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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1028 S BELT LINE RD  
MESQUITE TX 75149

Return Service Requested

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

April 4, 2009

#### Ushers

8:45

Sheila Hammer –Head Usher  
Victor Carboni Bart Mathis  
Gail Thompson

11:00

Linda Fricke - Head Usher  
Andy leake Leslie Noble  
Jason Wehrman J. P. Marshall

#### Parking Lot Greeters

Denise Bennett Darby Washeck

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

Betty Aubert  
Gary and Nancy Black  
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom  
Jim Brewster  
Eve Brice  
The family of Jennie Childress, friends of Paula Kusewitt  
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer  
Lynette Copeland, friend of Julia Walker  
Debbie Duncan, niece of Minnie Mathews  
Carol Dwinnell, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Jack Fields, friend of Don Black  
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort  
Wayland & Mary Gordon, parents of Gwenda Aber  
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson  
Becky Hernandez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck  
Debbie Justice, friend of the Leakes and Hoffmans  
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Olivia Madrid, friend of Chelsea Martin  
Cheryl Martin  
Wanda & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents  
Sylvia Martinez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck  
Wanda McDougle, Ronda Scott's mother  
Acton Michael Merritt, newborn grandson of Bernie & Lois Deroo  
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort  
The family of Leroy Moore, friends of the Rumbecks  
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni  
Dennis Patterson, father of Jerry Patterson  
Dave Rumbeck  
The Sheppard family  
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents  
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith  
Fernita Swalin, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones  
Laura Virgil  
Mildred Warner, sister-in-law of Joann Cheek  
Brian Weller, cousin of Shannon Crelia



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### *From the Pastor . . .*

As I have mentioned in other years, the week that begins this week has been called the most momentous week in history. And indeed it is an important week because it is Holy Week. Several 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 9, in the fellowship hall and the Good Friday service the next evening in the sanctuary. 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 more 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*

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**



This Sunday, April 5, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The offering banks given to children at the beginning of Lent are also to be returned. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is used around the world to help meet world relief and emergency needs caused by floods, earthquakes, and other disasters. Special envelopes will be in the bulletins this Sunday for those who did not use the offering boxes but would like to contribute to this special offering.

## *Palm Sunday*

On this Palm Sunday an octet will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and Alleluia Chimes will provide music at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Follow the Leader," based on Luke 19:28-44. We will also have the joy of receiving the seven members of this year's Confirmation Class at the 11:00 o'clock service. (The quarterly communion service which ordinarily would be held this Sunday, the first Sunday of April, will instead be held on April 19, which is the Sunday after Easter.)

## Session Highlights.

The March 11 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

The report of the church treasurer, Pete Allen, indicated that we made the church budget for Feb.

Phil Johnson gave the report of the Christian Education Committee and said that Deborah Edling and Sheila Hammer will serve as Co-Directors of Vacation Bible School which will be held June 21-25. He also said that a committee had been formed to evaluate the Wednesday Church Night program since attendance and participation have declined.

Margie Pollard, Chair of the Communion Committee, said that we will have the quarterly communion for April at both services on April 19, in connection with youth Sunday. The date for communion was moved partly because the first Sunday of April is Palm Sunday.

Howard Saucier gave the report of the Mission Committee and said the committee is going to work on ways to assist members of our church who may need some work done at their homes which they are not able to do themselves.

Diane Beal, Chairman of the Worship Committee, said that Verlyn Smoker gave a report on the Youth Choir Festival our youth choir attended at Baylor University February 20-22, and said he felt the youth benefited greatly. In response to the worship surveys completed by the congregation last year, Tom Wilbanks and Verlyn will be planning some worship services with two traditional hymns and one "blended hymn." We will have a Maundy Thursday service with communion on April 9, and a Good Friday service on April 10. Tom will be away April 26, and the committee approved Tim Smith leading our worship services that day and giving the sermon. At Verlyn's request, the committee will provide a light brunch between our services on Easter for the choir members and other musicians.

The Session elected Margie Pollard and Diane Beal as our commissioners to a called meeting of presbytery on Saturday, March 28, at the Binnerri (Korean) Presbyterian Church in Richardson to vote on a proposed amendment to the Book of Order.

Dr. Wilbanks reported to the Session that the Deacons had approved an upgrade of our fire alarm and burglar alarm security system, and this has now been completed.

## Easter Egg Hunts Saturday, April 11



For 2nd grade and younger  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Youth Hall

For JAMmers (3rd-6th grade)  
Easter Egg Hunt in the Dark!  
7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall  
Don't forget your flashlight!

Participants in both Easter Egg hunts are asked to bring a dozen stuffed eggs by Wednesday, April 8, if possible. (If not, just bring them the day of the hunt.) We would also appreciate donations of cookies or cupcakes.

## Work Day

A work day will be held at the church this Saturday, April 4, starting at 9:00 a.m. This annual work day is held before Palm Sunday and Easter to do some helpful work. Since we did not get to have the previously scheduled work day because of wet weather, one of the main projects of this one will be to gather up the leaves on the north side of the church by the educational wing. We will be through before noon and will be grateful for men and women who will come and help. Lenny Pollard, the Chairman of the Property Committee of the Board of Deacons, will be in charge.



## Our Church Family . . .

Our best wishes are extended to SARAH LINDBERG and JAMIE ADAMS who were married last Saturday, March 28. Dr. Wilbanks officiated at the wedding which was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine. The couple will be living in The Colony.

Congratulations to RON KRAJCA who was named Officer of the Month for March by the Mesquite Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. A picture of Ron was in the Neighborsgo section of the *Dallas Morning News* on March 27.

We were sorry to hear that DAVE RUMBECK had to go back to Doctors Hospital this past Sunday, March 29.

Our next Church Night Supper will be Sunday, April 19, when one of our members, Sandy Collins, will show pictures and tell about her work as part of a Christian dental and medical mission team which served in Guatemala last summer.

## College Scholarships

Remember . . . The deadline for turning in completed scholarship applications is this Sunday, April 5.

## 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.



If you would like to provide an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, we must have your order form by Tuesday, April 7. Forms are on the desk in the church office. Lilies are \$10 each.



Two special mid-week services will be held during Holy Week. The first is on Maundy Thursday, April 9, 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 10, 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!

## Directory Changes??

We will be publishing a new church directory soon, so if you have any changes in your directory information, please call the church office at 972-285-5602 and let us know.

# Happy Birthday!

4/1	Jan Hull	4/15	Angela Washeck
4/2	Randy Harris	4/16	Jan Fort
	Jerry Patterson		Edna Tillison
	Rachel Saucier		Christine Walker
4/3	Amanda Farr	4/17	Brenda Adams
4/4	Denise Newell		Mary Jane Romero
4/7	Lindsey Martin	4/18	Dylan Colbert
4/8	Jeff Cromeens	4/20	Bob Willet
	Johnny Graham	4/21	Nickie Wilbanks
4/10	Teresa Farr	4/22	Robin Brown
4/11	Ron Bettis		Michelle Collins
	Anne Lindberg		Carol Stephenson
	Carson Patterson		Trenton Okator
4/12	Griffin Scholl	4/26	Dale Pollard
4/14	Joanne Boudreaux	4/28	Chris Orr
	Greg Carboni		Isaac Williams
	Michael Graves		Kade Williams
4/15	Brittany Bealmear	4/30	Gayle Rumbleck

## Wednesday Church Night Schedule

6:00-6:35 p.m. Dinner  
 6:40-7:25 p.m. Classes for everyone

## Wednesday Choir Schedule

4:30 - 5:00 Alleluia Chimes (Bell Room)  
 5:05 - 5:50 Children's Choir (Choir Room)  
 5:05 - 5:50 Youth Choir (Sanctuary)  
 7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)