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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

August 24, 2008

Ushers

8:45

Jerry Dressler- Head Usher
Denise Bennett Karen Hunt
Marshall Romine

11:00

Darby Washeck - Head Usher
Sheila Hammer Andy Cummings
Bennett Miller

Parking Lot Greeters

Jerry Patterson Linda Fricke

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
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 McDougle, 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 . . .

This Sunday is a day I always look forward to. It is Rally Day and Christian Education Sunday. As Christians, we could stand to do some "rallying." If you have not been coming to Sunday School lately or have never come, this Sunday would be a good day to come. Along with the Christian growth which takes place, a Sunday School class is a good place to build Christian friendships.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to those helping in our Christian Education program. I am grateful for those who serve as Sunday School teachers and officers, those who help with Wednesday Church Night, those who help with our youth ministry and those who help in other areas.

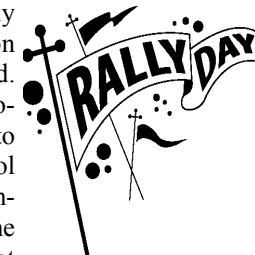
We are pleased that our new Director of Christian Education, Tim Smith, is now on board with us. Introduce yourself to him and get acquainted with this fine young man.

I look forward to seeing you on this Rally Day.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday is Rally Day. Christian Education Sunday will also be observed. The Men's Council will provide breakfast from 9:15 to 9:45 before Sunday School begins. The Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Getting Fit for the Kingdom," based on I Timothy 4:6-10. Join us on this Rally Day!



Rally Day is also Music Ministry Sign-Up Day

Fall is quickly approaching and plans for the music ministries fall offerings are in full swing. If you have been thinking about joining any of the music ensembles here at First Church NOW is the time!

On Rally Day, August 24th, you will have the opportunity to sign-up yourself, and/or your children or youth for the many musical ensembles offered here at First Church. Our goal is to give all who have been gifted by God in musical ability an opportunity to minister to our congregation through music and song. We do not attempt to imitate the musical experiences children have in school, but instead stress three aspects of ministry: the dedication of our talents to God, worship leadership, and ministry to our congregation—all in response to what God, in Christ Jesus, has done for us.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on tables just outside the choir room (in the south wing of the main church building) and will be available on Sundays, August 24 and 31. I will be on hand to answer any questions you may have, and the rehearsal schedules will be posted on the sign up lists. If you have any questions regarding the music ministries of our church speak to me any Sunday, or call me at the church office at 972.285.5602, or at my home at 972.288.1822, and I will be delighted to speak with you.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Verlyn Smoker



New Director of Christian Education



We are pleased to welcome TIM SMITH as our new Director of Christian Education. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Tim began his work with us on Monday, August 18. We are glad to have Tim, his wife Amy, and two year old son, Conner, at our church. Join us in welcoming Tim to our staff and supporting him through prayer and encouragement.

Goldenaires Meeting Thursday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m.

All seniors are invited to attend the Goldenaires meeting on Thursday, August 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the youth hall. The program for the meeting will feature a 30 minute lecture (on DVD) entitled "The Earliest Gospels," along with lots of discussion. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join this group of senior citizens who meet monthly for study, fellowship, and refreshments.

Rally 'Round Rally Day



Rally Day is this Sunday! 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 9:15 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!



Wednesday Church Night will begin on September 17. Bryany Newland is serving as Director this year and Erin Williams is Assistant Director. We are looking forward to a good year, and a new children's curriculum will be used. Three adult classes will be offered: *Landscape Painting* taught by Pete Allen, *Scrapbooking* led by Len McCurdy, and an adult study class led by Steve Leake. Steve, who is an excellent teacher, will lead a study on the book *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them*, by John Ortberg. Steve shares this synopsis about the study: "Normal? Who's Normal? None of us are normal according to God's definition, and the closer we get to each other, the plainer that becomes. Yet for all our quirks, sins, and jagged edges, we need each other. Community is more than just a word – it is one of our most fundamental requirements. So how do flawed, abnormal people such as ourselves master the forces that can drive us apart and come together in the life-changing relationships God designed us for? In this twelve week study, you'll gain wisdom and tools for drawing closer to others."

Sign-ups will take place on Sunday mornings September 7 and 14. As in the past, an optional meal will be offered at 6:00, and you can sign up for that also.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to KIRK DIXON and to his family in the death of his wife Karen on Monday, August 18. Karen fought a long and courageous battle against cancer.

Our Chancel Choir presented a delightful program of music for their 12th annual summer concert at the Mesquite Arts Center last Sunday afternoon. The theme this year was "For Kids of All Ages." We are grateful to have such a good music program at our church and thankful for the dedicated members of our Chancel Choir.

FRANCES DERRICK has a new grandson, Jordan Charles Harrison, son of Sandra and Deryl Harrison, born on July 8.

ANDREW and BRYANY NEWLAND have a new baby boy, Jude Elijah Newland, born on July 14, and CHRIS and KERI STEGMAN have a new son, Christopher Marc Stegman, born on July 24.

We are sorry to lose AMY (Bright) DAVIS from our church. Now that her house has sold, she is moving to Borger this week to be with her husband. Amy has been a faithful member of our church and our Chancel Choir, and we are surely going to miss her.

We are glad that two of our senior highs, ZACK SAUCIER and REBECCA SMITH served as counselors for Grace Presbytery summer camps.

It was good to see DOUG FORT back at church last Sunday following his recent surgery.

CRAIG and RONDA SCOTT have moved and have a new address and phone number.

CENIA BOWEN also has a new address.

Our thanks to RON BETTIS who planted some new flowers on the south side of the sanctuary.

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

Would Your Like to Serve as a Church Officer?

Would you like to serve as a deacon or elder – or recommend someone else? An insert was in the bulletins last Sunday and will be in again on August 31, 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 everyone who is suggested can 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 Marilyn Saams, Chair, and Mary McBain, both elected by the Session; Linda Fricke, elected by the Board of Deacons; Martha Sheppard Mahaffey, from Presbyterian Women; and Daniel Alvarez from the Men's Council. Roger Samuels and Gracy Thomas were elected to represent the congregation at the Annual Congregational Dinner Meeting this past January.

New Book in the Church Library

A new book, *Living With Purpose in a Worn-Out Body*, has been given to our church library by Wanda Moon in memory of Clifford Moon. This book was written by a local author, Missy Buchanan, who dedicated it to the residents of Montclair Estates Senior Residence, who according to Ms. Buchanan, invited her to share in the unvarnished truth of their daily struggles and joys. Clifford and Wanda Moon are mentioned on the dedication page.

