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

**Return Service Requested**

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**May 20, 2007**

**USHERS**

**8:45**

Paula Nelms - Head Usher  
Jerry Dressler Roger Samuels

**11:00**

Teresa Farr - Head Usher  
Andy Cummings Daniel Alvarez  
Linda Washeck Rebecca Smith

**PARKING LOT GREETER**

Eric Schwartz Paula Nelms Patrick Garver

**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  
Dorothy DeRoo, sister-in-law of Bernie & Lois DeRoo  
Karen Dixon  
Richard Edwards, brother of Philip Edwards  
Linda Erwin, friend of Ken Johnson  
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  
Ralph Jones, father of Julia Walker  
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  
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 . . .

It is kind and gracious of the church to observe my 40th anniversary here. As I will be saying in the sermon this Sunday, however, this observance really isn't about me. It is really about this congregation. It has been a shared ministry. And whatever has been accomplished in these 40 years we have accomplished together with God's help. I give thanks to God and thanks to you for all you have done for the church, for your words of encouragement, your love and patience and forgiveness.

I also want to thank the anniversary committee, chaired by Duane Moon, and the members of the committee, Paula Kusewitt, Pete Allen, and Ferne Porter. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

*Tom Wilbanks*

## This Sunday

This Sunday our church will recognize Tom and Nickie Wilbanks for their 40 years of service to our congregation. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "The Things We've Done Together." and at both services the Chancel Choir, Jubilate Ringers, and brass quartet will provide special music planned for the occasion. A reception will be held in the fellowship hall from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

## Additional Parking this Sunday

Additional parking for the special anniversary services this Sunday will be available at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Paza Drive, adjacent to our church.



## Up, Up and Away

As most are aware by now, we lost the top part of our beautiful 41 foot steeple in what was described as hurricane force winds in a storm Wednesday evening, May 2. We want to thank Patrick Garver, Chairman of the Property Committee, and also Roger Foltz, Dave Edling, and Shane Williams who helped make some temporary repairs to damage on our church roof. In the above picture, Dave and Shane are in the basket of a crane preparing to work on the cupola for the steeple where they placed a tarpaulin over the top to keep out rain water.

The storm also caused a power outage at the church, so the choir rehearsal was cut short, but the Board of Deacons met by candlelight, probably the first time that has ever happened in the history of the church.

## Welcome New Members!

We were happy to welcome the following new members into our church family last Sunday, May 13.



MASON and STEPAHNY BROWN



LORI HERRING with her daughter JESSICA



SHAWN ELLIS and LINDSAY HINES



FRED YONLEY

## Please Donate Your Used Books!

Girl Scout Troop 1445 of Mesquite is hosting a "Used Book Drive" to benefit the elderly and home bound. Most requested books are mysteries, religious fiction, romance, westerns, craft books and biographies. Please consider donating your used books to this cause. Books may be placed in a donation box at the church or given to Stephany Brown by May 25. They will be delivered by the Girl Scouts to Grace Presbyterian Village and elderly homebound by the end of May. Call Troop Leader Stephany Brown for more information.

## Our Church Family . . .

Our best wishes are extended to AMANDA GREER and RONNIE AYNES who were married May 5.

It was good to see BILLY MARK GILLISPIE back at church last Sunday following his recent hospitalization.

We were sorry to hear that DEE KNOWLES was injured in an accident last week.

On occasion people make memorial gifts to the church. One of the most helpful funds for such gifts is the scholarship fund. This fund has been of significant help in assisting members who are attending college. Only the interest from the fund is used, and as the fund grows, we will be able to help more of our members.

There will not be a church newsletter next week.

## Save the Date

The next Women's Retreat is scheduled for April 4-6, 2008 at Brookhaven Retreat in Hawkins, TX. The retreat at this location was very successful this year, and more and more women attend each year. Mark your calendar so you won't miss out in 2008.

## Goldenaires Meeting

**Thursday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m.  
Samuell Farm Administration Building**

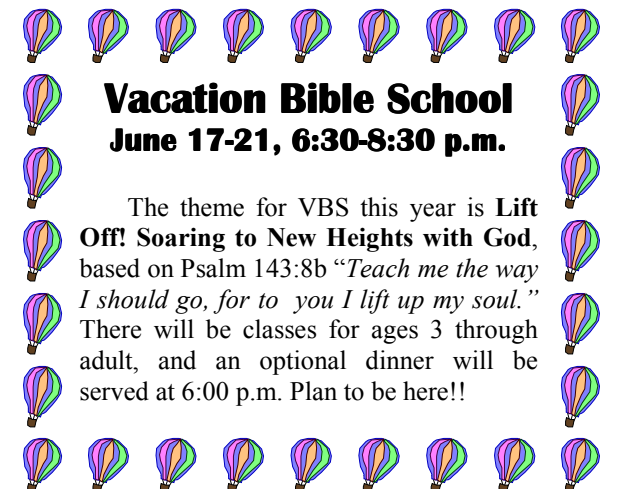
Goldenaires will meet in the Administration Building at Samuell Farm (rain or shine) at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 24. Please bring a picnic lunch and join us. Cold bottled water and juice will be provided. Mr. Hugh Brooks, C.E.O. and manager will speak to us about the Farm and bring us up to date on the various improvement projects that are taking place.

*Please remember to pray  
for those in the military service.*



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. Summer is an especially good time to "dive in" since the music we sing is somewhat simpler, and the rehearsal atmosphere is a bit more relaxed. We will soon begin preparations for our annual Summer concert to be held at the Mesquite Arts Center on Sunday afternoon, August 26. Even if you have never been a part of a church 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 (972-285-5602), or at his home on evenings or weekends if you are interested in finding out more. Come and join us as we raise our voices to praise the Lord! No audition is necessary. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. during the summer, and childcare is always provided.



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 17-21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

The theme for VBS this year is **Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God**, based on Psalm 143:8b "Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul." There will be classes for ages 3 through adult, and an optional dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Plan to be here!!