

Erin Presbyterian Church News May 2003



We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3

Dear Friends,

The fun thing about our faith is that we get to share it with everyone. Someone, much wiser than me, once quipped, "The only way to grow faith is to keep giving it away." We all like our personal, private and sincere times with God when we experience His Presence and power, His strength and security. But we don't live for those individual moments. We are called to be a faith-sharing, testifying and witnessing people because the goodness that we have found in God, the forgiveness we have experienced through Jesus and the joy that we have been given by the Holy Spirit are to be shared with everyone.

Just think about it for a minute. Where did your faith come from? Was it something that you made up for yourself? Was it something that just came naturally to you? Was it something that appeared out of the blue? No, of course not. Your faith and my faith began when someone we loved, someone we admired, someone we knew shared part of their faith with us, starting a new way of life for each of us. It may have occurred when we were children, through the saying of grace at table or bedtime prayers at night. It may have come to us as teenagers, at a special camp or a festive time of year; it may even have

happened to us during a church service, when all of a sudden, the words of a prayer, a hymn, a scripture or a sermon became real to us and our hearts were claimed by Jesus.

There's a lot of people in our lives that we dearly love. Family, friends, school chums, working colleagues, business partners. We love them because they bring peace, happiness and love into our lives. They are wonderful people, but do they know the Lord?

The fun thing about our faith is that we get to share it with everyone - even and especially with those whom we love dearly. Wouldn't it be wonderful to experience eternity with them and God? Wouldn't it be marvelous if we could enjoy their friendship, their company, their love forever? Well, we can. All we have to do is to give away our faith to them; all we have to do is share the Gospel and bring them to church.

May God bless you in your endeavors to win your loved one to Christ.

John

**God's plan of salvation and
His promise is the
foundation of Christianity.**

Read about it on page 7.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 4

WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY
Psalm 4:1-8 and 1 John 3:1-7
“Children of God”

May 11

MOTHER’S DAY
Psalm 23:1-6 and 1 John 3:1-7
“Love One Another”

May 18

HERITAGE CELEBRATION SERVICE
Psalm 22:25-31 and 1 John 4:7-21

May 25

MEMORIAL SUNDAY
Psalm 98:1-9 and 1 John 5:1-6
“God Overcomes the World”

ERIN GARAGE SALE UPDATE

YOU ARE AWESOME!

We made \$3,600+ on the garage sale!!! Although we didn’t come close to our goal of \$10,000, we certainly gave it our all. Thank you to all who donated items and helped organize. We now have around \$5,000 raised for the playground in only six months. We are doing great! We’ll be having picnics before we know it.

Pam Pfeifer

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

YOU ARE AMAZING!

This year, we collected approximately \$900 for the One Great Hour of Sharing and \$50 from the Fish banks. Way to go Erin Church!

Hugh Jaynes

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Newsletters and more are now available for reading and printing from Erin Church’s web site!

VOLUNTEERS LIST

Please check the list below each month and mark your calendar for the week(s) when you are responsible for the following activities:

Greeters

- May 4 Tina Webb and Jessica Webb
- May 11 Maud Hoover and Agnes Kirby
- May 18 Hugh and Eleanor Jaynes
- May 25 Catherine Landstreet and Evelyn Lowry

Ushers

- May 4 Hugh Jaynes, Agnes Kirby, Catherine Landstreet, Evelyn Lowry
- May 11 Dave Leckie, Tracy Long, Rob Matthews, Larry McKay
- May 18 Bob McLean, Mike Pierce, Barry Robinson, Nicole Webb
- May 25 Charles and Mary Scarbrough, Beth Snodgrass, Charles Snodgrass

Nursery Volunteer

- May 4 Kari Matthews
- May 11 Kim Pennington
- May 18 Buster Quinn
- May 25 Jane Cowen

Guide and Scripture Reader

- May 4 Lynn and Pat Sexton
- May 11 Charles Snodgrass and Beth Snodgrass
- May 18 Sara Leckie and Ron Roberts
- May 25 Hugh Jaynes and Kim Jaynes

Enrichment

- May 4 Alice Carroll
- May 11 Anna McKay
- May 18 Mary Scarbrough
- May 25 Lionel Sands or Tina Webb

Counters

- May 4 Mike Pierce and Tom Quinley
- May 11 Morgan Fitch and Pam Pfeifer
- May 18 Laura Dean and Gary Blackburn
- May 25 Patty Britton and Ann Snodgrass

PRAYER REMINDERS



And the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise Him up. Pray for one another that you may be healed.
James 5:15-16

Please remember these members of Erin's family in your prayers during the coming month:

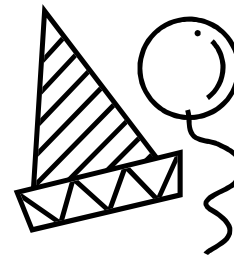
- Arbor Terrace** Helen Staples
- Canada** Chantal and Brandy LaMarsh
Ron McKay, Jessie Hansen
(Larry and Anna McKay's family)
- Cincinnati, Ohio** Imogene Foster
(Juanita Sloan's sister)
- Ft. Pierce, FL** Edith Stellaci
(Regina Bishop's mother)
- Greenville, TN** Gay Hawk – *Serious Condition*
(Marion Sanks' neice)
- Greenwood, SC** Cornelia Erskine
(437 East Cambridge St; 29464)
- Kansas** Bob Ellis
(Helen Staples' nephew)
- Lenoir City** A. B. Henry
(Tracy Foster's father)
- Michigan** Flora Hudson,
(Mae Brandon-Pershing's sister)
- New York** Chris Skinner
(Tracy Foster's friend)
- Osceola, WI** Virginia Dick
(LaVonne Knight's sister)
- Scotland** Barbara Smith
(Evelyn Stuart's mother)
- Shannondale Nursing Home** Carolyn Cuany, Room 208;
Leila Rimmer, Room 215
(Agnes Kirby's mother)
- Shannondale Retirement** Irene Cooper, Room 322;
Mary Lester
(Linda Patterson's friend)
- St. Jude's** Walker Hecht (4-years-old)
- Young Life, Oregon** Matt and Caroline Cate
Hottman
- Our missionaries** Rev. & Mrs. Andres Garcia
(Cost Rica)
Rev. & Mrs. Dan Turk
(Georgia)

At Home

- Jeannette van Aalst
- Christie Blanchard
- Mae Brandon-Pershing
- J. D. and Margaret Casteel
- Dollina Campbell (Cathy Satterfield's friend)
- Michelle Cross (Debbie Vowell's friend)
- Gladys Fisher
- Kim Grooms
- Connie Hawkins
- Ruth Henderson
- Pat Houbler
- Ann Johns
- Jo Ludwig
- Elizabeth Martinson
- J. E. Pershing
- Ethan Shannon
- Kent Shore (Darrell Hickman's friend)
- Bonnie Sise
- Pat Swain
- Pearl Swallows
- Michael Williams (Bill Williams' son)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|---------------------|--------|
| Britani Massengill | May 2 |
| Joan Miller | May 2 |
| Stephie Vaughn | May 5 |
| Kelcey Levering | May 6 |
| LaVonne Knight | May 7 |
| Sharon Carter | May 9 |
| Lily Fitch | May 10 |
| Gene Carman | May 11 |
| Caroline Cate | May 11 |
| Ruth White | May 12 |
| Ann Snodgrass | May 13 |
| Norman Johnson | May 14 |
| Samuel Clapp | May 15 |
| Peggy Vanaman | May 15 |
| Hal Nichols | May 17 |
| Joanne Clelland | May 19 |
| Katherine Snodgrass | May 21 |
| Peggy Brice-Means | May 23 |
| Zach Cowen | May 27 |
| Tom Ayres | May 31 |



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HERITAGE ITEMS AVAILABLE

MAY 11, 2003

As part of the Heritage Weekend Celebration on May 17 & 18, we will have a Commemorative Brass Bookmark. The cost is \$5. There are only a limited number available so please be sure to order yours now. It is a great gift idea. Everyone needs one for their Bible! For more information, please contact Harriet Ayers, 966-9822.

In addition, the last 25 years of Erin Church has been written and will be available on Sunday, May 11. The cost will be approximately \$5, but may vary \$1 due to printing costs. For more information or *to reserve your copy*, please contact the church office, 558-5350.

THE ERIN CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

The Erin Choir seeks singers to bolster our ranks. No experience is necessary. No audition is required. You won't be forced to sing a solo! If you can read music, that's great. If you cannot, we'll help you learn your part with ease. All we ask is for your commitment to rehearse each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and to perform in the Sunday worship service on a regular basis.



We need both male and female voices, ages 14-104. Please join us! For more information, please contact Joe Jaynes, 675-1278.

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Please join us for the last regular meeting until September.

May 6 - Circle II will meet in the Church Parlor at 10:00 a.m. Pat Sexton, Circle leader.

May 12- Circle IV will meet at the home of Lionel Sands at 7:00 p.m.

HERITAGE PICNIC DINNER

5:30 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.

On Saturday, May 17, the Heritage Committee will prepare a good old fashioned picnic supper. This supper will be made extra special by the desserts that are served. We are asking for ten (10) volunteers to each make one delicious dessert. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Harriet Ayers, 966-9822. In addition, several volunteers are needed for serving and clean up. *Everyone is welcome to attend this dinner.* A signup form will be available in next bulletin (May 4 & 11).

Do you know someone who is a visitor or member that does not receive the newsletter? Contact Millisa, 588-5350, at the church.

SUB-TEAM NEEDED

The skills and interests involved in managing financial resources are quite different from those required to manage human resources. For this reason, those of us drawn to do one of those areas are often not drawn to do the other. Recognizing this, we are trying to establish a sub-team to Finance and Stewardship that addresses the Personnel needs of Erin, instead of trying to do all of that work on one Team.

The initial step towards this end is to identify those individuals here at Erin who would like to be part of such a sub-team. This team will be responsible for:

- Developing and updating Staff Job Descriptions
- Developing and updating Lay Job Descriptions
- Developing Performance Evaluations for Staff positions
- Implementing Performance Evaluations
- Serving as a resource for Staff needs

If you have an interest in being involved in the work of this team, please contact John House in person, by phone (home) 694-9474; (work) 567-5648, or by e-mail: jchphd@mindspring.com.

Senior Ministry News

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

The Erin Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a group trip to the Smokies Baseball game on Friday, June 27, at 7:15 p.m. The Smokies will play Greenville, SC (Atlanta Braves former team). We will have group rates behind the home plate. Tickets cost \$8.00 per person. This is also fireworks night, so mark your calendar now! More information will follow.

“CATS”

On Thursday, July 10, we will take a trip to see Andrew Lloyd Weber’s “CATS” at the Cumberland Playhouse and we will also visit the Outlet Mall. The cost is \$47.00, which includes transportation, lunch, play and snacks. Make your reservations now by giving your name and a \$10 deposit (refundable) to Sharon Carter. Senior Adults who are not members of Erin are welcome; so *please feel free to invite your friends*. Please make your reservation early so that you will be assured a spot on this trip! For more information or to register, please contact Sharon, 588-5350, at the church.

UPCOMING SENIOR SACK LUNCH EVENTS

- May 15:** “Pie Bird” - Come along and see what this one is about!
- June 19:** “Picnic”
- July 17:** “Sonshine Singers”— Children of Erin will sing, led by Cynthia House

DID YOU KNOW?

We are sad to lose one of our Senior Adult members, Cornelia Erskine, who moved to Greenwood, SC at the end of March. Cornelia is enjoying being close to her son, Tim, and participating in the life of his church, where she attended his installation on April 6. She would love to hear from you; her new address is National Healthcare Center, 437 East Cambridge Street; Greenwood, SC 29464. If you are in the area, please stop in and say hello! Let us all keep Cornelia in our prayers as she begins this new phase in her life. **We will miss you, Cornelia!**

That through the Mobile Meals’ Adopt-A-Senior program, you can provide Mobile Meals to a home-bound senior for one month for \$58.50? This is a wonderful community service that not only ensures that these seniors will receive nutritious meals regularly, but also that they have human contact through the person who delivers it to them. If you—or your Sunday School class, fellowship group, or family—are interested in “Adopt-A-Senior”, please contact the Senior Nutrition Program at 524-2786.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING

The second of the special annual offerings of the church is the **Pentecost Offering**. It will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. The proceeds of this offering are divided, 40% for our congregation and 60% our General Assembly. We spend our portion for ministry that helps youth at risk in our community. The General Assembly’s 60% is used, 50% for ministries with youth and young adults and 10 % for ministry with children at risk. Between now and Pentecost Sunday, the Mission and Evangelism team will provide to you information that will help you connect with the ministries that this special offering supports.

Our moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel remarked recently, “As I reflect on the condition of our children and youth in the U. S. and around the world, I am convinced that our financial investment in the Pentecost Offering is needed more than ever before. My prayer is that God will use you by the Spirit to bless God’s children through this offering.”



- Eleanor Jaynes

TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

To point others to Jesus, one should have knowledge about who Jesus is and what is His purpose.

If you chose to start with the Gospel of John, it can help you if you have a Study Bible because of the informative footnotes, and study your Bible it will help you on your continuing journey of faith.

Also, an excellent commentary to help you is *The Daily Bible Series* by the Scottish Bible Scholar, William Barclay. You can purchase the series by a set or by an individual book. Most libraries have this series.

Let us look at who Jesus is and His purpose by considering this question: "We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins." How would you explain this to someone who knew nothing about Christianity?

We know about Jesus Christ through the Holy Scriptures – The Old and New Testament called the Holy Bible.

Jesus Christ is our Savior. We know that He is the Son of the Living God, and He is in heaven with His Father where He is our Intercessor and Mediator with God. Also, Jesus is here on earth in each believing Christian in the form of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit expresses Himself in each Christian by that person showing evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians).

The Holy Bible, the window to Jesus Christ, was written by human beings who were inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is part of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Door to the Father.

Sent by His Father, Jesus Christ lived on earth for thirty-three years with His mission of bringing sinners to His Father so that their broken relationship could be repaired. The break came (and still does today) because people sin by breaking the Laws of God. But our Father being a God of love, sent His Son to bear our sins on the Cross thus if people accept Jesus as their Savior, God will declare them justified and righteous.

The life and times of Jesus Christ are recorded in the Four Gospels of the New Testament.

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:11

With Christ's Resurrection and His Mission complete, Jesus returned to His Heavenly Father.

But Jesus' promise of salvation to believers was far from complete. The story of Jesus and His promise had to be told. This was carried out around the world by Jesus' disciples and other believers such as Paul of Tarsus and countless millions after Jesus returned to His Father.

Jesus Christ's message was one of love. God loved His creation but the people broke His laws. To heal the break, God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to build a bridge from the people of God.

For three years, Jesus traveled around the land preaching, healing, and telling people what they must do to regain justification and righteousness, but evil action arose in some people.

Maybe they were jealous of Jesus or maybe Jesus' preaching struck to close to home and that some evil ones did not want to give up their misguided ways. So they plotted and had Jesus arrested and crucified on the hated cross. The evil ones thought, "Well, that is that." But they did not realize that Jesus Christ was part of God's plan to "rebuild the bridge" but Jesus realized all that was going to happen to him.

Three days after Jesus was buried, God showed His Power by bringing His Son to life.

After Jesus death and burial, His disciples and other followers were afraid and discouraged and some hid from the authorities. But when Jesus appeared to them several times after His resurrection, they saw and knew that Jesus had conquered death and what He had told them for three years was the TRUTH.

From that time on, you could not stop them from telling about Jesus and God's plan of salvation. And that fire of salvation has been burning ever since in the heart's of Christians around the world. God's plan of salvation and His promise is the foundation of Christianity.

What is the plan? If a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, asks for forgiveness of his/her sins, is remorseful, and truly repents by shedding the "old life" and putting on the "new life" which is evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) you are declared by God justified and restored to righteousness and you will join God, Jesus Christ and all the believers in heaven when your earthly mission is finished. Claude D. Houbler, April 2003

Edited by Judy Clapp

**THE THIRD ANNUAL
YOUTH SILENT AUCTION
MAY 3-4, 2003**

This event will enable our youth to attend an Annual Church Conference at Montreat College, North Carolina. This year, sixteen youth and two leaders plan to attend.



Your support to Erin's Youth will be greatly appreciated, and we hope that you will attend the **Silent Auction and Car Wash** on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Our youth will offer their help to clean houses, garages, yard work, etc. Church members will also have the opportunity to offer their time and talents for various activities, as well as providing craft articles, home baking and other goods for sale at the auction.

If you would like to contribute your talent or an article for the auction, please contact Becca Berry at home, 524-5244, or on her cellular telephone, 659-2697.

The Erin Presbyterian Church News is published monthly. Comments and submissions are welcome. Please submit articles by **Thursday, May 22**, for inclusion in the next month's issue. Place submissions in the Newsletter mailbox in the Church Office or send articles via e-mail to "MMoore1640@aol.com". Send Calendar events to "admin@erinpresbyterian.org".

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