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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY
July 18, 2010
Ushers
8:45
Brenda Evans - Head Usher
Eric McBain Mike Lee
Robbie Lee
11:00
Lenny Pollard - Head Usher
David Howard Lonnie Lee
Kirk Dixon
Parking Lot Greeters
Rich Follansbee Paula Kusewitt

Please remember in prayer
Betty Aubert & Cheryl Martin
Don Black
Jim Brewster
Eve Brice
Ralph Brownlie, friend of Roger Samuels
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Randall Craig, friend of Gayle Rumbeck
Steve Fischer, brother of Susan Mathews
Amy Gillispie, daughter-in-law of Kathy Gillispie
Mary Greer
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson
Hayley Holder, friend of Gayle Rumbeck
Judy Johnson
Harriet Jones
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Wanda & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents
Len McCurdy
Wanda McDougale, Ronda Scott's mother
Charlotte McGuire, friend of Anna Saucier
Hazel Middlebrook, cousin of Bill & Mary Ruth Mandel
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Connie Neuman, sister-in-law of Linda Fricke
Dennis Patterson, father of Jerry Patterson
Dollie Pierce, sister of Don Black
Leslie Reynolds, friend of Paula Kusewitt
Dru Richman, friend of Jim & Hope Sheppard
Grace Roberts
Ann Rorie, friend of Mel and Beverlee Witty
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Fernita Swalin, friend of Hope Sheppard
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones
James Weckman
Joyce Welch, great aunt of Ronnie & Amanda Aynes



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From the Pastor . . .

One fall several years ago my wife and I stayed at a place in the mountains of New England. I was impressed with their mission statement which was: "We are ladies and gentlemen serving ladies and gentlemen." I think about that mission statement from time to time in encounters with people and the language that is used in those encounters. It is interesting as to how certain expressions become common in our language such as a reference to people as "you guys." A few years ago I took my mother to visit some assisted living places to find one that would be good. When we walked in one of them, a young woman greeted my 90 year old mother and me by saying: "How are you guys today?" For that and a few other reasons, I crossed that one off the list.

In the Gospel of John Jesus says he does not call us servants but friends (15:15).

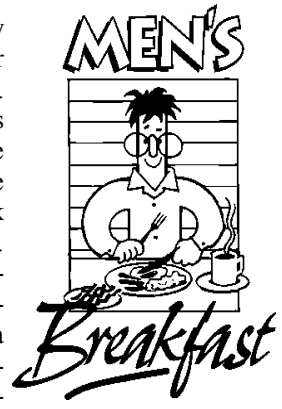
How blessed we are that he calls us not "you guys," but friends, people that he gave his life for.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday
This Sunday a Men's Quartet will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Good Advice!" based on Titus 3:1-9.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Sunday, July 25, at 7:30. One of our members, Optometrist Dr. Ron Smith, who with his wife Terri owns Mesquite Family Optometry, will be the speaker and will speak about vision and eye care. The Men's Council President, Stan Jeffus, will preside. Plan to join us for a good breakfast, and interesting program, and good fellowship with other men of the church.



SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE!
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MESQUITE
5:00 p.m., July 25
Plan to come and be a part of the Sunday Night Alive contemporary worship service on July 25. The theme will be "Freedom," with passages taken from Judges, the Gospels, and I Peter.



Sharing Life Community Outreach has communicated with us about the need to begin thinking about how we can help provide school supplies for low income children who attend MISD schools. Their annual event when they will distribute supplies to families in need is scheduled for August 21, just a few weeks from now.

If you would like to help, boxes will be available for your contributions in each building of the church near the food pantries. Supplies especially needed are:

- Construction paper
- Folders with brads & pockets
- Glue
- Highlighters
- Manila paper
- Broad tip classic color markers
- Wide rule notebook paper
- Pencils
- Pink pearl erasers
- Rulers
- Sharp scissors
- Wide rule spiral notebooks

Also needed are new socks and underwear in all sizes, and they can also be placed in the school supply boxes.

Meals on Wheels Driver Needed

An additional volunteer is needed for Meals on Wheels who could give some time on one Friday morning a quarter beginning September 3, delivering meals to elderly residents on a set route. If you can help, please call or email Carol Evans.

Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries

One of the organizations we support through our mission giving is Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries which assists mentally and physically challenged people in several states including Texas. One of the things they help with is autism. The Autism Society of America reports that 1 out of every 110 children in America is affected by autism, and four times more boys are affected than girls.

According to the national organization, autism is a complex brain disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships. The diagnosis of autism has increased tenfold in the last decade resulting in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calling autism a national public health crisis. Further complicating the crisis is the fact that the cause and cure of the disorder remain unknown.

Evergreen provides services to many individuals diagnosed with this disorder including children and adults. Some of these individuals can speak but many cannot; they depend on Evergreen's staff to help them live successfully in the community. Individuals with autism, who have social deficits, require consistency, patience, and compassion. Evergreen's low staff turnover rate helps these individuals by providing lasting relationships with others with whom they learn to love, trust, and communicate.

Mission Yearbooks and Planning Calendars

We are taking orders now for the 2011 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study (\$8). This book is designed as a personal devotional guide, and is a good resource for learning about the mission work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) around the world. Call the church office at 972-285-5602 to place your order.

We also have one Presbyterian Planning calendar available. If you would like to have it (\$8) please stop by the church office.

Our Church Family . . .

Our church lost a good and faithful member in the death of MARSHALL ALFORD on June 24. Marshall was member of our Chancel Choir, one of the teachers of the Faith and Life Sunday School class, and the leader of the Goldenaires group. We are grateful for Marshall's life and for all that he meant to our church. We will want to keep his wife Sara and all of the family in our prayers. Our sympathy is also extended to NELL BERRY whose sister died July 3, and to ANNE LINDBERG whose mother died July 8.

RONNIE and AMANDA AYNES are the parents of a baby girl, MacKenzie Lou, born on June 25.

It has been good to see ERIC and JESSICA McBAIN back at church following their serious injuries sustained in a jet ski accident, and to see SUSAN LEAKE back from hip replacement surgery, and DORIS VILLARREAL from double knee replacement.

RON KRAJCA will be honored on his retirement after 29 years as a Mesquite Police officer at a reception on Friday, July 30, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 711 N. Galloway. Ron has served in recent years as a School Resource Officer at Mesquite High School. We extend our best wishes to him

MARJORIE BAYS was recognized last month by the Richard Bard Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for her work in the collection and documentation of Mesquite history. A picture and article about Marjorie and her award were in the Neighbors section of the Dallas Morning News on July 2.

We were sorry to hear that PAT WILSON injured his hand badly in a recent accident.

Howard Saucier and Elna Singleton left early Monday morning, July 12, with five of our senior highs for the Synod Youth Workshop being held this week at our Presbyterian related University of Tulsa. The senior highs attending are Laci Singleton, Morgan Garver, Emily Ramsey, Heather Mayfield, and Blake Sexton. Our Director of Christian Education, Tim Smith, is part of the leadership team for this gathering of Presbyterian youth from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

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HEATHER MAYFIELD, BLAKE SEXTON, EMILY RAMSEY and sponsor, ED HUDSON, will attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium on the campus of Purdue University July 18-25. This large youth conference involves Presbyterian youth from all over the United States and several foreign countries and is held every three years.

There was an interesting article in the travel section of the *Dallas Morning News* on June 27, about Ghost Ranch at Abiquiu, New Mexico. The article mentioned that Ghost Ranch has been owned by the Presbyterian Church since 1955. It is where Georgia O'Keeffe lived and painted for the last 40 years of her life. It is now a retreat and conference center of the Presbyterian Church. It is about 65 miles northwest of Santa Fe. A copy of the article is on the church bulletin board.

What a Friendly Church!

A member of the Prairie Village Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kansas related this story in *Presbyterians Today*: "Several years ago, after Sunday worship, I reached for my husband's hand as we were leaving the sanctuary. I felt a tapping on my shoulder, and my husband from behind me said, 'That's not my hand you are holding.'

Then I looked up into this strange man's smiling face, and he said, 'Lady, I am a visitor today and I have never been in a friendlier church!'"

Goldenaires Meeting Thursday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m.

The Goldenaires meeting this month will be an important one as we try to reorganize and continue in the absence of our dear friend, Marshall Alford, who had served as our leader. In his honor, it seems fitting for us to continue our study of Dr. Ehrman's lectures. All are invited to attend for this time of study, fellowship, and light refreshments.