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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

September 30, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Donna Barron - Head Usher
Larry Thomas Penny Palumbo
Ron Smith

11:00

Patrick Garver - Head Usher
Kathy Brown David Gardner
Harriet Jones Chandler Smith

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
Troy & Kelli Connatser, friends of Gayle Rumbeck
Karen Dixon
Richard Edwards, brother of Philip Edwards
Frank Fischer, Susan Mathews' father
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Billy Harp, friend of Ken Johnson
Carla Haynes and son Caleb, friends of Dave Rumbeck
Ralph Jones, father of Julia Walker
Nancy Kelly, friend of Laura Virgil
Lesia Koday, friend of Susan Mathews
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Lydick
Ken McClure
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil
Clara and Raymond McLaughlin, sister & nephew of Wayne Thompson
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
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
Josephine Zemanek, friend of Ken Johnson



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From the Pastor . . .

As some are aware, my wife and I got to make a visit to Paris, France, recently. The trip fulfilled a long held desire to visit the Normandy landing beaches and the American cemetery where there are 9,386 graves of those who died during the invasion. It turned out to be a profoundly moving experience. It was not surprising that people spoke in hushed tones as they walked along the beautiful grounds of the cemetery which is on a bluff overlooking the English Channel. As I read some of the names on the headstones, I thought of how many hopes and dreams died there on those beaches for the men – and for their families. In a visitors' center we saw a film about the war, and I was reminded again of the horrors of war. And now we are involved in another one in a seemingly endless war in Iraq. It must surely be a matter of sadness to God to see man's inhumanity to man.

On August 24, 1572, about 70,000 Protestants were massacred in Paris and the surrounding area in the Saint Bartholomew's Day massacre. I saw the church where the bell rang which was the signal to begin the massacre shortly before dawn. The Protestant church in France has never recovered from that massacre.

On Sunday, September 16, we attended an English speaking service of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) in Paris, and it was a good experience. In 1924, during the Olympic Games held in Paris, the athlete Eric Liddell chose to preach at the Scots Kirk instead of running on a Sunday. Many will recall that the remarkable story of his Christian convictions was the subject of the wonderful movie Chariots of Fire. He later became a Presbyterian missionary to China where he was killed.

At the American cemetery near Omaha beach, there is an inscription that says: "To these we owe the high resolve that the cause for which they died shall

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live." Think about that sentence for a moment. Obviously it has a lot of implications – such as voting in elections and being grateful for the freedoms we enjoy here. We in this country are such a blessed people. While at the cemetery, I had a brief conversation with an American official there. He closed the conversation by saying: "God bless America." Indeed, that would be the prayer of all of us.

Tom Wilbanks

Dinner for New Members

A dinner for new members and sponsors (and children) will be held this Sunday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m. Robert and Sarina Mayfield are co-chairs of the New Member Care Committee which will host the dinner.

Goldenaires Thursday, September 27

The Goldenaires will meet this Thursday, September 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the youth hall. The group will make plans for an October trip to Presbyterian Children's Home in Waxahachie, and will view the DVD "Cradles of Civilization." All are invited to join the group for this first meeting of the fall.

This Sunday

This Sunday Brenda Evans will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "A Gratitude Attitude," based on Psalm 145:1-9.

Presbyterian Women Circles

The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, October 2, at 9:30 with Cora Dugan leading the Bible study. The hostess will be Karen E. Hunt.



The Night Circle will meet that evening in the youth hall at 7:00 with Mary Taylor leading the Bible study.

Come join other women this fall for one of these good opportunities for Bible study and fellowship.

Presbyterian Beliefs Class



The fall series of classes which Dr. Wilbanks leads on basic Christian and Presbyterian beliefs begins a week from this Sunday, on October 7, at 9:45. The class will meet for six Sunday mornings in our "new" building in the fourth room on the right after you enter the building. 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. Come be with us on October 7.

Blood Drive Sunday, October 7



On Sunday, October 7, Carter BloodCare will conduct a blood drive in their bus on our north parking lot from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the church office. Your help is needed!!

Be a part of something great. Give blood. **Often.**

Session Highlights

The September 20 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

Duane Moon gave the report of the Christian Education committee and said that Rally Day was a success. There were 120 people at Wednesday Church night for the first night on September 19. More than 50 people attended the Church Under the Bridge mission trip in Waco.

Margie Pollard, Chair of the Communion Committee said that the next communion is World Communion on October 7, at both services. She is also coordinating communion for shut-ins who request it.

Roger Foltz gave the report of the Mission Committee and said a blood drive will be held October 7. The committee is also beginning work on the Thanksgiving baskets which will be delivered by Sharing Life Community Outreach.

Johnny Graham, Chairman of the Worship Committee, said that Verlyn Smoker reported on the Rene Claussen Choral School he attended on the campus of Concordia University in Morehead, Minnesota this summer. Verlyn also reported that he needed to raise the funding target for the youth ministry tour to the southeastern U.S. to \$14,000. He also said that the new chairs for the chancel should be delivered in October.

Under New Business, the Session called a Congregational Meeting to be held October 28, during the 11:00 o'clock worship service for hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee for new church officers.

Duane Moon was chosen as the Chairman of the Committee on Committees, the committee which gets people to serve on various church committees, and Beth Gonzales will serve as the second Elder on the committee.

Save Tom Thumb Community Bucks for Sharing Life Community Outreach

Sharing Life Community Outreach will be collecting Tom Thumb Community Bucks through October 10. These Community Bucks are worth \$1 each to Sharing Life, and will help fund their Thanksgiving Basket project. A box has been placed on the table under the clock in the hallway where you can place your bucks.

Our Church Family . . .

LOIS DeROO has been at Medical City Hospital where she underwent major back surgery. She was expected to be transferred to a rehab facility on September 24, where she will continue her recovery.

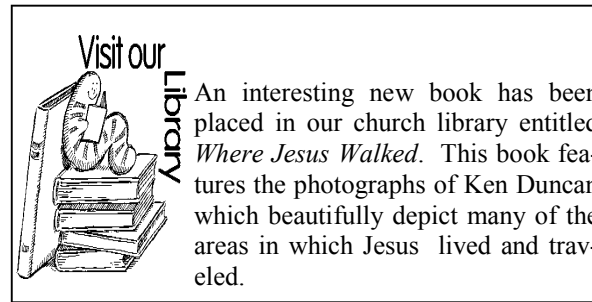
Our best wishes are extended to PATRICK and LORI GARVER on the birth of a baby girl, Reese Olivia, on September 12. The baby was born prematurely and is still at Presbyterian Hospital.

We are glad that MADISON ORR, the daughter of Chris and Renea Orr, is feeling better after being at Children's Medical Center.

EDNA TILLISON has a new apartment number.

Our thanks to a hard working group who came and were a lot of help at the work day last Saturday. Those who came were: Patrick Garver, Daniel Alzarrez, Richard and Barbara Follansbee, Lori Herring, Larry Thomas, Ron Bettis, Ronda Scott, Ray Omdahl, Ben Williams, Roger Samuels, Eric and Derek Schwartz, and Marshall Alford.

Need any dirt? Some dirt was left from work done at the church last week and is piled near the south parking lot. If you need some fill dirt for your yard, please help yourself.



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. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the church office. We need at least 40 volunteers! Please sign up!



**6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 7**

You are invited to a special spaghetti dinner at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, October 7. This family dinner is being planned by the Pathfinders, and will feature good food, energizers and reports on the summer and fall activities that the youth of our church have been involved in.

Don't miss this opportunity to attend a dinner here at church where you don't have to bring food, and the chance to be entertained and informed by our youth!

Attention Pathfinders!!

Don't forget the ACT II Conference, Getting Funky with Grace, THIS SATURDAY in Grapevine.

If you have not told us you are going, you need to DO SO RIGHT AWAY so we can have appropriate transportation. We'll be meeting here about 3:45 to travel to Grapevine and will return between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. There is NO COST for this great event, with keynote by John Williams, Chaplain at Austin College. Bring money for dinner on the way home. Please RSVP NO LATER than Thursday, September 27.

Also, don't forget the LOCK-IN coming up on October 21. (That's a Sunday night, but the 22nd is a day off for MISD students.) We need to have an idea of how many folks will be here in order to finalize plans.

FPC Yellow Pages

Our church yellow pages directory has been completed. You can pick up your copy from the table in the hallway.

Happy Birthday!

10/3 Emily Singleton
10/4 Glynis Durham
Jordan Hartsell
10/6 Lisa Gale
Ben Williams
10/8 Greg Collins
Jessica McBain
10/9 Lauren Dixon
10/10 Frances Smith
10/13 Brooks Wilson
10/14 Lauren Saams
10/15 Hunter White
10/17 Mary McBain
10/18 Shannon Crelia
Joshua Edling
Bill Mathews
10/20 Ronda Scott

10/21 Donna Barron
10/22 Renea Orr
10/23 Kay Allen
Jim Collins
Charlie Hammer
Ronnie Lott
Darby Washeck
10/24 Sheila Hammer
Alberto Villafana
10/25 Cassie Lydick
Laci Singleton
10/27 Pat Brewster
Frances Derrick
Cort Farmer
John Scholl
10/31 Lindsey Mitchell

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)