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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

October 22, 2006

USHERS

8:45

Larry Thomas - Head Usher
Donna Barron Jerry Williams Daniel Alvarez

11:00

Don Black - Head Usher
Les Olson Linda Washeck
Cheryl Mason Katy Uzzle

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Breck Bennett Billy Mark Gillispie

Please remember in prayer

Johnny Adams, brother of Ron Adams
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
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
Don Sheppard, brother of Jim Sheppard
Velia Sheppard and baby "Dallas", mother of Neill Sheppard
Gary Shields, brother of Ray Shields
Art Sikes, brother of Marilyn Saams
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



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From the Pastor . . .

As most are aware, our church celebrated its 125th anniversary this past March. The organizing pastor of our church on March 27, 1881, was Rev. George Blewett, who was also the organizing pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Richardson. The religion section of the *Dallas Morning News* on September 30, had an interesting item which said that the Richardson church was celebrating its 136th anniversary on October 1, with a visit to the Blewett Cemetery at Arapaho Road and Alma to see the grave of George Blewett. Until I read that, I never even knew there was a Blewett cemetery.

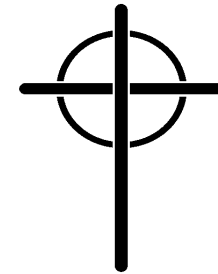
George Blewett was a wonderful man. He would ride horseback across the prairie from his home in Richardson to Mesquite, spend the night here and then lead the worship service the next day and then ride back to Richardson. You can read more about this remarkable man and his life in the book which was published for our church's 100th anniversary. Copies are available in the church library or for purchase for \$10. We continue to be grateful for dedicated pastors and members who have gone before us and for those who continue to be faithful today as a part of this good church.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday we will observe Children's Sabbath. The Cherub Choir will sing at 8:45, and Alleluia Choir, Hope Choir, and Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Several children will participate in leading the worship service, and Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Overflowing Grace" based on Romans 12:9-21.

Congregational Meeting



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held during the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, October 29, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect new church officers for the coming year.

Twenty-three names were suggested to the committee for the six places available as Deacons, and the committee nominated Teresa Farr, Linda Fricke, Sheila Hammer, Paula Nelms, Matthew Taylor, and Clark Windle.

Twenty-two names were suggested for Elder, and the committee nominated Deborah Edling, Steve Leake, Mary McBain, Bob Robinson, Marilyn Saams, and George Venner.

Nine names were suggested for Trustee, and the committee nominated David Bays.

Chancel Choir Concert Recordings Are Ready

If you ordered a recording of the Chancel Choir's summer concert "Spirituals and Such," please come to the choir room to pick it up. If you did not order a copy, but would like to have one, contact Verlyn Smoker. The price is \$10 for a CD, and \$8 for a cassette tape.

Session Highlights

The October 5 meeting of the Session began with sharing prayer concerns.

The report of the church treasurer, Pete Allen, indicated that because of the faithful giving of our people, we made the budget for September, as we have each month so far this year.

Ron Smith, Chairman of the Church Budget and Stewardship Committee, presented the proposed 2007 church budget, and this was approved by the Session. Ron also presented the audit report for 2006 which indicated that the audit committee felt that the published financial reports adequately and accurately represent the church's financial position.

The Christian Education Committee reported that Children's Sabbath will be observed at both services on October 22. The JAMmers (3rd through 6th graders) will take the lead in the CROP Walk on October 22. Members who want to make a contribution may do so at church October 8 and 15. Cynthia will hold a meeting soon of interested youth and parents regarding the Mission Trip next year to the Gulf Coast.

Roger Foltz reported for the Mission Committee and said that a large number of people from our church, including eleven youth, will be helping with the Addressing Mesquite day on October 14. A blood drive will be held October 15, and the committee is also getting organized to provide Thanksgiving baskets for Sharing Life Community Outreach.

The Worship Committee chaired by Duane Moon recommended that we have one worship service at 11:00 on the morning of Sunday, December 24, and this was approved by the Session. There will be two Christmas Eve services that evening at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. As in past years, there will be one worship service on the Sunday after Christmas, December 31, when we will ordain and install new church officers.

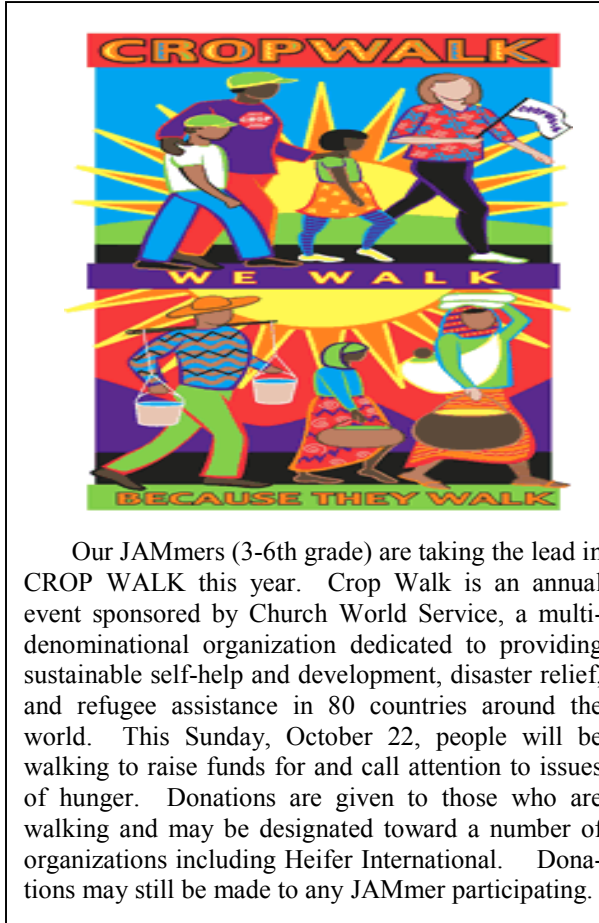
Margie Pollard volunteered to be our Elder Commissioner at the meeting of Grace Presbytery at North Park Presbyterian in Dallas on November 10.

John Kusewitt was chosen as the Chairman of the Committee on Committees, and Kirk Dixon will serve as the second Elder on the Committee.

The Session spent a considerable amount of time discussing a concern brought to the Session about teen driving policies. Issues involving lack of parental consent for teens to ride with each other and our church's

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liability were discussed. This was finally referred to the Christian Education Committee for them to report back with recommendations to the November Session meeting.



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. This Sunday, 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. Donations may still be made to any JAMmer participating.

Our Church Family . . .

CAROL STEPHENSON underwent knee replacement surgery at Medical City on October 2. And CHERYL LYDICK underwent surgery at Baylor Hospital on the same day. It was good to see Cheryl back at church last Sunday. JIM BREWSTER was scheduled for surgery in Houston on October 17.

Our church lost a faithful member last Sunday, October 15, in the death of JERRY EVANS. His memorial service is to be held here at our church at 10:00 a.m. this Wednesday.

A long-time member of our church, KATHLEEN BLAKELEY also died Sunday, October 15. Plans are still pending for her memorial service.

We are grateful for the lives of these two members of our church and want to express our sympathy and prayers to their families and friends.

We also want to extend our sympathy of KAREN HUNT and family on the death of her father, J.C. Hudson on October 12.

A nice church picnic was held on October 1. Our thanks to CHARLES SCHANDELMEIER who grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs and to the Fellowship Committee co-chaired by JERRY and HARRIET JONES, and to the others who helped with the supper, DAVE RUMBECK, BRENDA EVANS, LES and DEL OLSON, TONY and KATHY BROWN, and PATRICK GARVER. There was an abundance of good food and good fellowship. As in past years, the evening concluded with a hymn sing and vesper service as a beautiful sunset glowed in the west and a half-moon was rising in the east.

News from the Haningers



We recently received the following email communication from Mike and Nancy Haninger, medical missionaries in D.R. Congo. The Haningers have been in the U.S. for over a year where Mike has been undergoing extensive treatment for cancer, and they have been eager to return to Congo.

Dear Friends,

I saw my oncologist after a scan and blood work and am in remission with good blood work and immunity levels. My oncologist has released me to return to work in Congo. Our likely departure date will be the end of December as events surrounding the elections and the upcoming elections for president at the end of October have created a security problem. Foreigners are advised not to be in Congo during November. My next scan will be December 15th so we will plan to leave after Christmas.

We have appreciated your prayers and ask continued prayer. We are excited about being able to return to our friends in Congo and continue in God's mission demonstrating our love to Him and to our neighbors in all of the world.

*Our love,
Mike and Nancy Haninger*

If you would like to read more about the Haningers, this is a link to their latest newsletter:
http://pcusa.org/missionconnections/letters/haninger/haninger_0610.htm

Men's Breakfast

The men's breakfast this month will be on the LAST Sunday of the month, October 29, at 7:30 a.m. instead of the fourth Sunday. President Greg Farr has arranged for our new state representative, Thomas Latham, to be our speaker. Plans will also be discussed for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner to be held November 19.

We go off Daylight Savings Time on October 29, and we all get an extra hour of sleep. So come be with us for a good breakfast, an interesting program, and good fellowship with other men of the church.

Goldenaires Meeting

10:30 a.m., Thursday, October 26

The Goldenaires will meet in the youth hall Thursday morning, October 26, to view the second installment of the video *The Gospel of John*. The first part of the video was the focus of our meeting last month, and it was very well received by our group. Plan to be here for the continuation of this interesting presentation, and an opportunity for fellowship. If you have not attended a Goldenaires meeting in the past, please join us and be a part of this friendly group.