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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1028 S BELT LINE RD
MESQUITE TX 75149

Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

August 10, 2008

Ushers

8:45

Ronda Scott- Head Usher
Paula Kusewitt Daniel Alvarez
Don Black

11:00

Matthew Taylor - Head Usher
Teresa Farr Jerry Jones
Lori Herring Rebecca Smith

Parking Lot Greeters

Sheila Hammer Darby Washeck

Please remember in prayer

Betty Aubert
Barger family, friends of the Kusewitts
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jim Brewster
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Lynette Copeland, friend of Julia Walker
Lois Dandridge, friend of Susan Mathews
Karen Dixon
Margaret Green, friend of Susan Mathews
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson
Billy Harp, friend of Ken Johnson
James Jones, friend of Sheila Hammer
Debbie Justice, friend of the Leakes and Hoffmans
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Martin
Jerry McBain
Wanda McDougale, Ronda Scott's mother
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
The family of Leroy Moore, friends of the Rumbecks
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Dave Rumbeck
The Sheppard family
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones
Steve Tyler, friend of Bob & Maurine Robinson
Laura Virgil
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus



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From the Pastor . . .

Last Sunday my wife and I attended worship at the Community Presbyterian Church in Lake City, Colorado. This is the historic Presbyterian Church in the mountains which I served for two summers while I was in seminary. It is the oldest church on the western side of the Continental Divide in Colorado, and the church and the adjacent manse where I lived were both built in 1876. It was the first time we had been back there in a number of years and seeing the church and the manse brought back a lot of memories. The church is doing well and now has a year-round pastor. The first pastor, Rev. George Darley, and a wonderful Presbyterian "home missionary," Sheldon Jackson, also helped establish the Presbyterian Church on the other side of Engineer Pass from Lake City at Ouray, better known now because of its location on the Million Dollar Highway.

On one occasion Sheldon Jackson asked George Darley to go down to Silverton to see about organizing a Presbyterian Church there. And I was amused to read that George Darley reported to Sheldon Jackson that he found only one Presbyterian there, and he did not wish to be organized! Sheldon Jackson was truly a remarkable man. He established Presbyterian churches throughout the west – in Colorado, Utah, Montana, and even Alaska where he did much for the school system there. He would often arrive in one of the booming mining towns by stage coach or by train and before he left, he would have organized a church.

It is good to be back because this is the church I like best and here are the people I like best. This place, this beautiful sanctuary is home, and I look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Tom Wilbanks

Summer Choir Concert "For Kids of All Ages" at the Mesquite Arts Center

The First Church music ministry invites you to attend our twelfth annual Chancel Choir Summer Concert to be held Sunday afternoon, August 17th, at 5:00 p.m., at the Mesquite Arts Center. This year's concert is entitled "For Kids of All Ages" and will feature music about children and childhood. This end of the summer just-for-fun concert will have something for everyone, so plan to come on out and have a good time. The hour of the concert is intended to be family friendly and children of all ages are encouraged to attend. The Arts Center is a great place to beat the summer heat on an August afternoon so come hear the choir and visit with friends in the comfortable confines of the Arts Center. We encourage you to invite and bring your friends and extended family members and, as always, there is no charge for admission—see you there!

Verlyn Smoker

This Sunday

This Sunday Jean-Paul Marshall will provide music at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Avoiding A Shipwreck" based on I Timothy 1:19. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the 8:45 service.

Session Highlights

The July 9 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns. The Treasurer's report from Pete Allen indicated that we met the church budget in June partly because of some special gifts. For the year, however, we are running slightly behind.

Among communications received was one from the Sr. Highs expressing appreciation to the Board of Deacons and Session for the renovation of their class room.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee reported that Bryany Newland who was Assistant Director of Wednesday Church Night last year was willing to serve as Director this year, and the committee approved this and approved Erin Williams to serve as Assistant Director. Duane also said that a good Vacation Bible School was held in June. He stated further that a questionnaire has been developed to send to our church membership concerning Sunday School and that this will be combined with a questionnaire from the Worship Committee.

Roger Foltz, Chairman of the Mission Committee, said that there was a good response for the blood drive in June.

Because Dr. Wilbanks will be away on August 3, the Session approved having communion at the first service on the following Sunday, August 10.

In a called meeting of the Session on Sunday, July 13, the Session approved a recommendation from the DCE Search Committee, chaired by John Kusewitt, that Tim Smith be our new Director of Christian Education. The Session also commended the committee and thanked them for a job well done.

Mission East Dallas

Mission East Dallas is sponsoring a Community Health Fair, Saturday, August 9, from 10:a.m.-2:00 p.m., at 9706 LaPrada, Dallas 75228. All are invited to take advantage of a variety of free health screenings, and gather other health and safety information from various organizations. Call 972-682-8917 for more information.



Presbyterian Women Gathering Tuesday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Women will have a salad/dessert supper at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 19. Cora Dugan will present an overview of this year's Bible Study, "Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor." Hostesses will be Brenda Evans and Gracy Thomas, and Hope Sheppard will give the devotional. Everyone is asked to bring school supplies to share with the teachers of a selected Mesquite school to help needy students get off to a good school year with all the necessary supplies.

All women of the church are encouraged to bring your favorite salad or dessert, and join us for this special gathering to begin our new year of activities.

Book Review Benefit for Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services

Rose-Mary Rumbley will review the book
Campaigning for President
by Jordan Wright

at

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
6550 Samuell Blvd., Dallas 75228
214-381-5693

Tuesday, August 19

10:00 a.m. coffee - 10:30 a.m. - Review and Music
All are invited to attend.

(A free will offering will be accepted to
Benefit Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.)

Our Church Family . . .

In the list in the last newsletter of those who have been members of our church for 40 years or longer, several names were inadvertently left out, and the following should be added to that list: GLENN L GRUBB, ANN KYLE, GEORGE and PAT VENER, STEVE LEAKE, and BEN and MARY WILIAMS.

Our sympathy is extended to HOWIE BURKHALTER whose grandmother died July 14, and to RONDA SCOTT, whose father died July 25.

A copy of the National Geographic book *The Biblical World* is missing in the church library and was not checked out. If you have it, we would appreciate its return.

It has been good to see JIM SHEPPARD and BILLIE STONE back at the church following their surgeries.

It's Time to Order Your Mission Yearbooks

We are taking orders now for the 2009 *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 indispensable 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.

Do You Have Difficulty Hearing?

If you have difficulty hearing the service on Sunday mornings, we would be glad to provide a personal receiver for you. It would be helpful if you would let Dr. Wilbanks know in advance so that we can make sure the unit has a fresh battery. You can sit anywhere in the sanctuary and use one of these helpful units.

Thanks!!

The children in the 2nd-6th grade want to express their thanks to all those who supported their bake sale on Sunday, August 3. They raised \$152.50 for In Sync Exotics Wildlife Rescue and Education Center in Wylie.



Rally Day is August 24! The theme this year is "Hearts Full of Devotion" from a passage in the book of Romans where the Apostle Paul says: "Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion." 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 this summer, it is time to get back. Be sure to be here on Rally Day!

ACT Conference

ACT stands for "Activating Congregations for Transformation." And this annual event will be held September 19-20, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. All kinds of interesting classes are available and brochures about ACT are available in the church office. Information is also available from our Sunday School Superintendent John Kusewitt who is on the presbytery planning committee for ACT.

Third Graders?

On Rally Day, August 24th, we will present Bibles to our 3rd graders. Our records reflect that only Zoe Brown will be entering third grade this year. Please call the office at 972-285-5602 if there are others.