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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

June 3, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Clark Windle - Head Usher
Eric Schwartz Rick Aber
Ashley Aber

11:00

Earlayne Martin - Head Usher
Leslie Noble Jerry Patterson
Beth Bridges Michael Graves

PARKING LOT GREETER

Darby Washeck Larry Thomas

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
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
Tommie Hume, mother of Gayle 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



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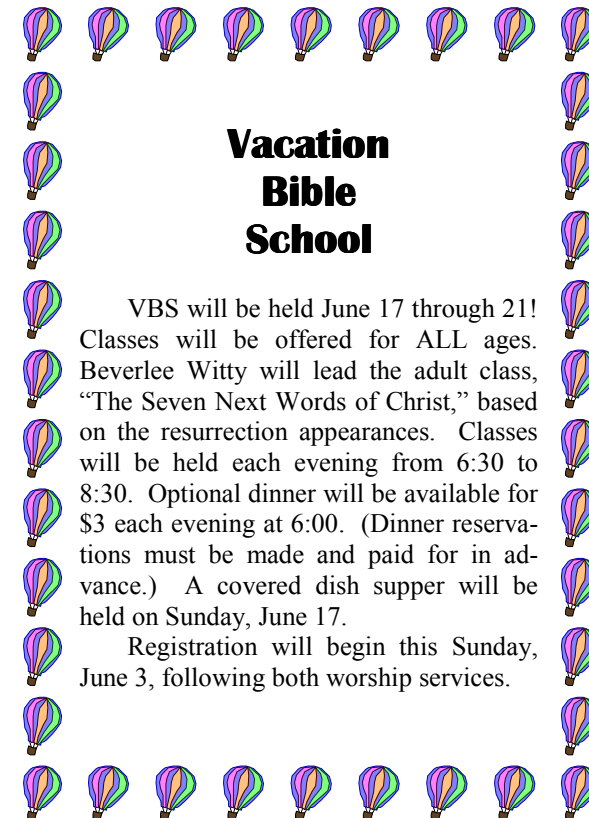
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From the Pastor . . .

I find it hard to find words to express my deep gratitude for all the church did for the 40th anniversary celebration. The worship services were wonderful, the music inspiring, and the fellowship at the reception was great. I also appreciate the cards and meaningful notes and letters. As I said in the sermon on Sunday, I give thanks to God and thanks to you for your words of encouragement, your love and patience and forgiveness, your giving of yourself and your time and money for the church and for the things, with God's help, we have done together. This is a good church, and it has good people.

Almost 30 years ago I preached a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. I had not thought about that series for a long time. But this past January, when one of our members and I passed each other in the hall, she said: "Our Sunday School class was talking about prayer this morning." And then she said: "Do you remember that series of sermons you gave one time on the Lord's Prayer? Well," she said, "I wish you would do a series again." I was amazed at what she said. Some people can't remember what the sermon was about last Sunday, much less 30 years ago! In any event, the conversation got me to thinking and I began working on a new series of sermons on this meaningful prayer. If we aren't careful, we can rattle those words off on Sunday morning without thinking much about what we are saying. But the truth is that every word, every phrase in that prayer has tremendous meaning and is worth thinking about that. We will do that this Sunday and for the following five Sundays. I hope you will try to be here each Sunday as we think together about this important prayer together.

Tom Wilbanks



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held June 17 through 21! Classes will be offered for ALL ages. Beverlee Witty will lead the adult class, "The Seven Next Words of Christ," based on the resurrection appearances. Classes will be held each evening from 6:30 to 8:30. Optional dinner will be available for \$3 each evening at 6:00. (Dinner reservations must be made and paid for in advance.) A covered dish supper will be held on Sunday, June 17.

Registration will begin this Sunday, June 3, following both worship services.

This Sunday

This Sunday a Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will begin a six-week series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. The first sermon is "Our Father Who Art in Heaven." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the 8:45 service.

**Remember . . .
The blood drive is
Sunday, June 10**



Blood donors save lives.
It's that simple, that important.

Carter Blood Care will be holding a blood drive in their mobile facility on our north parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board near the church office. If you want to give blood but have not yet signed up, call the church office at 972-285-5602, and we'll put your name on the list. Don't miss this opportunity to give the gift of life.



**Don't forget about the
Paper Recycling Contest
May - August
Our goal is 58.6 tons.
That's a lot of paper,
so we need you help!!**

Session Highlights

This is a summary of actions of the April 11 and May 9 meetings of the Session. Both meetings began with sharing prayer concerns.

Johnny Graham, Chairman of the Worship Committee, reported that Verlyn Smoker had gotten samples of two types of chairs for use in the chancel. The committee expressed their preference and Verlyn is letting the choir vote on their preference. The committee approved Dr. Hank Hunt preaching for our worship services on July 15, when Dr. Wilbanks will be on vacation.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, said that the committee approved a list of books/topics for use in our Sunday School classes. He also reported that we are in great need of an adult male sponsor for Synod Youth Workshop at the University of Tulsa July 9-13, or we will have to cancel our youth reservations.

Roger Foltz, Chairman of the Mission Committee, said the visit with Leith and Carol Fujii, missionaries to Thailand, went well and expressed appreciation to Bernie and Lois DeRoo for hosting the Fujiis at their home.

Patrick Garver, Chairman of the Property Committee of the Board of Deacons, met with the Session and spoke about some foundation matters.

Roger Foltz was elected as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for new church officers, and Deborah Edling was elected as the second elder on the committee.

The Session gave approval for the women's retreat next year on April 4-6.

Roger Foltz was elected to be our commissioner along with the pastor for the presbytery meeting May 31, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Plano.

Attention High School Students . . .

If you have completed your freshman through senior year of high school and are interested in attending Synod Workshop in Tulsa this summer, please notify the office by June 17. This meaningful week-long event is held at the University of Tulsa, July 9-13. Cost is \$260. Scholarships are available.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to BETSY LITCHFIELD and ANN DANIELS whose brother died last week in Florida.

During our worship service on May 13, ROX-ANNE MARTIN was given a nice surprise when she was presented with an Honorary Life Membership by our Presbyterian Women's organization in appreciation of her faithful service for many years. The presentation was made by Carol Evans, Moderator of Presbyterian Women.

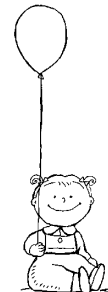
We will want to keep CHERYL LYDICK in our prayers as she deals with some difficult medical problems. Also, SUE NEECE is seriously ill. MARILYN SAAMS' brother, Art Sikes, is in critical condition at St. Paul Hospital, and the mother of GAYLE RUMBECK is in the hospital in Paris, Texas.

Congratulations to KIM BEAL who received a Doctor of Jurisprudence cum laude from the University of Texas School of Law on May 19. Her proud parents are David and Diane Beal.

Our thanks to CRAIG SCOTT, our webmaster who has done such a great job on our church's web site for quite some time. If you have not seen our website, be sure take some time to look at it at www.fpcmesquite.org. We have had several families visit our church after getting information about us from the website, and we have now included the web address in our advertising in the yellow pages and *Mesquite News*.

This weekend Beverlee Witty, Melba Jeffus, Susan Farmer, Jan Fort, Diane Beal, and Gwenda Aber will be attending the annual women's conference at Mo-Ranch. The conference is held in two sections and about 500 women will be attending.

There will not be a church newsletter next week.



Child Care Workers Needed

We are taking applications for child care workers to care for the youngest members of our church family. Applicants must be at least 16 years old, and we are particularly in need of adults. Our child protection policy mandates that teens working in child care must be accompanied by an adult. Workers are regularly needed for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, and occasionally at other times as required. These are paid positions. If you are interested, contact Cynthia Petty at 972-285-5602.

Venturing Crew 138

Our church has sponsored a Venturing Crew for eight years. Venturing is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women, ages 14 to 20, teaching leadership and citizenship through outdoor adventure.

Venturing Crew 138 activities have an equestrian focus and include wrangling trail rides for Boy Scout units using the Circle Ten Council horse herd at Clements Scout Ranch in Athens, Texas. Registered and trained BSA adult advisors accompany youth crew members during all events.

Most Crew meetings are monthly trail rides held on the fourth weekend of autumn, winter and spring months. Crew activities also include special events like gymkhanas (games on horseback) as well as overnight camping at Circle Ten Council camps or in State Parks. During the past eight years, Venturing Crew 138 members have participated in three Cavalcades (horse treks) at Philmont Scout Ranch in the Rocky Mountains of Northeast New Mexico.

The cost of membership in Venturing Crew 138 is reasonable. Members normally wear jeans, boots and long-sleeved shirts for activities. Riding helmets are required. Horses, saddles, tack and helmets are provided by Camp Cherokee or can be borrowed from other crew members. The cost of activities is normally limited to the cost of food, usually \$5 to \$10 for a weekend event.

Youth members must be between the ages of 14 and 20, and have completed the 8th grade. Join by filling out a BSA application form and returning it to the Adult Crew Advisor along with a \$10 fee. For more info, call Steve Leake.

The Crew will be cooking breakfast and providing the program for our Men's Group on Sunday, June 24, at 7:30 a.m. Please make plans to attend.

Happy Birthday!

6/1	Kate Bailey	6/20	Dave Edling
6/4	Keylea Garver	6/22	Charles Schandelmeier
6/5	Melanie Black	6/23	Dee Dressler
6/6	Rick Aber		Elizabeth Tracey
6/7	David Bays	6/24	Cole Bridges
6/10	Beth Bridges	6/25	Charles Wachendorfer
	Robert Mayfield	6/26	Ashley Porter
6/13	Eric McBain	6/27	Benjamin Morris
6/14	Ben Robinson	6/28	Gracy Thomas
6/15	David Howard	6/29	Jaime Alford
	Bob Robinson		Leslie Portillo
6/17	Karen Carboni	6/30	Linda Fricke
6/18	John Kusewitt		Jeannette Sledge