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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

September 20, 2009

Ushers

8:45

Brenda Evans - Head Usher
Darby Washeck Linda Washeck
Roger Samuels

11:00

Victor Carboni - Head Usher
Teresa Farr Larry Thomas
Bernie DeRoo Josh Marshall

Parking Lot Greeter

Eric Schwartz Denise Bennett

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
Bob D'Amato, friend of the DeRoos
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
Ken McClure
Wanda McDougle, 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
Cole John Stone, friend of the Rumbecks
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



First Presbyterian Church

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Wednesday Night Live!

Begins this Wednesday, September 16, 6:00pm

We invite all to come Wednesday nights this fall 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.

Adults can enjoy a class 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.

Addressing Mesquite

October 10, 2009

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office for you to indicate your interest in participating in this local mission project. Home and yard fix-up jobs will be completed in our community for families unable to do the projects on their own. Your help is needed!

This Sunday

This Sunday Paula Kusewitt and Susan Mathews will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Any Word From the Lord?" based on II Chronicles 18:4-13. Plan to join us after the 11 o'clock service for Lemonade on the Lawn.

"Love So Amazing..." at Sunday Night Alive

Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 5:00pm



If you have not been to a Sunday Night Alive service the best way we can describe it to you is a service of "emerging worship" – combining traditional elements and contemporary elements into a worship service. Come casual as you are on a Sunday afternoon in shorts and flip flops. Experience a variety of more traditional hymns played in more contemporary ways along with more contemporary music played with a variety of different instrumentation. Experience new ways of participating in worship.

The service this Sunday we will take a journey together experiencing, remembering, and worshipping God for the grace shown to us and to others throughout the world – God's "Love so Amazing." Come with open minds and open hearts, open eyes and ears so that God might speak to you and call you to action in the world. At the close of the service enjoy mingling and munching on snacks, but also learn about opportunities to serve and to show God's grace to those in our surrounding area. We'll see you there!

(Our thanks to Brian Neece who designed the Sunday Night Alive logo, above.)

Welcome New Members!



We are happy to welcome John and Jan Sloan who joined our church on Sunday, September 13.

A.C.T. Conference

Saturday, September 26, 2009 meet @ 7:30am at FPC

A.C.T. is a one-of-a-kind opportunity and because of lack of participation in the past will lose its funding after this current conference. There are a large variety of good workshops to choose from.

The Northeast Dallas Cluster of Churches and our church will pay your registration fee, so please pick up a registration form in the CE Office and turn it in to Tim Smith. All going will meet at FPC at 7:30 a.m. and caravan to Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church.

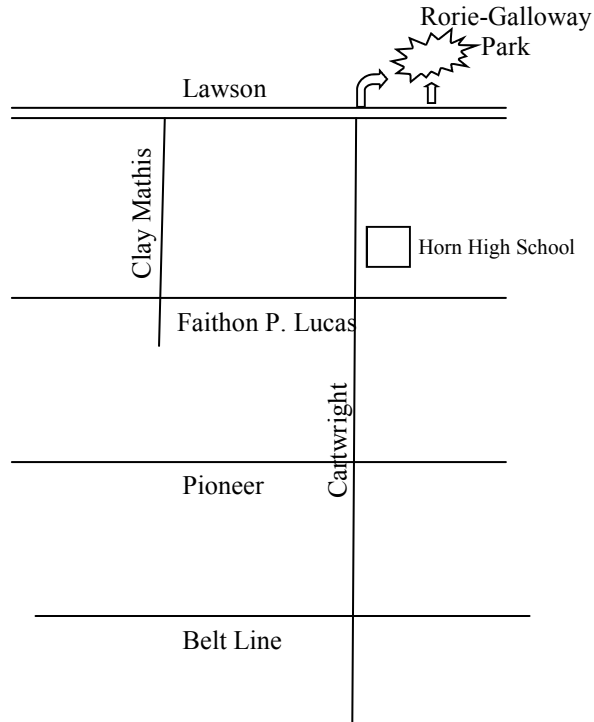
Men's Breakfast

Since there will not be a church newsletter next week, we want to remind the men now of the Men's Breakfast on Sunday, September 27, at 7:30. For the program we will see a DVD about Addressing Mesquite which our church has been highly involved in. Addressing Mesquite assists the elderly and others with house repairs, tree trimming, etc. Join us for breakfast on September 27.



Church Picnic

Plan to attend our church picnic on Sunday, September 27, at Rorie-Galloway Park in Mesquite. The church will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. The activities will begin at 4:30, with the supper at 5:30, and a hymn sing and brief worship service will be held at 6:30. A map is below.



Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to KELLI HARRIS whose mother died. The funeral service was held September 1.

Our church lost a good member in the death of EDNA TILLISON on August 30. Her funeral service was held at our church on September 1. She had been a member of our church for 31 years.

It has been nice to see LYNN BEAL, BILL MAY-FIELD and SARA GRAHAM back at church following recent hospitalizations. And it was good to see JOHNNY GRAHAM back as he recovers from a severe foot injury. SUE BOHMER underwent knee surgery on September 10.

Our wonderful Chancel Choir presented a delightful program of music for their 13th annual summer concert at the Mesquite Arts Center on August 30. We are grateful to have such a good music program at our church and are thankful for the dedicated members of our Chancel Choir. Tapes and CDs of the concert are available from Verlyn Smoker for this program which was entitled "Christmas in August."

Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us for "Lemonade on the Lawn" this Sunday, September 20, after the 11 o'clock worship service. Plan to be with us for lemonade and cookies and enjoy a time of visiting with others in our church family.

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.

Fall FPC Music Rehearsal Schedule

This week marks the kick-off of the full music ministry rehearsal schedule at FPC. Meeting times and age divisions are listed below. All of the groups still have room for more participants so if you did not sign up, but would like to give any one of the groups a try, please contact Verlyn Smoker or the group's director. We look forward to a terrific year of making music together for the glory of God!

Sunday

12:05 - 12:55 Presbyterones (grades 6 - 12) Verlyn Smoker, Director [Bell Room]

Monday

6:45 - 8:00 Jubilate Ringers (Adult Handbell Ringers) Verlyn Smoker, Director [Bell Room]

Wednesday

4:45 - 5:30 Alleluia Chimes (grades 2 - 6) Paula Kusewitt, Director [Bell Room]

5:05 - 5:55 Youth Choir (grades 6 - 12) Verlyn Smoker, Director [Sanctuary]

7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir (H.S. - adult) Verlyn Smoker, Director [Choir Room]

Come Sing With Us!

The Chancel Choir needs you! The requirements for membership are a love for the Lord, and the desire to sing His praises with like-minded people. No audition is necessary and you will be warmly welcomed by all current choir members. Currently our greatest need is for sopranos! If you are praying about how you can use your gifts and talents to minister to the body of Christ here at First Church, and you have musical ability, please see me or contact me at the church 972.285.5602, at my home, or by email Fall rehearsals have just begun and we will soon begin work on our Christmas program so NOW is a great time to take the plunge! Even if you are just considering participation in the choir, I would be delighted to speak with you. The commitment of one night per week is far outweighed by the joy of making music for the glory of God, and for the encouragement of His people—just ask any current choir member!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Verlyn Smoker

Goldenaires

The Goldenaires will meet for study and fellowship at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 24, in the Youth Hall. All are invited to attend this meeting which will feature a DVD lecture by Dr. Bart D. Ehrman on the historical facts about the New Testament. The title of this first lecture in the series is "The Early Christians and Their Literature." Join us for this interesting program, fellowship, and refreshments.