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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

August 12, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Don Black - Head Usher
Teresa Farr Weldon Ballenger
Breck Bennett

11:00

Earlayne Martin - Head Usher
Clark Windle Penny Palumbo
Gayle Rumbek Dylan Birdsong

PARKING LOT GREETER

Jennifer Gardner Jerry Dressler

Please remember in prayer

Kevin Alford, cousin of Craig Alford
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Dorothy & Jack Brooks, sister & brother-in-law of Billy Mandel
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Karen Dixon
Richard Edwards, brother of Philip Edwards
Frank Fischer, Susan Mathews' father
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Carla Haynes and son Caleb, friends of Dave Rumbek
Tommie Hume, mother of Gayle Rumbek
Ralph Jones, father of Julia Walker
Lesia Koday, friend of Susan Mathews
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Lydick
Karen McCardell, friend of Laura Virgil
Ken McClure
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil
Clara and Raymond McLaughlin, sister & nephew of Wayne Thompson
Malcolm Marsden, friend of Laura Virgil
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Ryan Richardson, friend of Bernie & Lois DeRoo
Paul Schnyder, relative of Paula Kusewitt
Don Sheppard, brother of Jim Sheppard
Mark Sheppard and family
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Connie Tolbert and family, friends of Dave & Gayle Rumbek
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



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From the Pastor . . .

More than some may realize, many good things take place in our church. Our church has long been known for an excellent music ministry. In addition to the evidence of this we see on Sunday mornings, the annual August concert at the Mesquite Arts Center is another example. But another thing we can be grateful for here is an outstanding youth ministry. I have thought about that particularly this summer as I have observed what is really a nice group of young people in our church. In fact, I was impressed that many of them sat together on the first two rows at the 11:00 o'clock service last Sunday.

In June, sixteen of our teens were involved in a mission trip to San Antonio where, among other things, they worked at the San Antonio Food Bank and helped with repairs for low-income and disabled homeowners. Our youth will be helping with a similar program in our own community when they participate in "Addressing Mesquite" this October.

In July, eleven of our youth attended Synod Youth Workshop at our Presbyterian-related University of Tulsa where they participated in Bible study, community building, and service projects.

And then our church was also represented at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium on the campus of Purdue University. This event held every three years brings Presbyterian young people together from all over the world for worship, Bible study, and recreation.

This coming November the Office of Youth Ministries of our national Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Youth Workers Association will have a planning retreat in Texas. Our Director of Christian Education, Cynthia Petty, has been asked to be a member of the host team and they will meet August 14-16 in New Braunfels to finalize plans for the event. I am grateful to Cynthia and to a loving, caring group

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of adults who have accompanied our youth this summer on their various trips and who serve faithfully here in youth ministry at the church.

Tom Wilbanks

Rally Day is August 26!!!

Our theme this year is "One Heart, One Mind" and we are looking forward to a great day. We will observe our teacher dedication at the 11:00 service, and promote our students who are moving into another age class. The C.E. Committee has restructured some of our younger classes as follows:

Nursery - newborn to age 2

"Little Lambs" - ages 2 and 3 (formerly toddlers)

Preschool - age 4 to kindergarten

Kindergarten and 1st grade

2nd and 3rd grade

4th, 5th, and 6th grade

Jr. high remains 7th and 8th grade

Sr. high remains 9th through 12th grade

Third graders will be given Bibles at the 11:00 service and people will be able to sign up for Wednesday Church Night and choirs. It's a BIG DAY in the life of our congregation. The Men's Council will provide breakfast.

This Sunday

This Sunday a Men's Quintet will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "No News is Good News," based on John 14:1-7.

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome the following new members who joined our church on July 29.



RICHARD & BARBARA FOLLANSBEE



JIM MOON



DAN WOROBEY

Sharing Life Community Outreach

Sharing Life Community Outreach continues to struggle this summer in their efforts to serve the needy in our community. They are especially in need of basic canned and packaged food, including pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, corn, peas, green beans, all other beans, canned tomatoes, canned meats, and soup.

In addition, we are collecting school supplies to be donated to Sharing Life for their School Faire which will be held on August 25, at Lakepointe Town East. It is estimated they will be serving between 1,000 and 1,200 students in Mesquite.



Addressing Mesquite Saturday, October 13, 2007



The City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Ministers' Association will be hosting the 3rd Annual Addressing Mesquite Day on October 13. We hope to have enough volunteers this year to perform projects on 4 houses in our community.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the church office. We need at least 40 volunteers! We realize October 13 is a long time away, and it's hard to commit to a date that far in advance, but if you think you might be interested, please sign up, and try to make it on that day. (If something comes up in the meantime and you can't make it, we'll be understanding.) We will be ordering t-shirts for our group very soon, and trying to make decisions about what we can accomplish on that day, and it will be crucial for planning to know who we can count on to help. Please sign up!

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to FERN REED whose husband, Sherman, died July 31. Sherman was a faithful member of our church, and we are grateful to God for his life. We will want to keep Fern and her family in our prayers in this time of loss.

We also want to express our sympathy to the Sheppard family on the recent death of VELIA SHEPPARD, Neill Sheppard's mother.

It was good to see LESLIE NOBLE and JIM BREWSTER back at church following recent surgeries. As of Monday, August 6, JERRY BRINGLE was still at the Veteran's Hospital following surgery. DAVID BAYS has had to return to Golden Acres Nursing Home.

During our worship service on July 31, HANNAH LOUISE DURHAM, daughter of Bo and Glynis Durham, was baptized. Mike and Charlene Orr are Hannah's grandparents.

Last week the new stained glass window in memory of KATHY KRAJCA was installed. The window was provided by memorial gifts and approved by the Session. Kathy was a loving, caring person, a peacemaker, and the window carries out the theme of the fruits of the Holy Spirit which are listed in the fifth chapter of Galatians as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All of those good attributes were part of Kathy's life.

MARILYN SAAMS and her family will be in Washington, D.C. this week-end when her brother, Brigadier General Art Sikes, will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery Friday at 11:00.

DIANNA GREER has moved.

*Please remember to pray
for those in the military service.*

Third Graders?

On Rally Day, August 26, we will present Bibles to our 3rd graders. Our records reflect the following are entering third grade this school year: Tanner Alford, Jacob Deegan, Nathan Edling, Scott Glotfelty, Riley Nystrom, Callie Portillo, Rachel Saucier, and Nicole Sexton. Please call the office at 972-285-5602 if there are additions or corrections to this list.

Songs of Summer Choir Concert at the Mesquite Arts Center

The First Church music ministry invites you to attend our eleventh annual Chancel Choir Summer Concert to be held on Sunday afternoon, August 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center. The year's concert is entitled "Songs of Summer" and will include music of travel destinations, patriotic numbers, a salute to our armed forces, and some just-for-fun songs – there will be something for everyone. The time of the concert is family friendly and we encourage children of all ages to attend. School starts the following day, so come hear the choir and review the summer through the music of the season. We encourage you to invite and bring your friends and extended family members and, as always, there is no charge for admission.

Verlyn Smoker

Youth Choir, Version 07-08, Begins in August

This year promises to be an adventurous one for the FPC Youth Choir which begins rehearsing the last Wednesday of **this month**. All youth entering the 7th through 12th grades are invited to join as we begin our preparations to minister in music throughout the year here in our own congregation, and in the southeastern United States on our music ministry tour – June 14-21. The choir will meet at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday afternoon, beginning on August 29, and the handbell ensembles will begin rehearsing the second week in September. If you have not been a part of the Youth Choir or handbell ensembles but would like to join this year, contact Verlyn Smoker at the church on weekdays or Sunday mornings, or at his home in the evenings.

Mid-Year Contribution Reports

The mid-year contribution reports (through June 30) are on the table beneath the clock in the hall. Please pick up the one with your name on it this Sunday. If you would like it mailed to you, please call the church office. We appreciate your faithful giving.

Happy Birthday!

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

An Invitation

All women of the church are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women salad supper at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 21. If you are a new member, or haven't attended PW events before, this is an excellent opportunity for fellowship, and to find out more about Presbyterian Women activities.

An overview of this year's PW Bible study, *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*, will be presented by Cora Dugan. Bring your favorite salad to share, and join us! (Also, remember to bring school supplies to help needy children in our community get a good start in school this year.)