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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

September 2, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Jennifer Gardner - Head Usher
Donna Barron Gwenda Aber
Ashley Aber

11:00

Clark Windle - Head Usher
Sheila Hammer Cassie Patterson
Chris Orr Ben Robinson

PARKING LOT GREETER

Eric Schwartz Derek Schwartz

Please remember in prayer

Kevin Alford, cousin of Craig Alford
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jim Brewster
Dorothy & 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
Ted Nowell, father of Kelli Harris
Amy Reynolds, friend of Robbie Lee
Ryan Richardson, friend of Bernie & Lois DeRoo
Don Sheppard, brother of Jim Sheppard
Mark Sheppard and family
Neill Sheppard
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



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From the Pastor . . .

Share a good word. I am always grateful for those who share a good word about our church with others. But there are a lot of ways of sharing a good word with those who need to hear it.

Some weeks ago my wife and I got back home late from an airline flight. We had not had supper, so I went down the street to get a couple of sandwiches at a fast food place. There was kind of a mix-up about the order, but I was impressed with the young man who straightened out the order. He really rendered exceptional customer service. I not only thanked him but also contacted the corporate office to tell them what an excellent job he had done. In a reply letter, the first sentence was interesting. It said: "Thank you for taking the time to share your complimentary comments. It's a rare person who makes the effort to compliment. Thank you for being that person." Unfortunately, many people are more apt to complain than they are to compliment.

The Apostle Paul faced a lot of problems – and problem people. But there is no doubt that when someone shared a good word with him that it lifted his spirits. In one of his letters, he speaks of a fellow Christian and says: "That man encouraged me often." (II Timothy 1:26.) Another translation says: "He cheered me up many times."

Who knows what sharing a good, kind, and affirming word to a person can mean.

Let's all remember to share a good word.

Tom Wilbanks



Wednesday Church Night Classes will begin on September 19!!! There will be classes for kindergarten through adults. Classes for all ages will be from 6:30-7:30. Optional dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$4 per person. Dinner reservations are required.

Adult classes for the first six-week period are: *Landscape Painting* with Pete Allen, *Scrapbooking Time* with Len McCurdy, and *Happy Holydays Happenings* with Ronda Scott. This workshop is open to all you crafty folks who would like to help make the lovely Christmas decorations for our church building.

Sign-up will be held following both worship services on Sunday, September 9, and 16.

This Sunday

This Sunday Paula Nelms will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Watch Out for Icebergs!" The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the 8:45 service.



Presbyterian Women Circles

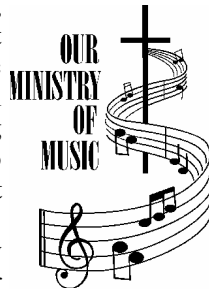
PW Circles will meet Tuesday, September 4. The Morning Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., with Roxanne Martin serving as hostess, and Cora Dugan leading the Bible study. The Night Circle will meet at 7:00, and Jan Hull will lead the Bible study. These are the first meetings of the fall, and would be a good time to become a part of either of these groups.

Sign-Up for Music Ministry

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!!!

You will have the opportunity again this Sunday to sign up for one 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 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). The rehearsal schedules will be posted on the sign up lists. Call Verlyn Smoker at 972-285-5602 if you have questions.



Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert

On Saturday, September 8, the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at the Mesquite Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. B.J. Mauldin and Nickie Wilbanks of our church are members of the orchestra.

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 office at 972-285-5602 if you are interested.



Session Highlights

The August 8 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

A letter was received from Zack Saucier expressing thanks for the church making it possible for him and Chandler Smith to attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium held on the campus of Purdue University and telling what a good experience he had there.

A letter was also received from our Presbyterian related Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska, that the college had deferred academic operations for one year while the school seeks to work out a financially viable future for the 130 year old school. The school has indebtedness of \$6 million. Our church has had a long relationship with this historic college, and Len McCurdy of our church worked there as a Volunteer in Mission.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, said the committee heard reports about the San Antonio youth mission trip and about Synod Youth Workshop. The committee approved new Sunday School curriculum and also approved some restructuring of children's classes.

Roger Foltz, Chairman of the Mission Committee, said the committee is focusing on Addressing Mesquite Day on October 13, and hopes to have enough volunteers to do 4 or 5 houses this year.

The Session gave permission for the Women's Retreat Committee to have a fundraising luncheon after the 11:00 o'clock worship service on September 23.

Marilyn Saams and Roger Foltz agreed to be our commissioners for a regional presbytery meeting at Northridge Presbyterian Church in Dallas on September 6.

The Session was informed that the Board of Deacons had approved ordering a defibrillator and that the equipment has arrived. The next step is training, and Donna Barron will arrange training for all who would like to like to be trained in using the defibrillator.

Our Church Family . . .

Our thanks to all who by their prayers and presence helped us to have a great Rally Day last Sunday. Our thanks also to the Men's Council for providing a nice continental breakfast before Sunday School started.

Our Chancel Choir presented a delightful program of music for their 11th annual summer concert at the Mesquite Arts Center last Sunday afternoon. The theme this year was "Songs of Summer" and included summertime fun songs, patriotic music and other selections.

We were pleased that our member, Dr. CHRISTINE WALKER, was honored by the City of Forney at a reception last Sunday afternoon for her 55 years of service to the community and a farewell in her retirement. We are grateful for Christine and her part of God's healing ministry for many years.

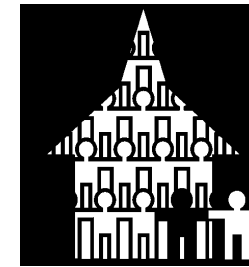
A most interesting mosaic of the picture of Jesus is on the bulletin board across from the church library. The mosaic is made up of pictures of our members who had pictures taken for our new church directory. Be sure and take a look at it. We anticipate that the new pictorial directories will be received shortly.

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! Please sign up!

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 7, 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.

Need Help Hearing?

If you would like assistance in hearing our worship services, we can help! You can sit anywhere in the sanctuary and use a receiver which will help you to hear clearly. If you would like to use one of these, please speak to Dr. Wilbanks so we can have it ready for you.

Church Under the Bridge

Pathfinders will be traveling to Waco on Sunday, September 16, to provide food for those attending Church Under the Bridge, and we will also participate in worship with them. Teens will need to respond to the office of their desire to attend. We will be gathering commitments for food and working out details very soon.

The Church Under the Bridge is a full-time congregation that has met under the I-35 bridge in Waco every Sunday for 20 years. The congregation is made up of homeless families, others who are living at or below poverty level, and people who are living at the lower to middle income levels.

Stay tuned for more details.

Happy Birthday!

9/1	Sheryl Miller	9/15	Bill Mandel
	Jeff Pruitt	9/16	David Gardner
	Grace Roberts		Sally Windle
9/2	Cassie Patterson	9/17	Eve Brice
	Dave Petty		Joshua Saling
	Mary Williams	9/18	Dave Rumbeck
9/3	Roger Foltz	9/19	Tanner Alford
	Karen Harris		Len McCurdy
	Brenda Mitchell	9/20	Lauren Smith
9/6	Luke Boling		Verlyn Smoker
	Hope Sheppard	9/22	Jimmy Gray
9/7	Andy Cummings	9/23	Susan Farmer
9/8	Charles Gibbons		Richard Hoffman
	Justin Rich		Iwana Virgil
9/9	Zachary Bennett	9/24	Charlene Orr
	Wade Marshall	9/25	Ron Krajca
9/10	Bobbye Bringle	9/26	Ken Johnson
	Sarah Graham	9/27	Sandy Collins
9/11	Whitney Bright		Judy Hudson
	Hayden Colbert	9/28	Susan Graham
9/13	Ted Barron		Ray Green
9/14	Kathy Brown		Michael Johnson

Wednesday Church Night Schedule

6:00-6:25 p.m. Dinner
6:30-7:25 p.m. Classes for everyone

Wednesday Choir Schedule

4:30 - 5:00 Alleluia Chimes (Bell Room)
5:00 - 5:50 Children's Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 - 5:50 Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
6:30 - 7:00 Hope Choir (Room TBA)
7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)