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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

March 25, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Jerry Dressler - Head Usher
Earlayne Martin Mac McDonald Joanne Boudreaux

11:00

Matthew Taylor - Head Usher
Teresa Farr Bernie DeRoo
Larry Thomas J. P. Marshall

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Eric Schwartz 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
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Charla Corder, friend of Shannon Crelia
Ann Daniels
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 . . .

If I have a hero in the Presbyterian Church, it is Sheldon Jackson. He was a remarkable man. In the 1800's when the frontier was pushing westward, Sheldon Jackson was a "home missionary" who established Presbyterian churches throughout the west - Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Montana - and ultimately Alaska. Although he did not organize the historic Presbyterian church that I once served in the mountains of Colorado at Lake City, he was there on several occasions.

The Presbyterian Church was the first of the American churches to enter Alaska. An associate of Sheldon Jackson's was S. Hall Young who wrote a most interesting book which, thanks to our member Les Olson, is now in our church library. The book is *Alaska Days with John Muir*. Dr. Young and the legendary John Muir became close friends in Alaska and had many adventures together. Dr. Young says that the constant exclamation of John Muir when an outstanding landscape would burst upon their view or a shaft of light would pierce the clouds and glorify a mountain view was, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" Again and again in their travels across glaciers or up mountains, John Muir would repeat those words which we sing every Sunday in the Doxology.

As most are aware, our nation is indebted to John Muir for his work as a conservationist and environmentalist and for the establishment of Yosemite National Park. But we are also indebted to those who took the gospel to places such as Alaska. While many went to Alaska to exploit the natives with alcohol, etc. the missionaries such as Sheldon Jackson and S. Hall Young and others cared about the people. The hospitals and schools were nearly all started by missionaries. And we continue to have Sheldon Jackson College at Sitka, which our church has supported for

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many years through our mission giving. I got to visit that college a couple of years ago as well as the Presbyterian Church in Sitka, and we can be grateful that the good work started many years ago by Presbyterians in Alaska continues today.

Tom Wilbanks

Men's Breakfast



All the men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this Sunday, March 25, at 7:30 a.m. Daniel Alvarez, President of our Men's Council will preside.

This Sunday



Fifth
Sunday
in Lent

On this fifth Sunday of Lent the Chancel Choir Men will sing at 8:45, and the Youth Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will conclude the series of Lenten sermons on the theme "Biblical Faces," and the sermon this Sunday will be on "The Courageous Face - Deborah," based on Judges 4:4-8. We will also observe our church's 126th birthday!

Trash Bash

Presented by

Keep Mesquite Beautiful

City Lake Park

April 21, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join in and keep your community clean!

Participate in painting projects,
picking up litter and yard clean ups.

Enjoy lunch and music in the park after
all clean up projects are completed.

*Volunteers wishing to participate should pre-
register at www.keeptmesquitebeautiful.org, or call
the KMB office at 972-288-7730.*

Defibrillator Training

The Board of Deacons is making plans to purchase a defibrillator to have ready here at our church in case of a medical emergency. In order for this to be beneficial for our congregation, we need to have as many people as possible trained in its use. Part of the training is basic CPR, and then additional training in the operation of the defibrillator. If you are interested in being trained for this important lifesaving project, please call the church office at 972-285-5602 and let us know.

Let's Go to Mo!

Brochures are arriving at the church for all kinds of conferences at Presbyterian Mo-Ranch in the beautiful hill country near Kerrville. We currently have brochures in the office for the following:

Men's Conference May 4-6

Art @ Mo July 15

Bible Study Conference August 6-8

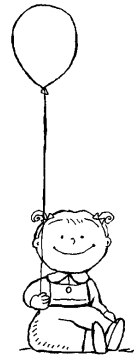
Digital Photography Workshop October 19-21

Work Day



A work day will be held Saturday, March 31, starting at 8:30 a.m.. This annual work day is held before Palm Sunday and Easter to do some helpful work inside and outside. We will be raking leaves, trimming bushes and doing some other things, and will be grateful for men and women who will come and help. We will be through by noon. Patrick Garver is Chairman of the Property Committee.

Child Care Workers Needed



We are taking applications for child care workers to care for the youngest members of our congregation. Child care in our church is a priority, and we are looking for dependable people who can work on Sunday mornings, and/or at other times as needed. Applicants over the age of 16 will be considered. These are paid positions. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who might be interested, contact Cynthia Petty at 972-285-5602.

Mesquite Symphony Program

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present a "Not Just for Kids" concert at the Mesquite Arts Center this Saturday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. The music will be "Adventures of Babar," and "Peter and the Wolf." Nickie Wilbanks and Fred Yonley of our church will be playing in the orchestra.

Our Church Family . . .

Our best wishes are extended to LESLIE HORNSBY and MARK NOBLE who were married at our church on March 10.

ANN DANIELS is recovering from extensive back surgery. DR. CHRISTINE WALKER was in the hospital recently. BOBBYE BRINGLE is scheduled to undergo surgery Thursday, March 22. It was nice to see KATHY CUMMINGS back at Sunday School and church last Sunday following her recent surgery. We were sorry to hear that LES OLSON has had some complications in his recovery from his recent knee replacement surgery.

Our sympathy is extended to ELIZABETH TRACEY whose father died last Saturday, March 17, in Cordova, Tennessee.

In the last church newsletter, it was mentioned that the next Church Night Supper which will be our annual talent show would be April 1. However, please note that the date has been changed to April 29. Contact Chris or Paula Nelms if you would like to be part of the talent show.

We want to thank those who had portraits taken for our new pictorial church directory. Each picture taken helps the church in the number of activity pages we are allotted in the directory and also determines the number of extra copies the church will get which can be given to new members, etc. The second series of picture taking was completed last week, and we appreciate the participation of our members. Information about submitting pictures for those who were not able to have their picture taken will be in a later newsletter.

Fifty-four women of our church will be away this week-end at Brook Haven Christian Retreat center at Lake Hawkins attending the annual women's retreat. A lot of work has gone into planning the retreat. The leader this year will be our former Director of Christian Education, Margaret Snyder, now on the staff of the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Our former member, Rev. Nancy Willet, will lead the communion service.

ANDY and TISH LEAKE have a new address. Also, BILL and PEGGY MAYFIELD have moved.

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.

Important Date!!

On May 20, 2007, our church will honor Dr. Wilbanks with a reception celebrating his 40 years of service and dedication.

Remember to mark you calendar!!!

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.