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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1028 S BELT LINE RD
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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

April 6, 2008

Ushers

8:45

Jerry Dressler - Head Usher
Eric Schwartz Richard Follansbee
Joanne Boudreaux

11:00

Earlayne Martin - Head Usher
Kathy Brown Leslie Noble
Beth Bridges Courtney Womack

Parking Lot Greeters

Larry Thomas Jerry Dressler

Please remember in prayer

Betty Aubert
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Christofer Bohannon, nephew of Stephany Brown
Jim Brewster
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Troy & Kelli Connatser, friends of Gayle Rumbeck
Lois Dandridge, friend of Susan Mathews
Karen Dixon
Richard Edwards, brother of Philip Edwards
Odis Fagan, brother-in-law of Connie Wright
Margaret Green, friend of Susan Mathews
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson
Billy Harp, friend of Ken Johnson
Carla Haynes and son Caleb, friends of Dave Rumbeck
Nancy Kelly, friend of Laura Virgil
Nancy Koelling, sister of Beth Bridges
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Diana Lossasso, friend of Diane Marshall
Cheryl Lydick
Cheryl Martin
Ken McClure
Wanda McDougale, mother of Ronda Scott
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
The family of Leroy Moore, friends of the Rumbecks
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Syble Roberts, sister-in-law of Grace Roberts
Mark Sheppard and family
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones
Steve Tyler, friend of Bob & Maurine Robinson
Laura Virgil
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus



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From the Pastor . . .

Easter has come and gone for another year, but the good memories of our wonderful Easter services linger on. Some thought they were the best Easter services ever here. There were 210 at the first service and 390 at the second service for a total of 600. Attendance was slightly less than last Easter, probably due to the unusual occurrence of spring break in the schools occurring during Holy Week.

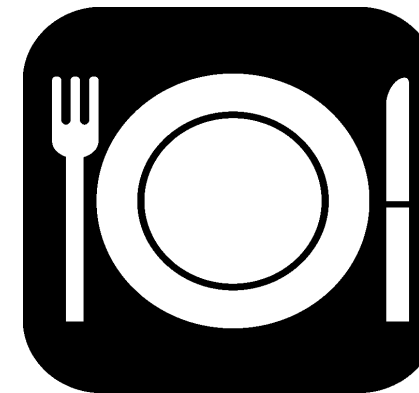
Despite predictions of clouds and possible rain on Easter, it turned out to be a beautiful day. I was especially struck by the beauty of the Chancel window at the beginning of the 8:30 service as the sun seemed to illuminate the figure of the Risen Christ brighter than ever, which was appropriate for Easter.

Late that afternoon I came back over to the church and sat down in one of the pews at the front, reflected on our services and said a prayer of thanks to God that it had been such a good day. Then I moved up into the choir loft and sat down and gazed at our beautiful balcony window which was dazzling with the sun shining right on that window. Then I went up to the balcony and looked more carefully at the deep rich, colors. As most of you know, the glass in that window is different than the other windows in the church. It is called faceted glass and in the late afternoon the sunburst effect around the central cross is a sight to behold.

I began this column by saying that Easter had come and gone for another year. But that is not entirely true because there is a sense in which every Sunday is a "little Easter." We worship on Sunday because that is the day that Christ arose. And I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we gather at the Lord's Table for our quarterly communion services.

Tom Wilbanks

Church Night Supper



Plan to attend the Church Night Supper on Sunday, April 13, at 6:00. Kathy Brown, Chair of the Program Committee for the Suppers, has arranged for the program to be presented by In-Sync Exotics which is dedicated to the rescue of neglected, abused, and unwanted felines such as lions and tigers. This will be an interesting program for all ages, especially children.

This Sunday

This Sunday a Men's Quartet will sing at 8:45, and the Youth and Chancel Choir Men will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Christ at Breakfast," based on John 21:1-14. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services.

**Earth Day is April 22nd
Make Every Day
Recycling Day**



Bring your recyclable papers to the green and yellow paper retriever bins on our north parking lot. You'll be helping the environment, and will be helping to raise money for our youth program. The more paper we collect, the more money we earn.

Acceptable paper for recycling includes newspapers, magazines, catalogs, school and office papers, and mail.

**Christian Homes
Needed**

Educational Resources Development Trust (ERDT) needs Christian volunteers (with our without children) to help promote peace by sharing their hearts and homes. ERDT is a global non-profit educational foundation which helps place a youngster for a school year or semester in an American home. The children are from 25 different countries, are ages 15-18 and are covered by insurance and bring their own spending money. They will arrive in August for enrollment in their new school. Host families would provide room, board, and a loving environment. If you would be willing to consider this or would like more information, you can call Yvette Coffman at 1-800-841-3738 or visit www.sharesoutwest.org.

**Register Now for
Summer Camp!**



Camping opportunities are available in June and July for children and youth ranging in ages from 6-16 at Camp Gilmont in the piney woods of East Texas and Prairie Valley bordering the northern edge of the Texas Hill Country.

Camps fill up quickly, so don't delay in making plans for your children this summer. Pick up one of the registration brochures on the table under the clock in the hall and register your child for a great time this summer. Our church will pay half the camp fees for children of members of our church.

College Scholarships

Remember . . . College Scholarship applications must be turned in no later than this Sunday, April 6.

Vacation Bible School

Plan to be a part of our great Vacation Bible School which will be held each evening June 22-26. The theme this year is "Beach Party - Surfin' Through the Scriptures." Classes will be held for children, youth and adults. Shannon Crelia is Director this year, and Erin Williams is Assistant Director.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to GAYLE RUMBECK whose mother, Tommie Hume, died and to KAREN DYER whose mother, Julia Koontz died. Julia was the grandmother of Debbie Bealmear. Our sympathy is also extended to HOWIE BURKHALTER whose grandfather, Howard Burkhalter died.

Congratulations to JOEL MARTIN who was promoted from Captain to an Assistant Police Chief for Mesquite.

This weekend fifty-one women from our church will attend their annual women's retreat at Brookhaven Christian Retreat Center near Hawkins in east Texas. Our former Director of Christian Education, Rev. Michelle Foster, who is now serving in Jackson, Mississippi, will lead the retreat.

Several Easter lilies are still left at the church, and if you would like to have one please feel free to take one the next time you are here.

These Days

These Days, our church's daily devotional guide for April - June is available in the literature racks for 25¢.

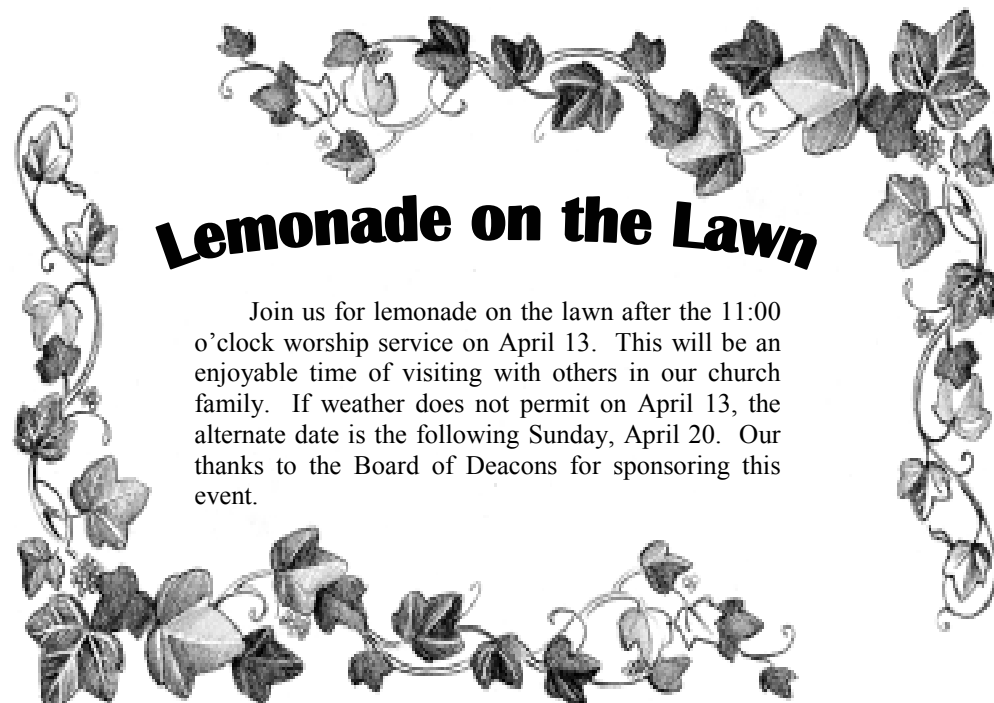
**Mo-Ranch
College Connection
May 19-23, 2008**

"I'm a Christian. Now what?"

Keynote: Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Worship Leader: Rev. Juan Trevino
Concert & Writing Workshop: David Lamotte
Cost - \$336 (partial scholarships available)

Keynote, small groups, workshops, recreation, fun and fellowship are all part of this special week!

College connection begins Monday afternoon with registration and dinner. Housing is in River Dorm and Guest Lodge. The conference fee includes room board, tuition and all the fun college students can have just after final exams!



Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us for lemonade on the lawn after the 11:00 o'clock worship service on April 13. This will be an enjoyable time of visiting with others in our church family. If weather does not permit on April 13, the alternate date is the following Sunday, April 20. Our thanks to the Board of Deacons for sponsoring this event.

Happy Birthday!

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| 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 | 4/18 | Dylan Colbert |
| 4/7 | Lindsey Martin | 4/20 | Bob Willet |
| 4/8 | Jeff Cromeens | 4/21 | Michael Gale |
| | Johnny Graham | | Nickie Wilbanks |
| 4/10 | Teresa Farr | 4/22 | Robin Brown |
| 4/11 | Ron Bettis | | Michelle Collins |
| | Hannah Durham | 4/24 | Carol Stephenson |
| | Anne Lindberg | 4/25 | Trenton Okafor |
| | Carson Patterson | 4/26 | Dale Pollard |
| 4/12 | Griffin Scholl | 4/27 | C. J. Mason |
| 4/14 | JoAnne Boudreaux | 4/28 | Chris Orr |
| | Greg Carboni | | Isaac Williams |
| | Michael Graves | | Kade Williams |
| 4/15 | Brittany Bealmear | 4/29 | Graham Akin |

Wednesday Church Night Schedule

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

Wednesday Choir Schedule

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| 4:30 - 5:00 | Alleluia Chimes (Bell Room) |
| 5:00 - 5:50 | Children's Choir (Choir Room) |
| 5:00 - 5:50 | Youth Choir (Sanctuary) |
| 6:40 - 7:00 | Hope Choir (Room TBA) |
| 7:30 - 9:00 | Chancel Choir (Choir Room) |