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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**October 4, 2009**

**Ushers**

**8:45**

Darby Washeck - Head Usher  
Victor Carboni Bart Mathis  
Gail Thompson

**11:00**

Linda Fricke - Head Usher  
Lenny Pollard Dana White  
Lori Boling Emily Ramsey

**Parking Lot Greeter**

Liz Ramsey Larry Thomas

**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  
Lois DeRoo  
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  
Judy 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

**Mesquite, Texas**

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## *From the Pastor . . .*

Last Sunday dawned as a beautiful day. As I walked over to the church for the Men's Breakfast, I thought about the beauty of the morning. And then when I went into the sanctuary, the sun was shining right on the Chancel window creating vibrant colors. One of the features of fall is the golden light of autumn. The earth has tilted on its axis and the sun is at a different angle. When that happens, the sun starts to shine in through the stained glass windows on the south side of our sanctuary, casting beautiful colors on the bricks and pews. And as many of you have heard me say, when I see that effect, I always think of the hymn we sang last Sunday that says: "O how blessed is this places, filled with solace, light, and grace!" How that describes our beautiful sanctuary!

Another thing that takes place in the fall is World Communion Sunday which we will observe this Sunday. In my mind, it is one of the most meaningful Sundays of the year. 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. Some churches and denominations do not participate in World Communion, but I am glad that for over 70 years Presbyterians have. In fact, this observance started in the Presbyterian Church.

This Sunday is also the beginning of the class I lead each fall on basic Christian and Presbyterian beliefs. Increasingly, some who have been in the church for a number of years who want a "refresher" have been in the class, and I am always glad to have those in the class along with visitors and new members.

I look forward to joining you at the Lord's Table on this special Sunday of the church year as we celebrate World Communion.

*Tom Wilbanks*

## **Presbyterian Beliefs Class**



The fall series of classes which Dr. Wilbanks leads on basic Christian and Presbyterian beliefs begins this Sunday, October 4, at 9:45, and will meet for six Sunday mornings in our "new" building in the fourth door on the right after you enter the building. 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.

## **This Sunday**



# WORLD COMMUNION 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. Join us at the Lord's Table this Sunday!

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**Return Service Requested**

## New Member Dinner



A lovely dinner was held for our new members Sunday evening, September 13. Pictured above are Bruce and Anne Buswell and Joy and Roger Samuels. Our thanks to Richard and Barbara Follansbee, Co-Chairs of the Committee, and to the others who helped provide this nice dinner: Robert and Sarina Mayfield, Tom and Merrily Ellis, Bernie and Lois DeRoo, and Ellen Mallum. A closing devotional was given by Eric Schwartz.

## Circle Meetings



The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, October 6, at 9:30. Marianne Twomey will serve as hostess for refreshments, and Cora Dugan will lead the Bible study.

The Night Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 p.m. in the youth hall.

## College Scholarship

A four-year \$64,000 scholarship is being offered by Presbyterian related Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania starting in the 2010-2011 academic year. Further information is available in the church office. The deadline for making an application is November 15.

## Church Picnic

A large crowd attended our annual church picnic last Sunday afternoon. There was an abundance of good food – and a lot of good visiting among members of our church family. As in past years, the evening ended with a hymn sing and brief worship service.

## Our Church Family . . .

Congratulations to LEN McCURDY who was presented with a life membership award by our Presbyterian Women's group on September 20. This national award recognizes a woman who has rendered faithful service to Presbyterian women and the church. The award, which was a surprise to Len, was presented by Gini Gray, Moderator of Presbyterian Women.

Our thanks to the Discipleship Sunday School class for providing Lemonade on the Lawn following the 11:00 o'clock service on September 20.

JUDY JOHNSON will undergo surgery at Baylor Hospital this Friday, October 2.

Our sympathy is extended to DIANNA GREER whose father, Ernie Tolle, died. The funeral was held in Galt, Missouri. Those wishing to give memorials are invited send gifts to Galt Fire and Rescue, City of Galt Missouri, 102 S. Main Street, Galt, MO 64641.

JERRY and MARY MCBAIN have moved.

ANDY LEAKE has also moved.

## Session Highlights

The September 16 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

The report of the church treasurer, Pete Allen, indicated that we did not make the church budget for August with the average weekly offering being \$823 below the needed amount.

Diane Beal, Chair of the Worship Committee, said that Verlyn Smoker is making plans for a youth choir trip to Washington, D.C. June 16-21, 2010. Verlyn also requested approval to work toward the purchase of a new, larger piano for the sanctuary. The existing piano would be used in the choir room for rehearsals. The first Sunday Night Live service was evaluated and deemed successful. The committee asked for and received approval for the purchase of a portable sound system to be used at these services which are held in the fellowship hall.

Howard Saucier, Chairman of the Mission Committee, said the committee is making plans for Addressing Mesquite to be held October 10.

Marilyn Saams was elected as Chair of the Committee on Committees, which helps get people to serve on various church committees, and Eric Schwartz was elected as the second elder who will serve on the committee.

## 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!

# *Happy Birthdays!*

10/3 Emily Singleton  
 10/4 Jordan Hartsell  
 10/6 Ben Williams  
 10/8 Greg Collins  
 Jessica McBain  
 Autumn Powell (Futrell)  
 10/9 Lauren Dixon  
 10/13 Brooks Wilson  
 10/14 Lauren Saams  
 10/15 Hunter White  
 10/17 David Hodgson  
 Mary McBain  
 10/18 Shannon Crelia  
 Joshua Edling  
 Bill Mathews

10/20 Ronda Scott  
 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

## **Wednesday Night Schedule**

4:45 p.m. Alleluia Chimes  
 5:05 p.m. Youth Choir  
 6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner  
 6:30-6:45 p.m. Worship & Song  
 6:45-7:25 p.m. Classes for all ages  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir