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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

February 8, 2009

Ushers

8:45

Victor Carboni –Head Usher
Paula Kusewitt Daniel Alvarez
Gail Thompson

11:00

Teresa Farr - Head Usher
Penny Palumbo Jerry Jones
Lori Herring Laci Singleton

Parking Lot Greeters

Lenny Pollard Jan Hull

Please remember in prayer

Betty Aubert
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 & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents
Wanda McDougale, 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
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones
Laura Virgil
Mildred Warner, sister-in-law of Joann Cheek
Brian Weller, cousin of Shannon Crelia
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus



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From the Pastor . . .

A look back – and a look ahead. First, a look back. How nice it was to have Mike and Nancy Haninger, Presbyterian medical missionaries in the Congo with us on January 25. It is a privilege for us to be able to support their healing ministry on behalf of Christ though our mission giving and our prayers as they serve in one of the poorest areas of the world. Many of us were profoundly touched by this fine Christian couple.

And now a look ahead. This Sunday I will begin a series of sermons on the Beatitudes which will continue through Lent which begins on February 25. Picture this scene with me. On a hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, Jesus preached a sermon which we today know as the Sermon on the Mount. And at the beginning of that sermon, he gave what we call the Beatitudes, eight principles for living. The Beatitudes give us a pattern for life, and I hope you will plan to be here each Sunday as we consider these words of Jesus, the Master of Life.

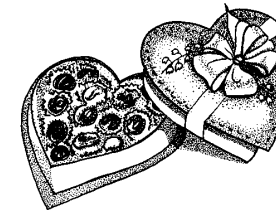
This Sunday is our first Church Night Supper of the year. This Valentine supper always features a counselor who speaks about things which make for good family relationships. I have heard a lot of these speakers over the years, but John Tolson was one of the best, and we are pleased that he will be back with us this Sunday evening. The suppers provide a good opportunity to get acquainted with others in our church family, and I hope you will plan to be here.

Sunday will be a good day, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Tom Wilbanks

*"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'"
Isaiah 41:13*

Church Night Supper



Our first Church Night Supper for 2009 will be this Sunday, February 8, at 6:00 p.m. For this Valentine themed supper we always have a counselor who speaks about things which help to

make for good and stable family relationships. We are pleased that 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 Four 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.

For the supper, please bring a meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert dish. Child care will be provided for preschool children. Come join us for a good supper and an outstanding speaker and enjoy the fellowship of other members of the church.

This Sunday

This Sunday Brenda Evans will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir and Jubilate Ringers will provide music at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will begin a series of sermons on the Beatitudes which will continue through Lent. The first sermon in the series will be "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit," based on Mathew 5:1-3. We will observe Scout Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock service.

Souper Bowl of Caring Indeed!!



Last Sunday, February 1, the 3rd through 5th graders and the Junior High Youth dressed in jerseys sporting their team spirit and enthusiasm for serving their community. As worshippers exiting the building donated a dollar here and there and non-perishable food items, what a Souper day it became. Because of the giving-hearts of our congregation, Mesquite Social Services and Sharing Life Community Outreach will each be getting \$246.16 along with 65 non-perishable items each. Thanks so much to the generosity and loving-hearts of those who gave and embodied the spirit of giving for the younger ones in the church. And of course, I hope you enjoyed the Big Game.

Tim Smith

College Scholarships

Our church is offering scholarship help for the 2009-2010 school year to active members of our church who will be enrolled full time in a college, university or trade school. In addition, a scholarship is being offered by our church's Presbyterian Women organization. Applications received will be considered for both scholarships, so you need only complete one application. Applications are available in the church office.

We are happy to be able to provide educational support and encouragement for our college students, and continue the Presbyterian tradition of emphasis on education. If you are interested in helping with the education of members of your church family, the scholarship fund would be a good place to make a contribution. Donations may be given at any time, and marked "Scholarship Fund."

We have awarded scholarships in past years based on the amount of interest earned on the money in our scholarship fund. This amount will be less this year because of the current economic conditions, so if you would like to make a contribution specifically for 2009 scholarships, please note "2009 Scholarship" on your contribution.

Congregational Meeting

At the annual Congregational Dinner Meeting on January 25, John Kusewitt and Terri Smith were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for new church officers and Roxanne Martin and Len McCurdy were elected as alternates.

Paula Kusewitt, Chair of the Church Budget and Stewardship Committee for 2008 presented the proposed church budget for 2009 which was adopted. The Church treasurer, Pete Allen, gave a detailed year-end financial report and mentioned that one of the most helpful funds at the church for memorial gifts or other special gifts is the scholarship fund which has been of considerable assistance to members of our church going to college.

Reports were given from various organizations in the church and also by our church staff. The meeting concluded with a memorial service for our members who died in 2008.



Summer Job Opportunity for College Students

College students and young adults are invited to live in Christian community in provided housing and work at Mo-Ranch this summer. Applications are being accepted now. A list of positions can be seen at www.moranch.com or call 1-800-4401, x 273, and speak with Vanessa Potter, HR Director

Lost & Found

We have found some items around the church that someone must surely be looking for. There is a navy blue boy's sports coat, size 20 that was found in the choir area. Also, we found a woman's nice silver ring with lavender stones in it.

In addition, someone left a very interesting old book (copyright 1918) entitled War Cartoons by John Knott in the church office. We don't know if it was left for us intentionally, or is someone looking for it?

If you "lost" any of these "found" items, please call the church office at 972-285-5602.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to VICTOR CARBONI whose mother died last week and to PEGGY MAY-FIELD whose sister died on February 2

We were sorry to hear that SUSAN SCHOLL had a painful fall on the ice last week.

There was a picture and nice article about MICAH KRAJCA in the Neighbors section of the *Dallas Morning News* last Friday. Micah, an eighth-grade student at Agnew Middle School, was chosen for a place in the American Choral Directors Association Junior High National Honor Choir. Fewer than 200 students earn a place in this choral group in which over 2,000 compete. Micah will travel to Oklahoma City in March and will be part of two performances during the ACDA convention. Micah's dad, Ron, is a School Resource Officer at Mesquite High School.

Eleven of our senior highs attended the Senior High Youth Connection (SHYC) at our Presbyterian related Austin College in Sherman last week-end. This event, attended by over 750, is the largest presbytery sponsored youth event in the nation and the largest Christian youth gathering of any denomination in Texas. Our thanks to Howard Saucier, Diane Marshall, and Elna Singleton who served as adult sponsors for our group. And Zack Saucier flew in from Texas Tech to serve as one of the small group leaders.

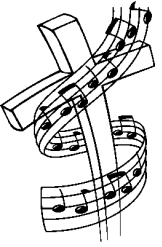
It was great having Mike and Nancy Haninger, Presbyterian medical missionaries with us on Sunday, January 25. We received the following email from them: "Thank you so much for the wonderful week-end! Your hospitality and support were absolutely amazing. We felt completely loved and embraced by your kindness and generosity. FPC Mesquite is such a terrific congregation that truly lives the greatest ideals of the Christian faith. We feel privileged to call you our mission partners!" The Haningers will return to the Congo on February 11. Our thanks to Bernie and Lois DeRoo who hosted the Haningers at their home and to our Mission Committee which helped with other arrangements.

Year-End Contribution Reports

2008 Contribution Reports will be in a box on the table in the hallway near the church office this Sunday. If you need your report mailed to you, please call the church office at 972-285-5602.

Baylor Youth Choir Music Festival

In just a few weeks the members of our church's Youth Choir will be traveling to Waco to participate in a week-end festival specifically for youth choirs from churches throughout Texas and several surrounding states. Three hundred young people, who minister in music to their home congregations during the year, will gather and join forces for this special weekend culminating in a concert of sacred choral music accompanied by the Baylor University Orchestra. The concert will be held on Sunday, February 22, at 3:00 p.m. in the performing arts center on the campus of Baylor. Thank you for supporting the youth musicians of our church!



Immediately following the 11:00 worship service this Sunday, February 8, there will be a brief meeting of the sponsors, parents, and youth who plan to go to the festival. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

Do You Want to be Notified?

If you wish to be contacted in case of a death or other emergency in the church, please fill out this form and return it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. If you are already receiving email notices from the church, you don't need to fill out this form unless you prefer to be notified by phone.

Name _____

Please notify me by way of email at the following address:

or

Please notify me by telephone at the following number:

Happy Birthday!

2/1	Linda Collins Steve Leake	2/13	Ann Daniels Tom Wilbanks
2/2	Jerry Dressler	2/14	Susan Mathews
2/3	Tiffany Hartsell	2/16	Eric Schwartz
2/5	Susan Scholl Karen Hunt (Mrs. Dennis)	2/21	Riley Nystrom Margie Pollard
2/7	George Venner Steven Collins	2/22	Zoe Brown Michael B. Lee
2/8	Zack Saucier Rebecca Smith		Jason Okafor Martha Whitehurst
2/9	Kara Bright Josh Marshall Earlayne Martin	2/23	Fred Yonley Pete Allen
2/10	Nick Harris Kevin Uzzle	2/24	Janel Okafor Robbie Lee
2/11	Renita Foster Howard Saucier	2/27	Patton Garver Johnny Thompson
2/12	Cynthia Petty		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)
5:05 - 5:50 Children's Choir (Choir Room)
5:05 - 5:50 Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)