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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY
January 27, 2008

Ushers
8:45

Sheila Hammer - Head Usher
Zack Saucier Rick Aber
Gwenda Aber

11:00

Earlayne Martin - Head Usher
Kathy Brown Andy Leake
Shannon Crelia Melody Wright

Parking Lot Greeters

Don Black Paula Kusewitt

Please remember in prayer

Kevin Alford, cousin of Craig Alford
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jim Brewster
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Troy & Kelli Connatser, friends of Gayle Rumbeck
Lois Dandridge, friend of Susan Mathews
Karen Dixon
Richard Edwards, brother of Philip Edwards
Odis Fagan, brother-in-law of Connie Wright
Margaret Green, friend of Susan Mathews
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Billy Harp, friend of Ken Johnson
Carla Haynes and son Caleb, friends of Dave Rumbeck
Ralph Jones, father of Julia Walker
Nancy Kelly, friend of Laura Virgil
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Lydick
Ken McClure
Wanda McDougale, mother of Ronda Scott
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil
Shana Meredith, Mary McBain's cousin
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
Leroy Moore, friend of Dave & Gayle Rumbeck
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Kay Nowell, mother of Kelli Harris
Amy Reynolds, friend of Robbie Lee
Syble Roberts, sister-in-law of Grace Roberts
Mark Sheppard and 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
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus



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From the Pastor . . .

On Sunday, February 3, we will observe Children's Sabbath and some of the children will assist in our worship services. As I think about children, I am often reminded of the occasion when someone once asked Albert Schweitzer why he went to Africa as a missionary doctor. And he said it was because of reverence for life. And when he was asked where he got that reverence for life, he said it got it "from worshipping as a child with my family week in and week out, sitting next to my parents, not knowing the meaning intellectually of what was being said but appropriating and observing the reverence that I experienced through them." That is a powerful testimony for worshipping together as a family.

Author Anne Lamott came at the subject in a little different direction when she explained why she makes her teenage son Sam go to church. She said: "Because I want him to. We live in bewildering, drastic times, and a little spiritual guidance never killed anyone. I want him to see the people who loved me when I felt most unlovable. I want him to see their faces. He gets the most valuable things I know through osmosis. Also, he has no job, no car, no income. He needs to stay in my good graces. While he lives at my house, he has to do things my way. And there are worse things for kids than to have to spend time with people who love God." Amen to that!

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday the Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Sonshine" based on II Corinthians 4:6.

Men's Breakfast

All the men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this Sunday, January 27. Our new President, Patrick Garver, will preside, and the speaker will be our member, Ted Barron, who is City Manager of Mesquite. The cooks this time are Daniel Alvarez, Darby Washeck, and Ron Adams. Come join us for this first meeting of the year for a good breakfast, interesting program, and fine fellowship with other men of the church.

Congregational Meeting



The annual Congregational Dinner Meeting will be held this Sunday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m. For the supper please bring a meat, vegetable, salad or dessert dish. At the meeting, the church budget for 2008 will be adopted, and reports from various organizations and staff members will review the past year. There will also be an election to fill a vacancy on the Board of Deacons.

The meeting will conclude with a brief memorial service for our members who died during 2007. 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.

YouthQuake 2008

For 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Youth

Youth Quake for students in the 6th-8th grade will be held at Gilmont, April 11-13. Please watch for forms in the mail or call the church office for information. The cost is \$95 per person and the registration form and fee must be turned into the church office by February 10. This is a fun weekend filled with energizers, worship and fellowship with youth from other Presbyterian churches. If you have any questions, please contact Howard Saucier.

KidQuake 2008

For 3rd - 5th graders

KidQuake for 3rd - 5th graders will be held this year at Prairie Valley April 11-13. Registration is \$95 per person, with a \$10 discount for the 2nd sibling in a family. Registration forms must be returned to the church office no later than Friday, February 1. KidQuakes fill up fast, and we have to turn in our information to Grace Presbytery early in order to have the best chance of getting our group in, so don't delay!! If you have any questions please contact Sheila Hammer.

This will be a fun weekend, and we hope to have a large group attend!!

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Important SHYC Meeting

Calling all youth, and parents of youth, attending SHYC. We will have a brief meeting immediately following church this Sunday, January 27, at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary.

It is important that everyone—youth and parents—attend. We will cover a lot of ground (as quickly as possible). Please plan to be there.

Sharing Life Community Outreach

Thanks to all of you who brought food items to the church for Sharing Life Community Outreach in response to an email that was sent out last week after we learned that Sharing Life was out of food, and needy people were being turned away. They continue to need our help with food donations for those in our community who need temporary assistance. Pantries are located in both buildings of our church, and your donations will be appreciated.

Confirmation Class



The Confirmation Class, preparing young people for church membership, will begin Sunday, February 17, at 3:00 p.m. The class will be led this year by Dr. Wilbanks and by Elder Phil Johnson. If you have questions about the class, call Dr. Wilbanks at the church at 972-285-5602.

Presbyterian Women Circles

The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, February 5, at 9:30, with Cora Dugan leading the Bible study. Kay Allen will serve as hostess.

The Night Circle will meet the same day at 7:00, with Susan Farmer leading the Bible study.



Our Church Family . . .

We are glad that GARY BLACK is recovering from surgery on January 17. It was good to see Dr. CHRISTINE WALKER at church last Sunday. She had gotten out of the hospital the day before. DAVID BAYS was at Baylor Hospital recently and is now back at Golden Acres. It has been good to have PETE and KAY ALLEN back at Sunday School and church. They were gone for over a month with their daughter, Shelly Peterson, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Next week-end, eleven of our senior highs and four adults from our church will be attending the Senior High Youth Connection (SHYC) at our Presbyterian related Austin College in Sherman. This event, attended by over 700, is the largest presbytery sponsored youth event in the nation. Two of our members, Howard Saucier and Dave Petty, will be serving as small group leaders for the conference. Our thanks to Elna Singleton and Scott Patterson who will be attending as adult sponsors from our church.

A nice reception was held for CYNHIA PETTY on January 13, which was her last Sunday as our Director of Christian Education. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated, and we appreciate all that the committee did to make it such a nice event.

Congratulations to ROGER FOLTZ who has been selected to receive the Silver Beaver Award by the Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This is the highest award a Scout council may bestow on a volunteer and is a national award presented to those who render noteworthy service to youth. The award will be presented February 21, at a Recognition Banquet at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas. Steve Leake and Mike Orr of our church are previous recipients of this award.

Our thanks to those who helped take down the Christmas decorations at the church. They were Ronda Scott, Ron and Teri Smith, Larry and Gracy Thomas, Jack and Joyce Murdock, Margie Pollard, Lori Herring, Gerald Jenkins, Roger Samuels, Patrick Garver, Marianne Twomey and Eric Schwartz.

Did You Know?

The money we receive from paper recycling in the containers on the north parking lot is used to benefit youth activities here at the church. The last two checks we received, for November and December of last year, were for \$181.63 and \$187.86. Not bad for trash!! Thanks for taking the time recycle!



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 6, is the beginning of the season of Lent: the 40 days of preparation leading up to Holy Week in which we are called to reflect upon the cost of our salvation paid by our Lord, Jesus. On this day, known as Ash Wednesday, a brief service of scripture, song, and congregational participation will be observed in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited as we gather to begin this holy season of preparation. The Chancel Choir will provide music, Verlyn Smoker will present a homily and childcare will be provided. This service will be held immediately following abbreviated Wednesday Church Night classes.

Our prayer is that this opportunity for worship will assist you in your observance of the Lenten season so that together we may more fully appreciate the wonder of Holy Week which culminates in the joyous celebration of the resurrection of our Savior on Easter Sunday! May God be greatly glorified in our worship, now and throughout the season of Lent.

Mesquite Symphony

On Saturday, February 2, at 7:30 the Mesquite Symphony will present a Pops concert at the Mesquite Arts Center. Music will include selections from "Grease" and "Mama Mia." Featured will be Grammy-winning Brave Combo. B.J. Mauldin and Nickie Wilbanks of our church are members of the orchestra.

Looking Ahead

Several special services and events are coming up at our church. They include:

February 3 – Children's Sabbath. Children of our church will assist in our worship services.

February 10 – First Sunday of Lent – and we will also observe Scout Sunday. That evening we will have our first Church Night Supper of 2008 at 6:00 with Dr. John Tolson, a nationally renowned teacher and author as our speaker. Dr. Tolson has been featured in publications including *People Magazine* and *Sports Illustrated*. His topic will be "*Winning Families Have Right Families*." This will be an outstanding program.

Happy Birthday!

2/1	Linda Collins	2/12	Cynthia Petty
	Steve Leake	2/13	Ann Daniels
2/2	Jerry Dressler		Tom Wilbanks
2/3	Tiffany Hartsell	2/14	Susan Mathews
	Susan Scholl		Eric Schwartz
2/4	Alys Litchfield	2/16	Riley Nystrom
2/5	Karen Hunt (Mrs. Dennis)	2/21	Margie Pollard
	George Venner	2/22	Zoe Brown
2/7	Steven Collins		Michael B. Lee
	Zack Saucier		Jason Okafor
	Rebecca Smith		Martha Whitehurst
2/8	Kara Bright	2/23	Pete Allen
	Josh Marshall		Janel Okafor
	Earlayne Martin	2/24	Robbie Lee
2/9	Nick Harris	2/27	Pahton Garver
	Kevin Uzzle		Johnny Thompson
2/11	Howard Saucier	2/28	Marty McCalmont

Wednesday Church Night Schedule

6:00-6:35 p.m.	Dinner
6:40-7:25 p.m.	Classes for everyone

Wednesday Choir Schedule

4:30 - 5:00	Alleluia Chimes (Bell Room)
5:00 - 5:50	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 - 5:50	Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
6:40 - 7:00	Hope Choir (Room TBA)
7:30 - 9:00	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)