Dr. John Bannister,  
Dr. Tobey & Natalie Yu,  
Nick Stripling,  
Janice Martin,  
Johnnie Thornton,  
Mitchell, Johna and Matthew  
Moss,  
Elaine Lansford and husband  
John,  
Jeannette Toole,  
James & Pat Reavis,  
Sharon Clawson,  
Donald & Bettye McLaughlin,  
Thelma Millican,  
(In Our Military)  
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.  
Rain, Rain,  
Rain



## **A Round of Applause for.....**

My friends and sisters in the Lord,  
You shouldn't have but I can't help being glad you did. All those phone calls and cards. Nettie Oma and Wahnee brought the pretty blue teddy bear by the house. Thank you both. What great gals! Ann, the beautiful plant. What a great thought! Since you did, may I say that you ladies' choice was absolutely inspired. Your interest and concern were appreciated. Thank you ladies. That was well done.  
Sincerely,  
Vickie Stevenson

## **Bible Trivia/Pizza Night at First Church**

Church members gathered for fun and fellowship on Sun Feb 15th. Members brought in various kinds of pizza to share and were assigned tables after dinner to play Bible Trivia. Folks were in groups so that ages could be mixed and teams would be as fair as possible. The final winners were the team consisting of Amanda Jackson, Nettie Oma Carpenter, Ann Allison, Bob Millican, Kevin Shahan and Team captain--Risien Shahan. Risien was very competitive and was quick to want to answer every question!! Thanks to the family life committee for setting up wonderful decorations carrying out the Valentine theme and to Mike Thomas for being the game host.



## **Heath & Hunter Amthor**

These are my grandbabies. Heath McEwin Amthor is on the right, weighed 5 lbs 6 oz, and Hunter Mark Amthor is on the left and weighed 5 lbs oz.



Proud parents are Chris and Crystal Amthor. These twins were the blessings of many answered prayers. They were born at Odessa Regional Hospital on December 17, 2008. They came into the world 6 weeks premature, but after 10 days in the NICU, they were able to arrive home the day after Christmas. What a joyous Christmas! The excited grandparents are Mark and Kathy McEwin. We would like to say thank you to everyone who prayed for our family during this wonderful time. We treasure each of you!  
Submitted by Kathy McEwin

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 2009 CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council, Chair	Owen Parks
Recording Secretary:	Carolyn McDowell
Membership Secretary:	Millie Burnham
Lay Leader:	Mike McDowell
Lay Member, Annual Conf.	Kevin Shahan
Alternate Lay Member:	Monica Shahan
Financial Secretary:	Debbie Uli
Treasurer:	Millie Burnham
Nominations, Chair:	Robin Percy, Pastor
Pastor Parish Relations, Chair:	Kevin Shahan
Board of Trustees, Chair:	
Finance, Chair:	John Cook
Endowment Fund Chair:	John Cook
Worship, Chair:	Tracey Thomas
Church Life, Chair:	Linda Parks
Member Care and Nurture, Chair	Linda Parks
Children and Youth Ministries Chair:	Monica Shahan
Welcoming Congregation Committee:	Pastor
Technology Committee:	Mike Thomas
Adult Education Teachers	Pastor
UMW, President	Nettie Oma Carpenter
UMM, President	Mike McDowell
Historian:	Nelda Weatherby
Member-at-Large 2009	Lee Ragsdale
Member-at-Large 2010	C.K. Stevenson
Member-at-Large 2011	Zolly Jones



## GENERAL FUND REPORT

Contributions to 2-28-09	\$21,358
Expenses to 2-28-09	\$20,238

Submitted by  
Millie Burnham



## From Faith Weavers Friends:



Faith Weaver Friends  
will not meet  
Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>,  
due to Spring Break

The family of Elsie Millican  
Invites you to help us celebrate

## Elsie's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
2:00pm-3:30pm  
The First United Methodist Church Par-  
lor  
204 West Brown  
San Saba, TX

### First Ladies News:

First Ladies met on February 9th. The morning group was led by Carol Littlefield, and the evening group by Wahnee Stallings. In March we will have a Unit meeting (all ladies together) for a program given by Zolly Jones on March 9th. Ladies will gather for a covered dish dinner hosted by Millie Burnham, Vickie Stevenson, Suzanne Walters, and Loise Cook. Any and all ladies of the church may come and bring a guest for food (both spiritual and physical!) and fellowship. Come join us!



### Easter is Coming!!!

April 5th (Palm Sunday) will be the official beginning of Holy Week. Be sure to come and celebrate with our children as they process down the aisles with palm branches. Monday-Wednesday services/lunch will be hosted at First Presbyterian Church. Our church will host Maundy Thursday service which is always a special time of commemorating the Last Supper with Christ and His disciples. Easter sunrise services are tentatively planned at Barbara and David Gilger's. This is always an amazing time to gather in the early morning hours of Easter to celebrate together with prayer, music, the Word, communion and breakfast. The good news is that "Jesus is Risen!"



Submitted by Tracey Thomas

Kerrville District  
Spring Youth Rally

## **“Starving Jesus?”**

Fredericksburg United  
Methodist Church  
Sunday, March 29, 2009

4 PM - 7 PM

Music provided by  
*BURGUNDY  
ROAD!!!*

### Schedule:

4:00 PM - Games  
4:45 PM - Food and Fellowship  
5:30 PM - Awesome Worship  
7:00 PM - Homeward Bound!

For more info  
Or  
To RSVP

email

([kduc@texxa.net](mailto:kduc@texxa.net))

## **Our Church Family**

Our sympathy is extended to David Parker, Nelda Weatherby and their family with the loss of his wife/her daughter, Ann Parker. It was good to see Vickie & C.K. Stevenson back in Sunday School and church after her shoulder surgery. Stan Burnham was back in church also. Stan has been having trouble with his back. His loyal Sunday School Class met at his house so Stan could attend. Faith Stewart has also been sick. Her dad had to take her to the doctor one Sunday. Debbie Pullen is really enjoyed her new boss Linda Mixon at the Senior Center. Richard Jackson made a visit to Bob Millican's Sunday School Class and received a warm welcome. Melanie Mathis' mom made it to San Saba for a round of grandkid's activities. Ryan performed with the PIPS at Howard Payne University. It was good to see Anita Felts at church one Sunday. Barbara & David Gilger made all of the San Saba varsity basketball games as granddaughter Johnna was on the team. You can also bet that they made the playoff games. Now on a nostalgic note: Barbara Owen Gilger was a member of that first winning team in 1957 and now 52 years later her granddaughter Johnna is on our the winning 2009 District team. Nicole Sears is also a member of that basketball team. You can bet dad Del Sears was there to root for her team as well as her brother, Derek. June will be a busy month for Owen and Linda Parks. Their grandson, Justin, is getting married in June. Speaking of weddings, wasn't that a nice write-up in the San Saba News & Star about Corrie Schulze's engagement and wedding. Lindsey Pugh and her grandmother Billie Stone made a trip to San Saba for a wonderful visit with family. It sure is good to have George Kidd in church on Sunday mornings. He has certainly started off with a great attendance record. Another visitor helping to fill our pews is Chris Turner, husband of Lewann Turner and stepfather of Elizabeth Bryant. Scott Mathis is through with junior high basketball and now moved on to junior varsity baseball. They are off to a good start as they won their first scrimmage. Nettie Oma Carpenter is a proud great-grandmother. Luke is her new great grandson. I bet she finds a ride to Fort Worth just pretty quickly. Charlotte & Mike Millican have a busy month coming up. Events include: Elsie's birthday party, grandson Tyler Owen's wedding, a great granddaughter's birthday and a birthday for Charlotte. Mike Millican has another feature story in the San Saba News & Star about Country Boys & Camp Meeting. Have you noticed that the cross is back hanging in the front of the sanctuary. Be sure and thank Mike Thomas for getting this job done. Carolyn & Mike McDowell would like to thanks everyone for their concern, support and prayers following her father's death. Coach Shay Easterwood's power lifting team seems to be off to a good start. The team increased in numbe3rs and increased in weight totals from the Brownwood DeLeon and Dublin meets showing great improvement. Congratulations, coach. I am sure Randy & Donna Baxter are proud of their Kameron and Kinzie's good showing at the O'Reilly Motocross Races recently in Waco. They both received a first place trophy in their ATV division. Funeral services were held recently for former member of our church Don Sanford. Our condolences go out to his family. Cherry Kay Lange made a quick trip to San Angelo to attend a banquet and watch her grandchildren receive awards during the San Angelo Stock Show.



## Players In Progress

Risien Shahan, Ryan Mathis and Casey Mathis are members of the PIPS basketball team. They performed at halftime during a Howard Payne basketball game.

Submitted by Monica Shahan.

## Margaret and Bo Rice Newest Members

Welcome to Bo & Margaret Rice have become the newest members of our church. Margaret has spend most of her life in the Stephenville area while Bo has lived mostly in San Antonio. Together they have 6 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. But don't forget the most important members of the family....2 dogs named Little Bitty and MoJo. They often get taken the scraps from a meal eaten out. Margaret loves to go antiquing, attend grandchildren's events and work in her yard/flower beds. Bo is still into Harley's even thou he has sold his. If you have been to Alamo-dome, you have seen some of the concrete from his business. Bo is leaving the business to other family members now.

## Wanted:

A person willing to be responsible for the flower beds at the church.

The person would be in charge of planting, weeding and watering the flower beds. Responsibility could be divided between 2 or 3 people. If interested, please contact Carolyn McDowell.



A special thanks goes to Sue Moody who has graciously given of her time, energy and money to keep the flowers bed looking great with lots of different plants and also well watered Debbie Uli has done the watering during the week. . In this dry year that has required lots of time. She has also done a fabulous job. Thanks, ladies.