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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

August 26, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Eric Schwartz - Head Usher
Jerry Jones Brenda Evans
Roger Samuels

11:00

Paula Nelms - Head Usher
Teresa Farr Bart Mathis
Beth Bridges Josh Marshall

PARKING LOT GREETER

Kathy Brown Sheila Hammer

Please remember in prayer

Kevin Alford, cousin of Craig Alford
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Dorthy & 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 Rumbeck
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
Amy Reynolds, friend of Robbie Lee
Ryan Richardson, friend of Bernie & Lois DeRoo
Don Sheppard, brother of Jim Sheppard
Mark Sheppard and family
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



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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 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.

One of the things I always enjoy about Rally Day is the presentation of Bibles to children going into the third grade. It is nice to see their smiling faces as they come forward to receive their Bibles. I still have the Bible that I was presented on a similar occasion many years ago. It was a good day in a good church. We take a group picture of the children with their Bibles, and we send them a copy of the picture.

I want to express my gratitude to the congregation for your faithfulness in your attendance and offerings this summer. In the providence of God, our church has come through the summer well, and I continue to be grateful for this good church and for its people.

And speaking of faithful people, we owe a debt of gratitude to our Chancel Choir, to the faithful people who each Sunday provide music for our worship services. We can be grateful that our church has such an outstanding music program. This Sunday is our choir's annual concert at the Mesquite Arts Center at 5:00 with the theme "Songs of Summer." It will be a delightful program, and I encourage you to invite a friend and to attend this program in the superb acoustics of the concert hall.

I look forward to seeing you on this Rally Day.

Tom Wilbanks

Rally Day is this Sunday, 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

At 9:45 children should go to the class they **have been attending**, and those who are moving to another class for the year will be escorted to the new class during the class time.

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 is Rally Day. Christian Education Sunday will also be observed. During our 11:00 o'clock service we will recognize those helping in our Christian Education program, and children entering the third grade will receive Bibles. The Men's Council will provide a continental breakfast from 9:15 to 9:45 before Sunday School begins. Verlyn Smoker will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Transitions" based on Hebrews 13:8.

Rally Day is also Music Ministry Sign-Up Day



Fall is quickly approaching, even though it may not feel like it outside, and plans for the music ministry's fall offerings are in full swing. If you have been waiting for a good time to join or return to any of the music ensembles here at First Church the time is NOW!!!

On Rally Day, this Sunday, August 26th, you will have the opportunity to sign-up yourself, and/or your children, 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 in the hallway just outside the choir room (in the south wing of the main church building) and will be posted on Sundays, August 26, and September 2. 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, and I will be delighted to speak with you.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Verlyn Smoker

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.

Would You 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 bulletin last Sunday and will be in again on September 2, 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 Roger Foltz, Chairman, and Deborah Edling, both elected by the Session; Jennifer Gardner, elected by the Board of Deacons; Joy Samuels from Presbyterian Women; and Joel Martin from the Men's Council. Greg Farr and Howard Saucier were elected to represent the congregation at the Annual Congregational Dinner Meeting this past January.

Mission Possible T-Shirts

Ice blue t-shirts with the Mission Possible theme are available in adult sizes for \$8 each. These shirts will be great for group outings like Church Under the Bridge (coming up in September), and Addressing Mesquite. Contact the church office if you are interested.



Remember . . .



The deadline for the paper recycling contest is August 31. Clean out all those newspapers and heavy magazines and put them in the retrievers on the church parking lot before then!!

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to ANN SMITH and her daughter Brianne Seth in the death of Brianne's husband in a motorcycle wreck August 12, in Tampa, Florida. The funeral was held in Tampa August 19. Ann has been in Tampa and was expected back in Mesquite on August 20. Many will recall that Brianne grew up in our church.

DAVID BAYS was at Baylor Hospital last week and is now back at Golden Acres. We will want to keep David and Marjorie in our prayers in this difficult time. We will also want to keep JAMES WECKMAN in our prayers in his battle with cancer.

It was good to see JERRY BRINGLE back at Sunday School and church last Sunday following his recent surgery.

JIM BREWSTER is scheduled for surgery Thursday, August 23.

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!

This is your last chance to submit information for our church yellow pages. Call the church office at 972-285-5602, or leave your information on Linda's desk.

Songs of Summer Free Choir Concert at the Mesquite Arts Center

This Sunday afternoon, August 26, at 5:00 p.m. the Chancel Choir of our church will present our 11th annual summer community concert at the Mesquite Arts Center (1527 N. Galloway Avenue). You are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring a friend, colleague, extended family member, neighbor, etc. to our concert celebrating the Songs of Summer. The concert will include music of summer travel locations, patriotic pieces, 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. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. so come early and to get a good seat, and as always, there is no charge for admission.

Verlyn Smoker

Attention: Jr. and Sr. High Students and Parents

There will be a brief meeting in the sanctuary for junior and senior high school students and their parents following the 11:00 worship service this coming Sunday. We'll be talking about our plans for the year.

