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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

September 17, 2006

USHERS

8:45

Mary McBain - Head Usher
Ron Smith Weldon Ballenger
Jerry McBain

11:00

Andy Cummings - Head Usher
Ronda Scott Teresa Farr
Cheryl Mason Lauren Smith

PARKING LOT GREETER

Eric Schwartz Derek Schwartz

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
Bud Derrick
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
Clara and Raymond McLaughlin, sister & nephew of Wayne Thompson
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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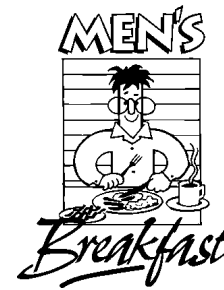
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From the Pastor . . .

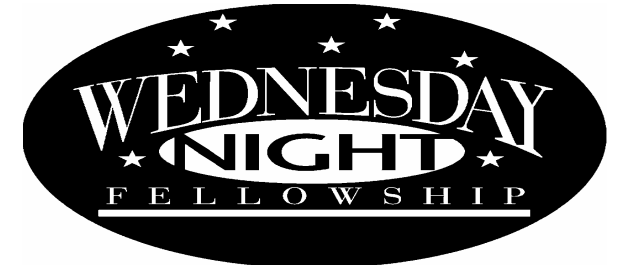
As you will notice in this newsletter, we received five new members last Sunday. There was a common thread in regard to most of those – and that is the matter of new beginnings. Some had not had active church membership for awhile, so Sunday was a time of new beginning for them as they made or renewed their commitment to Jesus Christ and to his church. It is always a wonderful thing when that happens, when people feel that here something they need for their lives and something they need to be giving themselves to – something which is eternal, something which is important. How grateful we should be that the Christian faith is a gospel of good news and of new beginnings.

Tom Wilbanks

Men's Breakfast



All the men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Sunday, September 24, at 7:30 a.m. President Greg Farr says this will be a father-child breakfast so bring your son or daughter with you. The program will be presented by one of our members, Mark Noble, who is the Public Information and Education Officer for the Mesquite Fire Department. He will show us how to use a fire extinguisher and tell us other helpful things to know. He says, for example, that the Mesquite Fire Department will provide and install a smoke detector for those who cannot do it on their own. They also recommend that each home have a ten pound ABC rated fire extinguisher. There will not be newsletter next week, so remember the breakfast!



Wednesday Church Night begins this Wednesday, September 13. Classes will be held for all ages from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Optional dinner (\$4 per person) will be served at 6:00. (YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER!! – Please pay in advance.) Adult classes offered during the first fall session will be:

Krazy Kinfolk

Dysfunctional Families of the Bible

Taught by Steve Leake

Landscape Painting

Led by Pete Allen

This popular class is limited to 12-15 people.

Scrapbooking Workshop

Hosted by Len McCurdy

Are you trying to find the time to work on your scrapbooks? Bring your supplies and join with other creative folks to enjoy this pleasant hobby.

This Sunday

This Sunday the Chancel Choir will sing at 8:45, and the Youth Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "No News Is Good News" based on John 14:1-7.

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome the following new members who joined our church on September 10.



LYNN BEAL



LOUISE SPRINGER



THOMAS CRAWFORD



CORY and CAROLYN TURNER

College Scholarship

Westminster College is a Presbyterian-related college in a beautiful setting in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and they are offering a four year \$48,000 scholarship (\$12,000 annually). Our church has been allocated one of these scholarships. If you are interested or would like more information, contact the church office at 972-285-5602. The deadline for applications is October 31.

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.

Our Church Family . . .

It was good to see MEL WITTY back at church last Sunday. Mel was in a hospital in Harlingen for several days with a heart problem.

Our sympathy is extended to JERRY JONES whose father died. The funeral was held September 2, in Terrell. We also want to extend our sympathy to VERLYN SMOKER whose grandfather died last month.

The condition of BUD DERRICK continues to be very difficult. He began radiation treatment for the lymphoma that has spread to his brain on September 11, and later will have to undergo chemotherapy again.

RONNY EACRET had a heart attack September 5, and was at Baylor Hospital and is now home. JIM BREWSWER was taken to Doctors Hospital this past Friday, September 8, with a heart problem. He came home this past Monday, September 11, but will have to go to Houston later for heart surgery. LEN McCURDY underwent surgery at Medical City on Tuesday, September 5. She is staying with a friend for a few days while she recovers and then will return home. CHERYL LYDICK is continuing to recover from her injuries and is still at Baylor Specialty Hospital. We were glad to have JANICE ROBINSON back last Sunday following recent surgery. And it was nice to see LAVERNE PAGE back September 3. It was the first time she had been able to be here for awhile because of a physical ailment.

There will not be a church newsletter next week.

Dinner for New Members



A dinner for new members and sponsors (and children) will be held Sunday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. Robert and Sarina Mayfield are co-chairs of the New Member Care committee which will host the dinner.



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 this Wednesday, September 13, if you plan to attend.

Two Events Planned for October !!!

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

You may either sign up on the sheet by the office or contact Cynthia Petty.

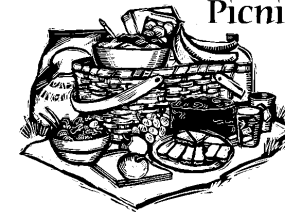
FUN Opportunity – Paint Ball
Saturday, October 21
Details to follow.

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.

Church Picnic October 2

Annual Picnic



Plan to attend our church picnic on Sunday, October 2, at Rorie-Galloway Park in Mesquite. The church will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs. Sign up sheets will be on a table across from the church office later for you to indicate whether you will bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. The activities will begin at 4:00 with the supper at 6:00, and a hymn sing and vesper service will be held at 7:00. A map giving directions to the park will be in the next newsletter.