

## ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

March, 2007

*Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Dear Friends,

During the next couple of months we will be focusing on redesigning the Fellowship Hall and kitchen to meet our current and future needs at the church. More and more groups in our congregation are using these vital areas to promote missions, enhance fellowship, and welcome new people into our faith community. In the past, we used these rooms for the occasional pot luck supper and monthly lunches. Nowadays, we are using these facilities every week for various groups and activities. The wear and tear is evident, and the need to update rest rooms, storage space and preparation areas has become much greater than we ever anticipated.

Some people have asked why we need to modernize the downstairs area, and that deserves a good answer. One of the best qualities that Erin has to offer as a church is its friendliness. We love to eat and meet together for different events and occasions. The amount of fun and feasting that we do generates bonds of fellowship and faith between families. This in turn builds up our church community and enables us to do more missions and ministries for Christ more effectively. The Sanctuary enriches our worship, so that we can please God as His servants. The Fellowship Hall encourages us to become family, so that we can please God by serving and supporting one another.

So whether we eat dinner together on Wednesday nights, or lunch with one another during the month, the Fellowship Hall plays a key role in who we are and what we do at Erin.



Over the years, many good Erin people have encouraged others to participate in the life, ministry, and work of our church through the sharing of meals, laughter, and conversations at our dining tables. It's a wonderful way of expressing our faith and one that we all want to continue for the next couple of generations. By modernizing these essential areas in our church building, we will be creating comfortable space where new members and regular visitors can experience the love, friendship, and warmth of Erin Presbyterian Church. And, when all is said and done, isn't that what we're supposed to be doing in order to help other people come to Christ and be an effective part of His Kingdom?

To make all of these worthwhile changes, it's going to cost money. Past generations of Erin members have stepped up to the plate to provide our current church family with a building to grow in worship, fellowship, and discipleship. Our calling is to do the same, and honor those wonderful visionaries and generous contributors of the past with our own financial commitment.

God has already supplied us with the necessary resources; all we have to do is to turn over His riches amongst us to enable Erin to be modernized, so that we can continue to glorify Christ through who we are and what we do.

*God bless you all for your loving support to our church.*

*John*

***March Sundays***

**March 04**

**Communion Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 27:7-14 & Luke 13:31-35

*“No Turning Back”*

**March 11**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 63:1-8 & Luke 13:1-9

*“If At First You Don’t Succeed...”*

**March 18**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 32:6-11 & Luke 15:1-7

*“Get Lost & Be Found!”*

**March 25**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 43:16-21 & John 12:1-8

*“Giving It All Away”*

**April 1**

**Communion**

**Passion/Palm Sunday**

Psalm 118:19-24 & Luke 19:28-40

*“Home for the Holy Days”*

**Daily Devotions**

Almost every weekday, the pastor writes a short devotional based on the follow up readings printed in the Sunday bulletin. This devotional is emailed to subscribers in our church and all over the world. The devotionals have also been published on other Christian websites, magazines, and denominational publications in different countries. If you would like to subscribe to these short five minute devotionals, then go to our home page on the church’s website at [www.erinpresbyterian.org](http://www.erinpresbyterian.org), where you will see the sign up link. These devotionals help many of our people keep connected to God and the church no matter where they are in our country.

*Your birthday not listed?*

*Please contact the church office, 588-5350.*

**March Birthdays**

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



Kim Jaynes	March 1
Jane Yancey	March 1
Kristi Bailes	March 2
Erika Licklitter	March 3
Kari Matthews	March 3
Katy Smith	March 5
Marlene Domish	March 9
Autumn Major	March 10
Kally Elliott	March 11
Steve Foster	March 11
Davis Pfeifer	March 12
Pat Swain	March 12
Eleanor Jaynes	March 13
Mike Massengill	March 14
J.E. Pershing	March 16
Stan Stevens	March 17
Kieran Jenness	March 18
John Stuart	March 19
Emme Ritchie	March 22
Spencer Elliott	March 23
Bob Alver	March 25
Happy Hilty	March 26
A.J. Crawford	March 28
Morgan Fitch	March 28
Ben Hoskins	March 28
Barry Robinson	March 28
Dale Webb	March 28
Berdine Dent	March 30
Kathryn Evans	March 30
Thomas Bilbrey	March 31

***First Days of April***

Tom Pfeifer, Sr.	April 1
David Snodgrass	April 1
Brad Fortune	April 2
Carol Robbins	April 2
Henry Thomas Ritchie V	April 3
Mike Bilbrey	April 4
Becky Cameron	April 4
Karen Price	April 6

## A SPECIAL EVENING WITH RON MILLER

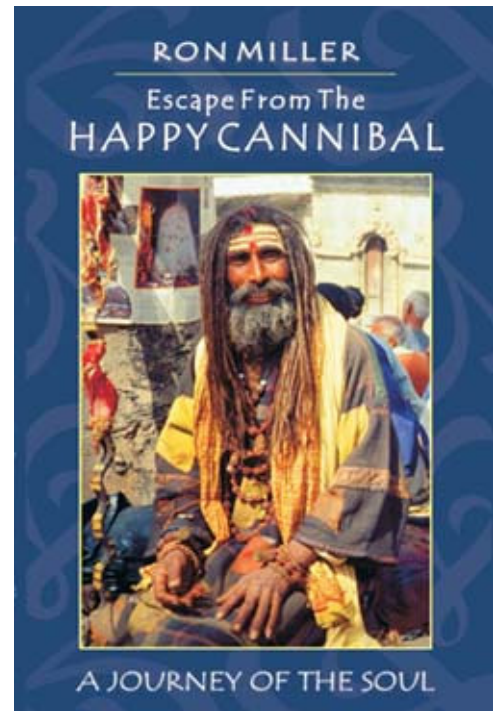


**You will not want to miss Breadbreakers in March!** Ron Miller will be our special guest speaker as he promotes his recent publication, Escape from the Happy Cannibal:

"Ron Miller's unique travel autobiography, *Escape from the Happy Cannibal*, treats readers to in-depth spiritual and cultural observations gleaned first-hand by the author as he travels to over 80 countries on six continents. Having climbed active volcanoes, trekked with man-eating tigers, and narrowly escaped Rwandan rebels, Miller's journeys are colorful tales of travel coupled with perceptive insights into cultures and peoples.

While experiencing a variety of cultures, economies, and governments, Miller uncovers root causes for many of the world's social and economic ills. During his travels through poverty, tyranny, and racism, he learns not only from his own experiences, but also from the unique perspectives of the fascinating personalities he meets along the way. He eventually discovers that if there is any truth to be found in the world, it must lie beneath the veneer of cultural conditioning."

Please join us Saturday, March 24th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and an engaging evening with Ron Miller. Please call the church office at 588-5350 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be available in the nursery.



For more information on Ron Miller and his new book, please visit [rontravel.com](http://rontravel.com).

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL



***Families Learning about Support Hear*** is a family

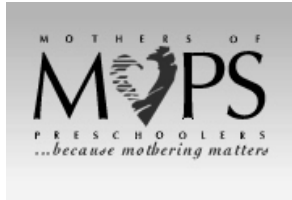
friendly organization that supports all types

of families and children dealing with different degrees of hearing loss. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 15th** from 6:30 to 9:00PM in the Family Life Center. Our guest speaker, **Dr. William Allen**, will provide valuable information and will be available for questions and comments. For more information, please contact Heather Ritchie, 584-1637, or e-mail [flash.supportgroup@gmail.com](mailto:flash.supportgroup@gmail.com).

## **MOPS NEWS**

### **Attention, Mothers of Preschoolers!**

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 meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> (March 8) and 4<sup>th</sup> (March 22) 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).



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](http://www.MommyandMe.com). We hope to see you there!

**DON'T FORGET**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
**BEGINS MARCH 11**

**Family Council at Erin!** This is an opportunity to discuss important topics regarding children, grandchildren and the future of Erin in an open forum setting. The council will not meet in March, but will resume on **April 1st** after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you are not able to attend, please feel free to submit any thoughts, ideas or concerns in writing and your ideas will be heard. Please call the office and indicate your needs regarding childcare.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**



We are having a VBS Planning Meeting Wed., March 7th at 9:30 am at Panera Bread on Peters Road. If you would like to take part in planning this wonderful week for our children and outreaching to nearby children, please call the church office at 588-5350. Vacation Bible School at Erin will be June 18 – 22<sup>nd</sup> and we are excited about planning for this great VBS week!! Contact Kelli Crisp for more information.

**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!



**The Souper Bowl** was a success! Thanks to your generous support, Erin Youth raised \$245.00 for Souper Bowl of Caring! That money will go towards a food ministry in our community. Thanks again for your continued support of Erin Youth!

## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

### 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

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Wednesday Dinner is such a success, that Erin needs more help in the kitchen! If you would like to cook, coordinate, serve, etc, please contact Allyson McLeod or the church office. Thank you!**

**LET'S DO DINNER!** Meet us for fellowship and fun at The Chop House (9700 Kingston Pike) on **February 6<sup>th</sup>** at 5:15 pm. See you there!



### Men's Breakfast



Erin's men will meet Saturday, **March 10<sup>th</sup>** at 8:45 am. February was a record turn out, and as our group grows, so does our impact on the community. We will be discussing what charitable organization(s) we would like to sponsor, so join us and share your view/concerns on how we men may make a difference! Please call Dale Webb (212-9772) for more information.

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

The **Erin Handbell Ringers** will be participating in a handbell workshop at Erin on March 4 from 1:00 to 3:00. Susan Berry, nationally known handbell clinician and the author of "Healthy Ringing" will be in town to conduct a two day handbell workshop/festival at Carson Newman College and has



offered to work with the Erin Ringers. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the musicians and their director, Nancy berry, to review the basics, brush up on their techniques and learn new ringing concepts. We look forward to your participation.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW Circle II** will meet Monday **March 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm at Mary Scarbrough's house. Pam Stevens will lead the Bible Study. **Circle IV** will meet Tuesday **March 13** in the Parlor at 10:00am. Pat Sexton will lead the Bible study.



**Women's Spring Mission Project** will be collected during March. The Interfaith Clinic needs children and adult toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss. The Fellowship Center needs laundry detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, small trash can liners, refills for liquid hand soap, bath tissue and paper towels. A box for items will be in the narthex through Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support!

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

On March 2, 2007, Church Women United (CWU) will host "**The Annual World Day of Prayer**" at Fountain City Methodist Church. Interested in car pooling? Contact Sonja DuBois at 691-8530.

*You are cordially invited to enjoy SONSHINE perform on Sunday March 11. They will present the musical Cross Country during worship service at 11:00am. Don't miss this opportunity for Erin's children to minister to you as they send the message of Christ to you through their various talents!*

### Ministry Team Meetings:

Property - March 6 @ 7:30pm  
 Discipleship - March 6 @ 7:30pm  
 Outreach - March 11 after service  
 Stewardship - March 13 @ 7:30 pm  
 Session - March 15 @ 7:00 pm

## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

**CPR CLASS** - As of January 28th, Erin now has 10 members/staff who are newly certified in CPR and use of the AED (Automated External Defibrillation) Device. Thanks go to the following people for volunteering their Sunday afternoon to complete the training: Kelli Crisp, Jennifer Gahan, Cynthia House, Joe Jaynes, Kim Jaynes, Lauren Stuart, Lynsey Stuart, Mike Pierce, Katie Rash, and Traci Vandiver. We would like to offer another training opportunity in the spring. If interested, please see Jennifer Gahan.

### **New Connections Sunday Morning Class**

#### **The Problem of Pain**

By

**C. S. Lewis**

Join us for a new Sunday school class in the Noah's Ark Room at 9.45am. It's a ten week journey and discussion of one of C.S. Lewis' great books called "The Problem of Pain." For those of us who are fans of Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, this is a good book to get to know the heart and soul of one of Christianity's greatest writers. The book covers questions about pain and suffering, asking why does it happen to us and how can we respond to dealing with pain. As the back cover of the book describes:

If God is good and all-powerful, why does He allow His creatures to suffer pain? And what of the suffering of animals, who neither deserve pain nor can be improved by it? The greatest Christian thinker of our time sets out to disentangle this knotty issue. With his signature wealth of compassion and insight, C.S. Lewis offers answers to these crucial questions and shapes his hope and wisdom to help heal a world hungering for a true understanding of human nature.

Everyone is welcome to join the series. The book can be purchased at Borders for \$9.95, or you may get it cheaper on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

### **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.

### **Monday Night Study Group**

We meet every Monday in the parlor at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and share their ideas, questions, and opinions about various subjects. We're finishing off a book about other religions and faith called "What's the Difference?" Copies of this study will be available in the narthex on Sunday 7 January. The group has some light-hearted as well as serious moments. The pastor leads the discussion and sometimes we end up going off subject to deal with current events and burning issues.

Come along and see for yourself. You'll like it! We promise.

### **2007 Online Study: Mark**

The pastor will be starting a new online study for 2007. It will be a journey through the Gospel of Mark. These studies take about fifteen minutes to complete and build up our knowledge of Christ's ministry and mission during New Testament times. The study also gives participants time to meditate on select short passages and seek ways to apply the lesson.

A sign up will soon be able in the worship bulletin and people interested will be able to sign up online at the church's website on our home page at

[www.erinpresbyterian.org](http://www.erinpresbyterian.org).

The studies are sent by email each day, Monday to Friday and participants go at their own pace. There will also be opportunities for feedback and perhaps we will try to have a bulletin board set up on our website for comments and messages.

*Congratulations to Margot Emery!*

*She received a Ph.D. in Communication and Information from the University of Tennessee. Margot extends her gratitude to her friends and family who gave her encouragement and support throughout her studies.*

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

**Body Recall** has resumed! Join us at 4:00pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for exercise and fellowship. See you then!





**SAM Sack Lunch** will be Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Patty B. Pierce will provide valuable information concerning vision, and will offer practical advise to help you maintain your sight. Bring your sandwich and join us for an informative afternoon.

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**Stewardship Figures  
YTD February 2007**

**Jan 1 - Feb 27,  
07**

<b>Income</b>	
Administration	
Income	18.49
Property Income	1,400.00
Discipleship Income	1,014.97
Fellowship Income	514.66
Outreach Income	1,317.20
Offerings	35,398.09
Worship	50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>39,713.41</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration	4,652.63
Property Team	11,783.40
Discipleship Team	4,478.43
Fellowship Team	2,151.33
Outreach Team	4,044.10
Stewardship Team	110.50
Worship Team	492.45
Pastoral Ministry	14,993.25
Personnel	14,215.40
Memorial Expenses	935.00
Payroll Expenses	-397.74
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>57,458.75</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-17,745.34</b>

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF  
March 4, 2007**

**IRAQ**

*Levi Martin* (husband of Bev Cowen's granddaughter)

**KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

*Emma Reed* – (grandmother of Mike Sharp) was diagnosed with cancer throughout her body.

*Nancy Haun* - (formerly Nancy Foshee) recently had surgery for breast cancer. Please pray for her recovery and remission and for the loved ones who support her.

**TEXAS**

*Ervin McClellan* - father of Kathy McClellan, passed away late February. Please pray for family and friends as they grieve during this difficult time.

**FLORIDA**

*Kathy Hood* (daughter of Alma Siedentopf), was recently moved to a hospice. Alma is in Florida with her now.

**MICHIGAN**

*Flora Hudson*, sister of Mae Brandon-Pershing, suffering from serious heart problems.

**WASHINGTON**

*Sandy Tessier* undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

*Sara Mantel* (friend of Sara Leckie)

**MAINE**

*John House Sr.* (father of John House) – recovering at home after an auto accident.

**ERIN PRAYER CHAIN:** 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 **Monday, March 26th** 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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