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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

April 27, 2008

Ushers

8:45

Earlayne Martin- Deacon
Laci Singleton Zack Bennett
Jack Nystron Kevin Kutch

11:00

Clark Windle, Brenda Evans - Deacons
Laci Singleton Meredith Miller
Ryan Schwartz Derek Schwartz
Ben Robinson

Parking Lot Greeters

Sheila Hammer Linda Fricke

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 McDougle, 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 . . .

This Wednesday, April 23, is Administrative Professionals Day, and this is a good time to say a good word about our Administrative Assistant, Linda Fricke. Linda has served us now for eleven years with great competence and a good spirit. The job here involves a lot more than any have any idea. In addition to the general administrative work, church newsletter and other things, she also takes care of a lot of financial matters for the church. In a lot of churches, it takes two people to do this. And while we are without a Director of Christian Education, she has also taken on some additional work such as scheduling for Children's Church, and we are grateful for her service to our church.

And speaking of being thankful, I continue to be grateful to so many people who help our church in so many ways. As I have said on a number of occasions, this is a good church, and it has good people. We live in a world in which people sometimes say – and do cruel things. But I am grateful for the kindness and goodness of many others.

Tom Wilbanks

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 here will be a reception for them after the service.

Consider the Choir!



If you love to sing to the Lord, and have been wondering if the Chancel Choir is for you, then now is a great time to find out. Right now women's voices are especially needed and the Spring and Summer months are a super time to "get your feet wet." During the coming months we will be making preparations for our annual summer concert to be held at the Mesquite Arts Center in August, in addition to our regular ministry of preparing music for each worship service. If you have never been part of a choir, but would simply like to visit a rehearsal, you are welcomed to do so. Please call Verlyn Smoker either at the church during office hours at 972-285-5602, or at his home evenings or weekends if you are interested in finding out more. Come join us as we lift our voices to God in praise! The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., no audition is necessary, and childcare is provided.

Soli Deo Gloria

Verlyn Smoker

A Good Time Was Had by All at Lemonade on the Lawn



Left to right: Howie Burkhalter, Susan Farmer, Linda Fricke, Kathy Brown, Lori Boling, Zoe Brown



Gracy Thomas, Liz Ramsey, Paula & John Kusewitt



David and Diane Beal

Presbyterian Women Circles



The Morning Circle will meet May 6, at 9:30 a.m. Margie Watson and Martha Whitehurst will serve as hostesses, and the Bible study will be led by Cora Dugan. The Evening Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 in the youth hall with Brenda Evans leading the Bible study.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to SANDRA MORRIS whose daughter, Brenda Fogg, died on April 8, and whose brother, Bob Shields, died April 15. Our sympathy is also extended to ELAINE WHITLOCK, whose mother, Frankie Splawn died. Mrs. Splawn was also the grandmother of Leslie Noble and Kelly Long. And our sympathy is also extended to LES OLSON whose mother, Evelyn Olson died last week in New York. Evelyn lived here in Mesquite for awhile and was a member of our church. A memorial service will be held for her in August in Minnesota.

We were sorry to hear that FRANCES SMITH fell and is now at Health South in Plano. NORMA HAGETHORN has moved and is now at Hearthstone Assisted Living, 1246 Colonel Road, Room 18, Garland, 75043.

We are glad that RONDA SCOTT is recovering after falling and breaking her arm at the Women's Retreat. CHERYL MARTIN was at Doctors Hospital for several days recently. DONNA MECASKEY is recovering from knee replacement surgery last week and is now home. JIM BREWSTER was scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery April 22.

The pictures of the congregation that were taken at our 125th anniversary services have now been hung near the church office. Our thanks to Stan Jeffus who took the pictures, to the parents of Beth Gonzales who did the beautiful framing job, and to Ben Williams who hung the pictures.

An interesting Church Night Supper was held April 13. The program was presented by In-Sync Exotics, a wildlife rescue and educational center in Wylie. A DVD presentation showed the work they do with large animals such as lions and tigers. The next Church Night Supper will be Sunday, June 1, and will be our annual talent show. We also will exhibit crafts and hobbies. So bring some things to show to others in our church family. And if you would like to participate in the talent show, call Kathy Brown.

Congratulations to RICHARD MAULDIN who was honored recently with the Housing Crisis Center Vin Vincent Award - Volunteer of the Year, for his volunteer work with the homeless.

Check the bulletin board near the church office for more information about a sweet boxer mix young female dog available for adoption. Contact Bill or Susan Mathews for more information.

Mesquite Symphony Program

On Saturday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m., the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at the Mesquite Arts Center. The program will consist of music by Leonard Bernstein, Rachmaninoff, and the violin concerto by Tchaikowsky. B.J. Mauldin of our church is keyboardist for the Symphony and Nickie Wilbanks is principal of the second violins.

Men's Breakfast

All the men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this Sunday, April 27, at 7:30 a.m. Our President, Patrick Garver, has arranged for one of our members, Darby Washeck who is with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Dallas, to speak on housing foreclosure prevention. Plans will also be discussed for the Men's Retreat at Mo-Ranch which is the following week-end.



Recognize a Loved One

On May 2-3, the 6th annual Relay for Life of Mesquite to raise funds for the American Cancer Society will be held at Berry Middle School. During the evening ceremony on May 2, cancer survivors and those who have lost their battle with cancer will be recognized with luminarias placed around the track with their names on them lighting the way for the Relay walkers. Luminarias will be available this Sunday, April 27, after both worship services for \$5 for anyone who would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of a loved one who has battled cancer.

Contact Gracy Thomas for more information.

Sharing Life Needs Personal Hygiene Items

Sharing Life needs personal hygiene items to distribute to their needy clients. If you have a stash of hotel soaps, shampoos, etc. cluttering up your storage space, this would be a good time to donate them. You can place them in the pantries located near the doors of both buildings at the church.

Happy Birthday!

5/1	Lori Boling Elha Singleton Dana White Penny Palumbo Larry Thomas Debbie Bealnear Howie Burkhalter Frances Hair	5/11	Joann Cheek Megan Mayfield Melody Wright Ellen Mallum Pat Venner
5/2		5/15	
5/3		5/16	
5/4		5/17	Denise Bennett Nicolas Scholl Matt Uzzle
5/5	Bennett Miller	5/21	
5/6	Sarina Mayfield	5/22	Margie Watson
5/8	Jerry Bringle Pat Wilson	5/23	Harrison Cummings
		5/24	David Evans Craig Scott Breck Bennett