

## ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

### July, 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,

There's a new movie out at the moment called "Evan Almighty." It's a comedy. The main character is a successful politician who wants to change the world. Suddenly, he is visited by God, who tells him to build an ark in New York City. I haven't seen it yet, but the whole storyline sounds hilarious.

A couple of weeks ago, I signed our church up for an "Ark Almighty" package. It included some baseball caps and T-shirts with the motto: "Change the world: every chance we get." There's a Bible study that comes along with the package, as well as a giant poster declaring that we are an Ark Almighty church.

What's the purpose of this program? It's all about Outreach - through doing random acts of kindness in and around the community where our church is situated. The whole concept relates to the "Evan Almighty" movie and calls upon local churches to make an impact in their own neighborhoods by trying to meet some of the needs of local residents. The hope is that by reaching out to those in need, churches will become central to the well-being in our communities. By being good neighbors to our neighbors, we may discover how to make a difference for the better in many people's lives. You can get more details about the Ark Almighty project by visiting the web site [www.ArkAlmighty.com](http://www.ArkAlmighty.com).

I'll be leading a summer Bible study series during our Sunday school hour, beginning on Sunday 15 July at the church. As well as discussing how to help and reach out to our neighbors, I'll be showing movie clips from "Evan Almighty" to start discussions about random acts of kindness and outreach. Everyone is welcome to attend and it will be held - you've guessed it - in the Noah's Ark room in our church. The series last four weeks and should be a light-hearted, yet focused program about neighborhood evangelism. Each class begins at 9.40am and ends at 10.30am.



Coincidentally, our children are undergoing a new way of learning Bible stories in a rotational program, which is very like Vacation Bible school. The first topic for the program is all about Noah's Ark, so they will be covering the same biblical material as their parents.

I hope that you will join us on Sundays for this worthwhile missional program of studies. There may be people in your own neighborhood that we as a church could be helping in simple ways to make a positive impact and significant change for the better in their lives.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.

John

P.S If you want to see what a rotational Sunday school program for kids looks like, go to [www.rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org) on the Internet.

#### ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

The following is the July schedule for Enrichment - if you are unable to attend on your scheduled date, please contact someone to take your place:

July 1		
Kelcey Levering	Kristie Bailes	David McKay
July 8		
Brooks Eggers	Jennifer Gahan	Julia Hoskins
July 15		
Mike Sharp	Anna McKay	Peter McKay
July 22		
Erin McCallum	Shane Crisp	Matt Cowen
July 29		
Heather Ritchie	Nicole Waters	Ben Hoskins

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES!** We're expecting our directories to be in any day---our proof has been sent back to the printers in Cleveland, TN. The directories will be labeled for households and available in the narthex as soon as they arrive.

**July Sundays**

**July 1**

**Communion**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

“Made for Good”

**July 8**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Guest Pastor

**July 15**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Psalm 120:1-7 & Ephesians 2:11-22

“Ending the War”

**July 22**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

TBA

**July 29**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

TBA

**August 5**

**Communion**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

TBA

**July Birthdays**

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



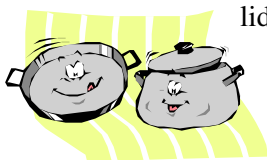
Patty Britton-Pierce	July 1
Shawn Bailes	July 5
Harry Boyd	July 5
Mike Sharp	July 5
Carolyn Gahan	July 6
Jodi Geschickter	July 7
Jean Johnson	July 9
Ron DuBois	July 10
Chloe Levering	July 10
David White	July 10
Pat Sexton	July 11
Noah Foster	July 13
Marion Sanks	July 13
David Frierson	July 14
Edie Yeager	July 15
Robert Hewgley	July 19
Liam Quinn	July 20
Courtney Backus	July 21
Lynsey Stuart	July 22
Ron Roberts	July 24
Barb Luedeka	July 25
Steven Gilliam	July 28
Margot Emery	July 29
Bob McLean	July 29
Katie Bailes	July 30
Jason Cable	July 30
Dave Leckie	July 30
Mary Scarbrough	July 30
Jackson Sharp	July 30
Becca Berry	July 31

***First Days of August***

Amanda Baucom	August 2
Carl Dent	August 2
Agnes Kirby	August 3
Olivia Baucom	August 6

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

**Check your kitchen pantry!** Are you missing



lids/tops/bottoms to your dishes? Is your party tray missing? We are working on cleaning out and re-organizing the kitchen. Check the table in the fellowship hall

for things that look to be lost or missing---if you could take home things that belong to you, that would be great! If you are donating items, please note on items on table.

**Body Recall** is currently meeting once a week on



Mondays during the summer! 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Before the play, lunch will be served at Cumberland Mountain Park. Please turn in your money to the office to reserve your spot on the bus! Come join us for a great day!

## 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. 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](mailto:KatinaSharp@aol.com)

## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

**LET'S DO DINNER!** Meet us for fellowship and fun at Texas Roadhouse on the corner of Kingston Pike and Morrell on **July 3rd** at 5:15 pm. Join us for a hearty steak and baked potato!



**KITCHEN RENOVATION!** We are very excited to be working on Erin's Kitchen---we are meeting with designers and getting input and suggestions this summer. We will be working on this project over the next months---if you have ideas or suggestions, and/or would like to be part of the kitchen team, please let us know in the office--a kitchen team member will contact you asap. Thanks! Also, please feel free to send any ideas to [kristi.bailes@yahoo.com](mailto:kristi.bailes@yahoo.com).

## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Hi folks. The stewardship committee is responsible for the financial operations and guidance for Erin Presbyterian; however we are all responsible for the stewardship of the Church.

A few weeks ago John Stuart gave a great sermon. At the end of the sermon he passed a basket around for a special offering for a particular family that is currently in a bad situation and was about to have their utilities disconnected the next day because they couldn't pay KUB. John asked us for \$132 to cover the debt until the head of home could get a paycheck from his new employer Food City. Amazingly we collected \$711 dollars for this family. I think this says a lot about who

we are as a church family and what we are capable of giving. We need you to come out of pocket for Erin as well.

Currently, as I am writing this, our income is \$29,000 short of current expenses. Erin needs you to increase your giving just so we can continue to operate in the black at normal levels. We would like to ask each of you to please prayerfully consider where you are today with your commitments and pledges and where you want Erin to be in the coming years. We must cover our day-to-day operational expenses and annual budgeted expenses out of unrestricted funds which come mainly from your pledges and Tithes.

Thanks,  
Erin Stewardship Committee

## Stewardship Figures YTD June 2007

	June, 07	Jan-June, 07
<b>Income</b>		
Administration	1.20	105.48
Property	1,385.00	6,531.13
Discipleship	702.00	4,968.51
Fellowship	223.00	3,324.30
Memorial	790.00	855.00
Outreach	986.98	5,210.70
Offerings	25,947.59	142,883.91
Worship	0.00	550.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>30,035.77</b>	<b>164,429.03</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Administration	1,869.57	15,088.52
Property	3,761.81	40,259.50
Discipleship	604.54	10,738.50
Fellowship	396.41	5,415.67
Outreach	1,698.08	26,259.46
Stewardship	50.00	516.29
Worship	186.91	2,106.04
Pastoral		
Ministry	7,970.75	53,469.14
Personnel	6,010.00	38,511.77
Memorial	0.00	989.75
Session	0.00	328.94
PW	0.00	100.00
Payroll	0.00	-397.74
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>22,548.07</b>	<b>193,385.84</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>7,487.70</b>	<b>-28,956.81</b>

**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**

**July 1, 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**

**Jeanne Ayers** - recovering nicely at home from surgery

**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.

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

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

**Mrs. Pat Swain** - recovering from a small stroke and a fall, in Fort Sanders Hospital.

### **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.

**Ralph Arthur** (Jim Thompson's uncle) passed away last week.

### **ALABAMA**

**Loretta Bresseale** - recovering from a total knee replacement in Huntsville, AL 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 **Wednesday, July 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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