

Erin Presbyterian Church

News

September 2003

Dear Friends,

Should the church be a harbor or a haven?

That's probably not a question which you have asked, but it is one which is on my mind constantly. I love our wee church and all its good people, however there are times when I feel as though we're a little boat floating in the middle of a large ocean of change, challenge and choices.

We're just three years into this new century and the world that we knew in the 20th has already passed and gone. Computers, CDs, MP3s and DVDs are driving our society to the extent that the old silent science fiction movie "Metropolis" is just waiting around the corner.

I constantly read reports about how churches that don't change won't be around much longer. Music, ministries and missions are all being challenged to update their ways in order to survive the next two decades. Churches all around us, of a similar size to Erin, are imploding and aborting, struggling and cavorting in this effort to keep up with the culture or be left behind in the past.

So, the question is still the same: do we want to be a harbor or a haven?

What's the difference, John, I hear you ask, which is a good question. A harbor is usually a man-made area where boats, ships and vessels can load and unload their goods, where cargoes can be deposited and new items can be hoisted on board. it's a place which is constantly busy, where schedules, deadlines, voyages and business can all be planned, prepared, produced and completed. A church which is a harbor is constantly busy and people use the church as a place to enhance their faith, equip their souls and enrich their lives.



A haven is entirely different. A haven is a place of safety in the midst of a storm. It's a place of refuge and security, protection and peace. Usually, only one boat can get into a haven at a time. For the captain, crew and passengers, there's only one thought - to persevere and endure, to hold on and survive.

So, is Erin church a harbor or a haven? That's a very important question and something that each one of us who belong to this wee community of faith need to ask. If we're a harbor, then we have to get busy being busy. We have to add more programs, projects and plans to those already in existence. If, however, we're a haven, then we have to remain in the rescue business and start to call all sorts of people, one by one, to find this place of peace, this sanctuary of safety, this house of healing and haven of holiness.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that we all have to start praying for our wee church and ask God to guide us, to be all He wants us to be. Our Mission and Evangelism team recently came up with a good slogan for our church. It will be added to our Yellow pages ad - it reads:

Erin Presbyterian Church
Large enough to make a difference
Small enough to know your name.

Perhaps that God's way of saying that we can be a harbor and a haven at the same time, don't you think?

God bless you,

John

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 7

**RALLY DAY/FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday
Ecclesiastes 9:3-7 & Luke 6:1-11
“Never on a Sunday!”

September 14

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Samuel 23:13-17 & Luke 6:12-16
“The Right Stuff”

September 21

**THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION/
INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 49:16-20 & Luke 6:17-26
“Now or Later?”

September 28

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
EVANGELISM SUNDAY**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 24:13-20 & Luke 6:27-36
“All You Need is Love”

October 5

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 18:25-31 & Luke 6:37-42
“Just Desserts”

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

September 7 Randy and Regina Bishop
September 14 Harriet Ayers and Marjorie Swanner
September 21 Morgan and Pat Fitch
September 28 Jessica Webb and **Available**
October 5 Maud Hoover and Agnes Kirby

Ushers

September 7 Hugh Jaynes, Agnes Kirby
Catherine Landstreet, Evelyn Lowry
September 14 Dave Leckie, Tracy Long
Rob Matthews, Bob McLean
September 21 Larry McKay, Mike Pierce
Barry Robinson, Nicole Webb
September 28 Charles and Mary Scarbrough,
Charles Snodgrass, Beth Snodgrass
October 5 Harriet Ayers, Jessica Webb,
Ruth White, Jane Young

Nursery Volunteers

September 7 Kari Matthews
September 14 Heather Ritchie
September 21 Pam Pfeifer
September 28 Jessica Webb
October 5 Mary Scarbrough

Guide and Scripture Readers

September 7 Robin Cuany and Gary Blackburn
September 14 John House and Cynthia House
September 21 Pat Fitch and Morgan Fitch
September 28 Marjorie McLean and Bob McLean
October 5 Becca Berry and John Baucom


Enrichment

September 7 Tracy Long
September 14 Pam Pfeifer
September 21 Anna McKay
September 28 Laura Dean
October 5 TBD

Counters

September 7 Patty Britton and Ann Snodgrass
September 14 Mary Nelle Cate and Morgan Fitch
September 21 Larry McKay and Gary Blackburn
September 28 Becca Berry and Ann Snodgrass
October 5 Jane Cowen and Tom Quinley

Communion Servers

September 7 Rebecca Berry, Patty Britton,
Laura Dean, Pam Pfeifer,
Tom Quinley, Charles Scarbrough

Communion Servers should meet in the Mini-Kitchen at 9:00 a.m. to prepare communion.

Please remember that if you are unable to volunteer on your assigned date, please contact another individual to serve for you. Then, please call the church office (or e-mail Erin1877@aol.com) to advise of the change.

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

Gallatin, TN: Eva Denning, *mother of Eva Quinley*

Greenwood, South Carolina: Cornelia Erskine; NHC; PO Box 3109; Greenwood, SC 29648

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*

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

Shannondale Health Care Center - 801 Vanosdale Road: Carolyn Cuany, Room 208; Lelia Rimmer, Room 215

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 |
| Edith Stellacci (<i>mother of Regina Bishop</i>) | |
| Pearl Swallows | |
| Michael Williams (<i>son of Bill Williams</i>) | |

WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Linda Patterson on the death of her friend, Mary Lester, who died recently in Knoxville.

WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Rodney and Lavonne Knight, on the death of Lavonne's sister, Virginia Dick, who died on Saturday, August 9, in Osceola, Wisconsin; and to Maud Hoover and Pearl Swallows on the death of their brother and to Susan Hoover on the death on her special uncle, Glenn Porter, who died on Sunday, August 17, in Bedford, Pennsylvania.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Shandra Evans | September 1 |
| Joe Jaynes | September 6 |
| Pearl Klepser | September 6 |
| Lydia Foster | September 7 |
| Ann Davis | September 8 |
| Savannah Bilbrey | September 13 |
| Tom Quinley | September 13 |
| Jane Ellen Jackson | September 16 |
| Dorothy Farnham | September 18 |
| Freed Johns | September 18 |
| Allyson McLeod | September 19 |
| Larry McKay | September 21 |
| Max Garrett | September 22 |
| Katina Sharp | September 26 |
| Scott Vowell | September 26 |
| Tom Pfeifer, Jr. | September 27 |
| Matthew Price | September 27 |
| Nicole Waters | September 29 |
| Regina Bishop | October 1 |
| Evelyn Lowry | October 2 |



CHURCH TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

An in-house Telephone Directory is now available free of charge. This directory is a useful addition to the recent pictorial directory. The smaller size makes it a handy companion at home or in your car. Supplies of the recent "Pictorial" Erin Church Directories continue to be available at a cost of \$5 per copy. To purchase a pictorial directory, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, in the church office. Free Telephone Directories are located at the church on the narthex table or if you are homebound, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, and she will mail you a copy.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Congratulations and best wishes to Mark and Katty Griffin on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Grace Griffin, who was born on Monday, June 9, in Memphis; to Andy and Callie Pfeifer on the Tuesday, June 17, adoption of their daughter, Laurel Caroline Pfeifer, who was born on Monday, December 2, in Ohio; and to John and Amanda Baucom on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rose Baucom, who was born on Wednesday, August 6, in Knoxville.

WITNESSING FOR JESUS CHRIST BY UNDERSTANDING KEY WORDS

WRITTEN BY: CLAUDE HOUBLER

EDITED BY: JENNY BOYD

When we closed out the August article on witnessing, we were discussing the Fruit of the Spirit. Fruit does not mean the product that grows on fruit trees but in this sense it means what the Indwelling Spirit within each Christian produces which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. (Galatians 5:22)

Hearing a person is important, but more important is understanding what a person is saying. With that thought in mind, I would like to give some examples of what I mean. One time in a meeting Rev. Kerry Stoflus was reading from the Bible and used the word flesh. Kerry pinches his arm and said it does not mean this flesh. I forget what he did mean but The New Bible Dictionary (Eerdmans Publishing Co.) on page 426 has a discussion of flesh and its many meanings in both Testaments.

I selected seven words from the Bible that I would like to define that we can use in witnessing for Jesus. There are many, many more but these will be the starters. They are GRACE, FAITH, SALVATION, REDEMPTION, RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUSTIFICATION, and SANCTIFICATION.

To define each word, I will use two sources: The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language and used hereafter with the number one (1) and The Guideposts Family Concordance and used hereafter with the number two (2). And following the definitions will be three Biblical references that pertain to the word. Each reader is encouraged to look up the reference and agree or disagree with the selected reference.

Grace

- (1) Divine love and protection bestowed freely upon mankind.
- (2) Unmerited favor; mercy; compassion

Acts 15:11 – Romans 6:14 – Ephesians 1:7

Faith

- (1) Belief and trust in God and doctrines expressed in the Scriptures or other sacred works; religious convictions.
- (2) A system of belief

1 Corinthians 16:13 – Titus 1:1 – Titus 1:13

Salvation

- (1) The deliverance of man or his soul from the power or penalty of sin.
- (2) The total work of God in affecting a right relationship between mankind and Himself.

Ephesians 2:5, 8 – Mark 1:15 – 2 Timothy 3:15

Redemption

- (1) Salvation from sin through Christ's sacrifice.
- (2) Salvation accomplished by paying the price for sin.

Ephesians 1:7 – Romans 3:24, 25 – Colossians 1:14

Righteousness

- (1) Meeting the standards of what is right and just; morally right
- (2) Inherent or imputed guiltless before God.

Ephesians 4:24 – Hebrews 11:33 – 1 John 2:29

Justification

- (1) To free (man) of the guilt and penalty attached to grievous sin. Said only of God.
- (2) God's accounting the guilty to be righteous and acceptable because of Christ's death.

Romans 5:17-21 – Acts 13:38, 39 – James 2:18

Sanctification

- (1) Made holy; purify to make productive of holiness or blessing
- (2) State of growing in divine grace.

1 Peter 1:2 – Hebrews 2:11 – 1 Timothy 4:4, 5

Later on we might discuss each of the seven words in detail, but right now I would like to take one word that I consider the least understood –

SANCTIFICATION. And we will start by attaching it to the end of a discussion on JUSTIFICATION.

When a person believes and accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, you are justified by God. You are a forgiven sinner who God has judged free from sin. It is a gift. It is as if you have never sinned. You are on "the way." The Indwelling Spirit is in you to guide you by remembrance of God's promise. From now on, if you fail to follow God's laws, the Holy Spirit will draw you up short and remind you of what you promised God in your repentance and remorse – "I will behave in the manner that God will be proud to call His own."

So to be justified, all one has to say is, "Yes, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, and I take Him to be my Savior." When you do that, your sins are nailed to the Cross of Jesus and God declares you justified. You are sin-free as if you have never sinned. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:23-24, NIV)

SANCTIFICATION Christ of the Upward Way

Walter J Mathams George Loman

Christ of the upward way, My guide divine
Where you have set your feet – May I place mine?
And when Your last call comes serene and clear
Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

Thus the act of justification by faith has taken place. God will bless you by rewarding you a future place in heaven. "And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade – kept in heaven for you." (1 Peter 1:4, NIV)

After accepting Christ as your savior, you are on "the Way." Your journey lies ahead and as on any journey, some sign posts are key ones that will tell how well you will make the journey. One sign post that indicates how well you complete the journey is called SANCTIFICATION.

Sanctification refers to your life starting at the time we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. "Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers." (Hebrews 2:11, NIV) By our acceptance of Jesus as Savior, we have been declared sacred by God, and we have been set apart from the common things. We have

been sanctified – we now belong to Christ. And we must remember that God had two things in mind at our sanctification: 1) we now belong to Christ by His work as our Redeemer; and 2) that Christ's work will continue by the guidance and workings of the Indwelling Spirit or the Holy Spirit (ref. ZP .B.D.1 page 751).

Since we accept Christ as our Savior and Redeemer, we must follow in His Way. His Way is our life-long journey with Christ that leads ever upward. And the journey of Faith can be best described in this manner. Make a rectangle on a piece of paper and mark a spot in the lower left corner. This mark is where you accepted Christ, and from that mark your life-journey will lead upward towards the upper right hand corner of the rectangle. And at that corner you will come face-to-face with Jesus Christ because you have "crossed over Jordan" (died) and have gone to heaven. Along that line you have been growing and maturing in Jesus Christ. (From a lecture by Bill Harms, former lay minister of Erin Church.)

From a distance your life-journey or Growing in Christ line appears to be straight. But if you move in closer and view the life-journey microscopically, you will see that the line has peaks and valleys or high and low points. These peaks are the results of your daily living as a Christian, and to fully understand Sanctification, we need to consider why the range of low to high points or why the high points and the suddenly "falling off" to a low point. The Highpoints are when a person is living as a Christian according to God's word and techniques. And if not, the low points occur.

One thing that you must remember is that when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, there was no promise that the rest of your life was going to be a "bed of roses," and that there would be no temptations or problems in your life – you are promised that God has given you His unearned GRACE, HIS LOVE and HIS REDEEMING SON whom you accept by FAITH thus you are declared RIGHTEOUS AND SAVED.

The key thing for you to remember – how you are going to take God's promise and use it each day – I repeat – each day for the rest of your earthly life. To emphasize the remembrance, we turn to a famous hymn of the mid-19th century. The words

are as important today as then. The fourth stanza states:

O Jesus, I have Promised

John Ernest Bode, 1868 Arthur Henry Main, 1881

O Jesus, Thou has promised to all who follow Thee,
That where thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and My Friend.

Since we know what God promised, we need to look at what we promised when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior because we are involved with God. It is a “two-way street.” It is not just taking from God. We have to give in return. As we go along the “street,” we must remember that the Holy Spirit will help us. “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)

Your Promise: We promised that we will “walk in the Light” or that we will obey God’s word. “But if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light...” (1 John 1:7, NIV)

Obey God’s Word!! Obey is another powerful word. Obey is defined: as to follow the commands or guidance of; behave obediently (New Merriam Webster Dictionary) By combining “Obey God’s word” with the above definition, the result would read – Let our daily behavior show that we are following the commands of God as expressed in the Holy Bible. Thus, when a follower of Jesus Christ walks in “the Light,” that person is obeying God’s Word (Truth and Scripture) by following as closely as possible Jesus’ teachings.

Speaking of the “Light,” many centuries ago in 374 A.D. Ambrose of Milan spoke of the “Eternal Light” in the hymn:

O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright

Ambrose of Milan, 274 AD Trier MS 15th Century

O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright
From light eternal bringing light
Thou light of life, light’s living spring
True day, all days illuming.

We must remember that Jesus is the “Light.” And the command is “to walk in ‘The Light.’”

Jesus is our “illuminator” on the walk through our life, and our journey to mature sanctification will require help because we are repentant sinners who without much effort can slip back into our old sinful self if we are not very careful.

So you start your daily journey! Remember you are not alone. As a Christian, you must constantly remind yourself of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Again, He is the Indwelling Spirit given to you by Our Heavenly Father who will guide you through all situations. And for another guide you will have the Word of Truth of God – the Holy Bible.

While you are on your “journey,” think about the articles on Witnessing and reread them and think about how you can use that material to witness for Jesus. Suggestion – you might write a narrative of what you would say to people about Jesus Christ and His Helper. And make of list of possible questions that may be asked of you. In a sense you are a salesperson and you have a “product” that you want everyone to own. So practice your “sales talk” and have another Christian to critique you. God Bless you!

At this time, I plan to have just one more article on Witnessing for Jesus for you consider. In the meantime, think about the Apostle Paul who on his witnessing Third Missionary Journey, wrote to the Romans from Corinth. “God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel for His Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.” (Romans 1:9-10, NIV)

KAREN HARRIS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Karen has accepted a call to serve as a Missionary Volunteer at the Belize Christian Academy of Belmopan, Belize, which is a school for about fifteen different nationalities of students. **How can you help?** *Commit to pray* for Karen as she faces significant life changes as she depends on God for all of her needs (financial, emotional, physical, spiritual, etc.). *Provide financial support* for Karen. Her missionary position is voluntary. *Communicate with Karen*, by providing positive correspondence. More information is available at the church office. For financial support, please make your check payable to Erin Church; write *Karen Harris* in the memo line.

Living Waters For The World

When we open the tap, fill a cup with water, and take a deep drink, we do not pause to wonder if the water is going to give us typhoid, diphtheria, or if there are protozoa lurking in the water that will do us harm. Not so in so many places in the world. Our synod has a mission project, Living Waters for the World, which provides safe water for people in third world nations who have much to fear from the water they drink.

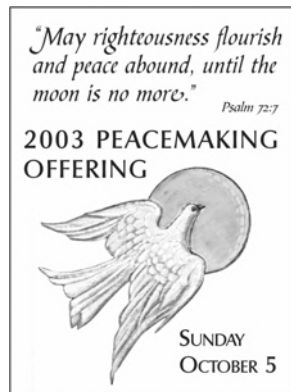
This mission project, coordinated by Will Howie and Steve Young, places small, self-contained water purification units in poor villages, mainly in Central America, and trains local people to operate them. A health education program is initiated as the purification equipment is being installed. In February 2003 the 12th unit was installed in Belize. Presbyteries and churches across the Synod of Living Waters are partnering with the mission team to bring health and hope to people in need.

Through its mission benevolences, Erin Church supports this work. To give us a first hand look into the project Steve Young will be with us on Sunday, September 14. Steve, who joined the Living Waters project recently, is a lifelong Presbyterian and a member of the Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church near Nashville. He brings considerable professional experience, which will help to move the work forward. He will bring a Minute for Mission during the worship service then speak to us after a mission luncheon following the service. Join us for some good information, some good food, and some good Knoxville water. We will receive a "love offering" for the food. Signup forms are available in the Sunday bulletin. For more information, please contact Hugh and Eleanor Jaynes, 693-1621.

"He will lead them to springs of living water."
Rev 7:17

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9) Jesus calls us to be peacemakers, calls us to rescue the homeless, to help the poor and the needy, to have pity on the weak and the helpless, to protect those in need, to care for those who hurt, to save our sisters and brothers from cruel and violent death. This is our calling, locally and across the world. Let us answer this call. Join the 2003 peacemaking study, "Steps Along the Way; Living as Peacemakers in A Violent World," led by Rev. Stuart during Sunday School or in the Monday Night Bible Study. Give generously to the Peacemaking Offering to be received on World Communion Sunday, October 5. "May righteousness flourish and peace abound." Psalm 72.7. Written by Hugh Jaynes



YOUNG FAMILY COUNCIL

A special meeting for our young parents and their families will be held on Saturday, October 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Breakfast and refreshments will be served for the first hour, to be followed by a two hour brainstorming session to formulate plans for future young family programs and create a vision for the ministries that are needed in our church to strengthen the bonds of fellowship, support and faith between our young families and all other groups in our church.

If you would like to come along because you have a young family or have a special interest in this ministry, please contact us at the office (588-5350) in order to give us an idea about breakfast and conference numbers. A special invitation is being sent out to our young families. Child care will be provided throughout the three hour session. If you have any questions, contact the pastor at the office.



Upcoming Opportunities

The Young at Heart

The *Young at Heart* are a group of adults who come together each Sunday morning to enjoy fellowship and to learn together from God's Word. We find wisdom in the Word and joy in shared experiences that help us live out God's plan for each of our lives.

The study material that we use is *The Present Word*, a curriculum published by the PC (USA) in concert with five other reformed denominations. The topics are based on the

International Sunday School Lessons. *The Present Word* is from beginning to end a Bible study series. The leader and the learners come together to reflect on the biblical text and to act on what they discover there. The sessions feature the great celebrations of the Christian Church, which follow the life of Christ and bring to believers the significant events of that life.

Lessons for the fall quarter 2003, "Faith Faces the World," will lead us to discover the meaning of living as God's people, being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and daily making our faith real. Lessons are based on scripture from James, 1st Peter, 2nd Peter, 1st, 2nd and 3rd John, and the book of Jude.

We welcome new members. Come and join us. Our group may help you find new insight into the biblical message and the expanded life that it can bring.

Music and Movement

This fall the preschool Music and Movement Class, taught by Nancy Berry, will be offered to children ages three through five on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Room 123. The curriculum, "God's Children Sing" is published by MusikGarten and is designed to promote musical development in young children within the context of nurturing their life of faith. Through participation in songs, stories, music-making, movement activities and moments of worship in each lesson, young children will become more aware of God's love for them and for all of Creation.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please contact Nancy Berry, 693-3560, or Millisa, 588-5350, at the church office. The Music and Movement class follows the Wednesday night dinner schedule which begins on September 10 and ends in May 2004.

W e d n e s d a y

Schedule

Beginning September 10, 2003

5:00-6:00 p.m. Room 121	Journey Seven Cynthia House
5:30-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall	Wednesday Dinner Apyrl Quinn & Team
5:30-6:30 p.m. Noah's Ark Room	Middle School Dance Becca Berry
6:30-7:00 p.m. Room 123	Music and Movement Nancy Berry
6:30-7:30 p.m. Noah's Ark Room	SonShine Company Cynthia House
6:45-7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall	Adult Bible Study John Stuart
7:30-8:30 p.m. Choir Room	Choir Rehearsal Joe Jaynes

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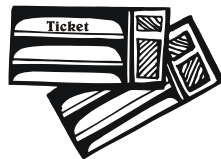
The JavaScripture Sunday School Class began a study of John Ortberg's new book *Everybody's Normal 'til You Get to Know Them* on Sunday, August 10. The book is about our calling to love one another in Christian community, and the difficulties of doing so in an imperfect world. If you've never read anything by John Ortberg before, his style combines interesting anecdotes and real-life stories with hard-hitting messages based on Biblical truth. Please let the leader, Kim Jaynes, 675-1278, know if you would like to join us for the coming Sunday School year so she can order a book for you. All are welcome! This class meets in Room 114 (Mini-Kitchen).

Connections

Rev. John Stuart leads this class, which looks at the relationship between our faith and what happens in our world today. This class will continue the Peacemaking Series through October. This is a drop-in class, perfect for those who can't make it every Sunday. This class meets in Room 109.

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

WE'RE at it again!! Erin Senior Adults are sponsoring a trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see the musical "42nd Street". The trip will be on Thursday, October 30, and will include stops at the Winery and the Outlet Mall, with lunch once again at the Cumberland Mountain State Park. All Senior Adults are encouraged to attend, and everyone at Erin is invited to go with us! Anyone interested may contact Millisa, 588-5350, to register or for further details.



Senior Sack Lunch Schedule:

September

Bette Elwood, "Little Children of the World"

October

The Cloggers

November

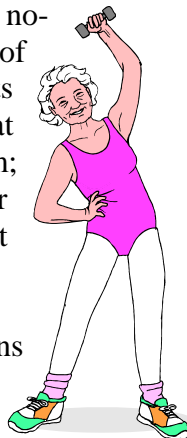
Earl White—presentation on travels in Egypt

December

Christmas Party

BODY RECALL RESUMES

Have you been to Body Recall? If not, you should check it out. Body Recall is a no-impact form of exercise consisting of different types of stretches. It meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:30 p.m. in the Noah's Ark Room; there is a \$1 per session cost for attending, with text books available at cost.



The next series of classes begins September 3 and will run for 10 weeks. If you would like to take part in this class or for more information, please contact Ron Roberts, 966-8666, nationally certified instructor.

Tip—after the Body Recall class on Wednesdays, you can stay for dinner and Bible Study!

LET'S DO DINNER

In August, twenty-eight diners enjoyed a great dinner at Sullivan's Restaurant. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, September 2, at 5:15 p.m.**, as we "Do Dinner" at **Northern Exposure in Farragut**. Northern Exposure is located in the Stonecrest Shopping Center. If you are heading west on Kingston Pike, it will be on the right hand side. Just look for the big orange dinosaur at Sir Goony Golf and turn right into the parking lot of the shopping center. They usually run coupons, so be on the lookout for them in the paper and in the mail. Please call Maud Hoover, 463-7399, or Harriet Ayers, 966-9822, if you will attend. Good Fun, Good Food and Good Friends – See you there!

YOU ARE INVITED

...to a "Pampered Chef" Party to be held on Thursday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Playground Fund! So, bring your friends and get ready to eat and see the latest in kitchen gadgets and technology.



MOPS

MOPS continues to collect old cellular telephones until January 2004. A drop off bag is located under the table in the Narthex. For information on any of the MOPS programs or activities, please contact Kristi Bailes, 560-3081.



KROGER CARES – Gift certificates are available. For every \$5,000 we use, the church will get \$250! Proceeds will benefit the Playground Fund! Please see Pam Pfeifer, 691-8492, or contact the church office, 588-5350, to get yours!

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
7 Rally Day Friendship Sunday Continental Breakfast Choir Resumes 9:45a Peacemaking Study 5:30-6:30p Right Spirit 6:30p Senior High	8 4:30p Body Recall 7:00p Circle IV 7:00p B&G Team 7:15p MNBS 7:30p AA	9 10:00a Circle II 7:30p Parenting Class	10 4:30p Body Recall 5:00p Journey Seven 5:30-6:30p Dinner 5:30p Day/Spring – Tent. 6:30p Music & Move. 6:30p Son/Shine Co. 6:45p Bible Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	11 9:00-11:30a MOPS 5:30p Girl Scouts	12 BreadBreakers Dinner @ McKay's 4:30p Body Recall 7:00p AA	13 10:00a-12:00p Day/Spring Dance
14 VOLUNTEER SUNDAY Mission Luncheon Ministry Reports Due 9:45a Peacemaking Study 5:30-6:30p Right Spirit 6:30p Senior High	15 4:30p Body Recall 7:15p MNBS 7:30p AA	16 10:00a Presbytery @ Signal Mountain	17 4:30p Body Recall 5:00p Journey Seven 5:30-6:30p Dinner 5:30p Day/Spring – Tent. 6:30p Music & Move. 6:30p Son/Shine Co. 6:45p Bible Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	18 9:30a SAM Council 12:00p Senior Lunch 7:00p Session 7:00p Girl Scouts	19 30-Hour Youth Famine 4:30p Body Recall 7:00p AA	20 10:00a-12:00p Day/Spring Dance
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28 Church Anniversary 126th 5:30-6:30p Right Spirit 6:30p Senior High	29 4:30p Body Recall 7:15p MNBS 7:30p AA	30 Charter Date 7:00p Worship Team	Mission Emphasis Comfort and Compassion			
Calendar items are listed according to what is submitted to the church office, if you think that there is an error, please contact your coordinator for more information.						

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will have their fall gathering on Saturday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. Rev. Sharon Carter will be the guest speaker. She will present an overview of this year's Horizon Bible Study "The Face is Familiar" remembering unnamed women in the Scripture. The study books will be available for purchase that day. A continental breakfast will be served. Please join us! We will begin our regular meeting schedule in September. **Circle IV will meet on Monday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Tracey Foster.** Harriet Ayers will present September's lesson. **Circle II will meet on Tuesday, September 9, in the Church Parlor at 10:00 a.m.** Let this be the year that you give the Erin Presbyterian Women a try.

**PARENTING CLASS**

7:30 p.m. ~ Tuesday's
September 9, 16, 23, 30
October 14, 21, 28
November 11, 18

For each lesson, there will be a page or two of written material covering a concept or set of related concepts related to parenting. Members of the class will receive material one week, and we will discuss it the next. Each week we will get the material for the following week. It is my intention to field questions and facilitate communication among the participants, working to develop an understanding of the concepts presented.

Participants will be asked to commit to faithful attendance and participation for the duration of the class. If you would like to attend the class, please fill out the form in the church bulletin or you may contact Millisa Moore at Erin Church (588-5350 or MMoore1640@aol.com) and let her know. Everyone is welcome. You may also contact me either in person, by phone (694-9474) or by e-mail (jchphd@mindspring.com). John House, Ph.D. *Childcare will be provided.*

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

Go Big Orange!!! Or Blue? Or Red?!? Sunday, September 14, will be Volunteer Sunday. Each individual will be asked to fill out a form listing his/her interests in volunteering for the programs, ministries, and missions that our wee church undertakes each year. Everyone is encouraged to wear Orange and White to show your volunteer spirit.

You may wear your own college colors, no matter which state you came from or which school you attended. This will be a day of fun as we capture the excitement of a new college season and apply it to ourselves in our desire to serve God through the life, work and ministry of Erin Church.

**RALLY DAY/FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY**

Rally Day/Friendship Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 7, and will kickoff the fall Sunday School Classes. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Your child will be promoted to the next age/grade appropriate Sunday School Class. Therefore, all children should remain in the Fellowship Hall with their parents until their new teachers are introduced. The teachers will then lead the students to their new classrooms. This is especially important since several of the room assignments are different this year. After the children and youth depart for their classes, adults can look over samples of the children's curriculum materials, find out more about spiritual growth opportunities for adults, and get answers to questions about our Christian Education program.

Bring a Friend to Friendship Sunday! Members and friends, young and mature, are asked to *bring a friend* to the day's activities. Special greeters, the Congregational Care and Fellowship Ministry Team, will have prepared name tags for church members and friends on this day. These name tags should be worn each Sunday of September. If you have any questions about the nametags or the day's events, please contact the church office, 588-5350.



BREADBREAKERS.....BREADBREAKERS.....BREADBREAKERS

As September draws closer it is time to think of gathering with friends, relaxing, and enjoying a good meal. All of which means Breadbreakers!! Members of Breadbreakers meet for dinner once a month. Typically the first dinner of the season involves all of the participants coming together at one home. Subsequent dinners are in smaller groups of 6-12 people meeting in the home of a designated host/hostess. The hosts for the dinner will provide the main course, and the guests are asked to provide a side dish, beverage or dessert. Every month the groups are shuffled, and you will be dining with a new group at a different home. Breadbreakers offers a great way to get to know your Erin family and is open to all – members, nonmembers, young, old, singles or couples. Transportation to and from the dinners will be available upon request.

If you are interested in participating in Breadbreakers, watch for sign-up information in the Sunday bulletin. Or if you have any questions contact Anna McKay at 691-5341.

A schedule for the dinners is listed below, so mark your calendars!!

- Friday, September 12 – Dinner for all participants @ Larry and Anna McKay’s
- Friday, October 17 – Dinner in small groups
- Friday, November 21 – Dinner in small groups
- Saturday, January 24 – Dinner in small groups
- Saturday, February 21 – Dinner in small groups
- March – Bingo night at Erin, date to be announced

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