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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

July 30, 2006

USHERS

8:45

Jerry Dressler - Head Usher
Eric Schwartz Gail Thompson
Karen Hunt

11:00

Don Black - Head Usher
Earlayne Martin Teresa Farr
Matthew Taylor Katy Uzzle

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Eric Schwartz Donna Barron

Please remember in prayer

Johnny Adams, brother of Ron Adams
Gary and Nancy Black
Edward Buechele, cousin of Kathy Uzzle
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 . . .

J.C. Penny, founder of the J.C. Penny chain of department stores, once said that if a person has so much business that he can't attend worship on Sunday morning, then that person has more business than God intended for him to have.

Former President James Garfield is a good example of not having more business than God intended for him to have. During the first week of Garfield's presidency, a member of his cabinet insisted that Garfield attend a cabinet meeting which was called for 10:00 a.m. on a Sunday to deal with a matter the cabinet member thought was urgent. But President Garfield refused, saying he had another appointment. The cabinet member insisted that he break the appointment. Still, Garfield refused. Then the cabinet member asked what was so important about the other appointment. And Garfield replied: "I will be as frank as you are. My engagement is with the Lord, to meet Him at His House, at His table, at 10:30 tomorrow, and I shall be there."

There is an old saying that "A Sunday poorly spent means a week of discontent." But the rest of that saying is that "A Sunday well spent means a week of content." And there is truth in that. Our service last Sunday began with those words of the Psalmist: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." I look forward to sharing the joy of worship with you this Sunday.

Tom Wilbanks

Is Your Child Entering the Third Grade?



Rally Day, August 27, we will award Bibles to the children of the church who will be promoted that day from the second to the third grade. According to our records, the following children are going into the third grade:

Michael Bozeman
Robin Brown
Charlie Hammer
Audrey Mitchell

We ask your help in making sure this list is complete. Please call the church office at 972-285-5602 with any corrections.

This Sunday

This Sunday Rod and Carol Graham will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "That Sneaky Old Snake."

Shhh . . . Don't tell!!
It's a Surprise Birthday Party!



The Crossroads Sunday School class is planning a surprise birthday party for Allen McCurdy's 40th birthday this Sunday, July 30th, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to this "picnic" style dinner in the fellowship hall. The Crossroads Class will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and they request that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join us for the party . . . and help us keep the secret from Allen!!

Trip to British Isles

Billie Stone will be leading a group to the British Isles in June of 2007. This will be her eleventh tour. If you would be interested in being part of this tour or would like to know more about it, a meeting will be held Wednesday, August 2, at 7:30 in the Enquiry Sunday School class room (next door to the church library) in the north wing of the church. You can also call Billie for more information.

Mid-Year Contribution Reports

The mid-year contribution reports are on the table beneath the clock in the hall. Please pick up yours Sunday. Thanks for your faithful giving.

Session Highlights

The July 18 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

Ferne Porter gave the report of the Christian Education Committee and said that the committee had approved the staff for Wednesday Church Night and for Sunday Teachers and Shepherds for 2006-2007. Cynthia Petty told about Synod Youth Workshop held earlier this month at the University of Tulsa and spoke of what a meaningful event it was for the youth and adults from our church as well as all who were there.

Ron Bettis gave the report of the Communion Committee, and Dr. Wilbanks commended the elders for the good job they did on July 2, and other times, saying they looked nice, served with precision, and made communion to be meaningful.

Duane Moon gave the report of the Worship Committee and said the committee received a report from Verlyn Smoker about the Youth Music Ministry Tour which he felt was a great success. Verlyn will attend the national directors conference of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for several days in July and then be on vacation, returning on Monday, July 31. The committee approved the youth choir from Galloway United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, directed by our former Director of Music, Marc Foster, giving a concert her Monday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. The committee will help provide supper for the group.

Pete Allen gave an update on some of the implications of actions that were taken at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in June.

125th Anniversary DVDs

We still have a few of the 125th Anniversary DVDs and VHS tapes available in the church office available for a cost of \$10 each. In addition to the video shown at our church's 125th anniversary luncheon, there are some added features on the DVDs including a description by Tom Wilbanks of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

Our Church Family . . .

PEGGY BOWDEN, the mother of Judy Johnson, and the grandmother of Deborah Edling and Michael Johnson, died July 17. Dr. Wilbanks will hold a graveside service for her Wednesday, July 26, in Ft. Worth.

Our sympathy is extended to KIM SATHER whose brother was killed in a car wreck July 13, and to JERRY WILLIAMS whose father died last week.

MAURINE ROBINSON is home from the hospital following her hip replacement surgery but will be rather confined for a few more weeks. JENNIFER GARDNER was in the hospital last week and is now home. We will want to keep JERRY EVANS in our prayers as he continues to recover from his cancer surgery and as he begins radiation. We are sorry that LAVERNE PAGE has been dealing with a difficult medical problem recently. She is one of our most faithful attenders at worship and we have missed her.

During our worship service on June 18, as part of our church's observance of Men of the Church Sunday, our Men's Council made a surprise presentation to TOM WILBANKS as Church Man of the Year. The person who is selected for the award is chosen by the current and past presidents of our Men's Council. Previous recipients are David Bays, Clifford Moon, Pat Smith, Jeff Cromeens, Ben Williams, Roger Samuels, Pete Allen, and Steve Leake. Dr. Greg Farr is president of our Men's Council this year.

During our worship service on July 23, CARLEY ANN PATTERSON, the daughter of Jerry and Cassie Patterson, was baptized.

Our Director of Christian Education, CYNTHIA PETTY, left last Saturday for Guatemala and went on to Honduras where she is part of a study group of pastors and elders from the Greater East Dallas Cluster of Presbyterian Churches. The group will return this Friday.

DALE and MARGIE POLLARD are new grandparents. Their daughter Lyenda and husband Paul Johnston had a baby girl, Rylie Marie, on July 21.

DAVID and JENNIFER GARDNER have moved.

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CHRIS and KERI STEGMAN have also moved.

This newsletter is being prepared on Monday morning, July 24, and we are looking forward to the visit this evening of the youth choir from Jackson, Mississippi, directed by our former Director of Music, Marc Foster. We are pleased that Michele Foster, who was our Director of Christian Education, and their two sons, Michael, who is five and Pearson, who is three will also be here.

We are still seeking volumes 2 and 6 of *The Interpreter's Bible* from the church library. If you have these books, we would be grateful for their return.

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 *Children's Mission Yearbook* is designed as a personal devotional guide for third through sixth graders, and is an indispensable resource for teaching children about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s mission work around the world. The deadline for ordering these books is August 6.



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Happy Birthday!

8/2	Chelsea Martin Ryan Schwartz	8/14	Victoria Bryant Cameron Hunt Melba Jeffus	8/24	Clarence Greer Meredith Miller Kim (Saams) Chapman
8/3	Lois DeRoo Amy (Harris) Morris	8/15	Bettye Leake Linda Washeck	8/26	Evelyn Coomer
8/4	Dan Fricke	8/19	Dylan Birdsong Fern Reed	8/29	Stan Jeffus Will Lindberg Rogers Windle
8/7	Matt Armstrong	8/21	Margaret Pruitt	8/30	Kathy Cummings Lenny Pollard
8/9	Rod Graham	8/22	Jaime Collins	8/31	Josh White
8/10	Sarah Kitchens	8/23	Carol Graham Sara Graham (Mrs. Johnny)		
8/12	Nancy Willet				
8/13	Greg Farr Malissa Hull Wanda Moon				