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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

August 30, 2009

Ushers

8:45

Sheila Hammer - Head Usher
Denise Bennett Ann Buswell

11:00

Teresa Farr - Head Usher
Jerry Patterson Bart Mathis
Beth Bridges

Parking Lot Greeter

Gayle Rumbeck Darby Washeck

Please remember in prayer

Betty Aubert
Don Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jim Brewster
Eve Brice
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Lynette Copeland, friend of Julia Walker
Debbie Duncan, niece of Minnie Mathews
Carol Dwinell, friend of Hope Sheppard
Steve Fischer, brother of Susan Mathews
Wayland Gordon, father of Gwenda Aber
Margaret Green, friend of Susan Mathews
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Martin
Wanda & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents
Sylvia Martinez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck
Wanda McDougale, Ronda Scott's mother
Margie McGee, Mary McBain's mother
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Dennis Patterson, father of Jerry Patterson
Dave Rumbeck
Don Sheppard, Jim Sheppard's brother
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Bernie Stephens, friend of Elna Singleton
Fernita Swalin, friend of Hope Sheppard
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones
Laura Virgil
Joyce Welch, great aunt of Ronnie & Amanda Aynes
Brian Weller, cousin of Shannon Crelia
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 our youth ministry and those who help in other areas.

This Sunday is also our Chancel Choir's annual concert at the Mesquite Arts Center at 5:00. I encourage you to invite a friend and attend this concert by our excellent choir in the superb acoustics of the concert hall.

I look forward to seeing you on this Rally Day.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday



This Sunday is Rally Day and Christian Education Sunday. Our Men's Council will provide 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 "Take Good Care," based on Joshua 22:1-6.



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 on Sunday, October 4, 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 our beautiful 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.

Kick Off the School Year on Rally Day this Sunday!

Attention Children: Come and see what is in store for you at Sunday School this coming year at FPC. Meet your teachers, see your friends, eat breakfast. But that's not all. This year there will be another surprise on Rally Day you won't want to miss. Prepare for laughter and fun! Invite your friends to come and join in and see the exciting programs happening at FPC. We'll see you there!

Sunday School Rally Day Open House!



Attention all other Children of God: Come and experience the variety of Sunday morning classes and programs at the Rally Day Sunday School Open House: come and go in classes during the Sunday School hour to see the unique richness of each class. Invite neighbors and friends to come and see what the church has to offer. Expect a Rally Day morning surprise as well that will start the day off with a smile. We'll see you there!

Rally Day is also Music Ministry Sign-Up Day

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

On Rally Day, August 30th, children, youth and adults will have the opportunity to sign-up 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. We do not attempt to imitate the musical experiences children have in school, but instead stress three aspects of ministry: glorifying God with our abilities and talents, leading in the worship of His Holy name, and ministering to our congregation through music – 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) on Sundays, August 30, and September 6. 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 feel free to speak to me any Sunday, or call me at the church office at 972.285.5602, or at my home—I will be delighted to speak with you.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Verlyn Smoker

Our Church Family . . .

We are glad that MARY WILLIAMS, LYNN BEAL and SARA GRAHAM are home from the hospital.

A nice note was received recently from Leith and Carol Fujii, Presbyterian missionaries in Thailand whose work we are supporting through our mission giving. They are currently in the United States doing mission interpretation. The note is on the church bulletin board.

There will not be a church newsletter for the next two weeks, and the church office will be closed September 7, for the Labor Day holiday. The communion service usually held on the first Sunday of each month at the 8:45 service will be held on September 13, instead of September 6.

Wednesday Night Live!

Begins Wednesday, September 16, 6:00pm

A new year! A new program! We invite all to come Wednesday nights to FPC for dinner, worship, and spiritual enrichment. From 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. enjoy dinner and fellowship with friends; from 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. join in for a time of worship and song; and from 6:45 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. adults can enjoy various workshops and classes while the children will focus on Scriptures, arts, crafts and mission projects. And every 6th week of the program, enjoy a presentation by the children's classes! Expect a musical Christmas presentation in December! Bring your cameras!



The first theme for the Fall will be "Mission and Service: Don't be Nervous." The children will discover talents, meet new people, and serve the community by making and delivering crafts for/to folks at a neighboring nursing home. The 6th through 12th graders will focus on the theme also, and will help in various other ways.

Adults can enjoy a workshop led by Steve Leake on the book, *If You Want To Walk On Water, You Have to Get Out of The Boat*, by John Ortberg. If you have always been interested in painting or are an artistic person, try out Pete Allen's Landscape Painting class. Or if scrapbooking is a hobby of yours come try Len McCurdy's Scrapbooking group.

Presbyterian Women



Circles—Tuesday, September 1

Join other women this fall for Bible study and fellowship. The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, September 1, at 9:30. Joy Samuels will serve as hostess and Cora Dugan will lead the Bible study.

The Night Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 in the youth hall.

Lunch at Gini Gray's, September 15

All women are invited to Gini Gray's at 11:30 on Tuesday, September 15, for lunch and knitting practice led by Kay Allen. Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert, and 2 knitting needles. This promises to be lots of laughs!!

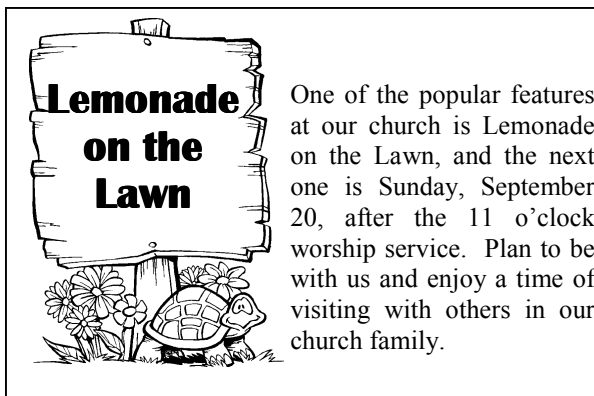
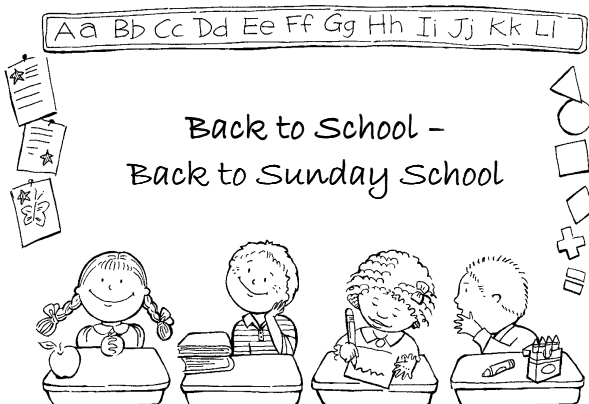
Looking Ahead . . .

Sunday, September 13

6:00 p.m. Dinner for new members and sponsors

Sunday, September 27

4:30 p.m. Church picnic starts with supper at 5:30.



One of the popular features at our church is Lemonade on the Lawn, and the next one is Sunday, September 20, after the 11 o'clock worship service. Plan to be with us and enjoy a time of visiting with others in our church family.

Mesquite Symphony



On Saturday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m., the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present the opening concert of its 23rd season at the Mesquite Arts Center. Music by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and others will be presented. B.J. Mauldin and Nickie Wilbanks are members of the orchestra

Happy Birthday!

9/1	Chessie Hodgson Sheryl Miller Jeff Pruitt	9/10	Bobby Bringle Sarah Graham Whitney Bright	9/20	Verlyn Smoker Jimmy Gray Susan Farmer
9/2	Grace Roberts Cassie Patterson Dave Petty	9/11	Hayden Colbert Reese Garver Ted Barron	9/23	Richard Hoffiman Iwana Virgil Charlene Orr
9/3	Mary Williams Roger Foltz Karen Harris	9/12	Kathy Brown Bill Mandel Sally Windle	9/24	Ron Krajca Ken Johnson Sandy Collins
9/6	Luke Boling Hope Sheppard Andy Cummings	9/13	Eve Brice Joshua Saling Dave Rumbleck	9/25	Judy Hudson Susan Graham Ray Green
9/7	Jerry Jones Zachary Bennett Wade Marshall	9/14	Tanner Alford Len McCurdy Lauren Smith	9/26	Michael Johnson Amy Sandman
9/8		9/15		9/27	
9/9		9/16		9/28	
		9/17		9/31	
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		9/19			
		9/20			

Wednesday Night Live Schedule

6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner
 6:30-6:45 p.m. Worship & Song
 6:45-7:25 p.m. Classes for all ages