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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

March 11, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Clark Windle - Head Usher
Jerry Dressler Rick Aber Gwenda Aber

11:00

Earlayne Martin - Head Usher
Andy Cummings Jerry Patterson
Chris Orr Bailey Wilson

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Jennifer Gardner Patrick Garver

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
Ann Daniield
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
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 . . .

It is interesting how things stick in our minds sometimes. I was thinking recently about an occasion ten years ago when I noticed a 6 year old girl standing on a pew next to her parents singing with obvious delight the marvelous opening hymn that Sunday "All Creatures of Our God and King." She especially seemed to be enjoying the "alleluias" of that hymn. Now she is in our senior high Sunday School class.

I have had our Sunday School on my mind in recent weeks. We have a good Sunday School and have good teachers for classes of all ages, children and adults. Our Director of Christian Education, Cynthia Petty, does an excellent job, in providing curriculum for our children's classes. I am grateful for parents who come and bring their children. I realize that it takes time to get ready to get to church – to find the socks and shoes, to get the hair combed and brushed. I am thankful for those who make this a priority and get to Sunday School and church together.

We never outgrow our need to be growing in the Christian faith, and Sunday School is one of the best places for that growth to occur. In addition to the learning that takes place, it is a good place to develop those Christian friendships that grow stronger and more meaningful as the years go by. If you are not currently coming to Sunday School, I encourage you to get started.

Tom Wilbanks

***I know that I will live to see the Lord's
goodness in this present life.***

Trust in the Lord.

Have faith, do not despair.

Trust in the Lord.

Psalm 27:13-14

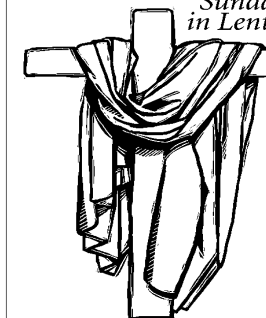


**DAYLIGHT-
SAVING
TIME
BEGINS**

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 11, so remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed Saturday night so that you won't be late for our worship services or Sunday School.

This Sunday

THIRD
*Sunday
in Lent*



On this third Sunday of Lent there will be special music at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will continue the series of Lenten sermons on the theme "Biblical Faces," and the sermon this Sunday will be on "The Desperate Face."

**Remember . . .
The blood drive is
this Sunday, 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. this Sunday, March 11. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board near the church office. If you want to give blood but have not yet signed up, 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.

Child Care Workers Needed

We are taking applications for child care workers to care for the youngest members of our congregation. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. These are paid positions. If you are interested, contact Cynthia Petty at 972-285-5602.

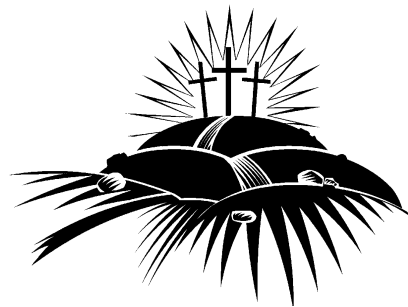
*Please continue to pray
for those in the military service.*



Photography for our new pictorial directory will take place Thursday, March 15, through Saturday, March 17. If you have not made an appointment to have your picture taken, please call Marilyn Saams, our directory coordinator, or you can go to our church's website at www.fpcmesquite.org and click on the link for the church directory to make an appointment. We want this directory to be complete – and it will not be so without your picture! For having your picture made, you will receive a free complimentary 8x10 photograph and a copy of the directory. Although pictures can be purchased, there are NO high pressure sales.

Also, some of you who had your pictures taken last month chose to have your complimentary 8X10 portrait sent to the church. A box of portraits has arrived and is in the church office. Please stop by when you can and pick up yours.

Easter Path



An intergenerational family walk through Holy Week will be offered here on Saturday, April 7. This special event is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee to enrich your Easter experience. There is no charge for the Easter Path, however, reservations will be required and sign-ups will be taken beginning Sunday, March 18.

Our Church Family . . .

Our church lost a long time, faithful member in the death of CLIFFORD MOON on February 19. Clifford had a gift for making people feel welcome when they visited our church and was often in the sanctuary greeting people before the worship service started. We are grateful to God for his life. Some of our members will remember another long time member, ROSA FERRIER, who taught the 2 and 3 year old Sunday School class at our church for many years before moving away. Rosa died March 3, in Marshall and a graveside service will be held for her March 8, in Seymour. Rosa had a wonderful influence on many children in our church as she made them feel at home in God's house, and she was also active in Presbyterian Women.

Our sympathy is extended to MARY BAILEY whose father died, and to MARY ANN GREER, whose sister died.

DON NEECE is recovering well from heart bypass surgery. DAVID BAYS is now back home from Christian Care Center. LAURA VIRGIL is home after being at Richardson Regional Medical Center for two weeks. It was good to see AMY BRIGHT back at church on February 25, following her surgery. BETTYE LEAKE is back at Christian Care Center after surgery for her broken hip. LES OLSON was scheduled for knee replacement surgery at Baylor on March 7, and ANN DANIELS is scheduled for extensive back surgery on March 12. JIM BREWSTER is continuing to deal with some difficult medical problems.

Once again there was an abundance of good food at the Church Night Supper last Sunday. The speaker was our member, TED BARRON, City Manager for Mesquite, who told about some of the things taking place in Mesquite and answered numerous questions. The next supper will be Sunday, April 1, and will be our annual talent show. Contact Chris Nelms, Chairman of the Program Committee for the suppers, if you would like to be on that program.

The landscaped area on the south side of the sanctuary planned by the anniversary committee in observance of Dr. Wilbanks' 40 years as pastor of the church, was completed last week and looks very nice.

There will not be a church newsletter next week.

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."

Garage Sale Fundraiser



The Garage Sale fundraiser for the Youth Mission trip will be held Saturday, April 21. You may bring items at any time – please price the items before you drop them off.