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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

October 28, 2007

Ushers

8:45

Sheila Hammer - Head Usher

Don Black

11:00

Clark Windle - Head Usher

Andy Cummings David Gardner

Shannon Crelia Dylan Birdsong

Parking Lot Greeters

Jerry Dressler Leslie Noble

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

Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort

Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni

Amy Reynolds, friend of Robbie Lee

Syble Roberts, sister-in-law of Grace Roberts

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

Josephine Zemanek, friend of Ken Johnson



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From the Pastor . . .

This week's church newsletter includes a copy of the proposed church budget for next year. At first glance, a church budget is just figures on a piece of paper. But it is really far more than that. It is people, programs, and mission – and good things happening in people's lives. This year's stewardship theme based on Acts 4:32 puts it well: "One Heart, One Mind – Many Opportunities, Many Acts, Many People."

The Church Night Supper in November always features a speaker from one of the agencies we are supporting through our mission giving – agencies such as Presbyterian Children's Services or Sharing Life Community Outreach or Mesquite Social Services. The speaker for this year on Sunday, November 4, at 6:00 will be Sid Rice, Executive Director of Literacy & Evangelism International. We have had a long relationship of over 30 years with this organization which is based in Tulsa. Using the Bible, they teach people to read both here in the United States and in many foreign countries. I hope you will plan to be here to hear about their good work which we are helping support.

I want to express my deep appreciation for the faithful giving of so many of our people. Many good things are happening in the church and in people's lives. But we have a challenge before us to help good things continue to happen for the cause of Christ in our community and beyond. We each can be a part of these good things through our financial pledge.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday we will observe Reformation Sunday. The Chancel Choir, accompanied by a brass quartet, will provide music for both services. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Life Changing Words" based on Psalm 19:14

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held during the 11:00 o'clock worship service this Sunday, October 28, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect new church officers for the coming year.

Twenty-one names were suggested to the committee for the six places available as Deacons, and the committee nominated Brenda Evans, Paula Kusewitt, Jerry Patterson, Gayle Rumbeck, Zack Saucier, and Darby Washeck.

Seventeen names were suggested for Elder, and the committee nominated Susan Farmer, Patrick Garver, Phil Johnson, Ron Smith, Larry Thomas, and Beverlee Witty.

Seven names were suggested for Trustee, and the committee nominated Martha Whitehurst.

Parents of 3rd Graders

Please join us for a special luncheon and class for 3rd graders and their parents this Sunday, October 28, at 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This luncheon and class is part of our Intentional Education Program, sponsored by the Christian Education Committee and endorsed by the Session. Third graders should bring their Bibles. Childcare will be provided if requested by October 24. Please RSVP to Cynthia Petty at 972-285-5602 by Wednesday, October 24.

Session Highlights

The October 10 meeting of the Session began with the sharing of prayer concerns.

Pete Allen, the church treasurer, reported that the average weekly offering for September was slightly below what is needed to make the church budget but that for the we were still meeting the budget.

Donna Barron, Chair of the Church Budget and Stewardship Committee, presented the proposed church budget as approved by the Board of Deacons. The budget of \$509,155 was approved.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee reported that 50 teens and adults were part of the Church Under the Bridge mission project in September. Wednesday Church Night has gotten off to a good start. Duane also said that our DCE, Cynthia Petty, has been asked to be part of a team of six to eight people from Grace Presbytery to write a new curriculum for senior highs for our national church.

Margie Pollard, Chair of the Communion Committee, said the World Communion Services on October 7 went well and communion was taken to shut-ins that afternoon who requested it.

Roger Foltz, Chairman of the Mission Committee, said that 23 people participated in the blood drive and that 43 of our members had signed up to help with Addressing Mesquite Day. The committee is working on the Thanksgiving basket project for Sharing Life Community Outreach.

Johnny Graham, Chairman of the Worship Committee, reported that the new chairs for the Chancel are here. He also said that Verlyn Smoker spoke of the \$14,000 needed for the youth music ministry tour in June. The Session voted to receive an offering at the Christmas Eve services to help with this. Verlyn also told about plans for special music on Reformation Sunday on October 28.

Circle Meetings

The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, November 6, at 9:30. Cora Dugan will lead the Bible study and Nickie Wilbanks will serve as hostess.

The Night Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 with Len McCurdy serving as Bible study leader.



Summer Youth Music Ministry Tour - 2008



Every other summer the youth musicians of our church embark on a week long tour bringing the message of God's grace—through music—to churches, nursing homes, senior centers, and other places outside their regular circle of experience. This summer we are planning on heading to the southeast United States to places such as Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and South Carolina. This month we are kicking off our fund raising efforts by giving you an opportunity to partner with us as we prepare for our trip. Following the services this Sunday, and for the next few weeks, you may stop by the table across from the church office and purchase one or more shares of stock in the youth music ministry tour. Proceeds from your share purchases will go directly to the general tour fund, but family members may contribute to an individual account. I am greatly encouraged by the progress of the young musicians this fall, and am also grateful for your encouragement support of our trip. In years past you have given generously and am confident you will do so again—thank you!

Verlyn Smoker

Do you buy groceries?

If you shop at either Tom Thumb or Kroger you can link your purchases to our church and we will receive a small percentage of your purchase totals to benefit our Wednesday Church Night program. Kroger cards are located in a box on the table under the clock in the hallway, and you will need to present the card each time you make a purchase. At Tom Thumb, you will need to link our number - 8752 - to your reward card in order for the church to receive the benefit, but once you link the number to your reward card, your purchases will be linked to our account each time you make a purchase. We receive quarterly checks from each of these grocery chains.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to MARY GIBBONS in the death of her husband, Charles, on October 19. Charles was also the father of Kathy Gillispie and David Gibbons of our church.

We were sorry to hear that EVELYN COOMER broke her wrist badly in a recent fall. We were also sorry to hear that LYNNZ OVERBAY, the grandson of Bob and Roxanne Martin was seriously injured in a car wreck in Virginia. DAVID BAYS was in the hospital October 13-15 and is now back at Golden Acres. DOUG FORT is scheduled for surgery this Thursday, October 25, at Baylor Garland, and we will want to keep him in our prayers.

Do we have your birthday? If not, we would like to include it in the list of birthdays carried monthly in the newsletter. Don't be bashful. Call the church office at 972-285-5602 and let us know your birthday so that we can include it with others in our church family.



Wednesday Church Night classes for the 2nd fall session will begin on November 7. We will have sign-ups for the new classes following both worship services on November 4. There are classes for all ages beginning at 6:30 with optional dinner at 6:00.

Dinner costs \$4 per week, payable in advance -- \$24 per person for 6 the week session. **Reservations are required and payment in advance is required to hold your spot.** Please remember that food is being purchased each week based on the number of reservations that we have. If you are not here, food will be purchased and the meal will still be prepared on your behalf. Assistance is available if needed.

Men's Breakfast



All the men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this Sunday, October 28, at 7:30 a.m. New officers will be elected for next year, and plans will be made for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Our president, Daniel Alvarez, will preside for the meeting.

Mark Your Calendar

Plan to attend the Church Night Supper on Sunday, November 4, at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be Sid Rice, Executive Director of Literacy & Evangelism International. This mission agency teaches people to read using the Bible both here in the United States and throughout the world. We have long supported their good work through our mission giving. You will find this program to be interesting and informative. The Children's Choir will also sing as part of the program. For the supper, please bring a meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert dish. Childcare will be provided for preschool children.



Goldenaires Trip to Presbyterian Children's Home

The Goldenaires will meet on the south parking lot this Thursday, October 25, to caravan to the Presbyterian Children's Home in Waxahachie for a guided tour of the facility. The group will then enjoy lunch together on the way back home following the tour. Please plan to join us for this interesting field trip, and a great opportunity for fellowship.

Attention: Parents of Kindergarten Students

Please join us for a special class for parents of kindergarten students this Sunday, October 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the Godly Play classroom. This class is part of our Intentional Education Program designed by the Christian Education Committee and endorsed by the Session. This session focuses on worship readiness and touches briefly on the sacraments.

Please RSVP to Cynthia Petty (972-285-5602) by Wednesday, October 24.

Defibrillator Training this Saturday, October 27

There are a few openings left for defibrillator training this Saturday. Call the church office at 972-285-5602 if you would like to participate, and don't already have a reservation. There will be 2 training sessions, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, and from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday!

11/2	Linda Hebert	11/16	Sharon McClure
	Mel Witty	11/17	Mary Gibbons
11/5	David Beal	11/18	Mike Orr
	Diane Marshall	11/19	Gail Thompson
11/6	Don Black	11/21	Deborah Edling
11/7	Amanda Aynes		Hope Sheppard-Mahaffey
	Keight Bettis		Jack Murdock
	Jessica Hartsell		Ann Smith
	Darin Hobson	11/24	Kathy Gale
	Roger Samuels		Pat Hebert
	Laura Virgil	11/25	Megan Smith
11/9	Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey	11/27	Mary Bailey
11/14	B. J. Mauldin	11/28	James Weckman

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)