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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

April 8, 2007

USHERS

8:30

Jerry Dressler - Head Usher
Donna Barron Gail Thompson
Jerry McBain Larry Thomas Amanda Mayfield

11:00

Ronda Scott - Head Usher
Larry Thomas Jerry Jones
Harriet Jones Emily Ramsey

PARKING LOT GREETERS

8:30 - Ron Bettis and Robert Mayfield

11:00 - Roger Foltz and Steve Leake

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 . . .

There have been many nice comments about the Palm Sunday services last Sunday. It is always a joy to receive the young people joining through the Confirmation Class. As we received the young people who joined last Sunday, my mind went back to the day that I joined the church many years ago. It was a good day in a good church. The weather last Sunday was especially beautiful, and that afternoon I took a walk among the Bluebonnets and Indian Paint Brush in the field on the south side of the church, reflecting on the events of the day.

And now we come to another important day. Easter is the foremost day of the Christian year, a day on which every Christian should want to worship and give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This Sunday will be a glorious, inspiring day at church. Let us each be sure to praise God in his house this Easter.

Usually we have more visitors at the second service. Consequently, it would help if a number of our members come for the first service which will be helpful for seating at the second service. But whenever you come, we will be glad to have you here, and I encourage you to invite a friend to come with you. There are people who would like to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. And they can hear it at First Presbyterian Church this Sunday if you will invite them. Indeed, this is a good place to be. Remember that the first service will be at 8:30, not at 8:45. Both services will be identical.

I look forward to sharing the joy of worship with you this Sunday. May God grant to you and all whom you love an Easter of blessing and joy.

Tom Wilbanks



Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome the newest members of our church, this year's confirmation class who joined the church last Sunday, April 1.

The members of the class Jake Armstrong, Courtney Womack, and Sarah Graham are pictured above.

This Sunday



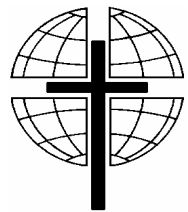
We are looking forward to wonderful Easter services this Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir, Jubilate Ringers, and brass ensemble will provide special music, including the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*, and Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "God's Better Tomorrow."



Reception for Confirmation Class

A nice reception was held following the 11:00 worship last Sunday to honor this year's confirmation class and their parents. The reception was provided by the New Member Care Committee, and pictured above are SARINA MAYFIELD and CASSIE PATTERSON, members of that committee.

Visit from our Missionaries

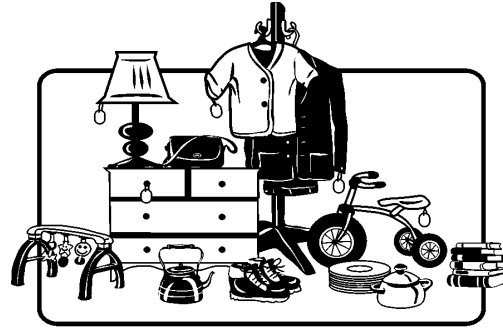


We are pleased that on Sunday, April 22, Leith and Carol Fujii, Presbyterian missionaries in Thailand, will visit our church. They will give "Moments for Mission" at both worship services and will speak to all Sunday School classes that wish to attend in the fellowship hall at 9:45.

Some will recall that Leith and Carol and their children were last with us in June of 2001. We are glad that they are coming to be with us again while on home assignment. Our Mission Committee is helping with arrangements for their visit.

There is a letter from the Fujii's, and a picture of their family on the Mission bulletin board.

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.

Presbyterian Women



All women of the church are encouraged to mark your calendars and plan to join our Presbyterian Women on Tuesday morning, April 17, for a trip to the Dallas Arboretum and lunch. This will be a trip you won't want to miss, and even if you have not been a part of Presbyterian Women before, you would be welcome to join us and be a part of this fellowship event. Details will be announced later.

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.

Our Church Family . . .

What a good day Palm Sunday was at our church. It was a beautiful Sunday morning, and there was a good attendance at both services. Our New Member Care Committee provided a lovely reception for the members of the confirmation class, their families, and the congregation after the 11:00 o'clock service, and we appreciate their work and how nicely the tables were decorated.

We are glad Dr. CHRISTINE WALKER was able to come home from the hospital last Friday and will want to keep her in our prayers for a good recovery.

Are you missing a dish? It might be on the table in the hall of our new building. These dishes have been left from meals provided for families following funerals and other occasions. Dishes not picked up this Sunday will be donated to the youth garage sale.

Our thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers who helped rake leaves, clean and polish pews, trim hedges, plant flowers, and do other helpful things at the work day last Saturday and helped make things look nice for Palm Sunday and Easter. Those who helped were Patrick Garver, Daniel Alvarez, Michael and Robbie Lee, Shannon Creila, Craig Alford, Ray Omdahl, Roger Samuels, Larry Thomas, Ron Bettis, Marshall Alford, Dave Edling, Eric and Derek Schwartz, Monica and Audrey Mitchell, and David Litchfield.

There was a nice article in the *Dallas Morning News* last Saturday about LAUREN DIXON, and a copy of the article is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

There will not be a church newsletter next week. We wish for all members and friends of our church a joyous and blessed Easter.

Additional Parking For Easter

Remember that additional parking will be available on Easter at the Seventh Day Adventist Church adjacent to our church on Paza Drive.



Holy Week

Each spring, for nearly two thousand years, the church of Jesus Christ has revered the days of holy week setting them aside as a meaningful season during which we recount the story of the pivotal event in human history. The Maundy Thursday service highlights Jesus' new commandment and the institution of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday service emphasizes His atoning sacrifice on the cross, and Easter Sunday comes triumphantly proclaiming the power of God and Christ's victory over death. "He is the first born from among the dead," the apostle Paul states in Colossians 1:8, and each year on Easter Sunday we join churches around the world in celebrating this blessed event.

Our Maundy Thursday candlelight communion service will be held this Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. Many people have felt that this service around tables in the form of a cross in our fellowship hall is one of our most meaningful services.

The following day is Good Friday, April 6, and the congregation led by the Chancel Choir will observe a "Service of Darkness" or Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The passion of our Lord according to Matthew will be read interspersed by hymns for the congregation and anthems for the choir. This simple, yet profound, service of reflection upon the great cost of our salvation makes the wonder and excitement of the resurrection all the more joyous! *(Child care will be provided for both of these services.)*

Attending both of these services will complete your Holy Week, and will serve as a vivid reminder, throughout the year, of the most important week in human history, culminating in the celebration of the most important day in history; Easter Sunday!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Verlyn Smoker