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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

June 17, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Paula Nelms - Head Usher
Jerry Dressler Elaine Presby
Joanne Boudreaux

11:00

Teresa Farr - Head Usher
Linda Fricke Bernie DeRoo
Les Olson Lauren Smith

PARKING LOT GREETER

Donna Barron Patrick Garver

Please remember in prayer

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
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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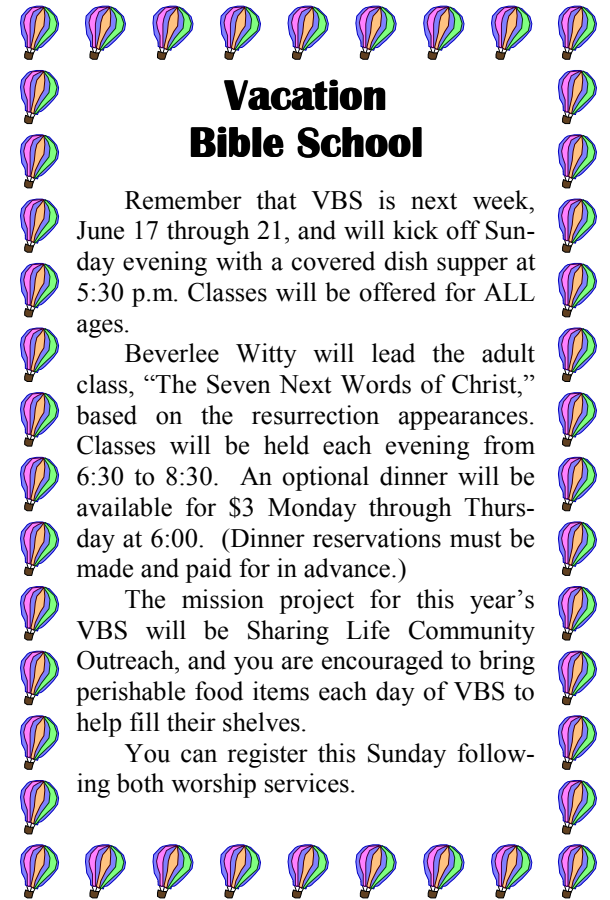
From the Pastor . . .

I was reading recently an article about how helpful it is when there is stability in a church staff, and that fortunately has been true at our church. The church was kind to recognize this month my 40 years here as pastor. But we are blessed that other staff members have also served faithfully for a number of years. Our Administrative Assistant, Linda Fricke, has now been here for ten years. Our Director of Christian Education, Cynthia Petty, and our Director of Music Ministries, Verlyn Smoker, have both been here seven years, and our organist, B.J. Mauldin, has been here for fifteen years. And our custodian, Verne Tibble, has been here for nineteen years. I am grateful to all of these for helping make our church the vibrant place that it is.

And speaking of vibrant activities, our Vacation Church School begins this Sunday evening for children, youth, and adults. Another article in this newsletter gives the details. I hope you will plan to be a part of this week of Christian growth. Beverlee Witty is leading a class for adults, and she also does an outstanding job of teaching.

Summer is upon us, and I encourage your faithfulness in attendance at Sunday School and church and in your offerings during the summer months. God never takes a vacation from us, and we certainly shouldn't take a vacation from him. I appreciate the many positive comments on the current sermon series on the Lord's Prayer, and I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we continue that series.

Tom Wilbanks



Vacation Bible School

Remember that VBS is next week, June 17 through 21, and will kick off Sunday evening with a covered dish supper at 5:30 p.m. 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. An optional dinner will be available for \$3 Monday through Thursday at 6:00. (Dinner reservations must be made and paid for in advance.)

The mission project for this year's VBS will be Sharing Life Community Outreach, and you are encouraged to bring perishable food items each day of VBS to help fill their shelves.

You can register this Sunday following both worship services.

This Sunday

This Sunday is Father's Day, and we will observe Men of the Church Day. Brenda Evans will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir women will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will continue the series on the Lord's Prayer, and the sermon will be "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread."





School is out now, and there are hungry children living right here in Mesquite. Sharing Life Community outreach ran completely out of food one day last week and had to close their doors early. Part of the problem had to do with some delays in delivery because of renovations being done at North Texas Food Bank which supplies food to them, but another reason for the shortage is that the demand for food is much higher during the summer months because families whose children have been eating breakfast and lunch at school are now having to provide those meals at home. In addition, many special food drives are held by churches (our church included) during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, but the need for food continues year-round.

We can help alleviate this shortage by placing nonperishable food items in the pantries located near the entrances to both of our buildings throughout the summer. Your help is needed.



Thanks to the 21 donors who gave blood yesterday at our blood drive. Summer is a time of slow donations, and Carter Blood Care is grateful to all who gave.

Please remember to pray for those in the military service.

Some Interesting Facts About Presbyterians

The geographic center of Presbyterian membership is located in Southern Illinois. At that spot, the distances to all PCUSA members add up to the smallest total. But here are some other interesting statistics:

Presbyterians are found in every state. The most members are in Pennsylvania (235,577), California (168,499), North Carolina 159,676, and Texas (133,523)

The fewest members are in Maine (538), Vermont (692), Rhode Island (1,936) and Hawaii (1,953).

In relative terms, the most members live in Pennsylvania and South Carolina (1.90 percent of each state's population), North Carolina (1.84 percent) and Iowa (1.68 percent).

The fewest members as a percentage are in Maine (0.04 percent), Massachusetts (0.06 percent), Vermont (0.11 percent) and Hawaii (0.15 percent.)

Although present in every state, Presbyterians nowhere dominate the population, as Lutherans do in the Dakotas and Minnesota. There are more than 100,000 Presbyterians in each of eight states, but all of these are very populous.

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 this Sunday, 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 MARDELLE PATTERSON whose father died; to DON NEECE whose wife, Sue, died; to MARILYN SAAMS whose brother died; and to DENISE BENNETT whose step-father died.

BEVERLY WILLIAMS underwent knee replacement surgery on June 5, at Presbyterian Hospital, and we will want to keep her in our prayers for a good recovery.

The brother of RON ADAMS, Johnny Adams, underwent a successful lung transplant surgery recently.

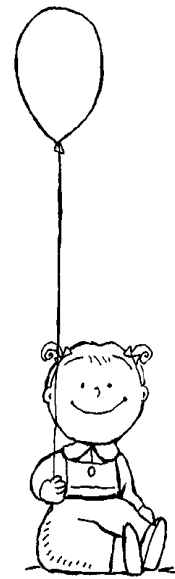
Several of our members were featured in the *Dallas Morning News* recently. BAILEY WILSON was featured Saturday, June 9, and some of our members who participated in the Relay for Life were pictured on June 2. The pictures are on the bulletin board by the church office.

Some have probably wondered about the boarded up window on the south side of the sanctuary. The window is being prepared for the installation in the next month or two of a window in memory of Kathy Krajca provided by memorial gifts and approved by the Session.

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. These are paid positions. If you are interested, contact Cynthia Petty at 972-285-5602.



Men's Breakfast June 24



Since there will not be a newsletter next week, we want to remind the men of the Men's Breakfast on Sunday, June 24, at 7:30 a.m. Venturing Crew 138, an equestrian group, led by our member Steve Leake, will cook the breakfast and provide the program. You will find this to be an interesting program.



Remember . . .
Paper Recycling Contest
May - August
Our goal is 58.6 tons.
That's a lot of paper,
so we need your help!!

In addition to the monetary rewards we earn by recycling paper here at our church, we should also consider the environmental benefit. According to an article in *Time* magazine in April of this year, Americans recycled 42 million tons of paper last year – 50% of what they used – but still pulverized the rest. Paper *does* grow on trees: 900 million of them every year become pulp and paper. We can reduce that number by buying recycled paper. It uses 60% less energy than virgin paper. Each ton purchased saves 4,000 KW-h of energy, 7,000 gallons of water and 17 trees, and a tree has the capacity to filter up to 60 lbs. of pollutants from the air.