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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1028 S BELT LINE RD  
MESQUITE TX 75149

Return Service Requested

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

August 13, 2006

#### USHERS

8:45

Donna Barron - Head Usher  
Larry Thomas Weldon Ballenger  
Penny Palumbo

11:00

Patrick Garver - Head Usher  
Breck Bennett Clark Windle  
Harriet Jones Angela Washeck

#### PARKING LOT GREETER

Earlayne Martin

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

Johnny Adams, brother of Ron Adams  
Gary and Nancy Black  
Edward Buechele, cousin of Kathy Uzzle  
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  
Dorothy Graham, friend of Ken & Judy Johnson  
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  
Brandon Izzarelli, nephew of Robbie & Janice Robinson  
Richard Kent, friend of Karen Hunt  
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard  
Karen McCardell, friend of Laura Virgil  
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil  
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  
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



# First Presbyterian Church

Mesquite, Texas

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### *From the Pastor . . .*

By now I am sure that most have heard that one of our members, Cheryl Lydick, was shot multiple times in an attempted robbery on Monday morning, July 31, at the City of Dallas recreation center where she worked. She has had to undergo three surgeries with at least one more yet to come and has been in intensive care at Baylor Hospital ever since. Among other things, it is a reminder of how fragile life can be sometimes. She was here on Sunday, the day before the attack. Cheryl has been a member here for 13 years and during many of those years has served as a Sunday School teacher in our three and four year old class and then faithfully helped with childcare during the 11:00 o'clock service. She has had a loving, caring influence on many children. She is a thoughtful, kind person, and we will want to keep her and her family in our prayers during this difficult time. Some years ago their house burned, and the church was a great help at that time, and we will want to again be of all the help we can.

*Tom Wilbanks*

P.S. We were able to share information quickly about Cheryl with our church family and to ask for prayers for her by email. If you have an email address which you have not given to the church office, I would encourage you to call the church at 972-285-5602 or email the church at [l.fricke.fpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:l.fricke.fpc@sbcglobal.net) and give us your email address.

### **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 "A Ministry of Encouragement" based on I Thessalonians 2:11-12.

### **Would You Like to Serve as a Church Officer?**

Would you like to serve as a deacon or elder – or recommend someone else? There will be an insert in the bulletin on August 20, and again on September 3, on which you can indicate your interest or suggest someone else. The forms give a brief description of duties of deacons, elders, and trustees. Not every one who is suggested can be nominated since there are only six deacons and six elders to be nominated, but it will help to know of your personal interest or recommendation of someone else.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Elder Pete Allen, Chairman, and Roger Foltz, both elected by the Session; Patrick Garver, elected by the Board of Deacons; Brenda Evans from Presbyterian Women; and Ken Johnson from the Men's Council. Anna Saucier and Jerry Jones were elected to represent the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting this past January.

### **Rally Round Rally Day!**



Rally Day will soon be here – on Sunday, August 27. The Men's Council will host a continental breakfast from 9:15 to 9:45 before Sunday School begins. Children will be promoted

during Sunday School, and third graders will receive Bibles at the 11:00 o'clock service. Also during the 11:00 service, we will recognize those serving in our Christian Education program.

The Rally Day theme this year is "Walk in His Ways" based on Deuteronomy 30:15-30. Plan to be here on Rally Day. It will be a great day!

## Welcome New Members!



We are happy to welcome JACK and JOYCE MURDOCK into our church family. The Murdocks joined on July 30, 2006.

## 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.



Thank you very much for the great 40th surprise birthday party. It was a big surprise to me.

Allen McCurdy

## Free Summer Musical Event

The First Church music ministry invites you to our tenth annual Chancel Choir Summer Concert to be held on Sunday afternoon, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Mesquite Arts Center. This is a FREE event! The theme of this year's concert is "Spirituals," and will consist totally of songs in this expressive musical idiom. This concert is sure to be a delight for the whole family and will include songs such as *Dry Bones*, *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*, *Deep River*, *Ezekiel Saw the Wheel*, *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*, and many more. If you appreciate music that speaks to your soul, then this concert is for you.

The hour of the concert is intentionally chosen to be family friendly and we encourage you to bring your children. This type of event is also a great opportunity to introduce someone to the ministry of our church in a non-threatening environment. End your summer on a "high note" by planning to attend this family event and don't forget to bring your friends!

Verlyn Smoker

You are Invited to  
A Book Review Benefit for  
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services  
Tuesday, August 22, 2006

At Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
6550 Samuell Boulevard, Dallas 75228  
214-381-4693

10:00 a.m. - Coffee  
10:30 a.m. - Review and Music

Rose-Mary Rumbley will review  
*Evening in the Palace of Reason*,  
*Bach Meets Frederick the Great*

By James R. Gaines

(Musical selections by Jack Rumbley, pianist,  
and Jill Beam, flutist)

Free-will offering

## Our Church Family . . .

We will want to keep CHERYL LYDICK in our prayers as she recovers after being shot in an attempted robbery. (See the Pastor's column for more information about this.)

Our best wishes are extended to DAVID JENKINS and MISTY SUITS who were married July 29.

Our church lost a faithful member last week in the death of SUE OAKLEY. Our sympathy is extended to her family and to our member, Frances Smith, who was a next door neighbor to Sue for many years and was like a sister to her.

BETTY AUBERT has been at Doctors Hospital for several days.

It was good to see JERRY EVANS back at church last Sunday. We will want to keep him in our prayers as he undergoes continuing treatment for cancer.

LAVERNE PAGE has moved

Also, CHRIS and PAULA NELMS have moved.

CYNTHIA PETTY is at Austin Seminary this week where she is taking a class on Reformed Theology as part of her continuing work toward certification as a Christian Educator.

There will not be a church newsletter next week.



## Addressing Mesquite



The City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Ministers' Association will be hosting the 2nd annual Addressing Mesquite Day, Saturday, October 14, 2006. Each church and community organization that chooses to join in this wonderful effort will perform a local house or yard project that day and is sure

to make a difference in fellow residents' lives. The volunteer sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by Tom's office. If you have any questions please contact Larry Thomas or any member of the Mission Committee.

## Presbyterian Women Potluck Salad Supper Tuesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m.



All women of the church are invited to come together for this annual event. Cora Dugan will preview our Bible study for the coming year entitled, *In the Beginning: Perspectives on Genesis*. Please bring a salad or dessert dish to share.

We will also be collecting school supplies for a local school, so please bring one or two school items. If you have not been active in our Presbyterian Women's group, this would be a perfect time to come and enjoy fellowship with other women of the church, and learn a little about their activities and projects, and the Bible study planned for this year's circle meetings. For child care reservations, please call the church office no later than noon on Monday, August 21.