

Erin Presbyterian Church News January 2005

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



Dear Friends,

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Every January, I try to look for a Bible verse that will be our motto for the year. Today, I came across this beautiful promise from God, written by Isaiah the prophet, more than 2,500 years ago.

The terrible tsunami tragedy in South East Asia has been horrible to watch on television, and is something that is very hard to accept in our hearts and minds. The forces of Nature and chaos have shown how fragile and vulnerable we are, and the staggering number of victims has made many feel insecure, isolated, and anxious.

When Isaiah wrote those beautiful words, God was getting ready to release His people from the bondage of the Assyrians and the humiliation of their captivity. For several generations, the Jewish people had lost hope in the future and their faith in God. They were overwhelmed by the might of the Babylonian Empire and its gods seemed more powerful than their local deity in Jerusalem.

But God specializes in bringing hope and healing where hurt and horror exist. God

confronts the forces of chaos with compassion, and overcomes natural disasters with a never-ending devotion and love that enables His people to help, support, and encourage one another. Through Isaiah's prophecy, the people regained their purpose and prepared for the promises of God to be fulfilled.

Through Christ's ministry, we can do the same by purposefully supporting and strengthening the life, work, and mission of His church, which rally around the world to help the peoples of South East Asia to recover, rebuild and renew their shattered communities.

God's promise is also for all of us who may undergo times of uncertainty, anxiety, and insecurity in 2005. God tells us that we are not alone in the world and that he will never abandon His people, no matter how bad things appear to be. God fixes our fears with faith. He destroys our dismay with His devotional love. He wins over our weakness with His strength. He carries our concerns in His caring hands.

Perhaps this is the year when you grow closer to God. Perhaps this is the time when you will want to worship Him more often. Perhaps this is the occasion when your precious life changes and you discover God's purpose for all that you do. If this is the case,

and you are determined to do your part, then you will experience and know the power within this promise:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

God bless you all in this New Year.

John

Stop Press: Beware of the Okie-dokie Virus

Recently, quite a few of our church staff and a number of our congregational members have caught this insidious virus. It comes upon you quite innocently and sneaks into your vocabulary. Without thinking, you'll find yourself tagging the end of a conversation with the words "okie-dokie."

The cause of the virus at the church is undetermined, but there are a few who believe it is emanating from the church office, either via the telephone or in conversations with the Church Administrator. There is no cure for this virus, and if it gets you, there are no steps that can prevent it from occurring in your own conversations.

If you happen to hear the phrase, "Okie-dokie" coming from the office, please report this to the pastor, who will fervently pray for immunization, but cannot guarantee it will work.

So, keep all of this in mind next time you visit or call the office. Okie-dokie?

John

HAVE YOU TAKEN PICTURES AT ERIN LATELY?

Send your digital photographs to webmaster@erinpresbyterian.org so they may be listed on Erin's website! If anyone has a film camera with pictures, we have a volunteer who can convert the pictures into digital ones by using a scanner. Contact the church office for more information.

MOPS

Submitted by Kristi Bailes

We have had a wonderful start to our 2004-2005 Mops year. We are enjoying the new Family Life Center, and have a fabulous group of moms, teachers, mentors, and children!

We are beginning a new semester in January. Our first meeting will be on January 13th. We are continuing our theme: "Fresh Fruit—growing a Life that Matters"—based on Galatians 5:22-23. We have lots of fun planned for the spring. January is a good time to visit or join for the new semester. Dues for the semester (including childcare) are \$40. There is no fee for visitors, and scholarships are available for the semester. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Kristi Bailes, 560-3081, Jennifer Gahan, 909-0633, or call the church office, 588-5350. If you would like to visit for a meeting, please let us know before the Thursday meeting date by contacting the church office. This enables us to have a nametag and materials prepared and let our teachers know that your children will be visiting. We welcome any visitors—come join us in the new Family Center!



MOPS International has a great website: www.mops.org. You can locate groups around the country and keep up-to-date with MOPS. We also have general information, meeting dates and topics, and registration materials available in the church office.

Worship Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 11
7:00 PM – Heritage Room
Anyone interested in Erin's worship is welcome to attend.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 2

COMMUNION SUNDAY
Second Sunday after Christmas
 Daniel 9:4-9 & Luke 13:1-9
 "A Chance to Grow"

January 9

Baptism of the Lord
 Guest Preacher – Callie Elliott

January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Luke 13:10-17
 "Free to Be"

January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Luke 13:18-21
 "A Little Goes a Long Way"

January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Luke 13:22-30
 "Open Sesame!"

February 6

COMMUNION SUNDAY
Transfiguration of the Lord
 Luke 13:31-35
 "Facing Our Demons"

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 2 Jay Derrick and Robert Hewgley
- January 9 Middle School Group
- January 16 Ron and Sonja Dubois
- January 23 David and Brooks Eggers
- January 30 Morgan and Pat Fitch
- February 6 Steve and Tracy Foster

Communion Servers, please meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Mini-Kitchen to prepare the elements.

Communion Servers

- January 2 Derry Evans, Cynthia House, John House, Sara Leckie, Ron Roberts, Eva Quinley
- February 6 Randy Bishop, Mary Nelle Cate, Larry McKay, Marjorie McLean, Ann Snodgrass, Mary Scarbrough



Ushers

- January 2 Bill Brazelton, Morgan and Pat Fitch, Rob Matthews, *Carson Matthews
- January 9 Mike and Mary Nelle Cate, Tom Chesney, Ann Davis, *Lindsay Pfeifer
- January 16 Charles and Mary Scarbrough, Jeff and Nicole Waters, *Michelle Waters
- January 23 Rickey and Erin McCallum, Mike and Patty Britton Pierce
- January 30 *Katie Bailes, Steve and Tracy Foster, Dave and Sara Leckie
- February 6 Agnes Kirby, Rob Matthews, *Hanna Matthews, Larry and Anna McKay, *David McKay, *Sarah McKay

Nursery Volunteers

- January 2 Kari Matthews
- January 9 Mary Bryan McLeod
- January 16 Lionel Sands
- January 23 Joanne Clelland
- January 30 Kelli Crisp
- February 6 Mary Scarbrough

Guide and Scripture Reader

- January 2 Mike Pierce and Ann Snodgrass
- January 9 Carlina Moore and Becca Berry
- January 16 Eva Quinley and Bill VandenBosch
- January 23 Pat and Lynn Sexton
- January 30 Ann Snodgrass and Shane Crisp
- February 6 Linda Spears and Sonja Dubois

Enrichment

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|------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| January 2 | Taylor Pierce | Patty Britton Pierce |
| January 9 | Alyssa Contreras | Kari Matthews |
| January 16 | Kristi Bailes | Taylor Pierce |
| January 23 | Denise Bilbrey | Emily Jenness |
| January 30 | Kari Matthews | Nicole Waters |
| February 6 | Mary Bryan McLeod | Denise Bilbrey |

Counters

- January 2 Derry Evans and Tom Quinley
- January 9 Cynthia House and Morgan Fitch
- January 16 Sara Leckie and Ron Roberts
- January 23 Ron Roberts and Ann Snodgrass
- January 30 Randy Bishop and Gary Blackburn
- February 6 TBD and Tom Quinley

Bell Ringers

- January 2 Emme Ritchie
- January 9 Brittany Simpson
- January 16 Shane Crisp
- January 23 Allen Criss
- January 30 Carson Matthews
- February 6 Hannah Matthews



Chloe Levering

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:

- Echo Ridge Retirement:** Dorothy Farnham – 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 Member*
- ICU - Florida:** Michael Stellacci, *father of Regina Bishop*
- Iraq:** Darrell Darnbush with 278th, *friend of Pat Sexton*
- Kansas:** Bob Ellis and Family, *cousin of LouL Tate*
- Logansport, IN:** Jon Oldham, *cousin of Christy Blanchard*
- 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*
- New Orleans:** Mary Beth Craft, *step-grandmother of Ann Snodgrass*
- Scotland:** Barbara Smith, *mother of Evelyn Stuart*; Dollina Campbell, *friend of Cathy Satterfield*
- Shannondale Nursing:** Geneva Saatkamp – Room 212, *mother of Lionel Sands*
- Shannondale Retirement:** Velma Blackburn – Room 329, *mother of Gary Blackburn*
- Sri Lanka:** Family and Friends of Shanti Hapuarachy, *Body Recall Member & friend of Alma Siedentopf*
~*And all of those affected by this tragedy*~
- Spokane, WA:** Sandra Tessier, *aunt of Kari Matthews*
- Summerville, AL:** Betty Tarpley, *friend of Marion Sanks*
- Toledo, OH:** Julie Spade, *sister of Susan Hannah*
- Vero Beach, FL:** Gideon Zuta, *brother-in-law of Regina Bishop*
- Virginia:** Bret Ritchie, *brother of Henry Ritchie*
- Washington, DC:** Laney O’Conner, *niece of Henry and Heather Ritchie*
- At Home:**
Martha Bailey (*friend of Maud Hoover*)
Christy Blanchard **Fred & Joan Cline**
Margaret Casteel
Randy Crigger (*friend of Mike Bilbrey*)
Dan (*friend of Tracy Foster*)
Karen Easter (*friend of Patty Britton Pierce*)
Walker Hecht (*4-years-old*) **Ruth Henderson**
Elijah Irwin (*four-year-old grandson of Jay and Jo Derrick*)

- Ian Jordan** (*former Moppets Child – son of Paula Jordan*)
- Julie** (*student of PJ Brice-Means*)
- Freed Johns** (*at Linda Spears’ home*)
- Dean Jones** (*friend of Jay Derrick*) **Jo Ludwig**
- Jean Manley** (*friend of Alma Siedentopf*)
- Sarah McCamey & Baby** (*friend of Christy Blanchard*)
- Kathy McClellan** (*stepmother of Katina Sharp*)
- Gary Pennington** (*friend of Christy Blanchard*)
- JE and Mae Pershing**
- Doris Bishop-Pratt** (*mother of Randy Bishop*)
- Emma Reed** (*grandmother of Mike Sharp*)
- Henry Thomas Ritchie**
- Ethan Shannon**
- Sherry** (*friend of Christy Blanchard*)
- Howell Solomon** (*brother of Denise Bilbrey*)
- Stephanie Spidell** (*six-year-old friend of Lisa Frith*)
- Edith Stellacci** (*mother of Regina Bishop*)
- Herman Stribling** (*friend of Tracy Foster*)
- Barbara Wallin**
- David White** (*son of Earl and Ruth White*)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Wilma Harrington | January 1 |
| Mary Job | January 1 |
| Joe Tate | January 3 |
| Audry Cafego | January 4 |
| Suzanne Hickman | January 4 |
| Maud Hoover | January 4 |
| Harriet Ayers | January 5 |
| Gary Blackburn | January 5 |
| Mary Nelle Cate | January 6 |
| Tracy Foster | January 6 |
| Jeff Waters | January 6 |
| Mae Brandon-Pershing | January 10 |
| Pat Fitch | January 11 |
| Alee McLeod | January 11 |
| Lyndsey Nelson | January 13 |
| Jimmy Dean | January 19 |
| Beth Snodgrass | January 19 |
| LouL Tate | January 19 |
| Chris Leckie | January 20 |
| Evelyn Stuart | January 21 |
| Al Wallin | January 21 |
| Barbara Wallin | January 23 |
| Jada Cable | January 24 |
| Jeff Cable | January 24 |
| Frank Harrington | January 25 |
| Marjorie Swanner | January 25 |
| Linda Thompson | January 26 |
| Mike Jackson | January 28 |
| Andy Jaynes | January 30 |
| Carl McHargue | January 30 |
| Jessica Stowell | January 30 |
| Rob McLeod | January 31 |
| Julie Blanchard | February 4 |
| Randy Bishop | February 5 |



*Your birthday not listed?
Please contact the church office, 588-5350.*

ROBIN AND THE REST OF THE CUANY FAMILY are very appreciative of your expressions of sympathy and support at the time of Carolyn's death on Sunday, December 12, and the memorial service on Saturday, December 18. Your words, cards, songs, and foods expressed your fellowship to us and were a great consolation. **THANK YOU!**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The pastor will hold a special one-hour long church membership class on Sunday, January 16, directly after the worship service in the Heritage Room. *Everyone who is interested is welcome to attend.* Participants will be given information packets and the opportunity to ask questions about the life, work and ministries of our church. Childcare will be available and light refreshments will be served.

ELDER TRAINING FOR THE CLASS OF 2007

Training will be held on Monday, January 3, from 7:00–8:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 8, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; and on Saturday, January 22, from 10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Ordination and/or Installation will be on Sunday, January 30, 2005. Please plan to attend *all* the above dates.

HONORED

'Well done, good and faithful servant!
You have been faithful...Come and
share your master's happiness!
Matthew 25:21



I deeply appreciate the honor that was paid me during the worship service on Sunday, December 26. The reception that followed was a real treat, and my thanks to those who prepared the delicacies.

It has been my privilege to serve as your clerk of session for the past four years. That was a labor of love for me, and I know that the work will be in good hands as Charles Snodgrass takes over.

-Hugh Jaynes

MONDAY NIGHT STUDIES ARE BACK!!!

Monday nights wouldn't be the same without our classical six-week series. We've all been blessed by reading and discussing some of the works of St. Augustine and Thomas à Kempis. This year, we kick off on **Monday, January 10, at 7:15 p.m.**, with **Martin Luther** and look at his life and times, writings and thoughts that started, shaped and solidified the Reformation.

If you want to learn more about the history of Christianity, to share your ideas, and enhance your beliefs, then come along each Monday to the church parlor at 7:15 p.m. when the study begins. You'll be made very welcome and encouraged to participate in the program.

If you would like to come, but need transport, let us know at the office (588-5350) and we'll have someone bring you along. The pastor enthusiastically leads these studies and everyone enjoys learning that wee bit more about who we are, what we believe, and whom we serve.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION

Have you been seeking contentment in your life? Would you like to control your worries and rediscover peace in your journey with God?

On Wednesday nights, in the Heritage Room, we'll be discussing the issues, events, and experiences that cause us to worry and struggle throughout our lives. Using the book, "***Calm My Anxious Heart***" by **Linda Dillow**, we will be exploring encouraging ways and practical help to overcome our daily problems. We will discover what the Bible has to say about true contentment and find ways to apply it in our lives.

The discussions begin on **Wednesday, January 12, at 6:45 p.m.**, after dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend and fully participate in the discussion of this much-needed and greatly appreciated book.

LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND FOR ERIN

You may be making or changing a will sometime soon. Please consider including Erin. What a great legacy that would be for future generations of Erin Worshipers. Thanks so much for your consideration in this matter. FS&P Ministry

NURSE'S NOTES

Denise Bilbrey ~ 588-5350

Dear Friends,

Blessings in the New Year and Peace and Joy in the name of our New Born King! Christmas and New Years is a time of celebration and great gladness! Right? Well, not for everyone, a lot of people complain that they get depressed during and right after the holidays. It isn't uncommon to feel a little "down" after the holidays, but is it really true depression? Depression is not the same as feeling sad or blue. True depression is severe sadness and hopelessness that doesn't go away over time and interferes with normal activities.

SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION:

- Sleep disturbances
- Trouble concentrating and/or making decisions
- Significant weight loss or gain
- Agitation or slow body movements
- Fatigue
- Low self esteem, feelings of worthlessness, guilt
- Loss of interest in usual activities or interests
- Persistent negative view of one's self or situation and future
- May think about suicide and death

Several of these symptoms must be present and persist over time. If you think you may be depressed:

- Pray!
- Confide in a friend or relative for support
- Consult your physician
- Be patient, recovery from depression takes time
- Eat right
- Get enough sleep
- Get some exercise

Depression is a common illness. It affects one in five people during their lifetime. It is very treatable and most people recover fully after appropriate treatment. Depression seems to most affect people ages 25-44. However it is often overlooked and quite common among people aged 65 and older. Be confident in knowing God is always with us and cares deeply for the wellbeing of our body, mind and soul.

In Philippians 4:6, 7 Paul encourages us "...Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". If you'd like further information on depression or have any health related questions please feel free to contact me.

Be well,

Denise Bilbrey, Parish Nurse

A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU WITH BODY RECALL!

Have you entertained thoughts of a regular exercise regime? Now may be the time. Make the commitment to exercise regularly three times a week with Erin's **Body Recall** program. Choose between the 2:30 PM or 4:30 PM classes offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for three 10-week sessions in 2005. First class of the new year is Monday, January 3.

Many participants in the classes claim they feel better and have a good time with a group of fun-loving people. There are testimonials from some participants of weight loss, better flexibility, and relief from some osteoarthritis. A video tape of some of the exercises was used for one world-wide traveler who wanted to keep up with the routine. The teacher claims relief from back pain when actively involved with the classes.

**Be Determined...
Get Fit!**

Some of the participants come early to walk for 10-15 minutes. Many of the movements are done from a chair and standing behind the chair.

Cost is \$1 per class. You can begin class anytime during the 10-week session, but why not start feeling better right away and join the exercisers January 3, 2005!

~ Ron Roberts,
A Certified Body Recall Instructor

Middle School News

CALENDAR

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

On Saturday, January 15, the middle school group will attend an orientation and training conference at Knoxville-Knox County Pets located on Sutherland Avenue in order for us to volunteer our love and time there. **In order for your middle schooler to participate, he/she MUST attend this mandatory meeting.** Youth should wear jeans and sneakers that look decent, but are able to incur dirt. Moreover, **we need two parents to volunteer** to assist us EACH TIME we volunteer at the pet center. **THE SAME TWO PARENTS MUST** also attend the orientation and training conference on January 15. Please prayerfully consider this community volunteer opportunity. **Parents will need to pick up their child at Erin Church at 1:15 p.m.**

On Sunday, January 16, the middle schoolers will have a fun-filled lock-in with Rev. Stuart beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Erin! Bring a friend. **One parent volunteer is needed for the lock-in.**

On Monday, January 17, the middle schoolers will have breakfast at McDonald's and then proceed to the Beck Cultural Exchange Center for a presentation. **Two parents are needed to volunteer transportation for this trip.** Please bring appropriate casual clothing for this trip to the lock-in. **Parents will need to pick up their child at Erin Church at 1:00 p.m.**

January 2 ~ No Middle School Meeting

January 9 ~ Middle School Meeting
6:30-8:00 PM

January 15 ~ Orientation/Training at
Knoxville-Knox County Pets
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

January 16 ~ Middle School
Meeting & Lock-In
6:30 PM

Don't forget to bring your stuff!

January 17 ~ Middle School Trip
9:30 AM

January 23 ~ Middle School Meeting
6:30-8:00 PM

January 30 ~ Middle School Meeting
6:30-8:00 PM



A LOOK AT OUR CURRENT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY...

“It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon. “
Genesis 41:28-32

Middle Schoolers... Who said it to Pharaoh?

For the events on January 16 & 17, you and your friends each should bring necessary sleeping items, sanitary items, \$15, a flashlight, and appropriate clothing.

ERIN CHURCH NOTE CARDS

I want to express my thanks to the many people in the congregation who kept me in their prayers during my recent illness – It was very appreciated. A special thanks to Kari Matthews, Heather Ritchie, Anna McKay, and Pam Pfeifer who brought food to us, at a time cooking was the last thing on my mind. God bless all my Erin family. Evelyn Stuart

THE SENIOR SACK LUNCH

The Senior Sack Lunch will be held on Thursday, January 20, at 12:00 noon in the fellowship Hall. Bring your sandwich; pickles, drinks, chips and desserts provided. *Bring a friend!*



Denise Bilbrey, Parish Nurse, will have the program in January. She will be attending a Wellness Forum presented by American Cancer Society. "I Can Cope" - support for cancer victims.

LET'S DO DINNER

Let's Do Dinner on Tuesday, January 4, at **5:00 p.m.** at Palms Grill located on Bearden Hill. Please contact Mary Scarbrough, 691-8658, or Maud Hoover, 463-7399, if you have any questions.

PURPOSE DRIVEN ONLINE STUDY

On Monday, January 17, we will begin our 40-day online study of Rick Warren's best-selling book, "The Purpose Driven Life." Last fall, twenty people signed up for the studies and enjoyed the whole process. If you would like to start the studies (they last eight weeks, Monday to Friday, and are sent each day by e-mail), please send an e-mail to the pastor at pastor@erinpresbyterian.org.



Jackson Sharp
son of Mike and Katina Sharp

THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE 2005

An experienced southern journalist will lead a look at the ways religious life and American "popular culture" interface and affect one another when the 2005 edition of the annual Tusculum College Theologian in Residence series takes place on the first four Tuesdays in February. Gayle White is a 32-year veteran of the newspaper business, all of it with *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. She has covered many assignments, and for the past 15 years she has been the religion writer for the paper. Most recently she covered values and voter groups during the 2004 campaign and election. Her topics will be: "Religion in the News" (Feb. 1), "Religion and Politics" (Feb. 8), "Religion in Popular Culture" (Feb. 15), "Religion and Money" (Feb. 22). The sessions begin at 10:00 AM on Tusculum's Greeneville campus, break for lunch (free) at 12:15 pm, then reconvene for a short wrap-up at 1:00 pm. Reservations are requested. For more information, contact Mark Stokes at Tusculum (1-800-729-0256, ext. 7628) or Eleanor and Hugh Jaynes at 693-1621. The Jaynes can coordinate transport.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The total receipts for the Christmas Joy Offering was \$1,169.98. Of that total, the children gave \$115.14 in their collection boxes. This generous outpouring of love at Christmas will help bring joy to many retired church professionals and many students in our racial/ethnic colleges and schools as they cope with financial exigencies and unexpected emergencies that they could not handle without your assistance.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circles will meet in January, **Come join one of the circles for fellowship and Bible Study.** **On Monday, January 10, Circle IV** will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Scarbrough. **On Tuesday, January 11, Circle II** will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Alma Siedentopf will be the lesson leader.

MONTREAT'S COMING.....ARE YOU READY?

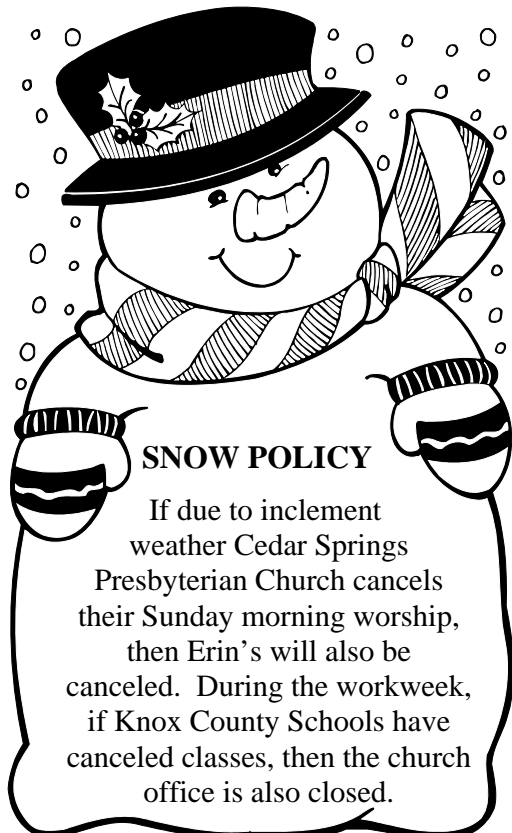
Attention all "Montreaters" and Montreat parents: Your \$80 deposit will be due on January 2. We are applying for Week 4, July 24-30. More info will be sent home during youth group. Please make plans to attend this spirited and "spirit-filled" week!

WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to **Catherine Landstreet** on the death of her son-in-law, James Earl Killiam, who died last week in Johnson City, TN; to **Denise Bilbrey** on the death of her step-grandmother, Bea Agee, who died recently in Harriman; to **Suzanne Hickman** on the death of her friend, Jim Parker, who died recently in Chattanooga; to **the family and friends of Michelle Cross**, who passed away on Saturday, October 23, in Clinton; and to **Robin Cuany** on the death of his wife Carolyn Cuany, who died on Sunday, December 12, in Knoxville.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to David and Brooks Eggers on the birth of their grandson, Sam Conrad Pulsipher, who was born on Thanksgiving Day in Knoxville.

NEED OF TRANSPORTATION

Jo Ludwig is in need of transportation on an as-needed basis during weekdays. All destinations are in the West Knoxville area. If you have a car and the time, and would like Jo to call you when a transportation need arises, please contact her, 690-8086 or jokids@aol.com. Many thanks!



F. L. A. S. H. (Families Learning About Support Hear) is a group created by parents, for parents, who are raising children with all degrees of hearing loss. Our hope is to create an environment and opportunity for parents to meet others who are dealing with similar issues and concerns. FLASH is open to any parent, grandparent, sibling, caregiver or other support person who would like to learn about helping a child with hearing loss.

WHAT: FLASH Meet and Greet
WHEN: Thursday, January 27, 2005
 7:00 PM
WHERE: Erin Presbyterian Church
 200 Lockett Road
 Knoxville, TN 37919
 (865) 588-5350

***Families welcome; Childcare will be provided;
 Light snacks provided

QUESTIONS?

Ginger Ellenberger 524-7057
 or
 Heather Ritchie 584-1637

*If Knox County Schools are closed due to weather we will reschedule to Thursday, February 17, 2005.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Second Sunday Monthly
 12:15-1:00 PM
 Mini Kitchen

Provided by the Parish Nurse



GET INVOLVED!

Often I hear of how folks want to get involved and assist with decision-making ideas that affect the life and work of Erin. Join a ministry team in 2005! There are five main teams:

- 1) **Finance, Stewardship and Personnel**
Tom Quinley, Convener
- 2) **Building and Grounds**
Pam Pfeifer, Convener
- 3) **Congregational Care and Fellowship**
TBA, Convener
- 4) **Mission and Evangelism**
Patty Britton Pierce, Convener
- 5) **Christian Education**
Rebecca Berry, Convener

There are also sub-teams under each of the main five. Therefore, to find a team that you would be interested to be a part of, attend one of the main ministry team meetings in January. Or for more information, you may contact the church office, 588-5350.

Class of 2004

Randy Bishop
Mary Nelle Cate
Larry McKay
Marjorie Mclean
Ann Snodgrass

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 2004 for your service to Erin Presbyterian Church

We want to thank the group that braved the coldest night of the year to come and serenade us with Christmas carols. Their noses and fingers must have been cold, but their hearts were warm with love in the spirit of Christmas. And they sang beautifully!

Eleanor and Hugh Jaynes

The Erin Presbyterian Church News is published monthly. Comments and submissions are welcome. Please submit articles by **Thursday, January 20, 2005**, 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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