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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

July 9, 2006

USHERS

8:45

Andy Cummings - Head Usher
Don Black Jerry Jones
Joanne Boudreaux

11:00

Joel Sexton - Head Usher
Les Olson Cenia Bowen
Glynis Durham Vanessa Olmos

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Patrick Garver Charles Schandelmeier

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
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 . . .

I have had Christian Education on my mind in recent days. We had a good Vacation Bible School in June. I was especially impressed with the teachers and helpers this year. And then next month is our Rally Day when we begin a new Sunday School year. Christian education is important for us all – children, youth, and adults, especially in view of the kind of culture that surrounds us and the influences on our children and youth. A case in point is the recent comments by Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks, who said on his blog: “I can’t think of anything funnier than a 3-year-old cursing. I can’t think of anything I would rather see and hear.” He went on to describe the hilarity that ensues when you teach a 3-year-old swear words. As one sports columnist said: “Yes, Mark. That’s you.” And it is – and it is rather bizarre. But we in the church are seeking to provide a more positive influence than that, and it goes back to why we think Christian Education and a Christian lifestyle is important for children, youth, and adults. And may God help us to fulfill that worthy goal.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday the Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon “Everything You’ve Wanted to Know About God but Were Afraid to Ask.”

Youth Music Ministry Tour

On behalf of the youth, sponsors, parents, and myself I would like to express my sincerest thanks to you, our beloved congregation, for so generously supporting our youth music ministry tour this summer. This year’s tour surpassed all previous trips in both quality and quantity. You would have been quite proud of our youth as they ministered and traveled across the southwestern United States. Everyone involved deemed the tour a great success and we simply could not have done it without you. Thank you for your many prayers, generous financial gifts, and numerous words of encouragement.



Many of the people we were privileged to meet, and minister to, in Midland, Odessa, and El Paso, Texas, and in Phoenix and Glendale, Arizona wished for me to extend their greetings to you, and to thank you for sending out our musical youth. As they were encouraged by our ministry, so we also were encouraged by their warm expressions of grace. From the delicious meals and snacks provided for us, to personal greetings, to active and attentive listening during concerts, to verbal expressions of gratitude, we were overwhelmed by the hospitality of the people wherever we played and sang.

In the coming weeks look for photos of the trip which will be posted on the music ministry bulletin board and on the church’s web sight. I also would encourage you ask any one of our youth about their experience of music ministry.

This Fall we plan to build on the success of the youth tour as the music ministry groups resume rehearsals in August and September. All youth entering the 7th to 12th grades are welcome to participate. Thank you again for your loving support of our musical youth.

In Christ,
Verlyn Smoker

Welcome New Members!



We want to welcome the newest members of our congregation, LONNIE and SHARON LEE who joined our church on June 18. They are pictured here with their children, SHELBY and MICHAEL.

Session Highlights

The June 14 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

Ferne Porter gave a report on the meeting of Grace Presbytery held at Westminster Church in Ft. Worth on June 10.

Phil Johnson, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, said that the young adult class has gotten off to a good start with Richard Mauldin leading one of the Foundations of Faith series, "Believing in Jesus Christ." CPR training for childcare workers was given in June.

Ron Bettis, Chairman of the Communion Committee, said communion would be held at both services on July 2.

Roger Foltz reported for the Mission Committee and said that the committee is planning to promote the Addressing Mesquite program for this fall which helps residents complete projects they could not do themselves. He also reported that 23 people donated blood at the last blood drive.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Worship Committee, said that Verlyn Smoker gave a report on the youth music ministry tour. The annual Chancel Choir concert at the Mesquite Arts Center is scheduled for Sunday afternoon August 20, at 5:00 and the theme will be "Spirituals and Such."

The Session elected Pete Allen as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for new church officers and Roger Foltz as the second Elder.

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.

Our Church Family . . .

Our church lost a long-time member last week in the death of GEORGIA HOGAN. We are grateful for Georgia's life and for what she meant to our church.

JERRY EVANS is home from the hospital, and we will want to continue to keep him in our prayers. WANDA MOON was taken to the Medical Center of Mesquite last Friday, June 30, and hopefully will be able to go home in a few days. It was nice to see FRANCES SMITH back at church last Sunday. It was the first time she had been able to be here since being in the hospital. It was also good to see JERRY PATTERSON back last Sunday following his hospitalization. We are glad that RENITA FOSTER is back at home following her recent hospitalization. We were sorry to hear that BOBBYE BRINGLE was injured in a fall recently and broke her elbow.

Our best wishes are extended to AMY and PAUL MORRIS on the birth of a baby boy, Benjamin Samuel Morris, on June 27. He is the grandson of Randy and Karen Harris and great-grandson of Ben and Mary Williams. Our best wishes are also extended to RANDY and JULIA WALKER who were married in our church on June 24.

JUDY JOHNSON has retired from the Forney ISD after 24 years, and after 32 years overall in education.

Our congratulations to BRAD SMITH, son of GWENDA ABER on his marriage to FELICIA MENDOZA on June 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Austin.

A nice children's musical "Get on Board Children (or What To Do on a Rainy Day in an Ark)" was presented at our church last Friday evening. It was led by B.J. Mauldin and involved about 30 children who were part of a music camp held each day last week.

We were pleased to have a visit at the church recently by MARC and MICHELLE FOSTER. Many will recall that Marc was our Director of Music Ministries and Michelle was our Director of Christian Education. Marc has since gotten his Doctor's degree, and he is Director of Music and Arts Ministries at Galloway United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi. Michelle is the Minister of Discipleship and Nurture at the church. It is the first

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time they have been part of the staff at the same church since they left our church. Marc's youth choir will be doing a concert at our church on Monday evening, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. as part of a tour they are making, and everyone is invited to attend.

We have been grateful for the help of LENNY POLLARD on numerous projects around the church. If you need work done at your home, this competent, capable young man can be contacted.

KEN and MARTHA SHEPPARD-MAHAFFEY and their family have moved.

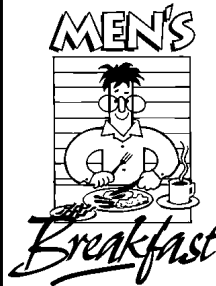
Volumes 2 and 6 of *The Interpreter's Bible* are missing in the church library. If you have these books, we would be grateful for their return.

To All Adults

We will be having youth sponsor training for ALL interested in serving with youth in any way in the coming year. This will be for all those traveling off property and those who are assisting here. The purpose is to make everyone aware of our procedures and to have a full understanding of just what responsibilities a sponsor should expect.

The training will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, and the same training will be offered again on Sunday, July 30, following the 11:00 service.

If you have served as a sponsor in the past and would like to serve again, or if you have never served as a sponsor but think you might want to, please let Cynthia Petty know which of these meetings you plan to attend.



MEN'S
Breakfast

Men's Breakfast July 23

The July 23 Men's Breakfast will be provided by our Scout Troop 138, and they will also provide the program. Plan to be with us on July 23, at 7:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday!

7/1	Diane Beal Riley O'Brien	7/20	Weldon Ballenger Dennis Hunt
7/2	Dane Patterson Marc Carboni	7/21	Jared Thompson
7/9	Blair Burkhalter Janice Robinson Brian Scott	7/23	Caleb Crelia Tyler Ellis
7/10	Scott Patterson Karla Wilson	7/24	Leonard Kitchens Ann Kyle
7/16	Drew Farmer	7/25	Mary Greer Ryan Witty
7/18	Dianna Greer Amanda Mayfield Tommy McCurdy	7/27	Joel Martin
		7/30	Patti Bettis Allen McCurdy
		7/31	Marjorie Bays Dallas Hebert