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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**  
**April 25, 2010**  
**Ushers**  
**8:30**  
Youth  
Jan Hull Brenda Evans  
**11:00**  
Youth  
Andy Leake  
**Parking Lot Greeters**  
Richard Follansbee Brenda Evans

**Please remember in prayer . . . .**  
Betty Aubert & Cheryl Martin  
Wally Birk, friend of Kirk Dixon  
Don Black  
Jim Brewster  
Eve Brice  
Ralph Brownlie, friend of Roger Samuels  
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer  
Randall Craig, friend of Gayle Rumbeck  
Bob D'Amato, friend of the DeRoos  
Jason DeRoo, grandson of the De Roos  
Steve Fischer, brother of Susan Mathews  
Adam Fort  
Amy Gillispie, daughter-in-law of Kathy Gillispie  
Wayland Gordon, father of Gwenda Aber  
Mary Greer  
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson  
Lynn Heathman, friend of Lori & Sam Boling  
Judy Johnson  
Lance Lanford, friend of Kirk Dixon  
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Wanda & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents  
Wanda McDougle, Ronda Scott's mother  
Charlotte McGuire, friend of Anna Saucier  
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni  
Dennis Patterson, father of Jerry Patterson  
Dollie Pierce, sister of Don Black  
Leslie Reynolds, friend of Paula Kusewitt  
Dru Richman, friend of Jim & Hope Sheppard  
Grace Roberts  
Ann Rorie, friend of Mel and Beverlee Witty  
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents  
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith  
Ennis Smith, friend of Gayle Rumbeck  
Fernita Swalin, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones  
James Weckman  
Joyce Welch, great aunt of Ronnie & Amanda Aynes



# First Presbyterian Church

Mesquite, Texas

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## From the Pastor . . .

“All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.” Those words were part of the opening hymn last Sunday and were appropriate for Earth Day which is this Thursday. As Christians, we bear particular responsibility for taking care of God’s good earth. Recent newspaper articles have told about the “great Atlantic garbage patch,” a huge area which is similar to one in the Pacific which consists of confetti-like plastic debris and is harmful to fish, sea mammals and potentially humans. The plastic bottles and other things people throw away sometimes wind up in our oceans where they can float for decades or longer. In one day last September, volunteers collected 7.4 million pounds of litter such as cigarettes, plastic bags, etc. from coastlines. A look at some of the creeks in Mesquite reveals the same thing. We can praise God through our prayers and worship and also by how we take care of his beautiful world.

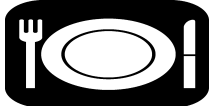
A special program will be held here this Thursday evening at 7:30. The program will be presented by the Institute for Civility and you can read more about it in a separate article in this newsletter. We are seeing a lot of incivility in the way people treat each other in everyday life including in schools, in government, and in other areas of life. As Christians, it seems to me that we have a special responsibility to model civility, and I hope you will come this Thursday for this program.

Tom Wilbanks

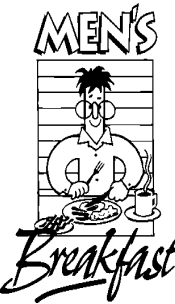
**This Sunday is Youth Sunday**  
This Sunday, April 25, is youth Sunday. Come worship and see and hear the Word of God on the faces of the children that have grown up in the church. High school seniors will deliver short meditations in response to the Scripture readings and expound on what their Christian journey has meant over the years. We will recognize our graduating high school seniors at the 11:00 service, and a reception will be held in the fellowship hall for them following the service.

## Church Night Supper

Plan to attend the Church Night Supper this Sunday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m. Former member Waynetta Eggett (now Waynetta Ausmus), an excellent storyteller, will give the program which will be of interest to all ages. Waynetta now lives near Sherman and is a member of the Tejas Storytelling Board of Directors and also has a radio program. She has performed at a number of places including the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma, and at the High Plains Storytelling Festival in Canyon, Texas, and she has been a Storyteller-in-Residences at Texas A&M in College Station.



For the supper, please bring a meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert dish and join us for this interesting program. Childcare will be provided for preschool children.



## Men's Breakfast this Sunday

All the men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this Sunday, April 25, at 7:30 a.m. Our Boy Scout Troop 138 will provide the breakfast and program.

## Youth Choir

Every other summer our church's Youth Choir travels to minister in music in places beyond the bounds of our local congregation. This year the group is planning on traveling to Washington D.C. to join nearly 300 other young musicians from all over the country for the Nation's Capital Youth Choir Festival sponsored by Youth Cue. Youth Cue is a San Antonio based organization which exists to encourage both youth and churches to support youth choirs as ministries to the youth themselves and to their congregations. I have been involved with this ministry for many years.

Funds are needed to help with the expenses of this trip, so beginning this Sunday, April 25, they will present an opportunity for you to participate. Following each service over the next four weeks you may stop by the table across from the church office and purchase one or more shares of "stock" in this youth music ministry trip. All proceeds from share purchases will go directly to the general trip fund to be used for transportation, lodging, meals, and music. More details about the trip will be forthcoming.

I have been most grateful for your assistance in the past and wish to thank you in advance for your continued support of the young musicians of our congregation. Your generosity will pay dividends which cannot be calculated in terms of dollars and cents, but in the musical and spiritual growth of the youth of our congregation.

Gratefully, in Christ,  
Verlyn Smoker



## Mesquite Symphony

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present its final concert of the season on Saturday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center. Our church organist, B.J. Mauldin, will be soloist for Saint-Saen's organ symphony.

## Institute for Civility

This Thursday, April 22, at 7:30, our church will host a program presented by the Institute for Civility in Government. The Institute was started by two Presbyterian ministers in the Houston area out of the concern that there are two problems threatening the strength of our governing process. One is the lack of civic participation at every level of government. The other is the growing polarization in our society. Unfortunately, the name calling, blame, antagonism, and anger that mark much of our political discussion today spills over into our communities and lives with one another.

The Institute for Civility in Government is a catalyst for change, creating the expectation and support for government officials and constituents to model civility in their personal and professional lives.

The meeting will be in the Faith and Life Class room, the first room on the left in our "new" building. Come join us and help be part of the solution.

## Presbyterian Women Circles



The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, May 4, at 9:30. Ellen Mallum will serve as hostess, and Cora Dugan will lead the Bible study. The Night Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 p.m. in the youth hall.

## Our Church Family . . .

Our church lost a good member Monday morning, April 19, in the death of DAVE RUMBECK after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Gayle. A memorial service for Dave will be held at our church at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29.

Our sympathy is extended to BRENT CREILA whose grandmother died, to TERRY TURNER whose brother died, and to KATHY UZZLE whose mother died. JOANN CHEEK died April 5.

HOWIE BURKHALTER has been at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas for several days and was expected to be able to come home on Tuesday, April 20.

We are glad that MARY McWILLIAMS and MARJORIE BAYS are recovering well from recent surgeries.

We are sorry that we are losing some good members who are moving away. BILLIE STONE is moving this week to Florida where her son lives. And TONY and KATHY BROWN will be moving to San Antonio in June. Tony and Kathy have been faithful, helpful members here for eleven years, and we are going to miss them and their children. Kathy will begin a new job in San Antonio.

KAREN HARRIS will be honored with a retirement reception on Tuesday, May 18, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Development Center, Room 211, at 2600 Motley. Karen has given 32 years of dedicated service to the Mesquite Independent School District.

Our thanks to those who by their prayers and presence helped to make our Easter services inspiring and memorable. There were 187 at the first service and 377 at the second service for a total of 564.

Dr. Wilbanks will undergo surgery at Presbyterian Hospital on Wednesday, April 21, which hopefully will restore vision to his left eye.

## Goldenaires

The Goldenaires will meet at 10:30 a.m., this Thursday, April 22, in the youth hall. All are invited to join this group for study, fellowship, and light refreshments. .

## Garage Sale this Saturday



The "Weez B Buds" Relay for Life team will be having a garage sale on from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., this Saturday, April 24, on the church's north parking lot. If you have items to donate please contact Gracy Thomas or Brenda Evans. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

## We Need Paper



Did you know that money received from paper products put in the paper retriever bins on the north end of the church parking lot go for youth ministry programs at our church? Help the environment and our youth by bringing newspapers and other types of paper to be recycled. Unfortunately, cardboard and phone books cannot be placed in the bins but can be placed in blue bags for city pick-up.

# Happy Birthday!

5/1	Lori Boling	5/11	Melody Wright
	Mardelle Patterson	5/12	Ian Garver
	Elna Singleton	5/15	Ellen Mallum
	Dana White	5/16	Pat Venner
5/2	Penny Palumbo	5/17	Denise Bennett
	Larry Thomas		Nicolas Scholl
5/3	Debbie Bealmear	5/21	Matt Uzzle
5/4	Howie Burkhalter	5/22	Sherry Futrell
	Frances Hair		Margie Watson
5/6	Sarina Mayfield	5/23	Harrison Cummings
5/5	Bennett Miller		Lauren Rawlinson
5/7	Susan Dumais	5/24	David Evans
5/8	Jerry Bringle		Craig Scott
	Pat Wilson	5/26	Rebecca Galindo
5/11	Megan Mayfield	5/29	Zoe Clem (Futrell)
	Paul Snyder	5/31	Breck Bennett