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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**1028 S BELT LINE RD**  
**MESQUITE TX 75149**

**Return Service Requested**

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**October 1, 2006**

**USHERS**

**8:45**

Mary McBain - Head Usher  
Don Black Jerry McBain Jerry Jones

**11:00**

Andy Cummings - Head Usher  
Joel Sexton Teresa Farr  
Matthew Taylor Lauren Smith

**PARKING LOT GREETER**

Jennifer Gardner Patrick Garver

**Please remember in prayer . . . .**

Johnny Adams, brother of Ron Adams  
Gary and Nancy Black  
Edward Buechele, cousin of Kathy Uzzle  
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt  
Linda Collins, friend of Dave & Gayle Rumbeck  
Charla Corder, friend of Shannon Crelia  
Bud Derrick  
Karen Dixon  
Frank Fischer, Susan Mathews' father  
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  
Lesia Koday, friend of Susan Mathews  
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



# First Presbyterian Church

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***From the Pastor . . .***

For 70 years Presbyterians have been participating in World Communion Sunday. It has always been a special day for me – and it should be special to all of us. There are few things that so stir the imagination as the picture of Christians around the world gathering at the Lord's Table on the same day.

This Sunday is also the beginning of the class I lead each fall on basic Christian and Presbyterian beliefs. The class begins at 9:45 in our new building and will meet for six Sunday mornings. Increasingly, some who have been in the church for a number of years who want a "refresher" have been in the class. I am always glad to have those in the class along with visitors and new members. In the first class this Sunday we will visit the sanctuary where I will share some interesting things about the architecture of our beautiful sanctuary and discuss the symbolism in the stained glass windows.

I was grateful to be part of a significant event last Sunday when Harrison Lee Cummings, the son of Andy and Kathy Cummings was baptized. I have known Kathy since she was a little girl, and her parents, Jimmy and Gini Gray, have been long time, faithful members. Kathy reminded me that I had baptized her as a baby, that I baptized her husband, Andy, as an adult, and I baptized their other son, Harper, when he was a baby. So, as Kathy said, I have baptized that whole family! I am sometimes dismayed at how lightly some parents take the promises they make when their child is baptized since sometimes we don't see much of them afterward. But what a wonderful thing it is when parents take their baptismal vows seriously and commit themselves to teaching the Christian faith to their children, to praying with them as well as for them, and bringing them up in the Christian faith and in the church. Indeed, as we say in the baptismal service, each child is a beloved child of God!

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There are two sacraments in the Presbyterian Church – baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism has always marked the entrance into the Christian life. And the Lord's Supper, communion, helps to sustain the Christian life. I look forward to joining you at the Lord's Table on this special Sunday of the church year.

*Tom Wilbanks*

## Chancel Choir Myths

It's not too late to join the Chancel Choir as we begin preparing for the upcoming "holy day" seasons. Don't let false assumptions keep you from putting your musical gifts to work for the benefit of God's people! Here are some common myths about choir membership debunked before your very eyes!



1. "I don't have time." Rehearsals are only 90 minutes long. That's a couple sitcoms, or one good PBS documentary each week, and you're going to be in church on Sunday anyway, right?

2. "I'm not a good enough singer." If everyone who thought that way quit the choir we wouldn't have one. Choral singing doesn't require a soloist's talent – if you can carry a tune, you're in!

3. "I'm too busy." Yes, singing in the choir does require a commitment, but it's a joyful commitment with a delightful group of people where the benefits, like contributing to the good of the church and the enrichment of worship, far outweigh the responsibility.

4. "I hear the director is a real slave driver." While that may be true, all those rumors of him taking an electric cattle prod to rehearsal are mostly unfounded and somewhat exaggerated.

Won't you consider joining the choir this fall?

*Verlyn Smoker,*  
Director of Music Ministries

## Session Highlights

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

Pete Allen gave the report of the Christian Education Committee for Chairman Phil Johnson who was out of town. He said that Wednesday Church Night had gotten off to a good start. The committee approved a revision to our Child Protection policy which prohibits the use of tobacco products by all volunteers when serving with our children and youth in any capacity, and this was approved by the Session. Cynthia also held mandatory youth sponsor training on two separate occasions. Twenty people attended and will be approved to accompany our children and youth on overnights. She led teacher training for teachers of children and youth on Sunday, August 20.

Roger Foltz gave the report of the Mission Committee and said we have 30 people signed up to help with the Addressing Mesquite Day on October 14, and that our next blood drive will be October 15.

Duane Moon gave the report of the Worship Committee. They are gathering information on some perhaps needed renovation of our pipe organ. The Session approved Dr. Hank Hunt leading our worship services on October 15, when Dr. Wilbanks will be on vacation.

Dr. Wilbanks said that in regard to the new pictorial directory approved at the last meeting, he had asked Marilyn Saams if she would be in charge and she had agreed unless someone else wants to be in charge. We will try to get started after the first of the year.

Duane Moon and Pete Allen brought a suggestion that a committee be formed to observe the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Wilbanks as pastor of the church in July of next year. In addition to Duane and Pete, Ferne Porter and Paula Kusewitt will also serve on the committee.

The Session called a Congregational Meeting to be held during the 11:00 o'clock worship service on October 29, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee for new church officers and having the election.

Roger Foltz said he had spoken with Charlene Orr, Director of Historic Mesquite, concerning a historical marker for our church's 125 years, and it would cost \$1,200. There is the possibility that some memorial gift money could be used for this as well as some other possible contributions.

Pete Allen gave a further update on things taking place in our national Presbyterian church as a result of actions at the General Assembly meeting in June.

## Church Picnic



Annual Picnic Plan to attend our church picnic this Sunday, October 1, at Rorie-Galloway Park in Mesquite. The church will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs. Sign up sheets are on a table across from the church office for you to indicate whether you will bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. The activities will begin at 5:00, with the supper at 6:00, and a hymn sing and vesper service will be held at 7:00. A map is below.



## Our Church Family . . .

A delightful dinner was held for new members and sponsors last Sunday evening. Our thanks to ROBERT and SARINA MAYFIELD, co-chairs of the New Member Care Committee and to the other members of the committee DON and MELANIE BLACK, DARBY and LINDA WASHECK, KEN and JUDY JOHNSON, and JERRY and CASSIE PATTERSON for their work in helping it to be such a superb, enjoyable evening.

During our worship service on September 10, MADISON GRACE ORR, the daughter of Chris and Renea Orr was baptized. And on September 24, HARRISON LEE CUMMINGS, son of Andy and Kathy Cummings, was baptized.

Our sympathy is extended to RICHARD MAULDIN whose mother died. The funeral was held September 16.

It has been good to see JOYCE MURDOCK back at church following her recent hospitalization, and it was nice to see LEN McCURDY back this past Sunday following her surgery. BUD DERRICK completed radiation for his brain cancer at Medical City Hospital last Friday, September 22, and was able to come home. Unfortunately, his vision has grown worse. He will be home for awhile before he begins chemotherapy. CHERYL LYDICK will have to undergo surgery again on Monday, October 2. BILL MATHEWS has been having some medical problems and was to undergo a lung biopsy on Monday, September 25. We will want to continue to remember JERRY EVANS in our prayers. He will complete his radiation soon.

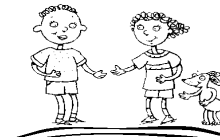
DANA WHITE has moved.

There will not be a church newsletter next week.

## Presbyterian Beliefs Class

The fall series of classes which Dr. Wilbanks leads on basic Christian and Presbyterian beliefs begins this Sunday, October 1, 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 join us this Sunday!

## Hand to Hand



We're announcing our HAND TO HAND PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY Nights!!

Our offering each week will go to the nutrition program run by Norte Presbytery in Guatemala and supported by our congregation through the East Dallas Cluster. This valuable program dispenses vitamins and good, healthy food to children while teaching parents important information concerning healthy nutrition and hygiene.

Help us – help others – we can do it, hand to hand!

## Presbyterian Women Circles



The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, October 3, at 9:30 a.m. Marilyn Saams will serve as hostess, and the Bible study will be led by Cora Dugan.

The Night Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall with Beverlee Witty leading the Bible study.

Please call the church office by noon, Monday, October 2, if you need child care for either of these Circle meetings.



*Blood Drive*

Carter BloodCare will be having a blood drive Sunday, October 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in their bloodmobile on our north parking lot. Sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board near the church office. Give the gift of life!

# Happy Birthday!

10/3	Emily Singleton	10/20	Ronda Scott
10/4	Glynis Durham	10/21	Donna Barron
	Jordan Hartsell	10/22	Renea Orr
10/6	Lisa Gale	10/23	Kay Allen
	Ben Williams		Jim Collins
10/8	Greg Collins		Charlie Hammer
	Jessica Greer		Ronnie Lott
10/9	Chelsea Bryant		Darby Washeck
	Lauren Dixon	10/24	Sheila Hammer
10/10	Frances Smith		Alberto Villafana
10/13	Brooks Wilson	10/25	Cassie Lydick
10/14	Lauren Saams		Laci Singleton
10/15	Hunter White	10/27	Pat Brewster
10/17	Mary McBain		Frances Derrick
10/18	Shannon Crelia		Cort Farmer
	Joshua Edling		John Scholl
		10/31	Lindsey Mitchell

## Wednesday Church Night Schedule

6:00 - 6:25	Dinner
6:30 - 7:30	Classes for everyone

## Wednesday Choir Schedule

4:45 - 5:15	Alleluia Chimes (grades 3 - 6) Bell Room
5:00 - 6:00	Youth Choir (grades 7- 12) Sanctuary
5:15 - 6:00	Cherub Choir (age 5 - grade 2) Genesis Classroom
5:15 - 6:00	Alleluia Choir (grades 3-6) Choir Room
6:30 - 7:00	Hope Choir (ages 3 - 4) Enquiry Classroom
7:30 - 9:00	Chancel Choir (grades 9 - adult) Choir Room

## Attention 20 Somethings

We have planned a FUN, FABULOUS, evening of FRIVOLITY and FOOD just for you!!

**Saturday, October 21**  
Pocket Sandwich Theater  
Presents

### Dracula – A Melodrama

A popcorn throwing, comedy spoof as only Pocket Sandwich Theater can do.

Tickets are \$16 each and dinner is Available for \$5 - \$10.

Please RSVP to Cynthia by October 8.  
You are welcome to bring guests, but we have limited reservations so let me know ASAP.

Seating begins at 6:30.  
Dinner is served from 6:30 - 7:30.  
Curtain is at 8:00 p.m.

## Let's Get Connected!

We are going to regenerate interest in a project that was started a while ago . . . The FPC Yellow Pages.

Collection boxes and information sheets are on the table under the clock in the hallway. Feel free to take a sheet, fill it out, and place it back in the collection box. We'll leave these out for a few weeks to collect all information possible, compile it all, then return it to you in an easy to read, easy to use format.

We encourage you to list any and all businesses, skills, interests, and anything else someone else might find of value. (Anything from A/C repair, computer programming/technical assistance, plumbing, babysitting, cake decorating, cosmetic consultant, crochet teacher . . . .) This is a chance for the church community as a whole to get to know each other through talents and skills and maybe make a profit while doing so.

## JAMMERS are WALKING



Our JAMmers (3-6th grade) are taking the lead in CROP WALK this year. Crop Walk is an annual event sponsored by Church World Service, a multi-denominational organization dedicated to providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in 80 countries around the world. On October 22, people will be walking to raise funds for and call attention to issues of hunger. Donations are given to those who are walking and may be designated toward a number of organizations including Heifer International. Representatives of the Mission Committee and JAMmers will be available in the hallway on Sunday, October 8 and 15, for those who would like to sponsor someone to WALK. Drop by the table on either Sunday to sponsor someone, or see a JAMmer (they'll be the ones wearing their WALKING

### Goldenaires Meeting

**10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 28**

The Goldenaires will meet in the youth hall this Thursday morning to view the video *The Gospel of John* produced by the American Bible Society. Join us for this first meeting of the fall and enjoy the video and fellowship! Light refreshments will be provided.



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

## This Sunday

This Sunday is one of the great days of the church year – World Communion Sunday, a day when we join hands with other Christians around the world around the Lord's Table. The New Covenant Octet will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Remember This!" based on John 4:1-7.



## Two Events Planned for October

### Service Opportunity Addressing Mesquite

**Saturday, October 14**  
**From 7:30 a.m. until noon**

Join others in our city to spruce up all sorts of homes for people who need a little help. Projects will include carpentry, landscaping, etc. Service hours will be awarded and this will be good experience for Mission Trip 2007! You may either sign up on the sheet by the church office or contact Cynthia.

### Fun Opportunity Paint Ball

**Saturday, October 11**  
Details to follow