

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS November 2006



Dear Friends,
*Remember,
remember the Fifth
of November
Gunpowder, treason
and plot.*

That's an old rhyme which people in Britain still recite at this time of year. It refers back to the assassination plot led by Guy Fawkes in 1605. He wanted to kill King James (of the King James Bible) and all the parliamentarians as they gathered for the opening of parliament at Westminster Palace. One of the cellars was stacked with gunpowder and he almost got away with what would have been the 17th century equivalent of 9/11. Informers gave him away and the plot was squashed. All the conspirators were horribly tortured and barbarically executed.

The event is still remembered each year on the Fifth of November. This coming Sunday, families from all over Britain will gather at fireworks festivals and build bonfires to celebrate the event. It's Britain's equivalent of our 4th of July celebrations. It's also a festival of defiance, because the fireworks remind Britain's political representatives that the real power of the land belongs to the people.

This year, we will have something going on at the church to remember the Fifth of November. It's nothing to do with fireworks or explosions. It's to support a wonderful cause – the Race for the Cure. Over the years, I have marveled and been in awe of the amount of women who courageously face, confront, and survive breast Cancer. Their positive attitude in the midst of very trying circumstances is a worthy example to all of us about how the



human spirit can face fear, overcome sickness, and triumph in the midst of trials and tribulations.

So about a month ago, I challenged the congregation to raise money for the Christy's Angels group, who were running in memory of Christy Blanchard, a great friend and member of Erin Church. I also wanted to do this in memory of Pearl Swallows and others in our congregation, and even those whom I knew in Scotland who had dealt with this disease.

So what did I do? I told the congregation that if they could raise \$1000 for the Race, then on Sunday 5th November, I would have my beard, moustache, and hair shaved off at the end of the morning service. I am glad to say that the donations have been coming in, so there is every chance that I will be completely bald on November 5th.

Some people wonder why I want to do this: it's because many of the brave women who undergo chemotherapy and radiation for Breast Cancer lose their hair. It's my way of identifying with them.

I must admit, I'm a wee bit worried about losing my hair and my family are not so sure they want to see this happening, but it's all for a good and worthy cause.

If you want to see it happening, then come along on Sunday 5th November and watch the whole process.

Remember, remember the Fifth of November,
When John will shave off the lot!

May God bless and be with you all.

November Sundays**November 5****Christian and Citizen Sunday**

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

*"Nearer to God"***November 12****Pledge Sunday**

TBD

November 19**Caregiver Sunday**

1 Samuel 2:1-10 & Hebrews 10:11-18

*"God Forgets"***November 26****Christ the King Sunday**

Psalm 132:13-18 & John 18:33-37

*"King for a Day?"***December 3****First in Advent**

Psalm 25:6-11 & 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

"When Love Returns, Life Begins"**2006 PEACEMAKING OFFERING**

Thank you for your generous contribution to the PeaceMaking Offering.

Because of your giving, \$802.30 was collected for promoting peace throughout the world. \$601.73 will be given to the Presbytery, and \$200.57 is available for the Outreach Ministry to bequest at Erin's discretion. Without your gift of giving, Erin Presbyterian would not be able to impact our society and our world...THANK YOU!

November Birthdays

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



Lindsay Pfeifer	November 3
Hanna Matthews	November 4
Amanda Scarbrough	November 5
Ashley Fortune	November 6
Julie Miller	November 8
Hannah Hewgley	November 9
Tom Chesney	November 12
Logan Jenness	November 12
Alma Siedentopf	November 14
Don Vowell	November 14
Matt Cowen	November 15
Nancy Berry	November 16
Rob Cameron	November 17
Sara Leckie	November 17
Joey Webb	November 17
Jack Brasher	November 18
Connor Quinn	November 18
Scott Blind	November 19
Loretta Breasseale	November 20
Bill Brazelton	November 25
Tina Webb	November 26
Kylie Bridwell	November 28
Ellie Simpson	November 28

First days of December

Heather Ritchie	December 1
Antonio Vowell	December 1
Bev Cowen	December 2
Rylan Elliott	December 2

Your birthday not listed?

Please contact the church office, 588-5350.

Thanks so much to everyone for participating in the directory photo sittings. We photographed almost 70 families! We will be working hard in the next weeks to get everything together to produce a wonderful directory for Erin! If your family would still like to submit an existing photograph (please no larger than 5x7), please label and leave in the church office **BY NOVEMBER 10th**---your photo will be returned! If you would like a make-up date, please contact the church office and we will be working on that! Thanks so much for your help and support with this project---if you'd like to help with the next steps, come to a Fellowship meeting or contact the church office. Thanks!

LETTERS

The Hope Center is the AIDS wing of the Fort Sanders Regional Hospital. In 2000, the center began what has become a tradition known as "Hope Buckets." The buckets are made up by local organizations, churches, and any volunteers wanting to help for the AIDS patients to let them have something around the holiday time to help them through the season. This year, our youth groups have decided to become involved in the Hope Buckets. But in order to do that, we are going to need your help. Below is a list of all the required items for the buckets. Any donations of the items, or any money donations to help us buy the items would be extremely helpful. We will have a specific place to put the items (most likely in the narthex) and will be collecting money after church. You may also place a donation in the offering plate marked "Hope Buckets." This is a very dear issue to my heart and I hope that it will become one for the church as a whole. Thank you so much for your continuing support in everything our youth groups do.

Required items:

Bucket - 10 Quart or 3 Gallon is ideal
 Deodorant
 Razors - 3 pack
 Book of 10 Stamps
 Comb and/or brush
 Shaving Cream
 Envelopes - 1 box
 Antibacterial Gel
 Small throw for legs
 \$5 Gift Card, (Grocery Store)
 Hand Lotion
 Knit Stretch gloves - unisex
 Box of Kleenex - full size
 Chapstick
 2007 Calendar
 Writing Pens
 Notepads
 Toothbrush & Toothpaste
 Shampoo/Conditioner
 Word Find Book
 Tube Socks - 6 pair package
 Individually wrapped hard candy

*Because the patient's individual beliefs and values are respected, please do not include items with religious references in the buckets.

For more information go to www.hopecenterknox.org or feel free to email me at lstuart3@utk.edu Thank you again!

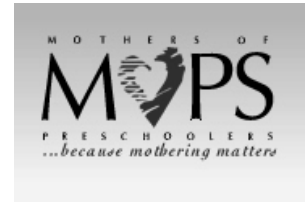
-Lauren Stuart

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

MOPS NEWS

Attention, Mothers of Preschoolers!

Erin MOPS has begun the new year! Come meet other moms of

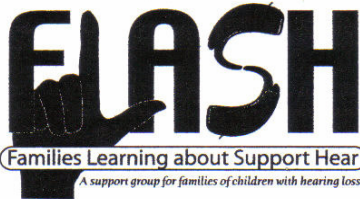


preschool-aged children, and connect with others who understand what it's like to be "Mommy" to these wonderful tiny people. Join a community of women who support one another as we grow as mothers, women, and children of God. The theme this year is "Fresh Air: What Every Mother Needs". We'll be doing 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).

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! Traci Vandiver and Katie Rash, our nursery teachers, are providing childcare in the church nursery from 6-9PM on the first (November 3rd) and third (November 17th) Fridays of every month. The cost is \$15 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.

Parents' Day Out

Katie Rash and Traci Vandiver, our church nursery workers, are having a Parents' Day Out on Saturday, November 11th from 12-5PM. A lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and fruit will be provided. Please bring your own drink in a spill-proof cup. Please complete this form and place in the offering plate or call the church office (588-5350) by noon on Thursday, November 9th. Rates will be determined based on the number of children and hours. If you have questions about rates or other issues, please contact Katie (865-806-5658) or Traci (731-217-7420).



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.



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!

I don't have the words to say how much your love and support has meant—thanks to Suzanne and Denise and to all the ladies who made the food my family enjoyed. Thank you all for seeing me through a difficult time.—Lavonne Knight

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins at 9:30 every Sunday morning. 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)

VBS Coordinators Needed!

We are looking for Vacation Bible School coordinators for the 2007 VBS week. If you would like to take part in planning this wonderful week for our children and outreaching to nearby children, please sign up to attend a planning meeting at Panera Bread on Peters Rd., Wednesday, November 8th at 9:30 am. If you are unable to meet at Panera and are still interested in working with the VBS coordinating team or finding out more information, please indicate so on the sign-up sheet or by calling the church office at 588-5350. Vacation Bible School at Erin has grown each year, and we are excited about planning for the next great VBS week!

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!



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

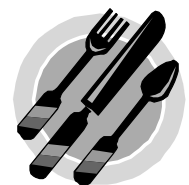
Directions and instruction packets will be available in the narthex. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please make a note on your contribution for "OCC". Thanks so much for your help and support with this outreach project!

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

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

The "Pre-Game" Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 4th at 8:30AM. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Be prepared for some serious *cajun cookin'* as we usher in UT's clash with LSU. Wear your orange proudly (or other SEC favorite) for this time of fellowship. We look forward to eating *beignet* with you in the Fellowship Hall.

LET'S DO DINNER! meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. In November, we will meet the 7th at 5:15pm at Sullivan's in Rocky Hill. We look forward to dining and fellowship with you at Sullivan's!



BARNABAS will meet at Hogan's on Monday November 13th at 11:45 AM. New members are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Mary Scarbrough at 691-8658.

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

Nursery - infants - 3 years

7:30-8:30 -Choir

help with planning, contact Sharon Carter at 693-5111 or at revscarter@comcast.net ."

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES**Wednesday Night Table Talk**

The Wednesday night group that the pastor is leading will be turning its attention to current issues and religious events that are happening all over the world. Sometimes our news is tainted with secular opinions that make religious people out to be zealous fanatics and spiritual nutcases. The pastor hopes to introduce current topics to help us get to the heart of these complicated issues that try people's souls today.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

CIRCLES - The evening circle meets on the 2nd Monday (November 13) at 7:00Pm at Mary Scarbrough's house, and the study will be led by Nancy Berry. The morning circle meets the 2nd Tuesday (November 14) of each month at 10:00AM in the Parlor, and Pat Sexton will lead the study.



TIME TO START BAKING CAKES! November is the month that PW provides birthday cakes for Lakeshore. Start planning so we can provide plenty of cakes. They will be collected here at the church on Sunday November 19, and will be delivered the following Monday. Get out your aprons (or head to your local bakery) so we can help make a special birthday for someone special.



PW COTEAM will meet Monday November 6th at 1:00PM to make plans for the PW Christmas pot luck on December 10th.

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, chauffeur, employee, whatever—and to reconnect with the One who created us as special individual human beings. For more information or to

Monday Night Study Group

The Monday Nighters 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 was "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 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 needs local business sponsors and individual donors to keep the show on the air. If you would like to help, talk to him personally.** 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.



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, November 16th at 12:00 noon. Chips, pickles, drinks and dessert will be provided by our volunteer helpers. The program is to be brought by Larry McKay, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at University of Tennessee. The program is titled "Coal Tar and the Environment—The Legacy of the Chattanooga Coke Plant," which is an examination of the environmental and social cost of industrial contamination. Everyone is welcome, so come and enjoy the fellowship and informative discussion.

SAM will be traveling to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see "White Christmas" on November 28th. The cost is \$45.00/person (includes the bus, lunch, and the play) and may be placed in the offering plate. The bus will leave the church



parking lot at 9:30am and will return when the party is over! Contact Helen Henry for more information.

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 Oct 31, 2006)

	<u>Jan 1 – Oct 31, 06</u>
Administration Income	187.93
Property Income	23,456.10
Discipleship Income	3,758.22
Fellowship Income	9,839.26
Donations in Kind	1,443.17
Stewardship Income	-7.78
Memorial Income	10,803.45
Outreach Income	13,530.72
Offerings	239,132.91
PW Income	138.00
Worship	<u>1,245.33</u>
Total Income	303,527.31
Administration	18,252.87
Property Team	67,723.19
Discipleship Team	17,938.29
Fellowship Team	6,638.71
Outreach Team	47,384.94
Stewardship Team	940.45
Worship Team	3,720.21
Pastoral Ministry	83,987.72
Personnel	57,870.23
Memorial Expenses	830.68
Session	355.60
Payroll Expenses	<u>388.23</u>
Total Expenses	<u>306,031.12</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,503.81</u></u>

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 5, 2006**

IRAQ

Levi Martin (husband of Bev Cowen's granddaughter)

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Major Claude Houbler – at St. Mary's recovering from meningitis

Bobby Swallows – recovering from surgery on his hand

Shawn Bailes – aunt Jean passed away after battling pancreatic cancer

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

Erika Letsinger (former MOPS mom)- having a recheck for a possible growth in her breast

LaVonne Knight and family – mourning the passing of Rodney Knight on Tuesday, October 10.

ILLINOIS

Gussie Heiple – mother of Jo Derrick, suffering from active cancerous lesions on her brain and needs prayer for a quick and peaceful passing. Also pray for Jo Derrick and her family through this difficult time.

Bonita Clark – sister of Jo Derrick, recovering from a successful surgery in which a kidney with a cancerous mass in the earliest stages was removed

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, November 22** 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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