

Erin Presbyterian Church News July 2003



*"From this day I will bless you."
Haggai 2:19*

Dear Friends,

There's a new phenomena affecting churches all over this wonderful land. It's what I would call 9-11ism. On that tragic and still unbelievable day, almost two years ago, all of our worlds came crashing down and nothing would ever be the same. It was a terrifying moment in all of our lives and one which changed us forever.

Throughout 2002, we all tried to get back to basics. People returned to church and everyone wanted to give more of their time, talents and treasures. It was as if we all experienced a reality check and realized what was wrong with our society. In the midst of tragedy, we banded together as a people, to rise above despair and forge ahead, like pioneers of old, to create a new society, a new hope, a new world.

But in 2003, we all began to settle back into our old ways, our old habits, our old understanding. 9-11 had come around again and our spontaneous charitable reaction was over and done with. Churches all over the country, as well as non-profit organizations and businesses are all going through budget crunches because the estimated incomes are just not flowing in.

Our wee church is not immune to this. Throughout this year, our income has fallen roughly 11% from where we were last year. Some people have fallen behind with their pledges; others are experiencing financial hardships; still others are going through spiritual crises where faith has become confused, chaotic and unclear.

So, what can we do about this? Ride it out

until we get back to normal? Revive our commitment to the church? Renew our faith in God? We could probably answer 'yes' to all three things, but perhaps a better way is to start trusting Jesus to guide us and help us accomplish great things through His power, to His glory and in His Name.

Christ requires all of us to be disciples. For those of us who are hale and hearty, that means coming to church on Sundays and worshipping God. For those of us who are weak and heavy laden with burdens, that means constantly praying for the church and asking for God's blessings to be bestowed on it. And for those of us who have the resources, it means truly giving to God those things that are God's, which includes our pledges and fulfilling those promises we made last year. It may be financially better for us to wait until the end of the year to complete our pledges, but a faithful way to support God's work is to regularly, that is weekly, monthly or quarterly, fulfill our pledge commitment. After all, if God was to wait until the end of the year to provide us with blessings of guidance, health, support and care, we would all be in terrible mess 364 days in the year!

You know each month we give ten percent of our income to missions that need our support. We used to do this quarterly and even annually, but we decided to change it to monthly because missions need our help all of the time.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that all of us should think carefully and seriously about our commitment to the church and to God. If you need help or guidance or just want to talk about this, then call me and I'll set up a visit with you.

May God bless you and all whom you love.

John

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 6

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday
Independence Weekend
Rev. Sharon Carter

July 13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 38:1-6 & Luke 4:21-30
“Messing With Their Minds”
Supplement Hymn Book Sunday

July 20

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Minute for Mission
Psalm 50:16-21 & Luke 4:31-37
“Dealing With the Opposition”

July 27

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 42:1-7 & Luke 4:38-44
“He Did What?!”

JULY COMMUNION SERVERS

Gary Blackburn
Jane Cowen
Richard Dougherty
Morgan Fitch
Barry Robinson
Mike Pierce

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

July 6 Lionel Sands and Nicole Webb
July 13 Charles and Mary Scarbrough
July 20 Beth, Charles and Ann Snodgrass
July 27 Ron Roberts and Jane Yancey

Ushers

July 6 Catherine Landstreet, Tracy Long
Evelyn Lowry, Charles Scarbrough
July 13 Rob Matthews, Larry McKay
Bob McLean, Mike Pierce
July 20 Barry Robinson, Nicole Webb
Charles and Mary Scarbrough
July 27 Charles and Ann Snodgrass
Two Ushers Needed

Nursery Volunteers

July 6 Kristi Bailes
July 13 Amanda Baucom
July 20 Pam Pfeifer
July 27 Christy Blanchard

Guide and Scripture Readers

July 6 Bob McLean and Marjorie McLean
July 13 John Baucom and Becca Berry
July 20 Regina and Randy Bishop
July 27 John and Evelyn Stuart

Enrichment

July 6 Lionel Sands or Tina Webb
July 13 Tracy Long
July 20 Pam Pfeifer
July 27 Karen Price

Counters

July 6 Randy Bishop and Tom Quinley
July 13 Barry Robinson and Morgan Fitch
July 20 Mike Pierce and Gary Blackburn
July 27 Marjorie McLean and Ann Snodgrass

Two July Volunteers are needed to usher on Sunday, July 27. If you are willing to serve on this date, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, in the church office.

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

Echo Ridge Retirement: Dorothy Farnham;
8458 Gleason Road; APT 102

Ft. Pierce, FL: Edith Stellacci,
mother of Regina Bishop

Greeneville, TN: Gay Hawk,
niece of Marion Sanks (Serious Condition)

Greenwood, South Carolina: Cornelia Erskine;
437 East Cambridge St; 29464

Kansas: Bob Ellis, *nephew of Helen Staples*

Michigan: Flora Hudson, Chuck Hudson
sister and nephew of Mae Brandon-Pershing

New York: Chris Skinner, *friend of Tracy Foster*

Osceola, Wisconsin: Virginia Dick,
sister of LaVonne Knight

Scotland: Barbara Smith, *mother of Evelyn Stuart;*
Dollina Campbell, *friend of Cathy Satterfield*

Shannondale Health Care Center - 801 Vanosdale Road: Irene Cooper, Room 236; Carolyn Cuany, Room 208; Lelia Rimmer, Room 215; Mary Lester, *friend of Linda Patterson*

St. Jude's: Walker Hecht (4-years-old)

At Home:

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| Jeanette van Aalst | Christy Blanchard |
| Mae Brandon-Pershing | Margaret Casteel |
| Michelle Cross (<i>friend of Debbie Vowell</i>) | |
| Gladys Fisher | Connie Hawkins |
| Ruth Henderson | Pat Houbler |
| Ann Johns | Jo Ludwig |
| Elizabeth Martinson | JE Pershing |
| Henry Thomas Ritchie | Ethan Shannon |
| Bonnie Sise | Pat Swain |
| Pearl Swallows | |
| Michael Williams (<i>son of Bill Williams</i>) | |

WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Darrell and Suzanne Hickman on the death of their dear friend, Kent Shore, who died on Monday, June 23, in Farragut.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Patty Britton | July 1 |
| Shawn Bailes | July 5 |
| Harrison Boyd | July 5 |
| Mike Sharp | July 5 |
| Jessica Peck | July 6 |
| Ron DuBois | July 10 |
| Chlor Levering | July 10 |
| Pat Sexton | July 11 |
| Marion Sanks | July 13 |
| David Frierson | July 14 |
| Ernie Clapp | July 18 |
| Max Massengill | July 19 |
| Rodney Knight | July 20 |
| Lynsey Stuart | July 22 |
| Ron Roberts | July 24 |
| Robert McLean | July 29 |
| Anne Wallin | July 29 |
| Katie Bailes | July 30 |
| Dave Leckie | July 30 |
| Mary Scarbrough | July 30 |
| Becca Berry | July 31 |

PARENTING CLASS

After recently talking to John Stuart, it seemed like there might be some interest in my once more teaching the parenting class I taught several years ago. If there is enough interest, I would be willing to do that.

The class is both philosophical and practical, and is based on my clinical experience over the years in my work with parents, children, and families. The class would meet for nine weeks, probably on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, though if we met through the summer, we could use Wednesday evenings also, since choir is out for the summer.

If you are interested in the class, please let me know, either in person, by phone (694-9474) or by e-mail (jchphd@mindspring.com).

John House

WWW.ERINPRESBYTERIAN.ORG

Great things are happening!

Have you looked at Erin Church's web page lately? Much information is available there. At:

☞ www.ErinPresbyterian.org/youth you can find more recent pictures from Montreat. This was a wonderful opportunity for our youth. A big thank you goes to Becca Berry for her outstanding leadership.



☞ www.ErinPresbyterian.org/calendar you can Subscribe Today! By subscribing to this list, you will receive the church's calendar/activities each Monday for the current and upcoming week. **Who should subscribe to this list?** Elders, committee chairs or anyone who schedules activities on the church calendar or **anyone that wishes to receive the calendar information** to know what activities are available each week. *This unique tool will keep you informed.* Corrections/additions need to be made by Tuesday of each week (the day after e-mail is sent).

☞ www.ErinPresbyterian.org is the home page for Erin Church. You can find informational links such as who are the current session members, information about your church staff, denominational links, newsletters, and much more.

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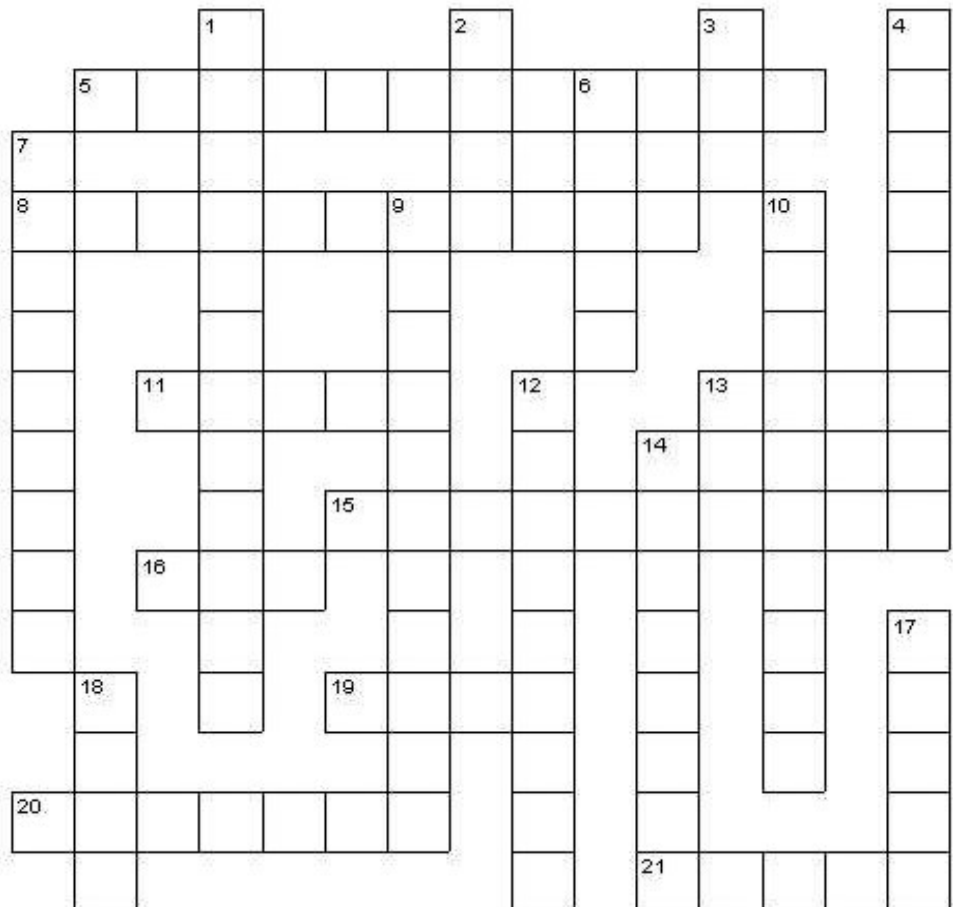
- 5. area
- 8. exceptionally
- 11. home
- 13. deceased
- 15. distraught
- 16. the crowd needed to do this
- 19. dread
- 20. nation
- 21. capture

DOWN

- 1. number of men who ate the loaves
- 2. baptizer
- 3. boy child
- 4. flabbergasted
- 6. where Jesus went to pray
- 7. confused
- 9. at once
- 10. comprehend
- 12. power
- 14. Philip's wife
- 17. unsettle
- 18. develop

JUST FOR FUN

Answers are on page 8



WITNESSING FOR CHRIST AND THE HELPER

As Christians living and witnessing for Christ in a troubled world, we sometimes feel that we are alone in trying to solve daily problems. However, there is one source that we can go to who will remind us that we are not alone. That source is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit!! Are those two words familiar to you? What do they mean to you? Have you heard those words in church or read about the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures and wondered about the functions of the Holy Spirit?

Sometimes if you read John especially in the 14th and 16th chapters, you might think that the Holy Spirit grew out of the activities of the New Testament, but He was active in the Old Testament where He was the guiding source of the prophets. Each prophet had a message from God, mainly, a warning to the Jewish people who were breaking God's laws thus harming their relationship with their Father.

We have our modern day prophets who by their sermons remind us of our failure to maintain a right relationship with our Father. And when we do so, the Holy Spirit is grieved.

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30, NIV) More about redemption later on.

Since we have a great need for a right relationship with God, let us look closer to the role of the Holy Spirit by answering some questions. Who is the Holy Spirit? According to the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Matthew 28:19 and 2 Corinthians 13:14, the Three are spoken of as One: “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:18b-19, NIV)

And, “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (Corinthians 13:14, NIV)

Since we have a great need for a right relationship with God, let us look closer to the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. To do so, we will use the Who, What, When, Where, Why and How

approach to the Subject of the Holy Spirit. But how about we turn those words around and answer When, Why, Where and How.

When did the Holy Spirit appear in the Christian era? The Four Gospels report on Jesus Christ partaking of the Passover with his disciples in Jerusalem 2000 years ago. Jesus told his followers that he was going away, but that he would not leave them as orphans. “I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.” (John 14:18, NIV)

Jesus made His “Big Promise” at this time. He said, “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of Truth.” (John 14:16-17a, NIV) Notice that Jesus said, “Another Counselor.” Jesus was their Counselor because a counselor advises, and Jesus had been advising his disciples about who He was, His relationship to the Father, and how they and others should live in relationship to the Father. Jesus' remark about going away must have caused His disciples dismay and to protest His departure because Jesus said, “But I tell you the truth. It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you.” (John 16:7, NIV) And the Promise was fulfilled. After the Resurrection, Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for His Father to send the Promised one, the Holy Spirit.

“Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised which you have heard me speak about.” (Acts 1:4, NIV) And the promise was fulfilled as recorded in the second Chapter of Acts.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:1-4a, NIV) The disciples' filling of the Holy Spirit was their “Helper” in carrying out Christ's Great Commission because Jesus told them:

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26, NIV)

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And in the years ahead, the disciples' faith was strengthened by the activities of the Holy Spirit in their lives as they carried out the Great Commission. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and by faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ, they withstood opposition, persecution, and death. The foundation of their belief was laid in the evidence of the Resurrection.

"While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' " (Luke 24:36 NIV) And, "Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' " And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:21-22 NIV) The statement of Jesus reminds us of a well-known hymn of the late 19th century. Breathe on Me, Breath of God (Edwin Hatch 1886 and Robert Jackson 1894)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew. That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Christians have the gift and power of the Holy Spirit just as the Apostles did. Everyone who accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior and as the Son of God receives the Holy Spirit. Paul acknowledges that in 1 Corinthians.

"For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Gentile, slave, free, and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." (1 Corinthians)

Why do Christians receive the Holy Spirit? *This article will continue next month in the August newsletter issue...*

CHURCH DIRECTORIES
(Pictorial)

We have a supply of the recent Pictorial Erin Church Directories. With the thought that members might want to share with family members or friends, we are making them available for \$5 per copy. To purchase a pictorial directory, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, in the church office, Gary Blackburn, 693-3604, or Mary Nelle Cate, 694-9180.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING

Our congregation's response to the Pentecost Offering this year was very generous. The total received was \$441.62 with \$33.01 given by the children in Sunday School. The youth of the church helped publicize the offering and received it on Pentecost/Youth Sunday, June 8. Forty percent of the money is retained and our Mission & Evangelism Ministry Team will use it to support youth at risk in our community. The remainder will be sent to the General Assembly for ministries to youth and young adults.



- Hugh and Eleanor Jaynes

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

The next **Early Stage Support Group Series**, a support group for caregivers of those with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, will begin June 19th and run through July 24th. The group will meet for 6 weeks on Thursdays from 3:00- 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending these support group meetings should call the local chapter office of the Alzheimer's Association at 544-6288. There is a registration fee of \$15.00 per couple or care partner. Meeting location will be given at time of registration.

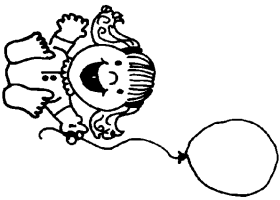
The next **Senior Sack Lunch** will be held on Thursday, July 17, at noon. The program will be our own elementary age singing group, Such is the Kingdom, performing their new program of contemporary Christian music. Come on out and join the fun!

The **SAM council** will meet on Thursday, July 17, at 9:00 a.m. (preceding the Sack Lunch). Anyone who is interested in the future of the Senior Adult ministry at Erin is invited to attend.

Notary Public
At Large
Millisa M. Moore
Notary Services are available during church office hours.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
JULY 2003						
		1 5:15 p.m. Let's Do Dinner 7:00 p.m. Scotland Tour 2004 Meeting	2 4:30-6:30 p.m. Such is the Kingdom 7:00 p.m. FS&P	3 7:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 p.m. Glenfinnan	4 OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY 7:30 p.m. AA	5 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Dayspring Dance
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Pastor Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Right Spirit 6:30 p.m. Erin Express 6:30 p.m. Sr. High	7 9:30-11:30 a.m. VBS 7:30 p.m. AA	8 9:30-11:30 a.m. VBS	9 9:30-11:30 a.m. VBS 4:30-6:30 Such is the Kingdom	10 7:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 9:30-11:30 a.m. VBS CATS Trip NO Glenfinnan	11 9:30-11:30 a.m. VBS 7:30 p.m. AA	12 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Dayspring Dance
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27 9:30 a.m. Pastor Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Right Spirit	28	29	30	31	July Mission Emphasis Medical Relief	

“Because of your giving, children’s laughter will be heard for years to come.”



The Playground Fund continues to accept donations.
Donations can be made in memory or in honor of any individual that you choose.
Remember to write “playground fund” on the memo line of your check.

KROGER CARES gift certificates are still available.
For every \$5,000 we use, the church will get \$250 towards the Playground Fund!
Please see Pam Pfeifer, 691-8492, to get yours!

Pool Picnic Party

A pool picnic party will be held Sunday, July 20, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and dinner served at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Charles and Mary Scarbrough. Bring your bathing suit, towel, and a covered dish (i.e., salad, vegetable, casserole or dessert). BBQ, Hot Dogs and Drinks will be provided.



Please RSVP by contacting the church office, 588-5350, or by filling out the tear off form in the upcoming bulletins.

SUMMER MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES!

The Erin Choir will be enjoying a vacation on Sunday mornings during the summer months. That means there are a dozen opportunities for you to share your musical and creative gifts with us during worship! If you would like to sing a solo, play an instrument, sing as part of a small ensemble, whistle, dance, or do something else creative for the Lord, this is your chance!

Great dates are still available! Run, don't walk, to the nearest phone (or keyboard) and call (or email) Joe Jaynes at 675-1728 (jtj@abacusarts.com) to volunteer! Don't delay; call today!

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4

ACROSS: 5. neighborhood; 8. exceedingly; 11. house; 13. dead; 15. distressed; 16. eat; 19. fear; 20. country; 21. seize – **DOWN:** 1. five thousand; 2. John; 3. son; 4. astounded; 6. hills; 7. perplexed; 9. immediately; 10. understand; 12. authority; 14. Herodias; 17. shake

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