

Erin Presbyterian Church News August 2004

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

Dear friends,

As August comes round, everybody seems to prepare for the weeks to come. Kids and teachers are returning to school; summer camps and beach vacations are behind us; college classes and the football season are just around the corner. It appears as though we are gearing ourselves up for another busy time and as we look forward, we focus on our goals, targets and aims that have still to be accomplished by the year's end.

Church also begins its new season in August. Rally Day for Sunday School, Volunteer Sunday and the MOPS meetings all commence in August. It's also special time when we should reflect upon what our life means, what purposes God has in store for us, and how the church can help us to spiritually enrich our lives.

As your pastor, it's important for me to try to get as many of your church newsletter readers interested in learning more about God and making a closer connection with Him. You were made by God and created for special purposes, missions and ministries. Our church at Erin is here to equip you with the knowledge, support and encouragement that will grow you as a child of God, as a purpose driven person, as a dedicated, devoted disciple of Christ.

As each year passes, all of us are one step nearer to the day when we will



meet Christ face to face. It might seem far off to most of you now, but nothing in life is guaranteed, not even an extra day in life itself. Are you ready to meet Jesus? Do you really know who He is? Are you confident that He will know who you are when you stand before the Pearly Gates, seeking to get in?

The greatest damage you can do to yourself is to seriously underestimate the need to have a living, dedicated relationship with God. Remember, because He is God everything is done on His terms, in His way and how He pleases. God will not put up with nominal faith, a casual acquaintance or a laid back attitude to how you worship, study and serve Him. For too long, our people have mistakenly depended upon thinking that they are justified by faith, when in fact all they are doing with their hearts and minds is acknowledging that God exists. To have faith in God means to be faithful. To be faithful means maintaining a significant relationship and not just a symbolic one.

So, in order to strengthen your relationship with God, come and worship Him. Come and learn about Him. Come and serve Him. His place of business is known to you. Make it your business this Fall to be in His Place.

Jeremiah 29:13 – And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

May God bless you all.

John

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 1

COMMUNION SUNDAY
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Peter 2:17-22 & Luke 9:57-62
 "Creature Comforts"

August 8

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 62:1-5 & Luke 10:1-12
 "Teamwork"

August 15

RALLY DAY
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 & Luke 10:13-24
 "Written Up"

August 22

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Proverbs 14:18-21 & Luke 10:25-37
 "1 Out of 3 Ain't Bad"

August 29

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Psalm 27:1-6 & Luke 10:38-42
 "One Thing is Needed"

September 5

COMMUNION SUNDAY
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Psalm 19:7-14 & Luke 11:1-4
 "The Priority of Prayer"

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

- August 1 Hugh and Eleanor Jaynes
- August 8 Christy Blanchard and Sonja Dubois
- August 15 Morgan and Pat Fitch
- August 22 Ron and Sonja Dubois
- August 29 Richard and Rue Dougherty
- September 5 Jay and Jo Derrick

Communion Servers

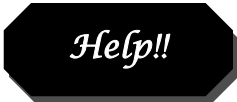
- August 1 Randy Bishop, Mary Nelle Cate, Larry McKay, Marjorie McLean, Ann Snodgrass, Morgan Fitch

Ushers

- August 1 Tom and Harriet Ayers, Randy and Regina Bishop
- August 8 Gary Blackburn, Mike and Mary Nelle Cate, *Available*
- August 15 Tom Chesney, David Cowen, Jimmy Dean, Jay Derrick, Sierra Henshaw
- August 22 Ann Davis, Evelyn Lowry, Patty Britton Pierce, *Available*
- August 29 Ron and Sonja Dubois, Morgan and Pat Fitch
- September 5 Catherine Landstreet, Dave Leckie, Evelyn Lowry, Bob McLean

Nursery Volunteers

- August 1 Mary Scarbrough
- August 8 Ann Snodgrass
- August 15 *Available*
- August 22 *Available*
- August 29 Jessica Webb
- September 5 Henry & Heather Ritchie



Guide and Scripture Reader

- August 1 Charles Snodgrass and Becca Berry
- August 8 Morgan Fitch and Sonja Dubois
- August 15 Robin Cuany and Anna McKay
- August 22 Pat Fitch and Gary Blackburn
- August 29 John House and David Cowen
- September 5 Sonja Dubois and Lynn Sexton

Enrichment I

- August 1 Amanda Baucom
- August 8 Kristi Bailes
- August 15 Apryl Quinn
- August 22 Available
- August 29 Amanda Baucom
- September 5 Kari Matthews

Enrichment II

- Anna McKay
- TBA
- Alice Carroll
- Tracy Long
- Larry McKay
- TBD

Counters

- August 1 Randy Bishop and Tom Quinley
- August 8 Mary Nelle Cate and Morgan Fitch
- August 15 Larry McKay and Ron Roberts
- August 22 Marjorie McLean and Ann Snodgrass
- August 29 Becca Berry and Gary Blackburn
- September 5 Patty Pierce and Tom Quinley

*Communion Servers meet 9:00 a.m.
in the Mini-Kitchen*

- September 5 Rebecca Berry, Laura Dean, Patty Britton Pierce, Pam Pfeifer, Tom Quinley, John House





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 loved ones in your prayers during the coming month:

Afghanistan: Sgt. Majors

Cary, North Carolina: Rev. Bill Peters, *former pastor of Lake Hills Presbyterian Church and member of Presbytery of East Tennessee*

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;*
Louise Ryba (Waverly Gardens; 6539 Knight Arnold
Road APT 30; Memphis, TN 38115)

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

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

Shannondale Health Care Center: Carolyn Cuany,
Room 208; Mary Ann Hagler, Room 516

Spokane, WA: Sandra Tessier, *aunt of Kari Matthews*

St. Jude's Hospital: Justin Myers (11-years-old), *Christy
Blanchard's co-workers nephew* (cards welcome – 332 N.
Lauderdale Street; Memphis, TN 38105)

NHC of Ft. Sanders: Geneva SaatKamp- Room 113,
mother of Lionel Sands

Virginia: Susie Ritchie, *mother of Henry Ritchie*

At Home:

Christy Blanchard

Dan (*friend of Tracy Foster*)

Mae Brandon-Pershing **Margaret Casteel**

Michelle Cross (*friend of Debbie Vowell*)

Walker Hecht (*4-years-old*) **Ruth Henderson**

Ian Jordan (*former Moppets Child – son of Paula Jordan*)

Julie (*student of PJ Brice-Means*)

Hadley Keck (*Infant*)

Rodney Knight

Sara Leckie

Jo Ludwig

JE Pershing

Emma Reed (*grandmother of Mike Sharp*)

Henry Thomas Ritchie **Charles Scarbrough**

Ethan Shannon

Edith Stellacci (*mother of Regina Bishop*)

Barbara Wallin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Amanda Baucom | August 2 |
| Agnes Kirby | August 3 |
| Olivia Baucom | August 6 |
| Richard Dougherty | August 8 |
| Louise Ryba | August 8 |
| Lauren Stuart | August 9 |
| Whitney Wallace | August 10 |
| Wayne Bridwell | August 11 |
| Carlina Moore | August 11 |
| Rue Dougherty | August 14 |
| Mary Frierson | August 14 |
| Hugh Jaynes | August 14 |
| Virginia Chesney | August 15 |
| Bill Powell | August 15 |
| Garren Miller | August 16 |
| Keeny Robinson | August 23 |
| Mary Ann Hagler | August 24 |
| Ruth Henderson | August 25 |
| Pam Stevens | August 25 |
| Catherine Landstreet | August 27 |
| Bobby Swallows | August 29 |
| Lynn Sexton | August 30 |
| Lauren Gahan | August 31 |
| Bob Price | August 31 |
| Shonda Evans | September 1 |
| Tyler Grant | September 3 |
| Marlene Powell | September 5 |



Your birthday not listed?

Please contact the church office, 588-5350.

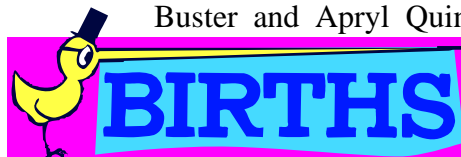
WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Freed Johns on the death of his wife, Martha Ann Johns, who died on Wednesday, July 14, in Knoxville; and to Bill Williams on the death of his son, Michael Williams, who died on Wednesday, July 21, in Knoxville.

WE ARE SAD TO SAY that Gladys Fisher died on Monday, July 19, in Knoxville. Services were arranged in Florida.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Erin Quinley and Wes Harris on their marriage on Saturday, July 24, at Erin Church.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Buster and Apryl Quinn on the birth of their son, William Quinn, who was born on Tuesday,

July 20, in Knoxville; and to Mike and Katina Sharp on the birth of their son, Jackson Reed Sharp, who was born on Friday, July 30, in Knoxville.



THE SENIOR SACK LUNCH

The Senior Sack Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 19. Please plan to attend. Bring a sandwich.



Touch of Grace -
Therapeutic Massage

AN IN-HOUSE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

This directory will be a useful addition to the pictorial directory. The smaller size will make it a handy companion at home or in your car. A supply of the recent "Pictorial" Erin Church directories are still available at a cost of \$5 per copy. To purchase a pictorial directory, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, in the church office. *Don't forget to fill in the updated information form, which will be listed in the bulletin and for the next few Sundays.* If you are unable to fill out a form on Sunday, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, and the form will be mailed to you.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The pastor will hold a special one-hour long church membership class on Sunday, August 15. This will take place in the Heritage Room, directly after the church worship service. Everyone who is interested is welcome to attend and special invitations will be sent out to regular worship attendees. Participants will be given information packets and the opportunity to ask questions about the life, work and ministries of our church. If you are interested in this membership class and do not receive notice by mail, please contact the church office, 588-5350. Childcare will be available (with reservation) and light refreshments will be served.



GENESIS 9:13-16

"Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

Go Big Orange!!! Or Blue? Or Red?!? Sunday, August 29, 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.

BODY RECALL

"YOU CAN DO IT; WE CAN HELP!" Body Recall exercise classes begin Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. Again, two classes will be available: Mon., Wed., Fri., 2:30-3:30 PM, and 4:30-5:30 PM. Cost is \$1.00 per class and textbook is \$17. Create a new "you." Walking, joint movement and stretching are so important for healthy bodies. And we have fun doing it! Go at your own pace, with absolutely no competition.

You can call Ron Roberts, 966-8666 or 254-8666, or the church office, 588-5350, for more information. Bring a relative or friend with you. What a unique way to introduce an acquaintance to Erin Church.

RALLY DAY/FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

A mailing will be coming soon!

MOPS UPDATE

More Summer Fun!

We are gearing up for another great year of MOPS at Erin. Our MOPS theme for the 2004-2005 (beginning in September) year is "Fresh fruit—growing a life that matters". The theme is based on Galatians 5:22-23: *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Although we don't hold our meetings during the summer, we stay busy and in touch. We held our annual steering meeting on July 13th at church. We had a good time, with food, fellowship, and lots of planning for the upcoming year. We are working with the Vision Team at Erin in anticipation of putting the new Young Family Center to good use right away! We organized a paint night on Wednesday, July 28, with over fifteen in attendance! We plan to hold our meetings and schedule lots of activities downstairs this year, and we are expanding from three to four classrooms for our Moppets program. Two classrooms will be located downstairs, and we will continue to use the two upstairs nursery rooms. Thanks for all of your help and support with this project--we are very excited about the possibilities for utilizing the new space!

We will hold our Open House for registration on Thursday, July 26th from 10-11:30 a.m. We are looking forward to welcoming our returning moms and children and are looking forward to meeting some new members.

We will continue to have summer activities in August:

- Mom's Dinner Out—Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m., at Cha-cha's restaurant on Kingston Pike.
- Mom's Game Night—Thursday, August 12th—7:00 p.m. at the church.
- August Field Trip and Park Days—we will list in the church bulletin as planned, per number of anticipated participants and weather permitting.

Please call Kristi Bailes (560-3081) or the church office if you would like to be included in the "MOPS" email list. Thanks.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Submitted by Kristi Bailes

WE NEED YOU!

MOPS *is in need of a paid teachers and volunteer assistants.* Folks are needed from 9:30-11:30 a.m. each second and fourth Thursday this fall. If you are able to share your love and time, please contact Kristi Bailes, 560-3081. Part-time volunteers would be helpful as well.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR**COMPASSION COALITION MEETING**

Five Characteristics of Externally Focused Churches

Come to hear Eric Swanson, co-author of the just released book, *The Externally Focused Church*, describe how churches around the country are measuring their effectiveness, not only by internal measures such as attendance, worship, teaching, and small groups; but also by external measures such as the spiritual and societal effects they are having on the communities around them. Eric also directs Leadership Communities of Externally Focused Churches around the country. "This is a 'can't miss' opportunity for pastors and lay leaders."

When: Thursday, August 26, 2004,
from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Church,
8000 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN

Please reserve your spot for lunch (\$3);
children (\$1) by return email
info@compassioncoalition.org.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Memorial Christian Hospital
Sialkot, Pakistan

WAY TO GO ERIN CHURCH!!!

You donated \$945 towards the Pakistan nurse Scholarship exceeding the \$800 goal. *You're awesome!*

August

2004

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| 1 Communion 2p <i>Wanna Play</i> | 2 7:30p AA | 3 5:15p Let's Do Dinner 7:15p CCF 7:30p Ministry Teams (CE, BG, ME) | 4 | 5 11a MOPS 5p Sr. High Outing 7:15p FSP 8p Glenfinnan | 6 8p AA | 7 9a Vision Team |
| 8 Congregational Meeting 6:30-8p Sr. High | 9 7:30p AA | 10 6p Staff Meeting 7:30p Scotland Tour Meeting | 11 | 12 Knox Begins ½ Day 7p MOPS Game Night 8p Glenfinnan | 13 8p AA | 14 |
| 15 12:15p Membership Class 6:30-8p Sr. High | 16 Ministry Reports Needed 7:30p AA | 17 7:30p Vision Team | 18 | 19 10a SAM Council 12p Senior Sack Lunch 7p Session | 20 8p AA | 21 8:30a Breakfast Club PW Leader Training |
| 22 Celebrate Young People 2-5p John Knox Picnic 6:30-8p Sr. High | 23 Newsletter Info Needed 7p Theatre Calendar 7:30p AA | 24 | 25 | 26 9:30-11a MOPS <i>"Meet and Greet"</i> 8p Glenfinnan | 27 1-4:30p FISH 8p AA | 28 |
| 29 RALLY DAY VOLUNTEER SUNDAY RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS 6:30-8p Sr. High | 30 7:30p AA | 31 | Notes: *No Barnabas Meeting this month * No PW Meeting this month | | | |

Save the date, September 11. The PW's will have their annual Fall Gathering. The gathering will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor with a continental breakfast. Rev. Sharon Carter will give an overview of the upcoming Bible Study, "What She Said: Quotable Women in Scripture". Study books will be available for \$6 each.

We welcome any new women members or visitors to come along and see what the PW group is about!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ladies, let's get together for a time of fun and fellowship and lunch on Thursday, August 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Apple Cake Tearoom located on Campbell Station Road. To make your reservation or for more information, please contact Pat Sexton, 693-3187, or the church office, 588-5350.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

It's hard to believe that we are more than half way through the year 2004! Your giving for the year through June 30 is ahead of giving for the same period in 2003; however, expenses are also higher than those in 2003. Shown below is a summary of our 2004 finances through June 30.

Dates to Remember:

- August 2** Co-team meeting at the home of Harriet Ayers
- September 11** Fall Gathering - Continental Breakfast @ 10 a.m. - in Parlor.

More information to follow. No circle meetings will be held in August.

Reminder: please don't forget to keep bringing in your Campbell soup labels. The basket is on the bulletin board in the hallway. There is a complete list of labels that can be submitted posted on the board. These labels benefit the children at Sunset Gap.

A FAMILY PICNIC

A Family Picnic for all ages will be held on Sunday, August 22, at the John Knox Center. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children under age 10, and free for children under age five. Activities begin at 2:00 p.m. and closing worship begins at 5:00 p.m. There is something for everyone: explore the lake paddling a canoe, bring your bat and glove for the softball game, cool off in the lake swimming, face painting for the kids, live music, and much more! Bring your lawn chairs, relax by the lake, and enjoy the great music, delicious grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and fun. You may register at www.JohnKnoxCenter.org or you may mail your information to John Knox Center; 591 West Rockwood Ferry Road; Ten Mile, TN 37880; please include your check, name, address, telephone number and the number of guests that will attend. For more information, please contact the John Knox Center, 376-2236. *Glenfinnan will be there too!*

Income

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| Offerings | \$112,887 |
| Other Income | 17,997 |
| Total Income | <u>\$140,884</u> |

Expenses

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| Administration | \$ 9,570 |
| Building & Grounds | 20,105 |
| Christian Education | 11,315 |
| Congregational Care | 2,910 |
| Finance/Stewardship | 92 |
| Mission/Evangelism | 28,818 |
| Music/Worship | 2,158 |
| Pastoral Ministry | 44,996 |
| Personnel | 29,516 |
| PW Expenses | 251 |
| Scottish Travel Expense | 3,611 |
| Session | 186 |
| Total Expense | <u>\$153,528</u> |

As often happens, the giving in June dropped off somewhat as people finished up the school year and went on various trips and vacations. Just remember that our bills and other financial obligations continue through the summer, and we need your financial support just as much then as we do during the rest of the year. Please take a moment to look at the financial summary that was sent out in early July to check the status of your giving and pledge.

We realize, of course, that occasionally a family's financial situation may change in such a way that you cannot make the contributions you had originally planned. As always, we appreciate everyone's support of Erin's programs with their money, their time, and their talents.

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www.ErinPresbyterian.org



ELEANOR JAYNES HONORED

The Presbytery of East Tennessee established the Eleanor Jaynes Scholarship in 1989. A lifelong Presbyterian, Eleanor was a staunch advocate of Christian Education and Youth work for many years in Union Presbytery. Following reunion, Eleanor continued to a strong and dedicated leader with the Youth Council. She was greatly respected and greatly loved throughout the Presbytery. Following a massive stroke while attending Presbytery at King College in 1988, Eleanor recovered and began to regain her life. The Scholarship was established to honor both the work she had done, and the life she was rebuilding. During the first Presbytery meeting that Eleanor attended following her stroke, the Youth Council under the guidance of Daisy Holt, Presbytery Director of Christian Education presented her with the scholarship.

The scholarship was designated to provide assistance for youth in need to attend Presbytery youth events, John Knox summer camps and special events such as Triennium and Youth Connection.

At the June 15, 2004 meeting of the Presbytery, Rev. Joe B. Martin of Northside Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga paid tribute to Eleanor as he led the commissioning service for those attending the 2004 Triennium. Her faithful discipleship has left an indelible mark on the youth work of this Presbytery.

Eleanor and her husband, Dr. Hugh O. Jaynes, are Elders at Erin Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. Eleanor and Hugh were instrumental in establishing the Older Adult Ministry within the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

The Erin Presbyterian Church News is published monthly. Comments and submissions are welcome. Please submit articles by **Monday, August 23, 2004**, for inclusion in the next month's issue. Place submissions in Millisa's mailbox in the Church Office or send articles and/or calendar events via e-mail to "Erin1877@aol.com".

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