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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1028 S BELT LINE RD  
MESQUITE TX 75149

Return Service Requested

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

May 24, 2009

#### Ushers

8:30

Sheila Hammer - Head Usher  
Brenda Evans Bruce Buswell  
Jerry Dressler

11:00

Andy Leake - Head Usher  
Gayle Rumbeck Leslie Noble  
Jason Wehrman Heather Mayfield

#### Parking Lot Greeters

Harriet Jones Denise Bennett

#### **Please remember in prayer . . . .**

Betty Aubert  
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom  
Jim Brewster  
Eve Brice  
The family of Jennie Childress, friends of Paula Kusewitt  
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer  
Lynette Copeland, friend of Julia Walker  
Debbie Duncan, niece of Minnie Mathews  
Carol Dwinnell, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Jack Fields, friend of Don Black  
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort  
Wayland Gordon, father of Gwenda Aber  
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson  
Marcia Hart, friend of Laura Virgil  
Becky Hernandez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck  
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Cheryl Martin  
Wanda & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents  
Sylvia Martinez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck  
Karen McCardell, friend of Laura Virgil  
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil  
Wanda McDougle, Ronda Scott's mother  
The family of Leroy Moore, friends of the Rumbecks  
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni  
Dennis Patterson, father of Jerry Patterson  
Dave Rumbeck  
Don Sheppard, Jim Sheppard's brother  
Mark Sheppard  
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents  
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith  
Scott Stanley, friend of Dan Fricke  
Fernita Swalin, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones  
Laura Virgil  
Mildred Warner, sister-in-law of Joann Cheek  
Joyce Welch, great aunt of Ronnie & Amanda Aynes  
Brian Weller, cousin of Shannon Crelia  
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus



# First Presbyterian Church

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### ***From the Pastor . . .***

An article I read in another church publication recently about luck set off a train of thoughts. Luck can be defined as the chance happening of good or undesirable events and circumstances. But notice what is left out of that definition. It is God.

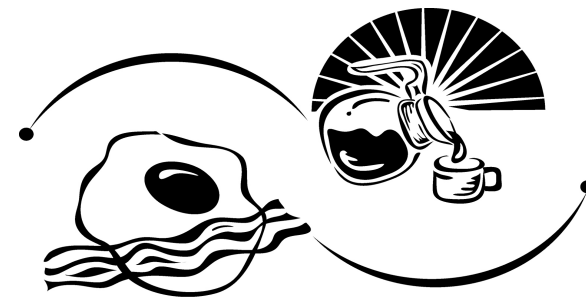
The article I read mentioned a *Dallas Morning News* story about a sports award acceptance speech by Don Nelson, former coach of the Dallas Mavericks and now coach of the Golden State Warriors. He had a battle with cancer and in his acceptance speech he several times gave luck the credit for his success and survival. As some people often do, he gave the credit to luck instead of to God.

I have long believed that all of the good things which happen in our lives happen by God's providence and grace. And because of that, I never use the word luck or lucky. Luck has nothing to do with it. Every time we use the word luck, we are either not giving God and his sovereignty the credit or are denying God's involvement. The book of James says: "Every good and perfect gift comes from heaven; it comes down from God . . ." (1:17)

We aren't lucky if we have good health. We aren't lucky because Jesus Christ gave his life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and have salvation and eternal life. These are blessings which come from God through Jesus Christ. And one thing for sure is that it always helps to count the blessings which God has given to us. One of those blessing is worship with God's people, and I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we give thanks to God for his blessings.

*Tom Wilbanks*

### **Men's Breakfast**



The Men's Breakfast which ordinarily would be held this Sunday, May 24, will instead be held the following Sunday, May 31, at 7:30 a.m. Our Director of Christian Education, Tim Smith, will talk about our Christian Education program and also about the plans for the youth mission trip. The President of our Men's Council, Darby Washeck, will preside. Come join us for a good breakfast and fine fellowship with other men of the church.

### **This Sunday**

This Sunday Dave Edling and Eric Schwarz will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "The Heart of the Gospel," based on Acts 10:1-8; 34-43.



## **PW Night Circle Change of Date!!**

The Night Circle will meet for dinner on at 7:00 p.m., on **Tuesday, June 9**, at Gloria's Restaurant (at the Harbor) 2079 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall. Please join us for this time of fellowship. RSVP to Mary Taylor.

## **Lemonade on the Lawn**

Mark your calendar for June 7, and join us for Lemonade on the Lawn following the 11 o'clock worship service that day. This popular event is a good time to visit with old friends and make new ones. Our thanks to the Board of Deacons who will be providing the lemonade and cookies.

## **Blood Drive June 7**



Carter Blood Care will have a blood drive in their mobile unit on our north parking lot from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 7. Please consider participating in this life-saving project by donating blood. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near the church office.

## **Goldenaires Meeting 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 28**

The Goldenaires will meet on Thursday, May 28, for fellowship, study, and light refreshments. The group will continue their exploration of the book The Shack, with Cora Dugan leading the discussion. If you haven't read the book, don't let that keep you from attending. The discussion will still be relevant to you, and you will enjoy the fellowship.



## **Vacation Bible School**

Clear your calendar for Sunday June 21, through Thursday, June 25, from 6:00 to 8:30 for this year's VBS. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and then fun, fellowship, and learning begins at 6:30 p.m. We are excited that Sheila Hammer and Deborah Edling are co-directing VBS this year – and with the help of many volunteers are creating a program that will be very fun and at the same time spiritually nurturing for both children and adults.

We excitedly invite all from the congregation, and bring your friends, invite your neighbors – the more the merrier. For more information contact Tim Smith in the CE Office. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Our sympathy is extended to JAN FORT whose mother died. A memorial service for her will be held in Indiana in June.

Our church lost a faithful member in the death last week of WANDA MOON, who had been a member here for 80 years. Her funeral was held at the church this past Saturday, May 16.

SANDY COLLINS leaves this Sunday evening for Guatemala where she will be again serving as part of a Christian dental and medical mission team.

Our best wishes are extended to PATRICK and LORI GARVER on the birth of a baby boy, Ian David, born on May 12. Our congratulations also to MIKE and CHARLENE ORR on the birth of grandson Samuel Wayne Durham on May 5. Parents are Glynis and Bo Durham.

Three members of our church were honored on May 14, for their years of service with Mesquite ISD. They are KATHY UZZLE, 15 years, Risk Management Department; PATTI BETTIS, 25 years, Agnew Middle School; and ELAINE WHITLOCK, 35 years, Hodges Elementary.

The church will be closed this Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday, and there will not be a church newsletter next week.

## **Where Do You Buy Groceries?**

Both Tom Thumb and Kroger have "Good Neighbor" programs to benefit non-profit organizations such as our church.

Our Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Number is 8752, and you can link that number to your reward card at their customer service desk, then each time you buy groceries using your reward card, the church will receive a small percentage of what you spend. You only have to link your card to our number one time.

To participate in Kroger's program you will need to get a "Customer Letter" from the folder on the table in the hallway. You can then take the customer letter to Kroger, and they will scan the barcode on the bottom of the letter to link your card to our church. The Kroger program is renewed each year, so even if you have been participating in the past, you will need to re-enroll.

All money received from these programs benefits our Wednesday Church Night program.

## **We Recycle!**



When you put paper in the recycle bins near the Scout House at the church, you not only help the environment, but you also help our youth since the money received goes for youth ministry programs at the church. Please also put plastic bottles and cans in the recycling bins at the church, not in the trash. Every year, 12.5 million tons of plastic in the United States goes unaccounted for, not to the dump or the recycler – and some of it winds up in creeks (like the one behind our church), in our rivers, lakes and oceans. It is a sad commentary as to the amount of trash that flows into our oceans – and that some people are treating it as a trash bin. Plastic objects kill an estimated 100,000 marine mammals and one million birds every year. The U.N. Environment Program estimates that there are 46,000 pieces of plastic per square mile of ocean. In parts of the ocean, a fish is more likely to consume plastic than actual food – and it is uncertain how far plastic is moving up the food chain. Only about 20% of the 25 billion plastic water bottles manufactured every year (using 1.5 million barrels of oil) are recycled. Let's help take care of God's good earth. Let's recycle!

## **Christian Host Homes Needed**

SHARE is a non-profit international exchange student program which needs volunteers with or without children, who are able to share their home, love and understanding with young teens from over 30 countries like Germany, China, Brazil, Sweden. The teens have insurance, spending money and will attend the high school closest to their host home next school year.

For more information call Yvette Coffman at 800-941-3738 or visit [www.sharesouthwest.org](http://www.sharesouthwest.org).