

Erin Presbyterian Church News January 2004

'May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.' Psalm 20 v 4



Dear Friends,

I was looking for a verse which we could use as our church's motto for this New Year and I came across the one from the Psalms quoted above. You've all been very supportive of our wee church and your dedication enabled us to complete many ministries and missions that we sought to undertake at the beginning of 2003.

It was a hard year for everyone and throughout the local area, many churches failed to reach their budget. I'm delighted to say that with constant giving, dedication and commitment, we managed to exceed our expectations. We also had made some sound investments that our Finance team implemented 48 months ago which bore fruit this year. Their fiscal management, along with the cooperation of the other ministry teams and the great work that Millisa is doing in the office blended together and displayed the blessings that God bestowed on our church. Your dedication to God has served this church well. Thank you for your kindness, devotion and care throughout 2003.

So, what about 2004? What lies ahead for all of us? You may have individual dreams and ambitions. You may have goals to accomplish and plans to make. You may have changes to face and challenges to conquer. In all of these things, *'May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.'*

Our ministry teams are also looking to fulfill dreams and goals that God has laid in their hearts. They need your input, presence and help. Why not take time to become part of a ministry team this year. They meet once per month and

are always looking for dreamers and visionaries, supporters and helpers.

2004 promises to be an exceptional year. Our wee church is a healthy body of committed Christians who want to serve God with their time, talents and tithes. We have young people who are accomplishing extraordinary things. We have young families who are becoming the backbone of church events. We have middle-aged couples who are providing the teachers, planners and workers that we constantly need to fulfill God's work among us. And we have dedicated seniors whose guidance, experience, encouragement and prayers are strengthening the faith, fellowship and fortitude that is growing our wee church and its influence in our community.

I don't know about you, but I am excited about the possibilities for this New Year. It seems as though God is moving us into a new dawn. If we pray for our church everyday, God will bless us. If we bring people to church on Sundays, God will grow us. And if we continue to care for this community in which we live, God will love us even more. And that is what we're here to do and so, once again our calling for this year can be fulfilled through God's Word, *'May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.'*

In Christ's Name,

John

Erin Church's Ministry Teams

**Building and Grounds
Christian Education
Finance, Stewardship and Personnel
Mission and Evangelism**

SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 4

COMMUNION SUNDAY
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Second Sunday After Christmas
 Psalm 27:1-3 & Luke 2:21-35
 "Waiting for God"

January 11

Baptism of the Lord
 Psalm 130:1-8 & Luke 2:36-40
 "The Next Generation"

January 18

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Psalm 40:1-8 & Luke 2:41-52
 "Lost and Found"

January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 56:1-2 & Luke 3:1-14
 "Down to the River"

February 1

COMMUNION SUNDAY
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 32:14-18 & Luke 3:15-22
 "A Fiery Spirit"

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

- January 4 Rob and Kari Matthews
- January 11 Dave Leckie and Lois Mansfield
- January 18 Catherine Landstreet and Evelyn Lowry
- January 25 Hugh and Eleanor Jaynes
- February 1 Laura Dean and Maud Hoover

Communion Servers

- January 4 Gary Blackburn, Jane Cowen, Richard Dougherty, Morgan Fitch, Barry Robinson, Mike Pierce
- February 1 Randy Bishop, Mary Nelle Cate, Larry McKay, Marjorie McLean, Ann Snodgrass, Katina Sharp

Ushers

- January 4 Josh Evans, Charles Snodgrass, Stan Stevens, Evelyn Stuart
- January 11 Mary Bryan McLeod, Jessica Webb, Ruth White, Jane Yancey
- January 18 Tom and Harriet Ayers, Gary Blackburn, Rob Matthews, *Carson Matthews, *McLeod Dean (*Pass Out Bulletins)
- January 25 Randy and Regina Bishop, Kari Matthews, Patty Britton-Pierce, *Hanna Matthews, *Lindsay Pfeifer (*Pass Out Bulletins)
- February 1 Tom and Harriet Ayers, Randy and Regina Bishop

Nursery Volunteers

- January 4 Mary Scarbrough
- January 11 Shonda Evans
- January 18 Jessica Webb
- January 25 Henry & Heather Ritchie
- February 1 Pam Pfeifer

Guide and Scripture Readers

- January 4 Tom and Eva Quinley
- January 11 Regina and Randy Bishop
- January 18 Lynn and Pat Sexton
- January 25 Kristi Bailes and Becca Berry
- February 1 Ann Snodgrass and Sonja Dubois

Enrichment I

- January 4 Heather Ritchie
- January 11 Evelyn Stuart
- January 18 Lauren Stuart
- January 25 Lynsey Stuart
- February 1 Nicole Webb

Enrichment II

- January 4 Anna McKay
- January 11 Alice Carroll
- January 18 Karen Price
- January 25 Tracy Long
- February 1 Patty Britton-Pierce

Counters

- January 4 Larry McKay and Tom Quinley
- January 11 Jane Cowen and Morgan Fitch
- January 18 Richard Dougherty and Gary Blackburn
- January 25 Barry Robinson and Ann Snodgrass
- February 1 TBD (Schedule will be mailed soon)

ENRICHMENT AND NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

If you are unable to volunteer on your assigned date, please contact the church office, 588-5350, so that other arrangements can be made.

Enrichment Volunteers should have recently received a mailing(s). If not, contact the church office.



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

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; P.O. Box 3109; Greenwood, SC 29648

Huntsville, Alabama: Mattie Tapp Beard (*former Erin Member*)

Kansas: Bob Ellis, *nephew of Helen Staples*

Memphis, TN: Jerry Rakestraw, *friend of Tom Quinley;*

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

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

San Jose, California: Dee Ballard, *sister of Eleanor Jaynes;* 1427 Bob White Place; San Jose, CA 95131

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:

Jeanette van Aalst Christy Blanchard

Mae Brandon-Pershing Margaret Casteel

Michelle Cross (*friend of Debbie Vowell*)

Gladys Fisher

Michelle Harrill (*friend of Christy Blanchard*)

Ruth Henderson

Alison Irwin (*daughter of Jay and Jo Derrick*)

Ann Johns

Julie (*student of PJ Brice-Means*)

Sara Leckie Jo Ludwig

JE Pershing

Emma Reed (*grandmother of Mike Sharp*)

Henry Thomas Ritchie Marion Sanks

Ethan Shannon

Edith Stellacci (*mother of Regina Bishop*)

Pat Swain Pearl Swallows

Michael Williams (*son of Bill Williams*)

If there are any changes needed for the above prayer list, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, at the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wilma Harrington

Mary Job

Joe Tate

Audry Cafego

Suzanne Hickman

Maud Hoover

Harriet Ayers

Gary Blackburn

Mary Nelle Cate

Tracy Foster

Jeff Waters

Mae Brandon-Pershing

Pat Fitch

Alee McLeod

Jimmy Dean

George Fooshee

Beth Snodgrass

Lou L Tate

Chris Leckie

Evelyn Stuart

Al Wallin

Barbara Wallin

Jada Cable

Jeff Carter

Frank Harrington

Marjorie Swanner

Linda Thompson

Mike Jackson

Andy Jaynes

Carl McHargue

Rob McLeod

Julie Blanchard

Michael O'Bryant

Randy Bishop

Margaret Casteel



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February 6

Your birthday not listed?

Please contact the church office, 588-5350.

WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family and friends of

Elizabeth Martinson, who died on Friday, December 5, in Knoxville; to Karen Harris, on the death of her grandmother, *Maryanne Bobeen*, who died Friday, December 12, in Missouri; to the family and friends of *Connie Hawkins*, who died on Friday, December 19, in Knoxville; to Ann Davis on the death of her grandmother, *Pear Hodges*, who died on Sunday, December 21, in Knoxville; and to Randy and Regina Bishop, on the death of Randy's Uncle, *Ralph H. Smith*, who died on Friday, December 26, in Goldsboro, NC.

A LETTER FROM KAREN HARRIS

I want to thank you all so much for your support of me and my mission in Belize at Belize Christian Academy. This summer when I felt like God was calling me here I remember saying, "No God. This is not a good time for me. I only have one year of college left and after that I will work on gathering support and I will do what you want then." I knew that listening to God and following His plan for me would not be easy.

Now, looking back, I realize there is no place that I would rather be. I am so amazed by the support I have received from you, my Church family, even though I am a new member and don't know everyone. I am thankful the Quinley's introduced me to this small Church 2 years ago. I am also thankful that Millisa has taken on a few new tasks to aid me. I want to let each of you know that I wouldn't be able to be here without your support. I feel blessed and am grateful to belong to Erin, a place that is supporting me here every day and a place I know I can come home to and be welcomed by a wonderful family!

Love Karen

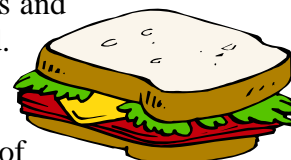
For the Christmas Eve offering, you gave \$785 towards supplies to be purchased for the staff and students of Belize Christian Academy.

LET'S DO DINNER

Let's Do Dinner on Tuesday, January 6, at 5:15 p.m. at the Silver Spoon located in the Gallery Shopping Center. If you haven't been able to join this group, then maybe January will be the month. There is a coupon in the School Coupon Book, which is good for \$5 off a \$20 purchase ~ two people can share a coupon. Hope to see you there! Please contact Maud Hoover, 463-7399, to make your reservation(s).

SENIOR SACK LUNCH

Come join us for the Senior Sack Lunch on Thursday, January 15, at 12 noon. **Just bring a sandwich**, the chips, drinks and pickles will be provided.



What better way to help us keep that New Year's resolution of taking care of ourselves than **Body Recall**. Ron Roberts and his Body Recall members will present a program demonstrating a variety of the exercises done by the class. It should be an inspiration to each one of us.

As many of you know, the Senior Sack group is sponsoring a young man from the Philippines, Gerwin Dales. Gerwin is now 13, but on January 18 he will be 14. If you would like to make a small donation on his behalf, we will purchase a birthday present and send it along with money to Gerwin. Please turn your money in to Harriet Ayers or the church office by January 7, so that the package may be sent to him via airmail. Thank you for your continued support. If you turn in a check, please make it payable to *Erin Presbyterian Church*, but in the reference/memo area mark *Gerwin Dales - Little Children of the World*.

BARNABAS

(Which means Son of Encouragement ~ Acts 4:36)

The Barnabas Society members will be meeting on Monday, January 12, at 11:45 a.m. at Eva's for Lunch in the Franklin Center. Barnabas is a Ministry of Encouragement, a sub committee under Congregational Care & Fellowship. The purpose of this ministry is to enhance the current level of care and support within the church. If you are interested in this ministry, please plan to attend. For more information, please call Mary Scarbrough, 691-8658, or Harriet Ayers, 966-9822.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Presbytery of East Tennessee Older Adult Ministries presents

"Sing to the Lord - Appalachian Music and the Church"

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mars Hill Presbyterian Church - Athens, TN

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

This year the Erin Presbyterian Women hosted their "First" Annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner. If you attended this year, we hope that you had fun. If you were unable to attend, be sure to put it on your calendar for the first Sunday of December 2004 (December 5). It was a great time for family fun and fellowship with a lot of good food from those great Erin cooks.

To the congregation ~ thanks for your support by bringing in gifts for the Sunset Gap store. Your gifts made Christmas better for quite a few people.

The PW Circle Meetings for January are:

Circle II **Church Parlor**
Tuesday, January 13 **10:00 a.m.**

Lesson V - A Woman's Healing
 Leader, Lois Mansfield

Circle IV **Nancy Berry's Home**
Monday, January 12 **7:00 p.m.**

Lessons IV & V
 A Widow's Might & A Woman's Healing

If you haven't joined us previously, January is a great time to get started.

KROGER CARES

We're almost there!! Keep purchasing your Kroger Cares Gift Certificates for all your grocery needs. For every \$5,000 we use, the church will get \$250! This money will be used for the Playground Fund. Please see Pam Pfeifer, 691-8492, or contact the church office, 588-550, to get yours!

UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, January 3, for the removal of the Greens. Please be at the church at 10:00 a.m. if you would like to participate. For more information, you may contact Mary Nelle Cate, 694-9180.



CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM

On Sunday mornings, the pastor has been teaching a class called 'Christianity & Islam.' This class has been overflowing with church members who want to learn about the two faiths, seeking religious and historical knowledge about Islam in order to promote dialogue and understanding.

The Monday Night Bible Study group has decided to repeat this series of classes beginning on Monday, January 19, at 7:15 p.m. in the church parlor. This will give everyone a new opportunity to experience this great series of worthwhile and stimulating lessons. The lessons are open to everyone, so if you have friends from another church who might be interested in this series, please feel free to bring them along. By the end of the classes, you will have a greater knowledge about Islamic people and a greater heart to reach out to them in our present community.

The pastor leads the classes. If you have any questions about the classes or need transportation on Mondays, please contact the pastor at the office. He will help you make the necessary arrangements.

ELDER TRAINING

For the Class of 2006 and any current elders that wish to attend, elder training will be held on Saturday, January 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Heritage Room. Light refreshments will be provided.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND POINSETTIAS



Thanks Erin Church, you contributed over \$500 towards the purchase of a new stove!

COLLEGE RETREAT

John Knox will host its first College Retreat from Friday, January 16, through Sunday, January 18. Laugh, worship and hang out with other college students who are trying to figure out where they fit in their communities at school, home and work. For more information, please contact the John Knox Center, 376-2236.

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>Please contact the church office to add in your meeting dates.</i>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Knox Out 7:30p AA	Knox Returns 5:15p Let's Do Dinner 7:00p Ministry Teams (BG, CE, CC&F, M&E)	5p Journey Seven 6:30p SonShine Co. 7:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	9-11:30a MOPS 7:15p FS&P 8p Glenfinnan	Ministry Reports Due 7:30p AA 8p Middle School Lock-In	9a-12p Elder Training Furniture Delivery Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
5:00p DaySpring Light 6-7:30p Middle School 6:30-7:30p Right Spirit 6:30-8p Sr. High	11-45a Barnabas 2:30p Body Recall 4:30p Body Recall 7:00p Circle IV 7:30p AA	10:00a Circle II 7:30p Scotland Tour 2004	2:30p Body Recall 4:30p Body Recall 4:30p Kidz Art Club 5p Journey Seven 5:30-6:30p Dinner 6:30p Music N Movement 6:30p SonShine Co. 7:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	12p Senior Sack Lunch 7p Session	2:30p Body Recall 4:30p Body Recall 7:30p AA	8a Men's Breakfast
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Class of 2006 Ordination Congregational Meeting 5:00p DaySpring Light 6-7:30p Middle School 6:30-7:30p Right Spirit 6:30-8p Sr. High	2:30p Body Recall 4:30p Body Recall 7:30p AA		2:30p Body Recall 4:30p Body Recall 4:30p Kidz Art Club 5p Journey Seven 5:30-6:30p Dinner 6:30p Music N Movement 6:30p SonShine Co. 7:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	8p Glenfinnan	2:30p Body Recall 4:30p Body Recall 7:30p AA	

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INSIDE MOPS

Submitted by Kristi Bailes

The purpose of MOPS International is to nurture mothers of infants and preschool children by meeting their distinct needs. MOPS is an international organization with groups in churches all over the world. The program is based on several ministry values:

❖ **Dignity:** The dignity of each individual mother, no matter where she has been, what she has done, or how she is choosing to live her life today, embracing both believers and nonbelievers and all ethnic and socioeconomic groups.

❖ **Women:** The equipping of women to become all that God has designed them to be.

❖ **Mothering:** The value of mothering for its contribution to individuals, children, society at large, future generations, and eternity.

❖ **Relationships:** Relationships including the male/female marital relationship, the parent/child relationship, and the ultimate fulfillment of all needs through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

❖ **Lifestyle Evangelism:** Lifestyle evangelism as expressed through Christ-like relationships in an environment for growth and spiritual development as faith shared through actions and words.

❖ **Leadership Development:** The equipping of women to gain confidence in their leadership skills and guide others through lifestyle evangelism.

There is sometimes a waiting list for the Moppets program...

The goals of our program at Erin Presbyterian are:

- to provide a time of rest, instruction, support and affirmation for mothers in a Christian-based format.
- to be a safe place for women to make new friends, cherish old friends, share experiences, laugh together and express creativity through art and craft activities.
- to encourage participants to leave meetings and activities feeling valued, supported, and energized.
- to provide opportunities for women to serve local and world communities through organized outreach activities.

We also have a MOPPETS program, designed for infants and children of mothers involved in our program. We provide quality child care for infants and preschoolers. Children enjoy stories, games, crafts, and songs based on an established MOPS curriculum. (We even have guitar playing and songs with Reverend Stuart!)

We also organize lots of activities with parents and children. We have weekday and weekend group play dates

at parks and areas of interest, as well as seasonal and holiday celebrations and activities.



The leadership of each MOPS group is facilitated by women involved in the program, mentoring women, Charter Church leaders, staff, and dedicated members. At Erin Church, we are very fortunate to be supported by gifts, prayers, and lots of volunteer hours. We also count on lots of planning, preparation, and hard work by our moms! We have a 9-person steering committee, with 2 coordinators. Three steering committee members are Erin Church members.

Our MOPS group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We currently have 23 moms and 31 infants and children enrolled in the program. There is sometimes a waiting list for the Moppets program, usually because of teacher/child ratio in our rooms. There is a registration fee each semester, however, some scholarships are available.

MOPS International has a great website: www.mops.org. You can locate groups around the country. (There are 12 groups in the Knoxville area.) We also have general information and registration materials for Erin MOPS in the church office.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support! We are looking forward to a fun and busy 2004. *We are continually in need of volunteers for helping with our little ones, mentors, and guest speakers.* Your time and talents would be greatly appreciated---let us know!

MOPS is in need of a paid teacher. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

BRAVO!

As a non-member of Erin Church, I would like to express the gratitude of the cast and crew of *All the Way Home*. Your willingness to support this ministry with your prayers, time, talents, and funds have provided a tremendous blessing to those of us involved in the production. Out of 17 cast members, 9 are not members of Erin Church. Within the cast we have active members of Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches as well as some who are not currently attending anywhere.

When this ministry was started, I believe we thought it would be ministering to an audience and

we hope we are doing that in this place. I think it is important to realize the ministering starts long before the production. I truly believe God has used this production to accomplish some great tasks whether or not we see or acknowledge the results.

There is a particular line in this play where I say, "God is Coming Hard to Me Now." A few months ago that wasn't acting for me. I lost my job in February, my Dad in March, and in August had a car wreck one night as I was coming home from a play meeting here at church. I think of this as my Job period. God was coming harder to me. Over the past couple of months while working on this play, I have come to better understand how people deal with adversity. The play not only deals with death, but losing other things as well. I have discovered something about losing things. They are always in the last place you left them. When I went back to that place, I found God just where I had left him.

I know that other members of the cast have had similar experiences and I know that several of us have had recent deaths in our families. I want to thank you for allowing for this time of healing for us. I pray that others who saw the play will have had meaningful experiences as well.

We don't always see the results of our labors so I wanted you to know of this harvest. Thank you Erin Presbyterian Church from the cast and crew of *All the Way Home*.

Sing Out!

The Erin Choir wants **YOU!** No formal vocal training is required ... just a joy for singing. And we welcome all ages, from high school to senior adult!

God is worshipped in many ways. Consequently, the Choir is committed to performing a wide variety of music, from classical to contemporary. More importantly, we strive to have FUN with the music and with each other. We also share joys and concerns and support one another with prayer and compassion each week.

Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Please join us and experience it for yourself. We practice each Wednesday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m., in the room behind the stage in the Fellowship Hall.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMIT

The 2004 Youth Summit will be held March 12-14 at the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg. The total cost is \$90; however, the church pays half for each youth that wishes to participate.

During these three days in March, youth will gather together as a unique Christian Community by demonstrating the gospel in how to treat each other and those that we may come in contact with. Being a Christian community takes effort; it requires response, trust, sensitivity and love. To create this type of community the youth must agree to a covenant.

In order for your high schooler to participate, parents must fill out a registration form as well as a Permission, Medical and Liability Release. These two documents and/or more information can be obtained through the church office, 588-5350, or through the youth director, Becca Berry, 584-0723.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 25, a congregational meeting will be held. The purpose of this meeting will be (1.) for the ordination and/or installation of the Class of 2006; and (2.) Review the Terms of Call for Rev. John Stuart.

Class of 2006

- Virginia Chesney
- Derry Evans
- Cynthia House
- Sara Leckie
- Ron Roberts

Christian Unity Service

Sunday, January 18, 2004

3:00 PM

Erin Presbyterian Church

BODY RECALL

Body Recall classes will begin on Monday, January 12, 2004 instead of the previously scheduled date of January 5. Our son, Craig Roberts, and his family will be visiting with us until January 2, so we delayed our vacation until that time.

The classes will meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:30 p.m. for Body Recall I and 2:30 p.m. for Body Recall II. The winter session will meet for 10 weeks, ending Friday, March 19. The desire is to plan a spring class on Monday, April 12.



During this past season, I wondered how I had the time to do Body Recall; maybe you felt that way too. But **we should make body movement our top priority** even if it is only 20 or 30 minutes a day. A brisk walk is so good for us. I miss all of you and the good times and the good laughs we have together in our classes. Do your friend, neighbor or relative a favor...bring them to class with you. Keep those joints lubricated with Body Recall. I look forward to a new beginning on January 12, 2004.

Faithfully,
Ron Roberts

Enclosed is a copy of the e-mail from Karen Harris, our Belize Missionary friend. She was so thrilled about the package we sent. It makes us feel good to know that we brightened someone else's day.

Wow. Wow wow wow. That is about all I can say after I opened the package! It has a little bit of everything! There are so many toiletries that I thought I was going to have to stock up on when I visited over Christmas, but now I have plenty. Everyone from Body Recall is so generous; I am seriously at a loss of words. I just ran out a Gatorade mix (which I love to drink on hot days when I teach PE) and was dreading the next month without it and what do you know... Gatorade mix is in the box. I have had a great time reading the paper from cover to cover. I have heard that there is someone from the Knoxville living about an hour away, and I am going to try to track him down through a mutual friend so that he can get caught up on Knoxville news also. I am looking at all the goods right now and thinking how truly blessed I am. I don't think I could ever say thank you enough. I know I will put so much of the treasures included the box to truth the next week! Thank You, Thank You, Thank You ~ Karen

SELL OR BUY?

A bulletin board in the Narthex is available for you to sale and purchase items. All proceeds will benefit the playground fund. *For sellers*, item description cards and tax receipts are available on the board. *For buyers*, if you find something that you desire to purchase, contact the individual listed on the posted card. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Patterson, 769-7655, or Millisa, 588-5350, at the church office. ***Your participation is needed.***

GATHERING OF ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

A *Gathering of Presbyterian Adoptive Families* will be held July 6-10, 2004 at the Montreat Conference Center.

Presbyterian adoptive families, have you or your children ever been asked: Are those your kids? What happened to your real parents? Are you adopted? And the central question: Who are you?

Come this summer and join other Presbyterian adoptive families. We will worship, eat, and play together as families. We will discuss and learn about adoptive issues and God's relationship with us. This year's theme is *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*. We will explore the theme of God's adoption in baptism. All are welcome and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Registration must be made by the end of June. The cost to attend this conference varies and depends on the selections that your family chooses. Please contact the church office, 588-5350, for more information. Or, you may visit and/or register online at www.montreat.org.

HELLO!

Please contact the church office if you don't have a name tag or if you have lost yours.

CLASS OF 2003

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



These are the words of the Son of God... I know your deeds,
 your love and faith, your service and perseverance...
 Revelation 2:18-19, NIV

**Thank you Class of 2003 for your
 service to Erin Presbyterian Church.**

The Erin Presbyterian Church News is published monthly. Comments and submissions are welcome. Please submit articles by **Thursday, January 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 "Erin1877@aol.com". Send Calendar events to "admin@erinpresbyterian.org".

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