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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

June 18, 2006

USHERS

8:45

Jerry Dressler - Head Usher
Ron Smith Weldon Ballenger
Joanne Boudreaux

11:00

Andy Cummings - Head Usher
Larry Thomas Cheryl Mason
Clark Windle Bennett Miller

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Donna Barron Eric Schwartz

Please remember in prayer

Johnny Adams, brother of Ron Adams
Gary and Nancy Black
Cindy Clawson, niece of Jim & Hope Sheppard
Linda Collins, friend of Dave & Gayle Rumbeck
Charla Corder, friend of Shannon Crelia
Pat Cutright, friend of Rose Whitney
Karen Dixon
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Renita Foster
Joe Hammer, father-in-law of Sheila Hammer
Michael Haninger
Carla Haynes and son Caleb, friends of Dave Rumbeck
Taylor Howry, friend of Diane Marshall
Christie Johnson (wife of Michael Johnson) & family of
John Letney
Richard Kent, friend of Karen Hunt
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Barbara Meshell, mother of Sarina Mayfield
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
Jimmy Dan Montgomery, Len McCurdy's brother
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Sue Oakley
Frank Ruiz, friend of Jim & Hope Sheppard
Gary Schone, brother-in-law of Ed Hudson
Don Sheppard, brother of Jim Sheppard
Velia Sheppard and baby "Dallas", mother of Neill Sheppard
Gary Shields, brother of Ray Shields
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
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
Ben Wynk, friend of Bernie & Lois DeRoo
Linda and John Young, cousins of Jimmy Gray



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From the Pastor . . .

We are glad the 29 youth and six adults who were part of the youth music ministry tour through the southwest United States got back safely last Sunday evening. As I sat in the congregation for their concert here on June 2, I was so impressed with these young people and their music. It speaks well for the vitality of our church. On their tour, the group sang and rang at churches and senior care centers and were well received. We appreciate the generosity of the congregation which made the tour possible.

Our annual 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.

This Saturday, June 17, the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church begins in Birmingham, Alabama. Some important issues will be voted on, and it would be good to pray for the Assembly.

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 look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday is Father's Day, and we will also observe Men of the Church Day. The Chancel Choir altos will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir women will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Two Builders," based on Matthew 7:24-29.

VBS Begins this Sunday!!



Our great Vacation Bible School, Adventures of the Treasure Seekers, will be held for ages 3 through adults from 6:30-8:30 beginning this Sunday.

Adult classes will be:

Christian Art through the Ages – This hands-on class will be led by Texas artist Carolann Haggard of Haggard Studios. Participants will have a variety of beautiful materials to make tiled crosses, boxes and other items. This class will be offered Sunday through Wednesday evenings and does require a cost of \$25 per person for supplies.

I Will Be With You – Led by Beverlee Witty, this Bible study discussion class is the adult curriculum based on the theme our children will be studying.

Sunday night will begin with a covered dish dinner at 5:30 p.m., and a snack dinner will be optional Monday through Thursday evenings for \$3 per person. Reservations are required for dinner, and may be made at time of registration.

Men's Breakfast

Since there will not be a newsletter next week, we want to remind the men about the Men's Breakfast on Sunday, June 25, at 7:30 a.m. The program will be an interesting video entitled "This Place." Plan to be with us for a good breakfast and good fellowship with other men of the church.

Welcome New Members!



We want to welcome the newest members of our congregation, JAMES WECKMAN and JUDY HUDSON, who joined our church on May 28.

2006-2007 Presbyterian Women Officers



Moderator - Carol Evans
Vice-Moderator - Gini Gray
Secretary - Margie Watson
Treasurer - Marilyn Saams
Mission Coordinator - Joy Samuels
Fellowship Coordinator - Hope Sheppard
Search Coordinator - Nickie Wilbanks
Parliamentarian - Kay Allen
Morning Circle Leader - Sarah Kitchens
Evening Circle Leaders - Brenda Evans and
Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey
Morning Circle Bible Leader - Cora Dugan



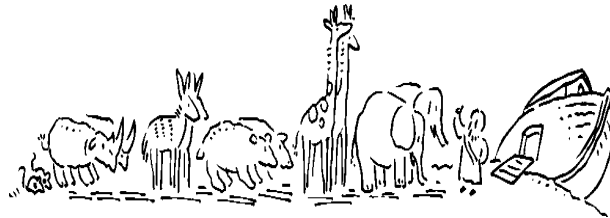
Don't miss these summer activities . . .

VBS, June 18-22, will offer GREAT fellowship, study and fun. Register following either service this Sunday.

Grace Presbytery Rangers Night - July 5. Tickets are \$3. DEADLINE for reservation (not complete without payment) is June 21!!!

Grace Presbytery Day at Hurricane Harbor - Thursday, July 6. Tickets cost \$26. DEADLINE for reservation is June 25.

Children's Summer Musical Theater Camp



June 26th through 30th, our children (ages 4 to 12), will have a chance to participate in the musical, "Get on Board Children (or What To Do on a Rainy Day in an Ark)," led jointly by BJ Mauldin and Paula Nelms. As you can probably tell by the title, it's a fun musical, with lots of singing, dancing and acting. We'll be learning lines, singing songs, playing instruments, hearing stories and doing art/craft projects. We will present the finished musical on Friday evening, June 30, at 6:00.

The camp will be in fellowship hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at no charge, but your child will need to bring a sack lunch. Snacks will be provided by the church.

Our Church Family . . .

JERRY EVANS will undergo serious surgery this Thursday, and we will want to keep him and his wife Brenda in our prayers.

SHERMAN REED was in the hospital last week and was able to come home on June 12. FRANCES SMITH is also home after being in the hospital for several days.

We are glad that MICHAEL TAYLOR, son of Matthew Taylor is recovering well from an accident that required surgery on June 1. And HOPE SHEPPARD-MAHAFFEY has also recovered well from surgery. MARY GIBBONS, the mother of Kathy Gillispie, fell and had some serious injuries and is recovering.

It was good to see BUD DERRICK back at church on June 4, following his bone-marrow transplant and nice to see JEFF PRUITT back following heart by-pass surgery.

Our best wishes are extended to ANDY and KATHY CUMMINGS on the birth of a baby boy, Harrison Lee, on May 23.

We were glad that the 29 youth and 6 adults on the youth music ministry tour through the southwest United States got back safely last Saturday evening. We have heard good things about their trip.

Our Director of Christian Education, Cynthia Petty, is in Birmingham, Alabama, this week for a youth leadership conference being held by our national Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Planning Calendars and Mission Yearbooks

A limited number of Presbyterian Planning Calendars are available in the church office for \$7.50. This 19-month calendar that begins with June 2006 uses stained-glass windows, Scripture, and other writings to highlight twelve dreams and visions God used to guide His people.

We are still taking orders for the *2007 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study*, (\$5.25), and the *Children's Mission Yearbook* (\$4.40). The deadline for ordering these is August 6.

Session Highlights

The May 10 meeting of the Session began with the sharing of prayer concerns and with all 18 elders present.

Elder Wendell Hubbard from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sherman met with the Session as part of a triennial visit of the Committee on Ministry of Grace Presbytery which the committee makes to churches in the presbytery.

Phil Johnson, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, said that Sarina Mayfield will be the new director for Wednesday Church Night. Sunday School teachers are in place for summer and our DCE, Cynthia Petty, is working on the WCN staff and Sunday School teachers/shepherds for the 2006-07 year, and these will be presented for the committee's approval by the July meeting.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Worship Committee, said that our organist, B.J. Mauldin, has offered to do a children's music camp this summer for children in our church June 26-30, and the committee approved this. Verlyn Smoker gave the committee an update on the summer youth ministry music tour including a schedule of where they will be singing/ringing.

It was reported to the Session that the new video projection system given by a member has been installed in the fellowship hall.

Our Session received a letter sent to all churches in our presbytery from the Session of Highland Park Presbyterian Church inviting Sessions to join them in a letter to the Grace Presbytery commissioners to this year's General Assembly concerning the Peace, Unity, and Purity report to express concern about recommendation number 5, which would give individual ordaining and installing bodies the discretion to determine which essentials of reformed faith and polity will be required of a candidate for church office within each body. Our Session voted to sign on to the letter to the commissioners.

Elders Cynthia Petty and Ferne Porter were elected as commissioners to the meeting of Grace Presbytery June 10, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

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