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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1028 S BELT LINE RD  
MESQUITE TX 75149

Return Service Requested

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

April 1, 2007

#### USHERS

8:45

Clark Windle - Head Usher  
Jennifer Gardner Larry Thomas Karen Hunt

11:00

Linda Fricke - Head Usher  
Patrick Garver David Gardner  
Beth Bridges Zack Saucier

#### PARKING LOT GREETERS

Leslie Hornsby Larry Thomas

#### 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



# First Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor . . .

The week that begins this Sunday has been called the most momentous week in history, for it is Holy Week. Several special services are immediately before us – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Our Palm Sunday and Easter services are always great occasions, but I also want to encourage your attendance at the Maundy Thursday service on April 5, and the Good Friday service the next evening. Both services are at 7:30 p.m. Easter is most meaningful for those who have been with our Lord on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. You will find further information about both of these services in another article.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Palm Sunday, to gathering at the Lord's Table with you on Maundy Thursday, to the Good Friday service and to the joy of our Easter services.

May peace and blessing be yours during Holy Week.

*Tom Wilbanks*



If you would like to purchase an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, we must have your order form by Tuesday, April 3. Forms are on the desk in the church office. Lilies are \$10 each.

### College Scholarships

Remember . . .

**The deadline for turning in college scholarship applications is this Sunday, April 1.** Applications turned in after that date will not be considered.

### This Sunday



On this Palm Sunday the New Covenant ensemble, the Alleluia Choir and Alleluia Chimes will provide music at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir, Hope Choir, and Cherub Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Promises to Keep," based on Matthew 21:1-11

### Presbyterian Women Circles



The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m. Cora Dugan will lead the Bible study and Margie Watson and Martha Whitehurst will serve as hostesses.

The Night Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 p.m. with Amy Bright leading the Bible study.

## Easter Egg Hunts Saturday, March 31



For 2nd grade and younger  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Youth Hall

For JAMmers (3rd-6th grade)  
Easter Egg Hunt in the Dark!  
7:30-9:30 p.m.  
Youth Hall

Parents, please drop off plastic eggs  
stuffed with goodies anytime before March 30.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 28, to  
Cynthia at 972-285-5602.

## Are You a High School Senior?

On Youth Sunday, April 22, we will recognize our graduating high school seniors. According to records in the church office, the following members of our church are graduating: Ashley Aber, Jake Armstrong, Kara Bright, Lauren Dixon, Jonathan Graham, Lauren Smith and Katy Uzzle. If there are any corrections or additions to this list, please call the church office at 972-285-5602.

## Work Day



A work day will be held this 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.

## Children's Choirs and Chimes Final Rehearsal

This Wednesday, March 28, is the final rehearsal date of our children's choirs and children's chime ensemble. The Wednesday Church Night program will continue for two additional weeks, but since Palm Sunday will mark the end of the choir year for the children, there will be no need to meet beyond that date. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for your participation, and parents for your support this past year. It has been a season of making beautiful music for the glory of God. Rehearsals will resume in September and we hope to have all of you back then.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Verlyn Smoker

## Additional Parking for Palm Sunday and Easter

Additional parking will be available on Palm Sunday and Easter at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Paza Drive adjacent to our church.

## Our Church Family . . .

If you were not able to have a portrait made for our new pictorial directory, we would be glad for you to submit a picture. We would also be willing to take a digital picture at the church. We need the pictures by this Sunday, April 1, so that our directory can be completed.

ANN DANIELS is now at Traymore Nursing Home in Dallas where she continues to recover from back surgery and hopefully will be able to come home at the end of this week. Dr. CHRISTINE WALKER is still at Baylor Garland but expects to be able to go home this Friday, March 30.

A number of dishes are on a table in the hall of the new building that were left from various occasions. PLEASE take a look at the dishes and see if one of them might be yours!

## 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.



Two special mid-week services will be held during Holy Week. The first is on Maundy Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.

This is our traditional candlelight communion service around tables in the form of a cross in the fellowship hall. The word "Maundy" relates to the word mandate, referring to commands which Jesus gave to his disciples on that last night of his earthly life, that they should "love one another" and that they should continue the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The next evening, April 6, we will have a Good Friday service. The Chancel Choir and congregation will observe a "Service of Darkness" or Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This simple, yet profound service of remembrance of what Jesus did for us on the cross on Good Friday makes the wonder and glory of the resurrection all the more joyous. Childcare will be provided for both services.

Participating in these services will remind us all of the meaningful events in the most important week in history, culminating in the celebration of the most important day in history - Easter Sunday!

*There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.*

*We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains He had to bear; but we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.*

*O dearly, dearly has He loved, and we must love Him too, and trust in His redeeming blood, and try His works to do.*

- Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

# Happy Birthday!

4/1	Jan Hull	4/14	Joanne Boudreaux	4/22	Chad Schandelmeier
4/2	Randy Harris		Greg Carboni	4/23	Ken Sather
	Jerry Patterson		Michael Graves		Jerry Williams
	Rachel Saucier	4/15	Brittany Bealmear	4/24	Vanessa Olmos
4/3	Amanda Farr		Angela Washeck		Carol Stephenson
4/4	Denise Newell	4/16	Jan Fort	4/25	Trenton Okafor
4/7	Lindsey Martin		Christine Walker	4/26	Dale Pollard
4/8	Jeff Cromeens	4/17	Brenda Adams	4/27	C. J. Mason
	Johnny Graham	4/18	Dylan Colbert	4/28	J. P. Baker
4/10	Teresa Farr	4/20	Bob Willet		Chris Orr
4/11	Ron Bettis	4/21	Michael Gale		Isaac Williams
	Anne Lindberg		Nickie Wilbanks		Kade Williams
	Carson Patterson	4/22	Robin Brown	4/29	Graham Akin
4/12	Griffin Scholl		Michelle Collins		

## Wednesday Church Night Schedule

6:00 - 6:25

Dinner

6:30 - 7:30

Classes for everyone