



# San Saba First United Methodist Church June 2018 Newsletter

**Coming Soon**  
**“The Pastor is in the Parlor”**  
**Sunday Nights**  
**Come and Go**  
**4 Different Locations**  
**One Per Sunday**  
**Dates & More Details Will Be Announce Soon**



**FUMC**  
**204 W. Brown San Saba TX**  
**325-372-3120**  
**Pastor: Mark Smith**



**Help Welcome**  
**Pastor Mark & Angel Smith**  
**Saturday, July 28**  
**Brister Family Pavilion**  
**Just Past the Rough Creek Bridge**  
**on FM 580 —8 miles After You**  
**Turn Onto 580**

**Email:**  
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**Meal Served at 6 p.m.**  
**Fun & Fellowship Begins at 4 p.m.**

## Message From Mark

Hi everyone! As was mentioned earlier, Pastor Mark has prepared a short 4 week Sermon Series beginning the first Sunday in July. I spoke to Pastor Mark to get a better “feel” for what we need to prepare for and this was his response:

“I use a short Sermon Series to present a focused interpretation of something that that the Holy Spirit is calling me to clarify to my congregation. I intentionally make each Sunday to stand alone, because I know how busy everyone’s life is, and I don’t want anyone who can’t make a Sunday to skip the rest just because they feel they will be lost. This series, “Getting to Know Me”, will be a quick refresher course on what it means to place your life in God’s hands. It also will give the Congregation an insight into my doctoral interpretation of the Word, who I am, and what makes me tick.”

- July 1 “Renewed”
- July 8 “Under New Management”
- July 15 “Sent”

***When You Joined FUMC you pledged to support it with your attendance, your prayers, your time and your money.***

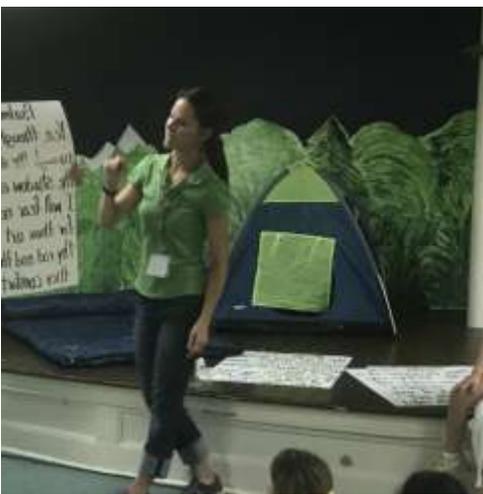
## Prayer Concerns

The Father's House  
David Gilger SA hospital  
Family of Margaret Kidd  
Rain  
Bill Hulgán, Peter Hald, Christi Wells (cancer victims)  
Rev. Mark & Angel Smith  
Orlando & Mayra Miller & Nicaragua situation  
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)  
Our Military  
Bettye McLaughlin (Shady Shores)  
Stan & Millie Burnham  
Our church & Our country

## Fellowship Of Christian Women Thursday, July 26 11:30 a.m.

**Place: Parkview Baptist Church**  
**Luncheon: Ladies' Choice**

## One of FUMC's Servants



Many thanks to Christi Mays for all her hard work as VBS coordinator. She worked many an hour so our kids would have a great Bible School!

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

From up in  
the saddle  
musing from pastor  
mark



It is with great excitement that I jot down some musings regarding my first month to be among you in San Saba Texas! I have titled this "From Up In the Saddle", in honor of my great, great, Grandfather, the Rev. C.A. Grote, who after arriving from Germany in the late 1840's, settled in the Fredericksburg area, where he proceeded to found many of the Methodist churches in Fredericksburg and the surrounding counties. His journals, many of which can be found in the Conference Office, were mostly written as he traveled from parish to parish upon his faithful horse, and reflect his thoughts, or musing of the times. I have penned a short Sermon Series to present to you during the month of July which is titled "Getting to know me". This is sort of a play on words (a fun passion of mine), since this will not so much as getting to know "me", but how God interacts in our lives daily to renew us. Hence the first weeks Sermon title, "Renewed". It is my conviction that God brings people together for a reason. FUMC San Saba is God's church, and you my dear flock, are it's caretakers. I am simply a "working dog" sent by God to love you, care for you, and nurture you towards deeper Spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and thus the Father. Why a working dog? My family has deep roots in the San Saba, Llano, and Mason areas, having had ranches in all of these counties. My mother's maiden name was "Brown", and her grandfather on her father's side was Joe Frasier Brown, a San Saba County Judge who represented the area for a least one term as a Texas Legislator. Growing up we always had working dogs on the ranch. They were loyal, and spent most of the day out with the herd gently keeping them moving in the right direction, but always ready to defend them against predators. Not a bad gig when you think about it!



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As for getting to know more about me and my wife Angel, I have suggested to the church leadership that we set up some informal gathering at local members' homes, where you can come by and casually get to know us. I have suggested that we might call them "Pastor in the Parlor". Look for more information on these to come. Paul writes "Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him." (Colossians 3:10 NLT). I look forward to being renewed as I get to know you and we journey towards salvation together. Blessings Pastor Mark

**Thinking Of You Ladies Group  
Wednesday, July 18  
10 a.m.  
Parlor**



**If God Could**

Close the lion mouth for Daniel,  
Part the red sea for Moses,  
Make the sun stand still for Joshua,  
Open the prison for Peter,  
Put a baby in the arms of Sarah, and  
Raise Lazarus from the death THEN  
He can certainly take care of you!  
Nothing you are facing today is



**Natalyah's Strawberry Jello Cake**

1 plain cake mix  
1 small pkg. strawberry Jello



Mix well.

Add 1/2 cup water. Beat well.  
Add 1/2 cup oil. Beat 1 minute  
Add 4 eggs one at a time. Beating well after each addition.

Add 1/2 pkg. thawed strawberries (mostly the juice)

Bake at 350 degrees till toothpick comes out clean.

**Icing**

Melt 1 stick of oleo. Cool.  
Add 1 box of powdered sugar.



**Financial Report**

June Expenses	\$10,831.12
June Donations	\$14,739.00
Different	\$3,907.88
May Expenses	\$9,767.76
May Income	\$13,380.75
Difference	\$3,612.99

# Our Church Family

Pastor Mark and Angel Smith arrived in San Saba on Thursday June 28th. They have had a busy couple of days getting settled. They would love for you to stop by and meet and visit with them. They are often on the front porch of the parsonage sitting in University of Texas lawn chairs.

CK and Vickie Stevenson enjoyed a visit from her son Dutch who lives in Arizona.

Travis and Kathy Gage attended two high school graduations. **One for Travis' side of the family on June 8 and one for Kathy's side of the family on June 1.**

Tracey and Mike Thomas headed to Weatherford to help her mom Billie Stone celebrate her birthday a few days early along with her sister and her family. Bet the birthday cake was delicious as Tracey made it.

**Larry Lafferty' trailer house hit by the** May tornado is now sporting new windows and the roof is fixed. The house is now in good shape except for some dings in the siding on one side.

The Mays kids Libby, Nolan, Emily and Molly, have been spending lots of time in their swimming pool at the house. It is a good way to cool off.

Congratulations goes out to Scott Snyder on being named TAASP Region 15 Principal of the year. He has been principal here at San Saba High School 3 years. Abby Snyder



**Big Thanks to Kelly Murray, Wiley & Clara Murray, Laina Murray, Holly Wise, Debbie Millican, Christi Mays, Mike & Carolyn McDowell for working in the parsonage yard this week.**

**All those who cleaned the church before & after the Margaret Kidd's funeral, and who prepared food for the funeral.**

**And Celia Bell, Mike & Tracey Thomas, Scott Snyder, Cindy Hawkins for the**

It was nice to have Bill Jones worship with us. He is working as a handyman for Celia Bell. He retired recently from the prison.

Jantzen Bell is home for the summer and is taking two on line classes and working some for his mom.

Ken & Cindy Prater always have a busy July. First it is the family reunion and then it is cousin camp. And the Brister family means an enormous family.

David and Barbara Gilger took a little trip to the San Angelo Community Hospital. It is nice and cool there and meals are included with the stay. Hope you are out soon, David.

It was good to see Harrison Hamer eating lunch with his sister and her family at a local restaurant. He was really enjoying their visit.

Pat Johnson is back home after a stay in Austin with her son Ed and his wife Janna. Ed and Janna are in the process of moving here. Pat was back working at the food bank.

Libby Mays attended a 4H jewelry workshop. Libby, you need to wear what you made and show it off at church.

We certainly are going to miss the Reeves family but wish them well. Brad will be one of the Brown County game wardens and his driving time will be greatly reduced.

Many thanks to the church family who came **together to host Margaret Kidd's funeral.** Between her family, friends and her high school class from Big Lake, it was one of the biggest funerals and meals that we have hosted. The VBS volunteers switched gears at the conclusion of VBS to cleaning up church for the funeral and preparing food for the meal in about 5 minutes. We will miss Margaret.

Stan and Millie Burnham, everyone knows, are big University of Texas supporters. It was not surprising therefore that they were watching the college baseball playoffs when Texas was playing. And they even continued