

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS October 2006

John 14:13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.



- Crossing Over -

Dear Friends,

Sometimes people wonder why churches exist, and just associate them with any other not-for-profit organizations and good causes. They think about places like Erin as being gathering spaces, where like minded, good willed people throng together to offer support, love and hope.

They believe congregations are set up for the well being of their members and the benevolence of other people in the community. We are here to help one another and the rest of the world.

That's a popular misconception, even amongst some church goers. We are thought of as being a spiritual buddy network, where problems can be solved, crises averted, and lives fulfilled. But churches are meant to have one purpose: to enable people to worship Christ, giving glory to God. It's not about a good cause; it's about saving souls. It's not about our well being; it's about God's grace.

Which other not-for-profit organization can you invest in eternally? Which other good cause shows you the way to salvation? Which other institute or foundation or group has an everlasting covenant?

None - only the Church of Jesus Christ.



To equate church with just another program, pursuit, or pastime, is to diminish the eternal nature of our souls. It won't be the United Way, Mission of Hope, Alumni endowments, or contributions to disaster funds that gets us into heaven. It won't be the local football team that brings us closer to Christ. It won't be a million other things that we support, pursue, and follow that will restore us to God's kingdom. Only Jesus Christ's grace, as revealed through the purpose of the church, can do these things.

For too long, we've all connected church with tax breaks, good works, and personal choices. We've equated what we say, give or do for other things, as the same as doing them for the church. We even think about investing our lives in the church and getting a good return for what we do, for our own benefit, our own satisfaction, and our own glory. That is so far away from the Gospel truth.

We have forgotten that what we do, we do for Christ, so that He may bring glory to His Father in heaven. We have put to the back of our minds that churches exist not to make the community good, but to bring the community to the One alone who is good. We have not recalled that what we are as a church is eternally important and not culturally relevant, philanthropically effective, or socially convenient.

I guess in my clumsy way what I'm trying to express is that we cannot compare church to anything else, because nothing else has an eternal message, ministry and mission. We exist purely to bring people to Christ, so that more people may bring glory to God.

May God bless you and all whom you love. In Christ's Name.

John

October Sundays

October 01

World Communion Sunday & Peacemaking Offering

Psalm 124:1-8 & James 5:13-18

“Simple Solutions to Personal Problems”

October 08

Stewardship Sunday
TBD

October 15

Psalm 22:1-5 & Hebrews 4:12-16

“Finding Mercy”

October 22

Job 38:1-7 & Mark 10:35-40

“A New Heresy: Assertive Christianity”

October 29

Creative Expressions Celebration

Psalm 34:1-8 & Mark 10:46-52

“Dramatic Changes”

November 5

Communion

Christian & Citizen Sunday

Psalm 146:5-10 & Mark 12:28-34

“Nearer to God”

October Birthdays

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



Regina Bishop	October 1
Evelyn Lowry	October 2
Allen Criss	October 4
Milissa Simpson	October 5
ED Hammett	October 10
Mary McLeod	October 10
Marc Stair	October 10
Ryan Bridwell	October 11
Jim Hilty	October 11
Susan Hoover	October 13
Linda Quinley	October 14
Robin Cuaney	October 17

Chuck Scarbrough, Jr.	October 17
Darrell Hickman	October 18
Sonja DuBois	October 19
John Baucom III	October 20
Logan Luedeka	October 20
Michael Pierce	October 20
Mike Pierce	October 20
Rickey McCallum	October 21
Rob Matthews	October 22
Searight Stuart	October 22
Randy Boyd	October 24
Jacque Roberts	October 25
Ellen Loveless	October 26
Bob Hoover	October 29
Michelle Waters	October 29
Joan Conley	October 30
Candace Wright	October 30
Scott Ludwig	October 31

First days of November

Lindsay Pfeifer	November 3
Hanna Matthews	November 4
Savannah Johnson	November 5
Amanda Scarbrough	November 5
Ashley Fortune	November 6

Your birthday not listed?

Please contact the church office, 588-5350.

LETTERS

RACE FOR THE CURE - This year marks a special event for our family. It is the tenth anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Foundation Race for the Cure held in Knoxville. This cause is very important to our family and we are walking this year in honor of Mom, Christy Blanchard, who passed away October 12th, 2005.

This year we are forming our own team to walk as a group in memory of Mom. We would love for everyone to join us! You can join our team, Christy’s Angels, online at www.komenknoxville.org and register to walk with us (\$22.00-you will receive a generic “Race” shirt). You can also make donations to our team online. If you would like to send a check, please return to Kim Pennington at 8131 Legacy Lane, Knoxville, TN 37919. We will be able to add these donations to our team fundraising to be sent in honor of our Mom. Any amount you can contribute will be really appreciated and put to great use in fighting this disease. Up to 75% of the funds raised by the Knoxville Race for the Cure remain in East Tennessee to help local breast cancer projects. Make your tax-deductible contribution payable to “Komen Knoxville Affiliate.”

We are selling special t-shirts for our team. They will have our team name and the slogan “Racing for our Angel” on the back. If you would like a shirt, please send back a check for \$8.00 made payable to Kim Pennington along with the size shirt you need. You may purchase a shirt even if you don’t

walk with us in the race. The money we raise from the sale of the t-shirts will also be sent in to Komen Knoxville. Please register for the race & join us on October 28th!

Thank you for your help!

Kim, Dusty, Colton & Kenleigh Pennington

Jamie, Bill & Will Trimble

Julie Blanchard

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL



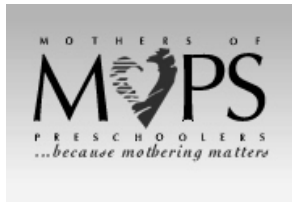
A Special Thank You for Your Service--

Traci Vandiver has been a toddler nursery worker at Erin's for **two years** now. She had faithfully made herself available to care for the children during church activities and she has done a wonderful job nurturing the children within the Christian perspective. Please take time to thank Traci for her diligence and perseverance at this ministry. We appreciate you Traci and all you do!

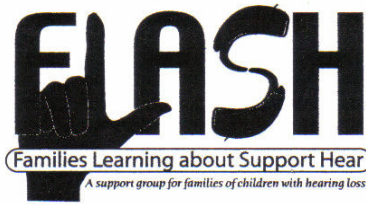
MOPS NEWS

Attention, Mothers of Preschoolers!

Erin MOPS has begun the new year! Come meet other moms of preschool-aged children, and connect with others who understand what it's like to be "Mommy" to these wonderful tiny people. 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 meet the 2nd (Oct. 12) and 4th (Oct. 26) Thursdays of each month from 9:30-11:30AM. Every mom with children from birth through kindergarten is welcome to join us, and kids are welcome too! Contact: Katina Sharp for more information (742-2292).



FANTASTIC FRIDAYS ARE BACK! Traci Vandiver and Katie Rash, our nursery teachers, are providing childcare in the church nursery from 6-9PM on the first (October 6th) and third (October 20th) Fridays of every month. The cost is \$12 for one child, \$20 for 2 children, and \$25 for 3 children. Pizza will be provided. You must register in advance as space is limited. You may register by calling Leslie in the church office at 588-5350 by the Wednesday prior to the date you wish to sign up for. If you have any questions please call Traci at 731-217-7420 or Katie at 865-806-5658.



Families Learning about Support Hear is a family friendly organization that supports all types of families and children dealing with different degrees of hearing loss.

FLASH is open to any parent, grandparent, sibling, caregiver or other support person and allows a positive environment where there is an opportunity for folks to meet others who are dealing with similar issues. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, from 6:30 to 9:00PM in the Family Life Center. For more information, please contact Heather Ritchie, 584-1637, or e-mail flash.supportgroup@gmail.com.



Safe Sanctuaries is an expression of a congregation making a church a safe place where children and youth may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith. The program began in 1996 when the United Methodist Church adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child abuse in the church. Since that time, other denominations have adopted similar plans to protect the children and volunteers in their own congregations and help them feel that church is a safe place to worship, grow, and fellowship.

Erin is proud to be adding Safe Sanctuaries to its Discipleship programs. If you are interested in helping create policies and guidelines for this new program, **please attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 in the Heritage Room.** Parents, grandparents, volunteers working with children and youth, church elders, and anyone else interested in making our church a safe and loving environment for children and youth are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided upon request (contact Katina Sharp at 742-2292 or KatinaSharp@aol.com). Thank you for your prayers and excitement about this program.



As parents, we want our children to feel happy, healthy and loved. Mommy & Me believes spending time together is the best way to make that happen. This group provides you and your child fun and simple ways to make the most of the time you spend-Laughing, Loving, Learning-Together. Mommy & Me is for all moms, dads, grandparents, and other caregivers with children 6 and under who wish to participate in a fun time of bonding with their children. We sing songs, read stories, play games, dance, and laugh together. And the

best part? It's free! No commitment, no fees. Just show up and enjoy yourself! Mommy & Me meets every Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have a question about the group, don't hesitate to call Katina Sharp at 742-2292 or email her at KatinaSharp@aol.com. You can also visit the Mommy & Me website at www.MommyandMe.com. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Erin 500 by coming to Sunday School. We reached our goal of a cumulative 500 attendees in only 7 weeks! Way to go!!

There has been some confusion about what time Sunday School begins. Sunday School begins at 9:30 every Sunday morning. Please do your best to be on time each week. Late arrivals are distracting to the rest of the class, and it cheats everyone out of valuable class time. Teachers should be in their classes between 9:15 and 9:30. Also, parents need to pick their children up promptly after Sunday School so that the teachers are free to sing in the choir if they choose. If you haven't already joined a Sunday School class, it's never too late! For more information on any class, contact the church office (588-5350) or the teacher.

Classes available:

Infants—Katie Rash in the nursery (room 119)

Toddlers—Traci Vandiver in the toddler nursery (room 117)

2-3 year olds—Mary Alice Vowell & Tracy Foster (Family Life Center)

4-5 year olds—Bryce Elliott (Family Life Center)

K-2 grade—Joe Jaynes (Family Life Center)

3-5 grades—Mike Pierce in room 112

6-8 grade—Jamie Webb in room 118

9-12 grade—Emily Jenness in room 120

Young Adults—Tom and Eva Quinley (Family Life Center)

Java Scripture (adults)—Kim Jaynes in the mini kitchen (room 114)

Connections (adults)—Rev. John Stuart in the Noah's Ark room (room 115)

Hard Sayings of Jesus (adults)—John House in the library (room 108)

Young at Heart (senior adults)—Don Quinley in the Heritage Room (room 109)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Come to G.E.T. Games! Hey middle school and high school Youth! Do you need a mid-week break or some time to relax and have fun? Come to G.E.T. Games every Wednesday! We play basketball, cards, board games, or anything fun you can think of! We meet after Wednesday

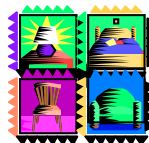
Night dinner in Becca's office until 7:30. Bring a friend, bring a Frisbee, and be ready to blow off some steam!



Senior High Fall Retreat: The High School retreat will be October 14-15 at John Knox Center. This is open to all youth in grades 9-12. The theme is "Calm in the Storm" and the cost is \$41.00. Permission slips are in the basket on Becca's office door and will also be given out at G.E.T. tonight. These are due in the office by October 1st. We are also in need of a female chaperone for this overnight trip. If you are interested, please contact Becca or Reverend Stuart.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

GOD'S GARAGE



Mary lived alone in an empty apartment. She was in her mid 70's and had no furniture except an old broken bed held up with cinder blocks. Imagine the joy she felt when a bedroom suite, washer, dryer and refrigerator were delivered to her door. She told the delivery team that she hadn't slept much the night before as she was so excited about her "new furniture." She had "never had anything so beautiful before." God is good.

HOW YOU CAN HELP--

1) Help with Deliveries (Nov. 11):

Erin helps staff one delivery day each calendar quarter. We need men with trucks who are willing to help pick up and deliver the goods. Our next work date is Saturday, Nov. 11, 9:00 am - noon. Helpers meet at 8:30AM at the Furniture Ministry Warehouse (behind Cokesbury Center on Kingston Pike east of Pellissippi Parkway). Pickup trucks or vans (with seats removed) are useful, but if you don't have a truck or van, your help is still needed.

Many individuals and families are waiting for furniture. We need your help and support! To volunteer, call Joe Jaynes at 675-1278 or email

jtj@abacusarts.com.

2) Furniture Donations (any Saturday):

If you have furniture to donate, we'll pick it up! We need:

- * dressers / chest of drawers
- * beds (especially twin)
- * appliances (must be in good working order)
- * kitchen or dining room tables and chairs
- * living room sofas and chairs
- * lamps, coffee tables, end tables, and other items to make a house a home

To schedule a pick up for any Saturday, call Love INC at 251-1591 ext. 251, or e-mail furniture@compassioncoalition.org.

Operation Christmas Child

Dig out those shoe boxes and wrapping paper rolls you've been saving! Our Erin MOPS group is coordinating their annual outreach project. We would greatly appreciate your support and participation in this fun and wonderful project. Your family can wrap and fill your own shoebox for a child in the far corners of the globe to open this Christmas, or you

can drop off supplies in the narthex. MOPS will be assembling the boxes for delivery on November 9th, and the boxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 12th. Join us to wrap and stuff boxes on Thursday morning, and/or leave your items in the collection box in the narthex.

Great things to include in boxes:

- School supplies
- Hygiene items
- Small toys (new)
- Hard candy
- Socks, Sunglasses, other accessories
- A personal note or picture
- \$7.00 shipping and handling per box



Please do not include:

- Used or damaged items
- War-related items like toy guns or knives
- Chocolate or perishable food
- Anything liquid---no batteries

Directions and instruction packets will be available in the narthex. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please make a note on your contribution for "OCC". Thanks so much for your help and support with this outreach project!

"Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me." Mark 9:37

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

LET'S DO DINNER! meets on the 1st Tuesdays of each month. In October, we will meet the 3rd at 5:15pm at Aubrey's in the Landmark Business Complex (the corner of Northshore and Papermill). We look forward to dining and fellowship with you at Aubrey's!



BARNABAS will meet at Hogan's on Monday October 2nd at 11:45 AM. New members are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Mary Scarbrough at 691-8658.

A New Pictorial Directory!



Say cheese on October 29th or 30th! The Fellowship Team is working with *FirstChoice Resources* to design and produce a new pictorial directory for Erin. Your family's participation is vital--we need everyone included in this "family album" of our church.

Sitting times for our congregation will be Sunday, October 29th, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Monday, October 30th, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Sittings will only take about 10 minutes! Please indicate

your sitting time preference on the sign up sheet in the bulletin, or call the church office with your preference. If you would like "generational" shots with grandparents, etc., please schedule your sitting appointments to follow one another. The Fellowship Team will be contacting you to coordinate the sitting appointment times and help everything to run smoothly. For your convenience, there will be only one visit to the church for your photograph---proofs will be available for review THAT DAY! We need 60 families and/or households to sign up to participate by OCTOBER 16th to qualify for the free directories! If you are unable to make it to a sitting appointment, you may submit an existing photograph (no larger than 5x7) for inclusion in the directory. If there is need, we will try to schedule a make-up day for photographs with church volunteers. Our new directories will be printed (in color!) in notebooks where pages can be easily updated, and the directory will be available on a DVD upon request.

Thanks so much for participating in this project---we are so excited about our new pictorial directory!

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Come sit around a bonfire and cook your own hotdogs and marshmallows at the Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Charles and Mary Scarbrough are hosting the event and will provide hot dogs and drinks, so please bring a side dish (salad or vegetables) or a dessert. Feel free to dress up in your costume. Please call the church office (588-5350) to sign up for this event or to obtain directions.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Schedule of Events

- 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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLES - The evening circle meets on the 2nd Monday (October 9th) at 7:00Pm at Mary Scarbrough's house, and the daytime circle meets the 2nd



Tuesday (October 10th) of each month at 10:00AM in the Parlor. The Bible study for both meetings will be led by Sonja DuBois.

The Women's Serendipity Bible Study



continues to meet on Wednesday nights after dinner. For the first six weeks we're exploring our Christian identity by talking about our values, our strengths, our desires, our self-image, our faith, and our future, using stories and images from the New Testament. All women are invited to attend—so come along, and bring a friend!"

"**A Women's Retreat, In Our Own Skins**, is being planned for early in 2007. The purpose of this study is to remember who we are when we remove the many hats we all wear in our daily lives—as mother, wife, cook, chauffer, employee, whatever—and to reconnect with the One who created us as special individual human beings. For more information or to help with planning, contact Sharon Carter at 693-5111 or at revscarter@comcast.net."

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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.



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.

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.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Erin Choir Needs YOU! Do you have an interest in lifting your voice in praise somewhere other than the shower? Then the Erin Choir is the place for you. Your voice will be welcome in every section: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. No formal vocal training is required ... just a willingness to learn. And we welcome all ages, from senior high school students to senior adults!



We believe that 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 believe in having fun with the music and with each other. In addition to singing, we 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 Wed. night from 7:30-8:30 pm.

Erin Stage Company Presents

84 Charing Cross Road

by Helene Hanff

Adapted for the stage by James Roose-Evans



October 20-22 (F/Sa/Su), 26-28 (Th/F/Sa)
(evenings 7:30 pm, Sunday matinee 2:00 pm)

When an under-employed script-reader in her New York apartment sees an ad for a bookstore in London that does mail order, she begins a very special correspondence with the staff at Marks & Co., 84 Charing Cross Road. The play traces nearly 20 years of long-distance friendship in the days before email. It's a touching, heartwarming look at people who are drawn together by shared interests and mutual respect. Don't miss it!

Directed by Jeff Carter

Scenic design by Allyson McLeod

Cast: Jaynie Moore, Joe Jaynes, Alicia Geeslin, Wanda Huttner, John Stuart

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

COME JOIN US - It's never too late to start an exercise routine. The medical profession tells us that the two most important keys to good health are diet and exercise. We can't help you with the diet part, but we can help with exercise. If you don't do it on your own and want to have both exercise and fun with a group, come join us. **Body Recall** classes meet at 4:00 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Noah's Ark Room.



SAM SACK LUNCH will be Thursday, October 19th at 12:00 noon. Chips, pickles, drinks and dessert will be provided by our volunteer helpers. The program is to be brought by William Bass, M.D., a forensic anthropologist and the founder of "The Body Farm" here in Knoxville. Everybody is welcome, so come and enjoy the fellowship and informative discussion.



ELDER SELECTION

It is once again time to select the Elders for the next Session class of 2009. Elder selection is important to our church. The Nominating Team is praying and seeking God's direction about whom He is calling to serve as the Elder class of 2009. However, we need your help. We are requesting that you provide us with the names of members of our congregation who you believe should be considered for this important servant role. We are also asking that you pray daily with us and for us that we will be sensitive to God's leading and that those who are being called will have open ears and receptive hearts. 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. **The deadline for nominations is October 15th.**

2006 Nominating Team

Cynthia House 719-4555 lazguru@knology.net	Pam Pfeifer 691-8492 littleick@comcast.net
Sonja DuBois 691-8530 ronson@knology.net	Allyson McLeod 679-1106 asmcleod3@flightline.com

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

LEAVING A LEGACY - If you are in process of writing or changing your will, think of Erin Church. You may specify the purpose of the gift, if you choose. Consider a specific amount, or a percentage of your estate. The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your consideration in this matter.

Stewardship Figures (YTD Sept 27)

	<u>Jan 1 - Sep 27, 06</u>
Administration	
Income	220.82
Property Income	21,406.00
Discipleship Income	3,758.22
Fellowship Income	5,140.56
Donations in Kind	1,443.17
Memorial Income	10,265.00
Outreach Income	10,991.53
Offerings	217,854.70
PW Income	138.00
Worship	1,245.33
	<hr/> 272,463.33
Administration	16,761.11
Property Team	62,824.49
Discipleship Team	17,253.40
Fellowship Team	6,415.31
Outreach Team	38,483.67
Stewardship Team	866.32
Worship Team	3,494.19
Pastoral Ministry	68,915.61
Personnel	48,084.81
Memorial Expenses	830.68
Session	355.60
Payroll Expenses	90.11
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Net Income	<hr/> 8,088.03 <hr/>

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF
October 1, 2006

IRAQ

Levi Martin (husband of Bev Cowen's granddaughter)

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

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

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

Julie Simpson – recovering from surgery at home and supporting other members of her family as they are experiencing various illnesses.

Mark Stair – recovering from surgery at home

Bobby Swallows – healing of his hand after surgery last week

Scott, Vera and Susan (family of Jeff Carter) – having a difficult time in life now

Erika Letsinger (former MOPS mom)- had a biopsy and waiting for results

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

The Krebs Family – friends of Katina Sharp, coping with the loss of a husband and father to cancer

ILLINIOS

Gussie Heiple – mother of Jo Derrick, recovering from a stroke

Bonita Clark – sister of Jo Derrick, recovering from surgery and awaiting the results of a biopsy

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**CALIFORNIA**

Bryce Elliott – father is having health issues doctors have been unable to diagnose

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Kathy Hood (daughter of Alma Siedentopf)

SPOKANE, WA

Sandy Tessier undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

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, October 24**, 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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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

EXCITING ACHIEVEMENTS & THE ROAD AHEAD

The air is full of excitement as we begin a new Stewardship Campaign. The fifty year old Erin Presbyterian Church building has taken on some new fresh looks, thanks to the generous giving of our congregation and a bequest left from a faithful member. Take note of the many changes, and the volunteers who have made this possible.

* The Property Committee (formerly called Building and Grounds) has been busy making repairs and improvements all around, and asking for input from members. Jay Derrick installed new towel racks in the bathrooms and fixed numerous faucets and faulty commodes.

* After a string of custodian problems, the Property Comm. hired "John," who is doing a superb job keeping the building clean.

* The committee also contracted with a landscape crew which has made a noticeable difference.

* What a difference the Heritage Room makes, thanks to the craftsmanship of Hugh Jaynes and Jim Hilty, and the ongoing work of Lionel Sands. It was done in time for the 125th anniversary of the founding of Erin Presbyterian Church. It has become the "room of many colors," used for a classroom, session, new member orientation, and various meetings.

* At the same time, Mary Nell Cate, Kim Jaynes, and Allyson McLeod embarked on redecorating, choosing paint colors, carpet selection and new curtains.

* Rob McLeod and Mike Cate, with assistance from Mike Pierce and Al Wallin, put a new handicap walkway in the Fellowship Hall.

* Rob and Mike built an appealing overhang at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall, and improved the water drainage. Joe Tate furnished the bricks and workmanship for the wall.

* Derry Evans and Joseph McLeod made vast improvements to our main front entrance, installing new fascia boards and soffits.

* The church hired member John Baucom to paint the church exterior, and the interior walls of the hallways, stairwells, and all classrooms. John also power washed all the sidewalks and outside stairwells.

* Every classroom got new white boards installed by Mike Cate, Rob McLeod, Derry Evans and others.

* Four much needed classrooms downstairs were completely renovated from "dirty and dingy" to not only clean, but beautiful and practical. The endeavor involved 30 to 40 volunteers who applied 2 coats of paint, and oversaw the installation of new carpet, bathrooms overhauled, and new lighting, furnished by Joe Tate. With mini kitchen facilities, the new name to this wing is the Family Center.

* The old choir room, nicknamed "the dungeon," was moved to new quarters with plenty of light, on the main level, Kim Jaynes designed the layout.

* As she did with the choir room, Kim took over the challenge of moving the Library and incorporating new bookcases. She and a team of helpers also deserve credit for cataloging the books.

* With some 20 volunteers, playground equipment was installed for the younger set. Thanks go to the constant motivation of Pam Pfeifer, Larry McKay, and the Playground Committee.

* Remember the dismal downstairs inside entrance hall? Derry Evans installed a bright new ceiling and new lights.

* Erin contracted with church member, R. L. Kirby, to grade and pave the extended new parking lot in front of the Family Center to provide extra spaces for about 30 cars.

* New exterior lighting was installed in front of the Family Center, and Derry and others rewired lighting at the Erin sign on Lockett Road.

* An area outside the parlor was graded and seeded for a future patio.

* R. L. Kirby was again called upon to build a basketball court with a state-of-the-art adjustable basketball goal. Lynn and Pat Sexton striped the court with regulation dimensions.

* Many of our young families have improved our nurseries. Derry Evans and Joseph McLeod built new half doors, and a sign-in counter to make access to these rooms more practical and safer.

* Rob and Derry were again called upon to build a sidewalk from the back exit to the basketball court. A concrete pad has been laid for a future shelter for church outdoor gatherings next to the basketball court and playground.

* The center island of the existing parking lot was removed to make parking and walking to the church much more practical and safe.

* In the Fall, the existing parking lot will be sealed.

Again, we thank the congregation for the generous giving to "spruce up" the House of our Lord at Erin Presbyterian Church.

The next big and most important project will be the remodeling of the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. First of all, some disturbing cracks in the exterior walls which could effect the renovation must be resolved. An engineering company is under contract to investigate and advise what is needed to correct the problem. Afterwards, it's full steam ahead!

Again, the Stewardship Committee is thankful for the confidence of Erin's flock, and its support in updating an antique church with a 50's generation building. Together we will transform an outdated kitchen, a plain, noisy Fellowship Hall, and a necessary handicap bathroom or two, into a truly welcome gathering place.

Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.