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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1028 S BELT LINE RD  
MESQUITE TX 75149

Return Service Requested

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

February 11, 2007

#### USHERS

8:45

Larry Thomas - Head Usher  
Sheila Hammer Jerry McBain Roger Samuels

11:00

Jennifer Gardner - Head Usher  
Ronda Scott Daniel Alvarez  
Denise Bennett Dylan Birdsong

#### PARKING LOT GREETERS

Linda Fricke Don Black

#### Please remember in prayer . . . .

Johnny Adams, brother of Ron Adams  
Kevin Alford, cousin of Craig Alford  
Gary and Nancy Black  
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom  
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt  
Charla Corder, friend of Shannon Crelia  
Dorothy DeRoo, sister-in-law of Bernie & Lois DeRoo  
Karen Dixon  
Richard Edwards, brother of Philip Edwards  
Frank Fischer, Susan Mathews' father  
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort  
Judy Gant, niece of Ken & Judy Johnson  
Carla Haynes and son Caleb, friends of Dave Rumbeck  
Taylor Howry, friend of Diane Marshall  
Lesia Koday, friend of Susan Mathews  
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Cheryl Lydick  
Karen McCardell, friend of Laura Virgil  
Ken McClure  
Joanie McCoy, Michael Johnson's sister-in-law  
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil  
Clara and Raymond McLaughlin, sister & nephew of Wayne  
Thompson  
Malcolm Marsden, friend of Laura Virgil  
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort  
Jimmy Dan Montgomery, Len McCurdy's brother  
Clifford Moon  
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni  
Ryan Richardson, friend of Bernie & Lois DeRoo  
Frank Ruiz, friend of Jim & Hope Sheppard  
Don Sheppard, brother of Jim Sheppard  
Mark Sheppard and family  
Velia Sheppard, mother of Neill Sheppard  
Art Sikes, brother of Marilyn Saams  
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith  
Connie Tolbert and family, friends of Dave & Gayle Rumbeck  
Steve Tyler, friend of Bob & Maurine Robinson  
Laura Virgil  
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus  
The Whitlow family, friends of Chris and Paula Nelms



# First Presbyterian Church

Mesquite, Texas

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### From the Pastor . . .

At the Annual Congregational Meeting last month, I was once again touched and amazed by the things done by various organizations in our church. Our church is one of the few Presbyterian Churches which still has an active men's group. It is a good group with a good spirit. But another group with a long history of service to our church and to others is our Presbyterian Women's Association. One of my favorite stories about their history is that years ago the members used to go out and pick cotton in order to raise money for mission projects. But their commitment to service continues today – whether it is clothing they sew for a Presbyterian mission or helping with Meals on Wheels, whether it is a remembrance for our shut-in members, or a gift for our graduating high school seniors. They study together, serve together, and grow together through their Circle meetings on the first Tuesday of each month and their Association meetings which are usually held on the third Tuesday of most months.

Lyle Schaller is a well-known church consultant, and in one of his books he talks about the importance of meaningful small groups. I am convinced that the Presbyterian Women's Association is just such a group, a place where new members and others can develop the kind of friendships that help them to feel assimilated in a church, where they get to know others – and others get to know them.

The Morning Circle meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The Night Circle, particularly for women who work outside the home, meets at 7:00 in our youth hall. The monthly Association Gatherings are publicized in our bulletins and newsletters. If you are not currently a part of one of these groups, I encourage you to come for one of their next meetings.

*Tom Wilbanks*

## Church Night Supper

Our first Church Night Supper for 2007 will be this Sunday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. The supper has a Valentine theme, and the speaker will be Barbara Horton, a counselor on the staff of the Pastoral Counseling Center in Dallas. For the supper, please bring a meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert dish. Child care will be provided for preschool children.

## This Sunday

This Sunday Brenda Evans will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir and Cherub Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "No News is Good News," based on John 14:1-7.

# Register Now!

Registration forms for KIDQUAKE are due this Sunday, February 11. KidQuake is for 3rd through 6th graders, and will be April 27-29 at Prairie Valley. Cost is \$90 per person, and scholarships are available.

Registration forms for YOUTHQUAKE are due Sunday, February 18. Spring YouthQuake is for 6th through 8th graders and will be April 27-29 at Gilmont. Cost is \$90 per person, and scholarships are available.

## Pathfinders Lock-In February 16

Junior and senior high students – let Cynthia know by February 14, if you plan to attend. Cost is \$15 per person for bowling and FOOD! Guests are welcome but we need to know in advance.



## National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair

Presented by Sister to Sister

Friday, February 16, 2007

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

At Fair Park in Centennial Hall  
Free admission and free parking

The purpose of this event is to increase awareness about women's heart disease and to encourage heart-healthy lifestyles. The fair will feature vital heart health screenings and counseling, cooking and fitness demonstrations, educational seminars, exhibitor booths, giveaways, and much more.

For more info call 800-422-9567 or visit  
[www.womansheartday.org/dallas](http://www.womansheartday.org/dallas)

## Confirmation Classes Begin February 18



Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday afternoon February 18, at 3:00 p.m. Please contact the church office at 972-285-5602 to let us know of your interest in attending so we can be sure to have enough supplies.

## Flower Chart



The flower chart for 2007 has been posted near the church office. If you would like to provide flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign your name by the date you choose.

## Summer Camp Registration Begins Now



Pick up one of the registration brochures on the table under the clock in the hall and register your child for a great time this summer at either Camp Gilmont in the piney woods of East Texas, or Camp Prairie Valley bordering the northern edge of the Texas Hill Country. Camping opportunities are available in June and July for children and youth ranging in ages from 6 to 16.

Early registration (by April 1) will save you money, so don't delay in making these plans. Scholarships are available.

## Our Church Family . . .

ALEX LINDBERG underwent surgery this past Monday, February 5, at Baylor Hospital.

JIM BREWSTER is home recovering from surgery at Doctors Hospital, and MARGIE POLLARD is recovering well from eye surgery.

We are pleased that Leith and Carol Fujii, missionaries to Thailand whose work we support through our mission giving, will be with us on Sunday, April 22. They are on home assignment for several months. Some will remember when this fine Christian couple was with us several years ago.

There was a good attendance at the Annual Congregational Dinner Meeting January 28. After a delicious meal, reports were given by staff members and by organizations in the church. Kathy Brown was elected to fill the unexpired term of Charles Schandelmeier who moved to Melissa. Paula Kusewitt and Greg Farr were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for new church officers, and Howard Saucier and Roger Samuels were elected as alternates. Ron Smith, Chairman of the Church Budget and Stewardship Committee in 2006 presented the proposed 2007 church budget of \$492,668, and this was approved. The church treasurer, Pete Allen, gave a detailed year-end financial report. The meeting concluded with a memorial service for our members who died in 2006: Eunice Henry, Allegra Chapman, Georgia Hogan, Peggy Bowden, Sue Oakley, Earlyne Mauldin, Jerry Evans, Kathleen Blakeley, and Bud Derrick.

The Library Committee is seeking the return of the book *The Women Who Raised a Nation* by Cokie Roberts which is missing from the library. If you have it, we would appreciate its return.

## Women's Retreat

Registration for this year's Women's Retreat has been even better than expected. We're excited to have 17 women who are coming for the first time. Although we planned for 53 beds, which is 11 more than we used last year, we have reached that number. If you are not registered but are interested in coming if we have a cancellation, please let Diane Beal know.

Final payment is due February 8, or with a \$10 fee increase, no later than February 18.



It is not too late to make an appointment to have your picture taken for our new pictorial directory. You can schedule your appointment online by going to our church's web site at [www.fpcmesquite.org](http://www.fpcmesquite.org), and click on the link on the home page, or you can call Marilyn Saams.

There is no charge to have your picture in the directory, and you will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory for participating.

We will be able to list only one phone number and one email address for each family in our directory. When you have your photo taken, there will be a list of the email addresses that we have, and you will have the opportunity then to verify that we have the correct email address, and to indicate which email address and which phone number to print in the directory for your family.

## 2006 Contribution Reports

2006 Contribution Reports are on the table in the hallway. If you need your report mailed to you, please call the church office at 972-285-5602.

*I will trust and not be  
afraid; for the Lord God  
is my strength . . .  
Isaiah 12:2*

# Happy Birthday!

2/1	Linda Collins Steve Leake	2/12	Cory Turner
2/2	Jerry Dressler	2/13	Ann Daniels
2/3	Tiffany Hartsell Susan Scholl	2/14	Tom Wilbanks Susan Mathews
2/4	Alys Litchfield	2/16	Eric Schwartz Riley Nystrom
2/5	Karen Hunt (Mrs. Dennis) George Venner	2/19	Sherman Reed
2/7	Steven Collins Zack Saucier Rebecca Smith	2/21	Margie Pollard
2/8	Kara Bright Josh Marshall Earlayne Martin	2/22	Zoe Brown Michael B. Lee (child) Jason Okafor
2/9	Nick Harris Kevin Uzzle	2/23	Pete Allen Janis Fox Janel Okafor
2/11	Ryan Deegan Howard Saucier	2/24	Robbie Lee
2/12	Cynthia Petty	2/27	Paiton Garver Johnny Thompson
		2/28	Marty McCalmont

## Wednesday Church Night Schedule

6:00 - 6:25	Dinner
6:30 - 7:30	Classes for everyone

## Wednesday Choir Schedule

4:45 - 5:15	Alleluia Chimes (grades 3 - 6) Bell Room
5:00 - 6:00	Youth Choir (grades 7- 12) Sanctuary
5:15 - 6:00	Cherub Choir (age 5 - grade 2) Genesis Classroom
5:15 - 6:00	Alleluia Choir (grades 3-6) Choir Room
6:30 - 7:00	Hope Choir (ages 3 - 4) Enquiry Classroom
7:30 - 9:00	Chancel Choir (grades 9 - adult) Choir Room