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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1028 S BELT LINE RD  
MESQUITE TX 75149

**Return Service Requested**

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**April 22, 2007**

**USHERS**

**8:45**

Larry Thomas - Head Usher  
Donna Barron Zack Saucier K. D. Harris  
Kevin Kutch Bennett Miller

**11:00**

Linda Fricke - Head Usher  
Teresa Farr Ben Robinson Chandler Smith  
Kara Bright Lauren Dixon Katy Uzzle

**PARKING LOT GREETERS**

Darby Washeck Sheila Hammer  
Youth

**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  
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  
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  
Jeff Snedeker  
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

**Mesquite, Texas**

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## From the Pastor . . .

Easter has come and gone for another year, but the memories of our wonderful Easter services linger on. Some thought they were the best Easter services ever here. There were 275 at the first service and 347 at the second service for a total of 624. There is joy in having the whole church gather in genuine celebration of the resurrection. A man in the Bible said: "In the great congregation I will bless the Lord." And it was a blessing to be here, to sing the glorious Easter hymns, to see the beautiful flowers, and to hear the triumphant music of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

I came over to the church Saturday evening and sat down in one of the pews and prayed for our Easter services. And then on Easter, after everyone had left, I sat down in that same pew and said a prayer of thanks to God that indeed it had been such a good day.

Although Easter comes only once a year, 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 worship is important for every Christian. This Sunday in worship we will have our annual Youth Sunday service and will also welcome Leith and Carol Fujii, Presbyterian missionaries to Thailand. We have supported their work for several years. They were last at our church in June of 2001, and are now in the States again for several months of home assignment. They are a fine Christian couple, and you will enjoy hearing about their work during a Moment for Mission during the worship services and when they speak in the fellowship hall at 9:45 during Sunday School. This Sunday is also Earth Day Sunday. We recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers and magazines at the church – all of which keeps them from ending up as litter in a landfill. Let's help take care of God's good earth!

*Tom Wilbanks*

## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast which ordinarily would be held this Sunday, April 22, will instead be held on April 29, at 7:30 a.m. One of our church members, Jan Fort, with Journey Hospice will be the speaker. The cooks this time are Daniel Alvarez, Patrick Garver, and Mark Noble.



## Get Your Act Together

Yes, get your act together for our church's annual talent show which will be held as part of our Church Night Supper on Sunday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. Contact Chris or Paula Nelms if you would like to be part of the program.



## This Sunday

This Sunday is our annual Youth Sunday service. We will honor our graduating high school seniors at the 11:00 o'clock service, and there will be a reception for them after the service. We will also have the joy of having Leith and Carol Fujii, Presbyterian missionaries to Thailand with us. They will give a Moment for Mission at both worship services and will speak to the Sunday school classes in the fellowship hall at 9:45.

## Congratulations Class of 2007!



ASHLEY ABER is the niece of Rick and Gwenda Aber and moved to Forney to live with them two years ago from Jacksonville, Texas. Ashley will graduate from Forney High School where she was active on the Dance Team. Her plans after graduation are to further her education to prepare for a career either in cosmetology or medical technology.



KARA BRIGHT will graduate from North Mesquite High School where she was active in the National Honor Society, junior varsity soccer (two years) and various other organizations. She plans to attend Stephen F. Austin where she will major in nursing. She hopes to do mission work overseas after college.



JONATHAN GRAHAM is graduating from Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts where he was a music major, and performed many times with the school, all-city, and all-region orchestras. He is a member of the National Honor Society and qualified as a National Hispanic Scholar. He has also been a member of the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra for two years. After graduation, he plans to attend the University of North Texas with a dual major in journalism and music theory with a concentration on violin.



KATY UZZLE is graduating from North Mesquite High School, where she has been a member of the Lady Stallion softball team. She plans to attend Eastfield College her freshman year, and then transfer to the University of North Texas and pursue a degree in elementary education and hopes to be a kindergarten teacher.



JAKE ARMSTRONG is graduating from Horn High School where he has participated in varsity cross country and received a Cross Country "Fighting Heart Award." He also played junior varsity football and varsity football at Horn. After graduation Jake plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in criminal justice.

LAUREN DIXON will graduate from Mesquite High School where she is ranked 14th in her class of 537 students. She has been a two-year member of the All Star Drill team and served as Vice-President of her senior class. Lauren was selected to attend a Lead America youth leadership conference, and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. She was honored to be elected as Mesquite High School's 2006 Homecoming Queen and was chosen as a scholar athlete of the week. During her four years at MHS, Lauren was also involved in Student Council, played JV volleyball, and was a freshman cheerleader. Lauren will attend the University of Texas in Austin where she plans to major in psychology.



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LAUREN SMITH will graduate from Poteet High School where she has been involved in the Poteet Pirate Band, the National Honor Society, and Peer Helpers. She has been a student of ballet for 15 years. Lauren plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University.

### ***Our Church Family . . .***

DR. CHRISTINE WALKER has had to go back to Baylor Garland Hospital, and DAVID BAYS is at Medical Center of Mesquite. We will want to keep them both in our prayers.

Our sympathy is extended to LEN McCURDY whose brother, Jimmie Dan Montgomery, died last week. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 14, in Honey Grove. We also want to extend our sympathy to CHERYL LYDICK whose father also died last week.

It has been good to see ANN DANIELS back at church following extensive back surgery.

Congratulations to GLYNIS and BO DURHAM on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Louise, on April 11. Proud grandparents are MIKE and CHARLENE ORR.

Our thanks to RON BETTIS who planted flowers on the south side of the church and to ROGER FOLTZ and SUSAN CASTER who took care of flower plantings on the north side of the church. We also appreciate the work of SARA and MARSHALL ALFORD who arranged the lilies for our Easter services. The church looked beautiful for Easter – inside and outside!