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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY
September 7, 2008

Ushers
8:45

Liz Ramsey- Head Usher
Sheila Hammer Henry Kaplan
Joanne Boudreaux

11:00

Teresa Farr - Head Usher
Ronda Scott Les Olson
Andy Leake Morgan Garver

Parking Lot Greeters

Brenda Evans Liz Ramsey

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
Debbie Duncan, niece of Minnie 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 McDougale, 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 . . .

As part of an evaluation and planning process, the Christian Education Committee and the Worship Committee have developed questionnaires about Sunday School and about our worship services. You will find both of these in an insert in this newsletter. It helps to know what people like – and value – and also to know about new ideas and new possibilities. I hope you will take time to fill out the questionnaires. Copies of the questionnaires will also be available at both doors to the sanctuary this Sunday. The deadline for their return is Sunday, September 21. Boxes will be available at the church for the completed questionnaires or you can mail them to the church.

Wednesday Church Night begins soon along with our active music program for children and youth. I encourage your participation along with your prayers as we look toward the fall season.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday Lindsey Martin and Angela Washeck will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "The Wise and the Foolish" based on I Samuel 26:1-12. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the 8:45 service.

FPC Starts a Christian Education/Youth Blog!!

<http://dcecorner.wordpress.com>

Teachers: Are you looking for motivation, for Christian Education resources, for devotional resources, for inspiration, for ideas? Are you looking for people to bounce ideas off of?

Youth: Are you looking to find out what is going on in the youth group for the year or the week? Do you want to contribute ideas to the church on how the youth program and Sunday school program should be? Do you want to find recent movie clips, contemporary music, and other such media.

Church Members: Are you looking to find out what the youth do for and with the church? Are you interested in reviews on new Christian curriculum, recent movies, books? Are you interested in activities and events going on in other Presbyterian churches that we might be able to participate in? Are you looking for more information about Sunday school resources, events in the church? Do you have suggestions for what you would like to see in the Education/Youth program of FPC?

Visitors: Would you like a place where you could find out what FPC has to offer you and your family? Do you have suggestions?

If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes," then stop by the blog to discover answers to your questions. And if something is not there that you would like to see, click on the Contact Tab and I will see what I can do. Enjoy!

Peace.

Tim Smith

Director of Christian Education



Wednesday Church Night will begin on September 17, and you can sign up after both services this Sunday and on September 14. 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* 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."

Mesquite Food Pantries are Empty!!

We have received word from both Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services that they have been completely out of food in recent weeks, and have had to turn families away who were asking for help with groceries. We can help by making an extra effort to bring non-perishable food items for the pantries near the doors in both buildings of our church to share with the needy of our community.

In addition, Sharing Life is asking for volunteers to help with pick-up of weekly food donations from grocery stores and restaurants, computer literacy instructors, and various clerical tasks (some of which could be done at home). For more information call Teresa Jackson at 972-285-5819.

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 5, 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.

Addressing Mesquite Day

Our church has made a commitment to take part again this year in Addressing Mesquite Day on Saturday, October 11. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board near Tom's office, so please put your name on the list if you want to help. Adult and youth volunteers are needed. This is the 4th year for this annual project sponsored by the City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Ministers' Association. Volunteers will perform local house or yard projects for Mesquite residents who are unable to do the work themselves.



This is a project that is sure to make a difference in the lives of members of our community! If you have any questions, contact Larry Thomas at 972-226-7200, or any member of the Mission Committee.

Church Picnic October 5

Plan to attend our church picnic at Rorie-Galloway Park in Mesquite on Sunday, October 5. The activities will begin at 4:00 with the supper at 6:00 and a hymn sing and vesper service at 7:00. More details and a map giving directions will be in a later newsletter.

Our Church Family . . .

Our thanks to all who by their prayers and presence helped to make for a good Rally Day on August 24. During our worship service on that day, RILEIGH GREER MCBAIN, daughter of ERIC and JESSICA MCBAIN was baptized.

NORMA HAGHTHORN was taken to Baylor Garland Hospital on August 23, and we will want to keep her in our prayers for a good recovery.

KATHY GILLISPIE is scheduled for surgery at Baylor Garland on Monday, September 8.

Congratulations to EVELYN COOMER on the August 25th birth of her new great-grandson, Simon Huck Maynard, son of Bud and Ivy Maynard.

We are sorry that we are going to be losing SCOTT and MARDELLE PATTERSON from our church. Scott begins work on September 15, as the Director of Surgical Services at the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City. They have been helpful, good members and we are going to miss them.

We have a large group of our youth in college this year, and it was good to see a number of them in church before they left for college this fall. As in past years, we will recognize our college students at a worship service in December.

Presbyterian Women Gathering Tuesday, September 16



The September gathering of Presbyterian Women will be a covered dish luncheon at the home of Kay Allen, 211 E. Tripp Road, Sunnyvale at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 16. All women of the church are invited to attend. The devotional will be given by Nickie Wilbanks.

Session Highlights

The August 13 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

The report of the church treasurer, Pete Allen, indicated that the average weekly offering for July was \$9,268.50 and was under the amount needed to meet the church budget of \$9,791.33. We are also running behind for the year.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, reported on Rally Day Plans and said that Wednesday Church Night would begin Sept. 17.

Roger Foltz, Chairman of the Mission Committee, said that the committee would be encouraging our members involvement in 4th annual Addressing Mesquite Day to be held on October 11, which assists residents who are 65 years of age and/or disabled. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Poteet High School and then volunteers proceed to their assigned work-sites to complete various tasks.

Johnny Graham, Chairman of the Worship Committee, reported that the committee had completed a questionnaire that will be on the back of the one from the CE committee that will be distributed to the congregation.

The Session received a request from the Keunamu Presbyterian in Corinth, a new church development of Grace Presbytery, for assistance in their building program. They have approximately 40-50 followers mostly composed of students from UNT at Denton, Texas Woman's University and North Central Texas College. About 90% of their church members are students studying abroad from Korea. The Session voted to send \$300 from undesignated money in our mission budget.

Fall FPC Music Rehearsal Schedule

The week beginning Sunday, September 14, will mark the kick off of the full music ministry rehearsal schedule at FPC. Meeting times and age divisions are still in the planning stages and will be listed in the next newsletter. Most of the ensembles still have room for more participants so if you did not sign up on Rally Day, please contact Verlyn Smoker, or the group's director. We all look forward to a terrific year of making music together for the glory of God!

Happy Birthday!

9/1	Chessie Hodgson Sheryl Miller Jeff Pruitt Grace Roberts Cassie Patterson Dave Petty Mary Williams Roger Foltz Karen Harris Brenda Mitchell Luke Boling Hope Sheppard Andy Cummings Zachary Bennett Wade Marshall	9/10	Bobbye Bringle Sarah Graham Whitney Bright Hayden Colbert Reese Garver Ted Barron Kathy Brown Bill Mandel Sally Windle Eve Brice Joshua Saliling Dave Rumbleck Tanner Alford Len McCurdy	9/20	Lauren Smith Verlyn Smoker Jimmy Gray Susan Farmer Richard Hoffiman Iwana Virgil Charlene Orr Ron Krajca Ken Johnson Sandy Collins Judy Hudson Susan Graham Ray Green Michael Johnson
9/2		9/11		9/22	
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		9/17		9/28	
		9/18			
		9/19			

Wednesday Church Night Schedule

6:00-6:35 p.m. Dinner
6:40-7:25 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)
7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)