

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS September 2006

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Dear Friends,

Last month I wrote to you about a conference that I was going to attend in Atlanta, GA. I was hoping that the conference would be a much-needed event to help our church find the right course in the midst of uncertain times. I am happy to report that I wasn't disappointed. I came back energized and excited about the ministry of missions and the prospect of our wee church getting more involved with missionaries abroad, as well as supporting major mission programs in the United States.

I also met a few friends at the conference, who also became enthusiastic about the possibilities of rebirth and renewal occurring in their churches. I guess the old fashioned word for all of this is revival. It is my fervent hope and prayer that the Spirit which touched me in Atlanta will be experienced by all of our people back here at Erin.

On my way back from Atlanta, I drove the Old Dixie Highway and visited some of the old Southern towns that everyone bypasses on the interstate. I stopped in Kennesaw to see "The General," a steam locomotive from the Civil War era, which is located in its own museum. I'd always wanted to see this train, ever since I watched Buster Keaton in the old silent movie called "The General." I think he was a better comic actor than Charlie Chaplin and I still laugh at his antics whenever his movies are screened.



I also visited the town of Cartersville and took a photograph of the World's First painted sign for Coca-Cola at the Young Brothers' Pharmacy in the old downtown area, across from the railroad tracks. I like that sort of thing – a sense of history, mixed in with Americana and commercial enterprise.

But the best part of my journey took place just outside of the little town of Resaca, which is north of Calhoun and south of Dalton. As I was driving through the town, I saw a sign for a Confederate cemetery. It was off the beaten track and took me past some farmland. I came to a wooded glade and saw the entrance to the cemetery. It was quiet and no one else was there. I could feel it was a sacred place and when I saw all the grave stones of the soldiers, my spirit was moved.



It had been an eventful journey and I was glad to have taken the road less traveled. I felt as though God had given me a bonus for going to the conference and it helped me collect my thoughts for church worship the next day.

Erin is heading on a new path and I am thankful to God for the many people who are worshipping here. There is a new excitement throughout the congregation and it is my daily prayer that we will continue this journey of faith and be delighted by what God shows us along the way.

May Christ bless all that you seek and hope to do.

John

September Sundays

September 03

Communion

Micah 3:8-12 & Acts 1:1-9

“Powerful People in Prayerful Places”

September 10

Christian Education Week

Isaiah 35:1-4 & Acts 4:31-35

“Great Power = Amazing Grace”

September 17

Theological Education Sunday

Isaiah 40:9-14 & Acts 5:33-42

“Never Ending Teaching”

September 24

Evangelism Sunday

Psalm 93:1-5 & Matthew 6:1-6

“Inside Information”

October 01

**World Communion Sunday
& Peacemaking Offering**

Psalm 108:1-5 & Matthew 13:44-52

“Treasure Seekers”

September Birthdays

(this may not be an accurate list and some names maybe missing. If so, please accept our apologies)



Julie Simpson	September 5
Joe Jaynes	September 6
Ethan Sharp	September 6
Lydia Foster	September 7
Donald Quinley	September 7
Ann Jenkins	September 8
Estelle Duncan	September 12
Savannah Bilbrey	September 13
Tom Quinley	September 13
Nikole Gilliam	September 15
Jane Ellen Jackson	September 16
Dorothy Farnham	September 18
Freed Johns Jr.	September 18

Allyson McLeod	September 19
Buster Quinn	September 20
Jamie Webb	September 20
Larry McKay	September 21
Max Garrett	September 22
Tad Geschickter	September 26
Apryl Quinn	September 26
Katina Sharp	September 26
Scott Vowell	September 26
Tom Pfeifer Jr.	September 27
Matthew Price	September 27
Nicole Waters	September 29

First days of October

Regina Bishop	October 1
Evelyn Lowry	October 2
Allen Criss	October 4

Your birthday not listed?

Please contact the church office, 588-5350.

Dearly Departed

Elizabeth VanderKaden, mother of Sonja DuBois, passed away on Tuesday, August 1st.

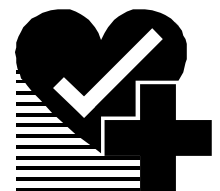
Ann Cartwright, mother of Ann Jenkins, passed away on Friday, August 4th.

We express our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those listed above. May God comfort and sustain you.

LETTERS

The Value of Parish Nursing

From the viewpoint of the congregation, the Pastor, and the individuals who have been helped by our Parish Nurse, including myself, this is a valuable part of Christian ministry. A person who has an RN qualification, has inter-personal skills and a faith background, and can relate to all ages of our membership as well as to the medical establishment and its resources, can deliver Christian care and health education. This takes part of the load off the



Pastor, Session members and others, in such ways as calling on the sick and homebound, giving advice on when to seek medical help or emotional counseling, and even such routine items as blood pressure screening (on at least a monthly basis). Denise Bilbrey did a Health Fair, monthly BP tests, at least one group training in CPR and the use of the Automated External Defibrillator to stop heart arrest. She interacted with MOPS children and parents to keep them up-to-date. Some of the efforts were with the Senior group who tend to have more needs as we get older. But everybody is aging, albeit at different points in the process!

My own experience in my late seventies with the care giving and eventual loss in December 2004 of my dear wife Carolyn from complications of Alzheimer's Disease was greatly influenced for good by the ministration of Denise, our Parish Nurse. She helped me through the crisis points of Carolyn's illness, gave me valuable help in the grief process, including my adjustment to the state of being newly single, after 53 years of marriage. As I said at the time of Carolyn's memorial service, I was helped by three families: our own biological family, our Erin church family, and the family of Buckingham/Shannondale where we live, who are friends as well as neighbors.

So I look forward to the time when Erin will again have a Parish Nurse!

Robin Cuany

CORY S. STOTT ORDAINED AND INSTALLED



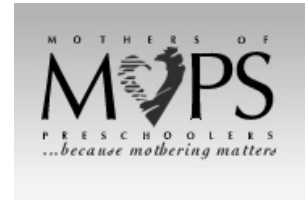
Cory S. Stott was ordained and installed as the pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Meridian, MS. He writes, "I want to thank you all for providing such a caring and nurturing church home for me while I was at UT. I truly believe that God planned for me to be at Erin so that I could experience a warm and giving church family and begin to discern my call to ministry in a true community of faith. Thank you for all the meals and encouraging words. I will always be grateful

for what was and I am certain will continue to be a loving, faithful people." Congratulations to Reverend Cory S. Stott! Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you embark upon fulfilling your commission.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

MOPS NEWS

Attention, Mothers of Preschoolers! Erin MOPS kicked off its new year in August with an Open House at their Family Life Center. It is still not too late to join a



community of women who support one another as we grow as mothers, women, and children of God. The theme this year is "Fresh Air: What Every Mother Needs". We'll be doing crafts, hearing speakers, working on mission projects, participating in devotionals, engaging in lively discussion about our needs as mothers, and eating delicious food while our children participate in their own activities with our quality teachers. Most importantly, we'll be making new friends while we worship God together! We will be meeting in September on the 14th and the 28th from 9:30-11:30am. Please contact Katina Sharp for more information (742-2292).

FANTASTIC FRIDAYS ARE BACK! Traci Vandiver and Katie Rash (our nursery teachers) are holding parents' night out on Fridays from

6:00-9:00. The cost is \$12 for one child, \$20 for 2, and \$25 for 3. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up your child(ren), please contact Katina Sharp (742-2292).



You **MUST** sign up in advance in order to bring your children because space is limited. The September Fridays are 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: On Sunday, September 24th (immediately following worship) there will be a meeting for all Sunday School teachers. Lunch will be provided. If childcare is needed, contact Katina Sharp in advance.

OUTREACH MINISTRY



PEACEMAKING LUNCHEON: Would you like to hear firsthand accounts from the East TN Presbytery trip to Israel and Palestine? Then join the

Outreach Committee on **Sunday, September 10th** for a luncheon with Sonja DuBois and others from the Peacemaking Effort Team. They will share their experiences while we all enjoy food with a Middle Eastern flavor. Please call the church office at 588-5350 to sign up if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE PENTECOST OFFERING received on June 4, 2006 totaled \$1,116.83. With this offering Erin was able to donate \$447.00 to Tribe One, an organization in Knoxville that assists young men and women that are involved in gangs to abandon that lifestyle and engage in productive activities that benefit themselves, their families, and society as a whole. The remainder of the offering, \$669.83, was sent to the Presbytery office.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

LET'S DO DINNER! meets on the 1st Tuesdays of each month. In September, we will meet the 5th at 5:15pm at *Bravo* on Bearden Hill. Please contact Maud Hoover at 463-7399 by Monday, September 4th so that we can make suitable reservations...and don't forget to bring your appetite!



SAY CHEESE! The Fellowship Team is gearing up to coordinate efforts for a new pictorial directory for Erin. We are excited about our church's growth, and we hope a new directory will be a great way to become acquainted and re-acquainted! We are

looking into working with a professional company, and/or doing the photography and designing of the directory with our own volunteers. We would like to begin the process in early October and have the directory out at the beginning of December. We would

appreciate any input and/or suggestions. Please contact the church office you're your response(s) to the below considerations **before September 10th.**

- I/we would love to have a new church directory---printed in book form and on a computer disc for continuous updating and to make changes!
- I/we would be interested in having our photograph taken by a professional company for use in the directory. (Most companies offer additional packages for personal use if you are interested.)
- I/we would like to submit an existing photo to be scanned for use in the directory.
- I am interested in volunteering to photograph church members and/or coordinate or help put together the project---please note areas of expertise or willingness to help:
- I/we do not feel that we need a pictorial/updated directory at this time.



If you would like to learn more, please come to the Fellowship Team Meeting on Tuesday, September 5th at 7:15 p.m. in the church parlor--we'll be discussing the directory at the meeting. Thanks!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FALL GATHERING will be on Saturday, September 9th at 10:00AM in the parlor. Sharon Carter will give the overview of this year's Bible Study, "In the Beginning - Perspectives on Genesis." Sonja DuBois will give us some highlights from the 2006 church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women which took place in Louisville, KY July 7-11. Join us for a time of fellowship, finger food, coffee and juice.



CIRCLES will start back in September. The evening circle will meet on the 2nd Monday and the daytime circle will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our first evening circle of the season will be September 11th at 7:00pm at Mary Scarbrough's house. The first daytime circle will meet September 12th at 10:00am in the parlor, and the Bible study will be led by Pat Sexton.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY this fall will be using the Serendipity New Testament Study for Groups. We will be doing six week topical units which will help us learn more about ourselves as Christians and living the Christian life. The great thing about these lessons is that each one stands alone, so if you miss one week you can pick up with us the next. Our first unit is entitled, "Discovering My Identity," with individual lessons on My Values (Luke 12:13-21), My Strengths (Matthew 25:14-30), My Desires (Luke 10:38-42), My Self-Image (Luke 7:36-50), My Faith (Matthew 16:13-28), and My Tomorrow (Matthew 14:22-33). All women are welcome!

Wednesday Night Table Talk



Our Wednesday night programs begin on Wednesday 13th Sept. The subject for this season's Wednesday night studies is "Share Jesus without Fear." This book, by William Fay, lays out the game plan for young and old alike to communicate the truth of the gospel in a non-threatening, non-intimidating manner. The pastor will lead the group, which is open to everyone, and it will be held in the Heritage Room from 6.45-7.30pm.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

BODY RECALL, a ten week session, begins Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 4:00 PM. Focusing on stretches, agility, balance and posture, these classes will aid in increasing energy and endurance. Cost is \$30 per session, or \$1 a class, which meets for one hour 3 times a week. If you are new to the program, it is helpful to purchase the Body Recall Textbook (\$17). This is a program used nationally by certified instructors.

Erin's leader is Ron Roberts, and he welcomes you to opening day, Sept. 6. Mark this date on your calendar, and each Monday, Wednesday and Friday thereafter. Come early for a 5 to 15 minute walk. During each session you will move and stretch every muscle, tendon and joint in the body. It is so important to stay healthy and independent in life.



One recent study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, January 17, 2006, found that people who exercised at least three times a week, lowered their risk for dementia by 32%. Another well-regarded study reported that men age 71-93 who walked at least two miles a day, reduced their risk by 40% compared with men who covered less ground.

Still another study revealed that engaging in a variety of exercises is beneficial because learning multiple activities requires more memory and organizational skill than learning just one form of exercise.

Exercise is known to reduce depression which can exacerbate dementia, and it's been proven to lower blood pressure, raise HDL, the good cholesterol, both of which benefit long-term cardiovascular health. Nothing is more important than a healthier you. Come join the group for its benefits, fun, and special camaraderie.

SAM SACK LUNCH will be Thursday, September 21st at 12:00 noon. Chips, pickles, drinks and dessert will be provided by our volunteer helpers. The program is to be brought by Hugh Livingston, organist at Emerald Avenue United Methodist Church. He will demonstrate one or two smaller types of organ to show their versatility. Everybody is welcome, so come and enjoy the fellowship and entertainment!

LITTLE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD is an outreach organization through which SAM sponsors Gerwin Dales, a student in the Philippines. In August, SAM unanimously decided to assist Gerwin with his tuition expenses in addition to the monthly support. Since August 17th, Erin has received over \$460.00 to support Gerwin and his desire for continuing his education!



DISCIPLESHIP

Connections Class

Beginning on Sunday Sept 10, we begin a new six-week series called "The Shalom of God in the Midst of Empire." This is the title of the 2006 Peacemaking Study produced by the denomination. The series suggests that as the last remaining Super-power in the world, the United States has become a global empire. Whether or not we agree with this assumption, the study challenges all of us to review our faith as

Christians living in the world's wealthiest and most influential nation on earth.

Pastor Stuart will lead the study, encouraging everyone to express their opinions and share their ideas about this subject. The series also focuses on some of the prophecies of Isaiah, examining how he challenged the faith of his people when they were living under similar circumstances.

Everyone is welcome to attend the studies which begin at 9.30AM in the Noah's Ark Room.



JAVA SCRIPTURE CLASS

continues its study of the book *Fully Devoted: Living Each Day in Jesus' Name*, by John Ortberg, Laurie Pederson, and Judson Poling.

Through this Scripture-based study we will discuss what it really means to do everything "in Jesus' name," a goal that, according to the authors, is not just an ideal attainable by a few "super Christians," but a way of life we can actually experience. The study focuses on the core ideas behind true spiritual transformation, in which we can become more and more Christ-like. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, this study will help you become the person God wants you to be. Join us on Sunday mornings in the mini-kitchen at 9:30 for a time of prayer and sharing, followed by the study at 9:45.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

REMEMBERING ERIN: We came into the world with nothing material, and we will leave it with nothing material. The time in between is one of acquisition, only to leave it all behind. When contemplating the legacy that will leave behind, please consider Erin in your will, either a specific amount or a percentage. What you choose to bestow has the potential to impact the lives of many generations to come. The Stewardship Team thanks you for your consideration in this matter.

Monday Night Study Group

The Monday Nighters begin again on Sept 11. As usual, they will meet in the parlor at 7.15PM. This year's study will be based on a book called "So What's the Difference?" written by Fritz Ridenour. The book takes a look at 20 world

views, Faiths and religions and how they compare to Christianity.

The pastor will facilitate the discussions, which get pretty lively at times. The group welcomes new members, visitors and their friends to come to the studies. Each lesson will be handed out in advance at the meetings. The first topic is "Biblical Christianity: A Plumb line for comparing Faiths." In these days when religious pluralism and inter-faith conflict abounds, this series will help church people understand who they are and what makes us so different.

Calling all Erin Volunteers!

With the start of the college football season upon us, and a new church year about to begin, September is Volunteer month at Erin. Each Sunday, we'll have volunteer sign up sheets available in the worship bulletin, giving everyone the opportunity to become involved in the ministries and missions of our church. Every year, the amount of volunteers grows and we are blessed with lots of people who seek to serve God in all that we seek to do. If you need a volunteer form, call the church office at 588-5350 and we'll send it to you as soon as possible.

Seven Days – The Pastor's New RadioShow on WVLZ 1180AM &WKCE1120AM

At the end of August, the pastor began a new local radio show on the Knoxville community station, Southern Roots Radio. Each week, guests and callers will be invited to discuss what's happening in the country and around the world with regard to religious issues. The show takes place each Friday from 4-5PM. As well as listening on AM radio, you can also hear the show live on the internet at www.southernrootsradio.com.

Please keep the show in your prayers. The pastor hopes that it will become a vehicle for local churches and leaders to share their faith. He also prays that unchurched people who are listeners, will also begin to visit and worship at our services on Sunday mornings

Wednesday Night Programs

Beginning September 6th, "Wonderful Wednesdays" will begin.

5:00-6:00 - Journey Seven

5:45-6:15 - Dinner

6:15-6:30 - Clean up

6:30-7:30 - Women's Study Group

Table Talk

Sonshine - grades K-8

Kid's Club - 4-5 years and grades K-5

GET Games - grades 6-12

Hand Bells

Choir

Nursery - infants - 3 years

Stewardship Figures (YTD Aug29)

	<u>Jan 1 - Aug 29, 06</u>
Income	
Administration Income	210.37
Property Income	20,239.00
Discipleship Income	3,758.22
Fellowship Income	4,993.51
Donations in Kind	1,443.17
Memorial Income	10,005.00
Outreach Income	10,147.89
Offerings	197,450.54
PW Income	138.00
Worship	1,245.33
Total Income	<u>249,631.03</u>
Expense	
Administration	16,390.10
Property Team	50,463.43
Discipleship Team	16,893.86
Fellowship Team	6,058.62
Outreach Team	36,714.05
Stewardship Team	866.32
Uncategorized Expenses	300.97
Worship Team	3,163.20
Pastoral Ministry	66,597.69
Personnel	46,283.14
Memorial Expenses	493.16
Session	355.60
Payroll Expenses	387.51
Total Expense	<u>244,967.65</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,663.38</u></u>

Elder Selection

It is once again time to select the Elders for the next Session class of 2009. Members of the congregation nominate prospective elders, either by placing his or her nomination in the designated box in the Narthex, or by contacting members of the Nominating Team.

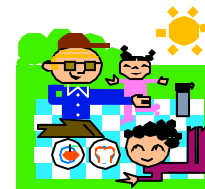
2006 Nominating Team

Cynthia House	Pam Pfeifer
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Family Picnic

**Sunday
September 17th**



Join us for the 5th Annual Family Picnic at the John Knox Center. Folks from across east Tennessee and their families will gather to experience a day of fun in the sun.

Pack up the family Sunday after church and spend the day. Activities will begin at 2 p.m. and worship begins at 5 p.m. [Register online](http://JohnKnoxCenter.org) at JohnKnoxCenter.org or give us a call at (865) 376-2236.

There is something fun for everyone: explore the lake paddling a canoe, cool off in the lake swimming, face painting for the kids, and it wouldn't be a picnic without a little friendly competition on the volleyball court!

Bring your lawn chairs, relax by the lake, and enjoy the great music, delicious grilled burgers, hotdogs, and fun.

The John Knox Center is located on Hwy 304 at the Meigs/Roane County line. For directions give us a call at (865) 376-2236.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF
September 3, 2006**

IRAQ

Maj. Jon Brazelton (son of Bill and Barbara Brazelton)

Cpl. Michael O'Bryant (nephew of John and Cynthia House)

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Don White – Shane Crisps' grandfather, suffering from a heart condition

Rob McLeod – recovering from surgery

Sara Leckie – recovering from surgery

Hugh Jaynes – hospitalized for an infection

Johnna McMann – sister of Darrell Hickman

Pat Demaris – coworker of Eva Quinley, has a new baby granddaughter who must undergo a series of open heart surgeries

Fred Long – friend of Katina Sharp, recovering from open heart surgery

Kathy McClellan – undergoing testing

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Kathy Hood (daughter of Alma Siedentopf)

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SPOKANE, WA

Edna Anderson – grandmother of Kari Matthews, suffering from high blood pressure

NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Sara Mantel (friend of Sara Leckie)

ERIN PRAYER CHAIN: due to the changes in the office, the prayer chains will be supervised by Katina Sharp. She has volunteered to temporarily take over this vital ministry to ensure that messages and requests are not overlooked.

You can contact Katina by e-mail at Katiquando@aol.com or call her at 742-2292. Thank you Katina for looking after this important area of our church's ministry.

The Erin Presbyterian Church News is published monthly. Comments and submissions are welcome. Please submit articles by **Wednesday, September 20,** for inclusion in the next month's issue. Place submissions in Administrator's mailbox in the Church Office or send articles and/or calendar events via e-mail to "**admin@erinpresbyterian.org**".

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