

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

June, 2007

Ephesians 5:1,2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Dear Friends,

June sees the launch of a new sermon series that will eventually be completed in the Fall. We'll be looking at Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and try to work out where we are headed as a church.

I thought about this when I was in Columbus, GA for some pastoral coaching. Being away from the congregation meant that I had some time to reflect upon what we have achieved for God at our church. Over the years, we've managed to consolidate our numbers and grow beyond national trends, but to some extent our growth has outpaced our resources. This means that we're at an awkward stage in the life of the church, much like that of teenagers who quickly outgrow their clothes.

When I was in Columbus, I started to envision what Erin would be like over the next fifteen years. I saw a bigger church committed to growing young souls and looking after our senior members. Erin had renovated its buildings, raised a substantial endowment, and was more missional, with our people working in the community, supporting local, national, and international missions.

As I idealized the future, I realized that we still had to get there, so I prayed to God to give us guidance. I felt drawn to the Ephesian church because it stands out as a congregation in the Bible. As the New Testament church was established, Ephesus became a great center of the Holy Spirit's work across the Mediterranean communities that were being touched by Christ's teaching. The church developed family missions,



teaching programs, and leadership development. It inspired people to come to Christ in one of the most secular and pagan cities on earth. And Paul's letter to the church is one that offers encouragement and enhancement for the congregation to grow.

Erin is a small church that is big enough to make a difference. If we can learn from Paul's teaching to the Ephesians, then there is no limit to what we can accomplish and achieve for the Lord. The past decade has seen us go beyond survival mode into revival mode. If we all pray together for the life, work, and mission of this church each day, then we will stay together and sow seeds of faith that will bear fruit for generations to come.

So, are you ready to begin a new journey? Are you committed to this wee church? Are you willing to do more, give more, and serve more to God's Kingdom? If you are, then we are already making a difference!

God bless you and all your loved ones. Watch out for more material about growing an Ephesian church coming your way.

John



Erin will have a Summer Workday on Saturday, June 23rd from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The "Men of Erin" will provide your morning meal in lieu of Men's Breakfast, and will join in on the efforts to tidy up the church and the grounds. Please join us for a productive fellowship!

June Sundays**June 3****Communion****Trinity Sunday**

Psalm 25:1-7 & Ephesians 1:1-10

*“Real Riches”***June 10****Flag Day****10th Sunday in Ordinary Time***“One Nation, Under God”***June 17****11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joel 2:28-32 & Ephesians 1:11-14

*“Sealed Forever”***June 24****12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Psalm 119:17-24 & Ephesians 1:15-23

*“Open the Eyes of Our Hearts”***July 1****Communion****13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Psalm 51:10-17 & Ephesians 2:1-10

*“Made for Good”***Happy Anniversary!**

This month two couples are celebrating their *Golden Weddings*. On June 3, Charles and Mary Scarbrough are having a special celebration. And on June 08, Bob and Marjorie McLean also celebrate their *Golden wedding*.

We joyfully wish them every blessing as they gather family and friends to these great occasions. May God bless them all.

June Birthdays

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



Lois Mansfield	June 1
David Cowen	June 3
Abby Scarbrough	June 3
Sherisse Hurst	June 4
Ella Levering	June 5
Gaines Miller	June 5
Charli Crawford	June 5
Derry Evans	June 6
Linda Moxham	June 6
George Hannah	June 7
Thomas Boyd	June 8
Molly Miller	June 8
Charles Scarbrough	June 9
Alex Jaynes	June 10
Jack Baucom IV	June 12
Charles Snodgrass	June 12
Laurie Gilliam	June 17
Susan Hannah	June 17
Pat Wallin	June 18
Ryan Holliday	June 19
Jeannine Cole	June 21
R.L. Kirby, Jr.	June 21
John Miller	June 21
Cory Stott	June 21
Claude Houbler	June 22
Jenny Carter	June 23
Hayden Crisp	June 23
Brooks Eggers	June 24
Alice Carroll	June 26
Jeanne Ayers	June 27
Marjorie McLean	June 30
Lacie Scarbrough	June 30
Jessica Webb	June 30

First Days of July

Patty Britton-Pierce	July 1
Shawn Bailes	July 5
Harry Boyd	July 5
Mike Sharp	July 5
Carolyn Gahan	July 6
Jodi Geschickter	July 7

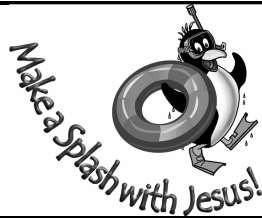
*Your birthday not listed?
Please call the office at 588-5350.*

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL



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. Mommy & Me will continue to meet throughout the summer every Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have a question, contact Katina Sharp at 742-2292 or KatinaSharp@aol.com. You can also visit the Mommy & Me website (www.MommyandMe.com.) We hope to see you there!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Vacation Bible School

VBS is just around the corner, June 18-22nd. Please watch for various sign-ups in the bulletin and in the narthex. We are looking for volunteers for a wide variety of areas. Also, t-shirts are on sale. And finally, we are pre-registering children for VBS week. We invite everyone to participate in Vacation Bible School this year. We know that it's going to be another wonderful week! *Take the Plunge, Make a Splash with Jesus!*

HELP US FEED OUR VBS CHILDREN

We need multiples of the following items for our snacks for VBS. Please try to donate one of the items below and place them in the narthex or kitchen refrigerator (cookie dough) by June 17th. Thank you for help! We are looking forward to a fun filled week with lots of kids!

Large Box of Colored gold fish- 6 total
 Large Box of goldfish or whales- 5 total
 Refrigerated cookie dough (sugar)- 15 total
 Can of vanilla icing- 10 total
 Box of teddy grahams- 4 total
 Box of Honey Maid Graham Sticks- 3 total

A package of Nutter Butter Cookies- 6 total
 A box of Fruit roll up - 4 total
 Lemon Aid Mix - 3 total
 Pre-Made Jell-O Snack Cups- BLUE- 20 total
 Gummy fish/gummy worms- 6 packages at least

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

LET'S DO DINNER! Meet us for fellowship and fun at Parkside Tavern at 338 N. Peters Rd. on **June 4th** at 5:15 pm. Please RSVP to Maude Hoover. See you there!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Circle IV will meet Monday **June 11th** at 7:30pm at Mary Scarbrough's house. Circle II will meet Tuesday **June 12th** in the Parlor at 10:00am



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

BODY RECALL

The current session of **Body Recall** classes ended May 25. The class has decided to meet once a week on Mondays during the summer for nine weeks. Classes will begin Monday, June 25th at 4 P. M., and the final summer class will be Monday, August 20. Newcomers are welcomed. No previous experience necessary.

"Guys And Dolls"

SAM will host a trip to the Crossville Playhouse to enjoy "Guys and Dolls" on July 17th. Before the play, lunch will be served at Cumberland Mountain Park. If you are interested, contact Maud Hoover or Helen Henry by June 10 to sign up. Come join us for a great day!

FALL SESSION FOR BODY RECALL

Rally Day is a good time for new commitments as community, school and church programs begin anew. Do something good for yourself by adding (or continuing) regular exercise to your schedule. Mark down "Body Recall" for every Monday, Wednesday and Friday class at 4 PM. beginning September 10, 2007.

Exercise is at the top of most medical professionals' list for good health. So is laughter, and we do a lot of that along with strengthening and stretching our bodies from head to toe.

SAM'S ANNUAL PICNIC will be Thursday, June 14th at Farragut Park. Please contact the office if you plan to attend.



leaders in preparing each workshop room and, finally, pray for the success of the program. If you think you might be interested in this ministry or if you have any questions about WoRM, contact Nancy Berry or any Discipleship Team member. If you would like to learn more about WoRM, go to www.rotation.org.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

HAVE YOU HEARD?- WoRM IS COMING!

What is WoRM? It's an acronym for Workshop Rotation Model-an exciting and fun learning method which teaches Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly multi-media workshops including art, science, games, storytelling, and cooking, just to name a few. Children ages 2-5th grade are divided into three groups and for three weeks are rotated to different workshops where the same Bible story is taught. The same teacher teaches the same workshop for three weeks incorporating age appropriate changes, as needed.

How long has WoRM been around? The Workshop Rotation Model for Sunday School began in 1990 when a Presbyterian church in Chicago decided it was time to reinvent Sunday School or close it down. By 1995 enough churches in the Chicago area had successfully adopted the Model to call it a movement. www.rotation.org was created in 1997 to provide resources, lesson plans, and community for the grassroots movement. As of 2005, it is estimated that over 8,000 churches in the U.S. and Canada have now adopted or adapted the Model. In Knoxville, Middlebrook Pike United Methodist, Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian are a few of the churches that have adopted the WoRM.

After careful consideration, the Discipleship Team has decided to implement the WoRM over the summer here at Erin. From June 24 through August 19, children ages 2 through 5th grade will learn all about Noah, Jonah and Jesus' baptism through three workshops: storytelling/drama (Joe Jaynes), art/cooking (Tracy Foster and MaryAlice Vowell) and games/science (Mike Pierce). The children will be divided into two groups-ages 2 through 5 and kindergarten through 5th grade and will be accompanied by a "shepherd" to each workshop (located in the downstairs education wing). At the end of the summer, the Discipleship team will evaluate the model and decide whether to continue with it permanently.

What can you do to make WoRM a success? Help clean and decorate the three rooms that will be used for the workshops, volunteer to assist the workshop

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

This June, The WordPlayers presents "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" based on C.S. Lewis' beloved story and dramatized by Joseph Robinette.

Audiences take a magical journey with Peter, Susan, Lucy and Edmund into a mysterious old wardrobe that leads to the land of Narnia. As they fulfill their destiny to save Narnia, they wrestle with the consequences of their actions and face temptation, betrayal and redemption. Join the children, Tumnus the fawn, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, the Unicorn and Aslan on their quest to free Narnia from the White Witch.

Through the power of live theater, The Wordplayers bring the magical world of Narnia to life. Featuring a cast of talented young actors and Erin's own Joe Jaynes as Aslan, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will be a production that will both inspire and entertain.

*The WordPlayers' Theatre at MCM
(Middlebrook Christian Ministries)
1540 Robinson Road, Knoxville*

Showtimes: June 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 @ 7:30 p.m.

June 20, 23 @ 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 / \$8 / \$5.

. Ministry Team Meetings:

Property – June 4 @ 7:00pm

Discipleship – June 4 @ 7:00pm

Fellowship – June 4 @ 7:00pm

Stewardship – June 12 @ 7:30 pm

Outreach – June 10 after service

Session – June 21 @ 7:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND FOR ERIN

If you are considering making a will or changing an existing will, you may wish to include Erin Church. "Leaving something behind" will help nurture the growth and well being of the church, which Paul called the Body of Christ. The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your consideration in this matter.

STEWARDSHIP AND THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Every now and then, I stop and smell the roses. From the swing on the front porch, I take a closer look at our Creator's creation. One of my favorite things to do is plant flowers and watch them grow and produce beautiful blossoms. The whole process is a lot of work, but the results are so gratifying.

Starting with good soil and healthy plants in the ground, the effort continues with weeding, watering and fertilizing. Then enjoy the magic of growing beauty! We have many favorite flowers, but my all time favorite this year is Knock Out Roses. In one year, four rose bushes have grown from 8 inches high to 3 1/2 feet, and each plant has produced hundreds of buds and blossoms. I call it a miracle, and compare it to the Parable of the Sower, Luke 8:4-9, especially verse 8. "Some fell into good soil and when it grew, it produced one hundred fold."

Stewardship works that way too. We plant our seed in good soil, which is the Church of Jesus Christ. To grow into a beautiful plant requires constant nurturing, not just now and then.

Through the years, so many Erin people have given so much to cultivate the "soil" at Erin. The Stewardship Committee extends its thanks for all you do to keep Erin growing each day, each week, each month and each year.

Thanks,
The Stewardship Team

**Stewardship Figures
YTD May 2007**

Income	May	Jan-May
Administration	22.29	104.28
Property	292.13	1,692.13
Discipleship	978.90	4,266.51
Fellowship	440.75	3,001.30
Memorial	0.00	65.00
Outreach	736.36	4,223.72
Offerings	19,196.00	116,936.32
Worship	0.00	550.00
Total Income	<u>21,666.43</u>	<u>130,839.26</u>
Expense		
Administration	1,926.20	13,194.95
Property	7,606.76	36,452.69
Discipleship	3,096.92	10,133.96
Fellowship	638.54	5,012.26
Outreach	3,305.26	24,561.38
Stewardship	37.11	466.29
Worship	281.07	1,919.13
Pastoral Ministry	9,664.73	45,130.46
Personnel	5,874.47	32,501.77
Memorials	0.00	989.75
Session	0.00	328.94
PW	100.00	100.00
Payroll	0.00	-397.74
Total Expense	<u>32,531.06</u>	<u>170,393.84</u>
Net Income	<u>-10,864.63</u>	<u>-39,554.58</u>

We would like to express our sympathies to the families and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one:

*On May 25th, Erin lost a dear friend, faithful member, and committed elder to our church, **Frank Harrington**.*

*The Crisp Family is dealing with the loss of Shane's grandfather, **Don White** (Daddy Don).*

*Susan and George Hannah are coping with the untimely death of Susan's sister, **Debbie Rolen**.*

The passing of a loved one is difficult, so we will continue to pray for comfort for the families and friends of those who are grieving.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF

June 3, 2007

IRAQ

Levi Martin (husband of Bev Cowen's granddaughter)

Joseph McLeod - Allyson and Rob's son. He's now in Iraq on active duty in Baghdad for the US Army.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Cathy Petel (mother of Katina's friend Stacie Hirsch) – may possibly have a tumor in the parotid gland (usually non cancerous) which would require surgery.

Darryl Hickman – recovering from hip replacement surgery at home

Dr. Bill Harms - a former associate pastor at EPC, is recovering from a heart attack.

Erin and Wes Harris (daughter and son-in-law of Tom and Eva Quinley) – having complications with her first pregnancy

J.T. (a friend of Hugh and Eleanor Jaynes) - recently in a serious car accident and must undergo intensive rehab.

Sue Tabor (mother of Mary Alice Vowell) - diagnosed with Addison's disease and is currently at NHC.

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Mrs. Pat Swain – recovering from a small stroke and a fall in Fort Sanders Hospital room 222.

CALIFORNIA

Linda Gaspar (sister of Dave Leckie) – currently in ICU unconscious after suffering a fall in her yard.

WASHINGTON

Sandy Tessier undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

OHIO

Kathy Mitchell (Susan Hannah's sister) - diagnosed with cystic fibrosis that is attacking her digestive system.

ALABAMA

Loretta Bresseale – recovering from a total knee replacement Huntsville, and will continue rehab until the second week in July.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Sara Mantle (a friend of Sara Leckie)

The Erin Presbyterian Church News is published monthly. Comments and submissions are welcome. Please submit articles by **Monday, June 25th** 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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