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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

February 25, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Ronda Scott - Head Usher

Don Black Mac McDonald Jerry McBain

11:00

Teresa Farr - Head Usher

Patrick Garver Penny Palumbo

Linda Washeck Emily Ramsey

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Billy Mark Gillispie Earlayne Martin

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

Terry Hauk, friend 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



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From the Pastor . . .

We are grateful for those who had pictures made for our new pictorial church directory. If you have not had your picture taken yet, we hope you will make an appointment during the next photography dates of March 15-17. Pictorial directories help so much to put names with faces, and it truly records a moment of history in the life of our church. You can make an appointment by going to our church's website at www.fpcmesquite.org and click on the link for the directory or you can call our directory coordinator, Marilyn Saams. We owe a debt of gratitude to Marilyn for the hours she has spent helping with this, including the time that she and others gave serving as hostesses as people arrived to have their pictures taken.

This Wednesday, February 21, is the beginning of Lent. The word "Lent" is from an old English word which refers to the lengthening of days and the coming of spring. It is a period of 40 days before Easter which is a time of reflection, renewal, and spiritual growth. We will have a brief Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

I have found it worthwhile over the years to do a series of sermons during Lent, and this year the series will be on "Biblical Faces." I encourage you to be here for worship this Sunday and each Sunday during Lent as we are reminded that it was during this time that Jesus set out steadfastly for Jerusalem where he died on the cross so that we could be forgiven and have new life. As he gave his life for us, let us live for him. And may we all have a renewed sense of the joy and strength of the Christian faith as we prepare our hearts and minds for the day of days - Easter.

Tom Wilbanks

Men's Breakfast



All the men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this Sunday, February 25, at 7:30 a.m. The cooks this time are Patrick Garver, Ron Adams, and Greg Farr. Dave Edling will tell about plans for the Mo-Ranch Men's Conference May 6-7.

This Sunday



*First
Sunday
in Lent*

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. The Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir and Presbytones will provide music at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will begin a series of Lenten sermons on the theme "Biblical Faces," and the first sermon is "The Brilliant Face - Miriam" based on Micah 6:1-4.

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome the following new members who joined our church Sunday, February 18.



ANN DANIELS



DEE and JANA KNOWLES

Session Highlights

The February 14 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

Among communications received were two letters of commendation for our Director of Christian Education, Cynthia Petty, concerning her recent course at Austin Presbyterian Seminary on Religious Education, Theory, and Practice January 8-11.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, reported that once again this year our church provided Christmas candy for the children at Presbyterian Children's Services in Waxahachie, and thank you notes were received from the children. Deborah Edling will be Director of VBS June 17-21, and Shannon Creila will be Assistant Director. Plans are underway for the youth mission trip June 24-29, in San Antonio. Cynthia suggested a Rally Day theme of "One Heart, One Mind."

Johnny Graham, Chairman of the Worship Committee, reported that Verlyn Smoker is still contacting organ companies concerning possible renovation or replacement of our console and other work.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the committee to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Dr. Wilbanks at our church, told about plans for the observance on May 20, and recommended that landscaping be done on the south side of the sanctuary that would be a permanent addition to honor Dr. Wilbanks. The cost of \$4,500 would come from the Building Fund, and this was approved.

The Mission Committee reported on plans to host Leith and Carol Fujii, Presbyterian missionaries to Thailand, at our church on Sunday, April 22. We are supporting them through our mission giving

Presbyterian Women Circles Tuesday, March 6

The Morning Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, for Bible Study which will be followed by a stew lunch. Please join us, and bring a food item to be added to the stew. The Night Circle will meet in the youth hall at 7:00 p.m. on the same date. All women are invited to either of these meetings.

Please call the church office by noon Monday, March 5, for child care reservations.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to SHIRLEY LOTT whose mother died and to JOYCE MURDOCK whose brother died.

DON NEECE is at Baylor Hospital in Garland where he is expected to undergo heart by-pass surgery on February 21.

It was good to see ALEX LINDBERG and AMANDA SALING back at church last Sunday following recent surgeries.

Our congratulations to PAT and LINDA HEBERT on the birth of grandson Houston Patrick Armand Hebert on February 6. Parents are Austin and Stacy Hebert.

We also want to congratulate MIKE and CHERYL LYDICK on the birth of grandson Jayden Blain Lydick on February 15. Parents are Jeremy Lydick and Dusty Kemmerle.

Look on the bulletin board near the church office to see an article in the *Dallas News* regarding the state Academic Decathlon competition to be held this week. ZACK SAUCIER is pictured in the article, and he will compete in this event as part of the Horn High School team.

A nice Church Night Supper was held February 11. The February supper always has a Valentine theme and a counselor speaks about things that make for good and stable family relationships. During the supper, a box of candy was given to the couple married the shortest time, Andrew and Bryany Newland (one year, three months) and to the couple married the longest time, Jim and Hope Sheppard (54 years). The next supper will be March 4. Our very own Ted Barron, City Manager for Mesquite, will tell about some of the significant things taking place in Mesquite and answer questions.

There will not be a church newsletter next week.

Goldenaires Meeting 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 22

The Goldenaires will meet this Thursday to view the final five chapters of the film *The Gospel of John*. Don't miss this excellent program and fellowship with one another. Light refreshments will be served.

College Scholarships

Our church is offering scholarship help for the 2007-2008 school year to active members of our church who will be enrolled full time in a college, university or trade school. This scholarship has been available for several years, and has been of help to a number of our members attending college. This year, an additional scholarship is being offered by our church's Presbyterian Women organization, and is another opportunity for students in our church family to receive help and support from their church. Applications received will be considered for both scholarships, so you need only complete one application. Applications are available in the church office, and **the deadline for turning them in is Sunday, April 1.** Applications turned in after that date will not be considered.

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. Gifts may be given in memory or in honor of someone to this fund. Donations may be given at any time, and marked "scholarship fund."

Blood Drive – March 11

Blood donors save lives.
It's that simple, that important.



Carter Blood Care will be holding a blood drive in their mobile facility on our north parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board near the church office. You can sign up next time you are here, or call the church office at 972-285-5602, and we'll put your name on the list. Don't miss this opportunity to give the gift of life.

Happy Birthday!

3/1	Brent Crelia	3/9	Phil Wright	3/21	Ashley Gardner
	Mary Ruth Mandel	3/10	Jeff Saams	3/22	Cheryl Lydick
	Beverly Williams	3/12	Austin Hebert		Carley Patterson
3/4	Ron Adams		Duane Moon	3/23	Sarah Petty
3/5	Craig Alford		Tracey Okafor		McKenna White
	Madison Gardner		Jim Sheppard	3/24	Emma Smoker
	Jerry McBain	3/13	Joyce Ballenger	3/25	Ann Okafor
	Robbie Robinson		Camryn Crelia	3/27	Chase Schandelmeier
	Kim Sather		David Litchfield	3/28	Ken Sheppard-Mahaffey
3/6	Betsy Litchfield		Madison Orr	3/29	Brian Bridges
3/7	Paula Kusewitt	3/15	Judy Johnson		Amy Bright
	Cheryl Mason		Mark Smoker	3/30	Alex Lindberg
3/8	Victor Carboni	3/16	Chay Wachendorfer		Chandler Smith
	Grace Nelms	3/17	Connie Wright	3/31	Nathan Edling
3/9	Anna Saucier	3/19	Ron Smith		Jonathan Graham
	Garret Williamson	3/20	Rachel Petty		Maurine Robinson

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