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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1028 S BELT LINE RD  
MESQUITE TX 75149

Return Service Requested

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**  
**August 9, 2009**

**Ushers**  
**8:45**

Victor Carboni - Head Usher  
Paula Kusewitt Daniel Alvarez  
Annette Adkins

**11:00**

Teresa Farr - Head Usher  
Penny Palumbo Jerry Jones  
Lori Herring

**Parking Lot Greeter**  
Andy Leake

**Please remember in prayer . . . .**

Betty Aubert  
Don Black  
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom  
Jim Brewster  
Eve Brice  
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer  
Lynette Copeland, friend of Julia Walker  
Debbie Duncan, niece of Minnie Mathews  
Carol Dwinell, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Steve Fischer, brother of Susan Mathews  
Wayland Gordon, father of Gwenda Aber  
Margaret Green, friend of Susan Mathews  
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson  
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Cheryl Martin  
Wanda & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents  
Sylvia Martinez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck  
Wanda McDougale, Ronda Scott's mother  
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni  
Dennis Patterson, father of Jerry Patterson  
Dave Rumbeck  
Don Sheppard, Jim Sheppard's brother  
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents  
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith  
Bernie Stephens, friend of Elna Singleton  
Fernita Swalin, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones  
Laura Virgil  
Joyce Welch, great aunt of Ronnie & Amanda Aynes  
Brian Weller, cousin of Shannon Crelia  
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus



# First Presbyterian Church

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## *From the Pastor . . .*

Much was made in the news media last month about the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of men landing on the moon on July 20, 1969. We had a church picnic that evening, and I can still remember how people were anxious to get home and see the moon landing on TV.

I was pleasantly surprised that one TV network last month mentioned an interesting thing that I told about in a sermon but which is not generally known. Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong were the first men to touch down on the moon. Aldrin is a Presbyterian. And these are his words on that historic occasion: "Now was the moment for communion. So I unstowed the elements in their flight packets. I put them and the Scripture reading on the little table in front of the ... guidance-system computer. Then I called back to Houston and said: 'I would like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way.'" And then Buzz Aldrin said: "For me, this means taking communion. I opened the little plastic packages which contained bread and wine. I poured the wine into the chalice my (church) had given to me. In the one-sixth gravity on the moon, the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the cup." He said: "It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the first food eaten there were consecrated elements."

Aldrin continued by saying: "I sensed especially strongly my unity with our church back home (in Texas) and with the church everywhere." That unity continues to be important today. Indeed, we all need each other in a church family – and we all need God.

*Tom Wilbanks*

## **Presbyterian Women Covered Dish Dinner and Bible Study Overview 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 18**



All women of the church are encouraged to come at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday August 18, for a Presbyterian Women gathering featuring an overview of this year's Bible Study, "Joshua—A Journey of Faith," presented by Cora Dugan.

In addition, school supplies will be collected to help needy students in our community. Please bring one or more of the following:

- Package of #2 lead pencils
- Package of black or blue ink pens
- Travel size tissues
- Notebook paper (not college ruled)

The devotional will be presented by Hope Sheppard, and the hostesses will be Brenda Evans, Jan Hull, Karen Hunt, Robbie Lee and Susan Scholl.

Please bring your favorite covered dish to share, and join us as we begin our new year of Bible study, fellowship, and service.

## **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 "Sometimes a Light Surprises," based on Psalm 57:1-11.

## Welcome New Members

We were happy to welcome these new members into our church family on July 26.



RICK and SUSAN DUMAIS



JOHN and SHERRY FUTRELL (pictured here with their children Autumn, Zoe, and Campbell)



ROBERT and KRISTI PEREZ



MARGERIE HITCHMAN

### School Supplies for Sharing Life

Sharing Life Community Outreach has asked for our help again this year in collecting school supplies for underprivileged children in our community. The supplies will be distributed at their Back to School Faire later this month to help children get off to a good start in this new school year.

A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board near the church office. Boxes have been placed near the pantries in each building for your donations.

### Our Church Family . . .

Our best wishes are extended to JESSICA HARTSELL and DICKSON LEE who were married in our church August 1.

CHERYL (Aubert) MARTIN underwent back surgery at Methodist Hospital on July 30. It was good to see LIZ RAMSEY back at church last Sunday following her surgery on July 14. We are glad that JOYCE MURDOCK is home from the hospital and continuing to recover.

We were sorry to lose WELDON and JOYCE BALLENGER from our church. They have moved to Oklahoma.

DALLAS HEBERT is now serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq.

The Sunday Night Alive service got off to a good start last Sunday evening. The service, which incorporated some contemporary elements of worship was led by youth and adults in the fellowship hall, and there was a good attendance.

Have you checked out our church library recently? There are many good books there for children and adults, and members of the Library Committee are in the library after the 11 o'clock worship service to assist you.

Our thanks to RON BETTIS who planted some new flowers in front of the fellowship hall recently.

NANCY WILLET will be installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Uvalde, Texas at 4:00 p.m., August 23.

### Rally 'Round Rally Day!

Rally Day is August 30. As in the past, our Men's Council will provide a continental breakfast between 9:30 and 9:45. If you haven't been at Sunday School for a while, now is the time to get back. Be sure to be here on Rally Day!

### Presbyterian Planning Calendars

We still have some of the 18 month Presbyterian Planning Calendars for June 2009 – December 2010 in the church office. The cost is \$8.00

### Book Review Benefit for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

Rose-Mary Rumbley will review  
*America's First Man of Letters,*  
*Washington Irving*  
and  
*American's First Man of Oratory,*  
*Henry Ward Beecher*

at  
Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
6550 Samuell Blvd., Dallas 75228  
214-381-4693

Tuesday, August 18  
10:00 a.m.-Coffee  
10:30 a.m.-Book Review

*All are invited.*  
*A free will offering will be received.*

### Third Graders?

On Rally Day, August 30, we will present Bibles to our 3rd graders. Our records reflect that Ashley Neece and Madison Villafana are the only children entering third grade this year. Please call the church office at 972-285-5602 if there are others so we won't leave anyone out.

### It's Time to Order Your Mission Yearbooks

We are taking orders now for the *2010 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study* (\$5.25), and the *Children's Mission Yearbook* (\$6.50) written for elementary age children. Both books are designed as personal devotional guides, and are good resources for learning about the mission work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) around the world. Call the church office at 972-285-5602 to place your order.

# Happy Birthday!

8/2	Chelsea Martin	8/22	Jaime Collins
	Ryan Schwartz		Sharon Lee
8/3	Lois DeRoo	8/23	Carol Graham
8/4	Dan Fricke		Sara Graham (Mrs. Johnny)
8/7	Matt Armstrong		Ethan Williams
8/9	Rod Graham	8/24	Kim (Saams) Chapman
8/10	Sarah Kitchens		Clarence Greer
8/12	Nancy Willet		Meredith Miller
8/13	Greg Garr		Mark Noble
	Malissa Hull	8/26	Evelyn Coomer
	Karen E. Hunt	8/29	Stan Jeffus
8/14	Melba Jeffus		Rogers Windle
8/15	Betty Leake	8/30	Kathy Cummings
	Linda Washeck		Lenny Pollard
8/21	Margaret Pruitt		