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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

August 27, 2006

USHERS

8:45

Ron Smith - Head Usher
Charles Schandelmeier Deborah Edling
Kelli Harris

11:00

Ronda Scott - Head Usher
Don Black Bernie DeRoo
Matthew Taylor Rachel Petty

PARKING LOT GREETER

Charles Schandelmeier Joel Sexton

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
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
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Lydick
Karen McCardell, friend of Laura Virgil
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil
Malcolm Marsden, friend of Laura Virgil
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



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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.

I want to express my gratitude to the congregation for your faithfulness in your attendance and offerings this summer. I often find my self concerned about those who don't come. But at the same time, we are grateful for those who do come and give so faithfully. In the providence of God, our church has come through the summer very well, and I continue to be grateful for this good church and for its people.

As I sat at the Mesquite Arts Center last Sunday afternoon for our Chancel Choir's annual summer concert, I thought about what an amazing thing the human voice is - capable of producing such beautiful music. We all have an opportunity to lift our voices in praise and gratitude to God in worship, and I look forward to seeing you this Sunday on Rally Day.

Tom Wilbanks



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. The Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "When Jesus Taught Sunday School," based on Mark 1:21.

Rally Day is Music Ministry Sign-Up Day



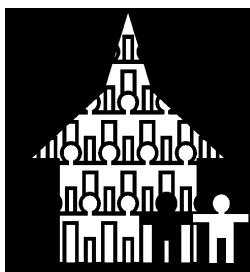
On Rally Day, August 27th, you will have an opportunity to sign-up yourself, and/or your children, for one or more of the many musical ensembles offered here at First Church. Our goal is to give all who have been gifted by God in musical ability an opportunity to minister to our congregation through song and music. We do not attempt to mirror 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 Sundays August 27, and September 3, in the hallway just outside the choir room. 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

Youth Sponsor Training

Youth sponsor training will be held Tuesday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to serve as a chaperone or sponsor for JAMMers (3-6th grade), or Youth (Jr. & Sr. High) must attend sponsor training. Please contact the office at 972-285-5602 by August 31, if you plan to attend. There are no plans to offer this training again until early in 2007.

New Member Class



Fall is almost here and with it comes this year's class for visitors and new members which Dr. Wilbanks leads on basic Christian and Presbyterian beliefs. The class will begin Sunday, October 1, at 9:45 and will meet for six Sunday mornings. The first class includes a visit to the sanctuary for a description of the symbolism of the stained glass windows. Other classes cover our Presbyterian heritage and form of government and a look at the sacraments – baptism and the Lord's Supper – and what it all means.

To Parents of Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Graders

We will be holding our annual intentional education events for students and parents on the following dates:

Kindergarten: Sept. 10, Sunday School hour

1st & 2nd grade: Sept. 17, Sunday School hour

3rd grade: Luncheon, September 10, following the 11:00 worship service

Additional information will be mailed soon.



ACT II, Scene 4 – The annual youth event following the Grace Presbytery Act Conference will be held Saturday, September 30, at FPC, Fort Worth. There is no cost to participants for this Presbytery-wide youth event. You must contact Cynthia by September 13, if you plan to attend.

Two Events Planned for October !!!

Service Opportunity – Addressing Mesquite
Saturday, October 14
7:30 a.m. - Noon

Join others in our city to spruce up all sorts of homes for people who need a little help with carpentry, landscaping, etc. Service hours will be awarded and it will be good experience for mission trip 2007!! You may either sign up on the sheet by the office or contact Cynthia Petty.

FUN Opportunity – Paint Ball
Saturday, October 21
Details to follow.

And then in November . . .

PATHFINDERS Garage Sale
Saturday, November 11
Proceeds will be used for the Youth Mission Trip next summer. SAVE those odd items.

FALL YOUTHQUAKE
Applications are being mailed this week. This semi-annual event for Jr. High students will be held November 10-12 at Gilmont. Please return your application and registration fee to Cynthia by September 10.

Our Church Family . . .

We are glad that CHERYL LYDICK is making some improvement after being shot multiple times in an attempted robbery July 31. She is still in intensive care, and we will want to continue to keep her in our prayers.

Our sympathy is extended to ANNA SAUCIER whose grandmother died in Pasco, Washington.

It was good to see RENITA FOSTER back at Sunday School and church on August 13. It was the first time Renita has been able to be here following several hospitalizations.

BUD DERRICK has been dealing with some difficult medical problems lately, and we will want to keep him in our prayers.

During our worship service on August 13, GRAHAM CHRISTOPHER AKIN, son of CHRIS and MARJORIE AKIN was baptized. Graham is the grandson of Tom and Nickie Wilbanks.

We are sorry to lose RAY and KAY SHIELDS from our church. They have moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and last Sunday was their last Sunday with us.

Our Chancel Choir presented a nice program of music for their 10th annual summer concert at the Mesquite Arts Center last Sunday afternoon. The theme this year was "Spirituals," and included songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Ezekiel Saw The Wheel."

An interesting article was in the *Miami Herald* recently about the reunion in Miami of LOIS DeROO and a long lost sister. As very young children the two were separated and adopted by different families. For a number of years neither of them knew they had a sister. After exchanging photos and memories since January, the two sisters finally got together early this month on a visit that coincided with Lois' 70th birthday. A copy of the article is on the bulletin board at the church, and the reunion was also covered by Channel 11 in Dallas.

We are glad that BETTY AUBERT is home from Doctors Hospital and that CHARLES GIBBONS is home from Baylor Hospital.

A nice article was in the Dallas Morning News last Saturday about DAVID and MARJORIE BAYS. At a meeting of the Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society on August 8, David and

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Marjorie were given an award for being the longest serving members at this time. Both have been serving the society in various offices and other ways since they joined in 1973. Marjorie was also given an award for her hours of leadership and service. She was instrumental in placing numerous historical markers around Mesquite and in writing Mesquite's history *A Stake in the Prairie*. A copy of the article along with pictures is on the bulletin board at the church.

We were sorry to hear that SHARON EGAN fell in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, while on a business trip and broke her ankle in three places and had to undergo surgery. She is now back home.

CHARLES and PAULA SCHANDELMEIER have moved.



**Visit our
Library**

Did you know that a librarian is on duty in the church library during the Sunday School hour and also from noon until 12:30 on Sundays? Many good books and videos are available in the library. Come and check one out!

Circle Meetings



Plan to join with other women of the church for Bible study this fall. The Morning Circle resumes meeting on Tuesday, September 5, at 9:30 a.m., and the Night Circle will meet that evening in the youth hall at 7:00.