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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

November 5, 2006

USHERS

8:45

Charles Schandelmeier - Head Usher
Jerry Dressler Jerry McBain Roger Samuels
11:00

Leslie Hornsby - Head Usher
Earlayne Martin Bart Mathis
Denise Bennett Chandler Smith

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Larry Thomas Donna Barron

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
Pam Lee, mother of Lauren Martin
Cheryl Lydick
Karen McCardell, friend of Laura Virgil
Ken McClure
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
Linda and John Young, cousins of Jimmy Gray



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From the Pastor . . .

This week's 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.

On the past several Sundays, several of our members have spoken during our worship services about some of the good things that happen through our giving – in our music program, through mission carried out by our church, and a new member who spoke about what the church has meant to her and to her family. This Sunday the speaker will focus on our Christian Education program. The stewardship theme this year is "Walk in His Ways," based on Deuteronomy 30:16. There can be no doubt that one way we do "walk in His ways" is by being faithful stewards.

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 this community and beyond. We each can be part of these good things through our financial pledge as we seek to "walk in His ways."

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday the Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "When Losing Your Luggage is a Good Thing" based on I Timothy 6:17-21. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the 8:45 service.

Church Night Supper



Plan to attend the Church Night Supper this Sunday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be Jami Russell, Executive Director of Mesquite Social Services, whose work we have supported for many years through our mission giving. The Cherub Choir and Alleluia 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.



*Thanksgiving
Dinner*

Tickets will be on sale after both services this Sunday for the 82nd annual Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by our Men's Council to be held Sunday, November 19, at 6:00. The speaker this year will be *Dallas Morning News* columnist Steve Blow.

The tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 12 and under, with no household paying more than \$18.00. Please note that tickets will NOT be sold the night of the dinner. Childcare will be provided for preschool children.

Pathfinders Garage Sale Saturday, November 11



Save those odd items. PATHFINDERS will be having a garage sale on Saturday, November 11. Proceeds will be used for the youth mission trip next summer. Items should be priced, and may be dropped off in the north wing of the church any time between now and next Thursday, November 9.

Grace Presbytery's Annual Youth Celebration

Grace Presbytery's annual Youth Celebration will be held November 19. We will have pizza here before leaving to attend the service at 3:00 in Grapevine. We will return in time for the Men's Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:00. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Cynthia by November 15.

**Pathfinders Annual
Progressive Dinner
will be December 9.
Stay tuned for details.**

Clothing Collection for MISD Clothes Closet

Pathfinders are collecting clothing for the MISD Clothes Closet. Clothing should be in good shape and meet the requirements of the MISD standard dress (for junior and senior high students), or nice school clothing for elementary age students. Please leave your donations in the box in the hallway near the office.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium July 17-22, 2007

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is an international gathering where youth and their adult advisors experience first-hand the worldwide church. This event, held every three years at Purdue University, is a delegated event and students must be recommended by the Session of their congregation.

Eligible senior high students who will be between the ages of 15-19 by July, 2007, who are actively involved in the life of the congregation, and who meet qualifications in leadership and conduct, and who faithfully live out their Christian faith may be considered as delegates.

If you are interested, see Cynthia for an application. **Deadline for all applications to be turned in is NOVEMBER 15.**

You are cordially invited to attend the annual

One Nation Under God Prayer Luncheon Sponsored by The Exchange Club of Mesquite

*Friday, November 10, 2006
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

*At Mesquite Church of Christ
400 W. Davis, Mesquite 75149*

*Dr. Jimmy Pritchard
Pastor of First Baptist Church Forney
will speak about his mission group's
experience in Lebanon as deadly fighting
erupted between Israel and Hezbollah militia.*

*Homemade chicken and spaghetti
and desserts will be served.*

*Please RSVP by Monday, November 7, to
Karen E. Hunt*

Our Church Family . . .

It has been good to see CAROL STEPHENSON back at church following knee replacement surgery, to see DR. CHRISTINE WALKER back after a recent hospitalization, and to see CHERYL LYDICK back after being in the hospital for her injuries.

Our sympathy is extended to ROD GRAHAM whose father died October 19.

We are glad that JIM BREWSTER was able to return to Mesquite last Friday, October 27, after undergoing a twelve hour surgery on October 18, at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. CLIFFORD MOON was in the hospital earlier this month and is now home.

A nice article about CHARLES SCHANDELMEIER was in the *Dallas Business Journal* recently. The article had to do with Charles moving his airplane repair company from Addison to Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney. A copy of the article is on the bulletin board by the church office.

We were glad that thirty-eight of our members helped in the Addressing Mesquite Day on October 14. This program, sponsored by the City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Ministers' Association, assists the elderly and disabled with home repairs. Several of our members were included in newspaper pictures of the event.

Some of our people will remember MARGARET SNYDER who served as our Director of Christian Education in the late 1980's. We learned recently that Margaret will be marrying Larry Hayward this Saturday in Dubuque, Iowa, where Margaret is on the staff of a Presbyterian Church. A copy of the wedding invitation is on the bulletin board near the church office. Her address is 5207 Broadlawn Dr., SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Margaret will be leading our annual women's retreat next March.

At their meeting on October 29, our Men's Council elected new officers. DANIEL ALVAREZ will be the new president. PATRICK GARVER was elected Vice-President, and ROGER SAMUELS will continue to serve as Treasurer.

Wanted: Christmas Tree

Do you have a Christmas tree in good condition that you could donate for the youth to decorate and use in their fellowship area? If so, call Ronda Scott at 972-270-9037.

Presbyterian Women Circles



The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m. Kay Allen will serve as hostess for the refreshments, and Cora Dugan will lead the Bible study.

The Evening Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 in the youth hall with Jan Hull leading the Bible study.

2007 Women's Retreat

The 2007 women's Retreat is scheduled for March 23-25 (Friday to Sunday) at Brookhaven Christian Retreat in Hawkins, Texas. Even with an extra night, the cost of the retreat is the same as last year - \$100. Margaret Snyder will be leading the event. Registration has been held for the last two Sundays, and will continue this Sunday after the 8:45 service and before the 11:00 service. Additionally, 3 mirrors made during last year's retreat are being raffled. With a paid deposit of \$20 you receive 1 raffle ticket, and you will receive 3 raffle tickets if you pay in full (\$100). If you can't attend or wish to contribute to the retreat, a raffle ticket may be purchased for a \$1 donation.

Hand to Hand



Hand to Hand is a ministry of our Wednesday Church Night children. The offerings they bring each week will be designated for the nutrition program operated by Norte Presbytery in Guatemala, and sponsored by the East Dallas Cluster. Through this program, children are fed nutritionally sound meals along with vitamins throughout the week while parents are taught about nutrition and hygiene. Once a particular area is doing well on the program, the counselors move to another group to do the same. Please encourage our children in their participation - we can make a difference - **Hand to Hand**.

Happy Birthday!

11/2	Linda Hebert	11/14	B.J. Mauldin
	Angela Sather	11/16	Sharon McClure
	Mel Witty	11/18	Mike Orr
11/5	David Beal	11/19	Gail Thompson
	Diane Marshall	11/21	Deborah Edling
11/6	Don Black		Jack Murdock
11/7	Keight Bettis		Hope Sheppard-Mahaffey
	Amanda Greer		Ann Smith
	Jessica Hartsell	11/24	Kathy Gale
	Darin Hobson		Pat Hebert
	Roger Samuels	11/25	Megan Smith
	Laura Virgil	11/26	Sean Bryant
11/9	Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey	11/27	Mary Bailey
		11/18	James Weckman

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