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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

January 25, 2008

Ushers

8:45

Darby Washeck –Head Usher
Denise Bennett Marshall Romine
Roger Samuels

11:00

Gayle Rumbeck - Head Usher
Shannon Crelia Mark Noble
Lori Herring Morgan Garver

Parking Lot Greeter

Sheila Hammer Liz Ramsey

Please remember in prayer

Betty Aubert
Betty Bates, sister of Peggy Mayfield
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jim Brewster
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Lynette Copeland, friend of Julia Walker
Debbie Duncan, niece of Minnie Mathews
Carol Dwinnell, friend of Hope Sheppard
Myralin Flickinger, friend of Nickie Wilbanks
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson
Billy Harp, friend of Ken Johnson
Debbie Justice, friend of the Leakes and Hoffmans
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Olivia Madrid, friend of Chelsea Martin
Cheryl Martin
Wanda McDougle, Ronda Scott's mother
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
The family of Leroy Moore, friends of the Rumbecks
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Dave Rumbeck
The Sheppard family
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones
Steve Tyler, friend of Bob & Maurine Robinson
Laura Virgil
Brian Weller, cousin of Shannon Crelia
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus



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From the Pastor . . .

This Sunday will be a special day in our church. We are pleased that Mike and Nancy Haninger, medical missionaries to the Congo will be with us. In addition to giving Moments for Mission at both worship services, they will speak to all Sunday School classes at 9:45 in the fellowship hall and show pictures of their work in one of the world's poorest countries. Mike is a medical doctor and Nancy is a nurse. We are supporting their work through our mission giving. Those who were here when they were last with us several years ago were profoundly touched by their visit. I urge and encourage you to be with us.

We will also have our first men's breakfast of the year this Sunday morning and then that evening will be the Congregational Dinner Meeting, and the Haningers will be with us for that also. It will be a good day – and I look forward to seeing you on this special Sunday.

Tom Wilbanks

Congregational Meeting

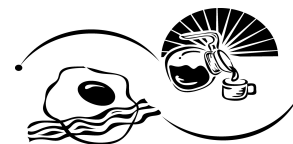
The annual Congregational Dinner meeting will be held this Sunday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m. For the supper please bring a meat, vegetable, or dessert dish. At the meeting, the church budget for 2009 will be adopted, and reports from various organizations and staff members will review the past year.

We are pleased that Mike and Nancy Haninger, medical missionaries to the Congo, whose work we are supporting through our mission giving, who will have been with us that morning, will also be at the dinner.

The meeting will conclude with a brief memorial service for our members who died during 2008. Child care will be provided for preschool children. This is a significant meeting in the life of the church, and you are encouraged to attend.



Men's Breakfast



All the men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this Sunday, January 25, at 7:30 a.m. Dr. and Mrs. Mike Haninger, medical missionaries in the Congo, will present the program. Our new Men's Council President, Darby Warsheck, will preside. Come join us for this first meeting of the new year and enjoy a good breakfast, an interesting program, and good fellowship with other men of the church.

This Sunday

This Sunday the Chancel Choir will sing at 8:45, and the Youth Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Up, Up and Away!" based on Luke 22:7-23.

Welcome New Members!



LAURA LEWIS



HAZEL RAWLINSON



CRAIG & NANCY SCHAAP

Flower Calendar

The flower calendar for 2009 has been posted near the church office. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary in honor of a special occasion or person, or in memory of someone, please sign the calendar by the date you choose



Goldenaires Meeting Thursday, January 22

The Goldenaires will meet at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 22, in the youth hall. This meeting will feature an interesting program regarding the New Testament entitled "The Importance of Interpretation." All are invited to join this group for study and fellowship.

Our Church Family . . .

Several of our members lost loved ones through death last week. The grandmother of MICHAEL LEE died. The mother of JOANNE MOON died. The father of DEBBYE SEBASTIAN died. The brother of BEN WILLIAMS died, and an aunt of JUDY JOHNSON died.

It was good to see RANDY WALKER back at church last Sunday following his surgery a few weeks ago.

Our thanks to the following who helped take down the Christmas decorations on January 7: RONDA SCOTT, BRUCE BUSWELL, NICOLAS SCHOLL, BERNIE DEROO, LARRY THOMAS, FERNE PORTER, ROGER SAMUELS, GRACY THOMAS, MARIANNE TWOMEY, KEN JOHNSON, and DALE and MARGIE POLLARD. Speaking of Christmas, we still have some poinsettias left. If you would to have one, please take it.

Looking Ahead



Our February Church Night Supper has a Valentine theme and we always have a counselor who speaks about things which help to make for stable family relationships. We are pleased that for this supper on February 8, at 6:00 p.m., Dr. John Tolson will be with us again. Many who heard him last year thought he was one of the best speakers we have ever had. Dr. Tolson is nationally known and has been featured in publications including *People Magazine* and *Sports Illustrated*. He is the author of two books *The Fur Priorities: Life is Too Short to Get It Wrong* and *Dads and Moms That Make a Difference*. Dr. Tolson leads a monthly luncheon meeting for men at Highland Park Presbyterian Church and last year was chosen as the new chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys.

Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1: A Call for Your Help!!

If you have been to Tom Thumb, or perhaps gotten presbytery newsletters, or even visited other churches you may have noticed the misspelled "Super bowl" with "Souper bowl." No, this is not a typo. No, the incompetence of valued places has not increased. Sunday, February 1, is Souper Bowl Sunday. While many of us anxiously anticipate the climactic close to the NFL's season and many of us will enjoy the excitement and thrill of a championship American sport, let it not shadow the message of the gospel. The idea of Souper Bowl Sunday is to channel some of that thrill and excitement and expectation of a culturally-instituted ritual (football) and use it for loving our neighbors: our neighbors who are homeless and hungry, dirty and thirsty, damaged and without hope. So prepare for the "big day" of football fun, but prepare also for the "BIG DAY" when you can share the love of Christ with others, when you can be a face of grace to your community. Let's not forget who we are and merely veg in front of the television where our anxiety and excitement is absorbed by the walls of our dwellings, but unleash that power of hopefulness into the world so that God can speak to all in the world.

On February 1, bring canned food, bring your monetary gifts – that which you can – and first and foremost bring your anxious waiting, your excitement, your thrill and thirst for the gospel. If this happens, we can together witness a miracle in our community when the hungry and thirsty and desperate live to see God alive and well in our community. All funds and donations received on Sunday February 1, following both worship services will go directly to Mesquite Social Services and Sharing Life Community Outreach. Let us all show the Junior High and Jammers (3rd through 5th graders) who are making collections, that we are excited to give of what we have for the sake of others. Let us make this a day in their lives they will not soon forget. Have a "souper" month!

Tim Smith

Circle Meetings



The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, February 1, at 9:30 a.m. Sarah Kitchens will serve as hostess and the Bible study will be led by Cora Dugan. The Evening Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 in the youth hall with Brenda Evans leading the Bible study.