

## ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

July, 2007

*Galatians 3:26      You are all children of God  
through faith in Christ Jesus*

Dear Friends,

Recently, our Discipleship team undertook a summer experiment called Rotation Sunday School. Instead of having our children stay in the one classroom, they 'rotated' from room to room, in the Family Life Center, to learn stories about the Bible.

Each Rotation lesson takes about four Sundays to present to the children. The message or story is reinforced through drama, videos, story-telling, arts and crafts, and even cooking! It's a marvelous way to positively communicate faith to our children and they are enthusiastic about the whole experience. Feedback from parents has been wonderful, so we're going to continue this new program throughout the rest of the year. If you want to see what rotation Bible school looks like, visit [www.rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org) on the internet.

King Egbert also made a return to the sanctuary during the summer. It's been a long time since some of our children had seen or heard from him. One wee girl was really delighted and excitedly told her mom, "Hurray! King Egbert's back!" It's good to see and hear our children being excited about church, Sunday school, and worship. King Egbert is also appearing on his own webpage on the internet. You can find him and some of his stories at [www.kingegbert.blogspot.com](http://www.kingegbert.blogspot.com).

It's great to see our whole church alive with young families and lots of children. Sunday mornings are getting to be real busy around these parts and our children, as well as our youth, are playing an important part in the renewal and revival of our congregation. God is being good to us and we need to continue to glorify Him for this.



We are all God's children at Erin, no matter what age or what stage in life we may be experiencing. It's not something that we have earned, nor should it be taken for granted. As Paul wrote so long ago, we are God's children through our faith in Jesus. Without our Savior, we would be cosmic orphans in an unfriendly universe with no eternal hope. Jesus has given us the amazing opportunity to be reconnected to God, restored to His favor and returned to His Kingdom. It might not seem important to us today, but there will be a last tomorrow in all our lives when this will become vitally important.

As a church, we try to create a spiritual environment where people are attracted to the Gospel and brought closer to Christ. We care about the children in our midst, which is why we are putting a lot of energy, effort, resources and enthusiasm into teaching them about God. Your prayers, your support, and your loyalty to Erin enable all of God's children to make this place a sacred, loving, and vibrant Christian church where lives are changed and souls are saved forever.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.

John

**Back to School!**  
**Knox County**  
**begins**  
**August 9<sup>th</sup>!**



***August Sundays***

**August 5**

**Communion**

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

Psalm 10:12-18 & Ephesians 3:7-13

“Freely and Confidently”

**August 12**

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

Proverbs 4:1-7 & Ephesians 3:14-21

“Rooted and Established in Love”

**August 19**

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

Genesis 17:1-8 & Ephesians 4:1-8

“A Worthy Life”

**August 26**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 61:4-8 & Ephesians 4:9-16

“Preparing God’s People”

**September 2**

**Communion**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 11:17-21 & Ephesians 4:25-32

“A New Attitude and a New Me!”

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**

**SAM Sack Lunch** will be Thursday, August 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. SAM Council will meet at 10:30 am that morning as well. Program detail is not available at this time, but plan to bring your sandwich and enjoy a time of fellowship!

**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.



**August Birthdays**

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



Amanda Baucom	August 2
Carl Dent	August 2
Agnes Kirby	August 3
Olivia Baucom	August 6
Lauren Stuart	August 9
Owen Matthews	August 10
Wayne Bridwell	August 11
Helen Henry	August 11
Mary Frierson	August 14
Hugh Jaynes	August 14
Virginia Chesney	August 15
Emily Jenness	August 16
Garren Miller	August 16
Sue Rayburn	August 20
Keeny Robinson	August 23
Mary Ann Hagler	August 24
Ruth Henderson	August 25
Hillary Pearson	August 25
Pam Stevens	August 25
Catherine Landstreet	August 27
Don Gunter	August 28
Mike Hurst	August 30
Ray Schall	August 30
Lynn Sexton	August 30
Lauren Gahan	August 31
Bob Price, Jr.	August 31

***First Days of September***

Julie Simpson	September 5
Joe Jaynes	September 6
Ethan Sharp	September 6
Lydia Foster	September 7
Donald Quinley	September 7

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

*Dear Erin Family,*

*We are overwhelmed by such expressions of love and care. The prayers, food, cards, gifts, phone calls, etc. are beyond belief. Fran and I will survive with your loving help and prayers.*

*Thank you.*

*Jeanne & Fran Ayers*



## 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

**Jamie Webb is Erin's new Nursery Coordinator!** She has made herself available to organize the goings on of the infant and toddler nurseries. She is also responsible for checking in with the teachers each week and communicating with the church office about nursery coverage. Thank you, Jamie, for devoting your time and resources to such a valuable ministry of Erin PC!

Katina Sharp filled this position last year and we greatly appreciate her service and dedication. She will continue to serve on the Nursery Committee *ad infinitum!*

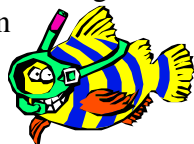
Erin PC is greatly blessed to have such a dedicated and talented staff working with our young children!

## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

### **Rally Day**

Mark your calendars, Rally Day is fast approaching!!

Please plan on coming to breakfast on Sunday, August 26 at 9:30 am. After enjoying a time of food and fellowship, the children will venture out on a wild search for fish in the bible. The grown-ups can stay behind, relax and learn about the different Sunday School classes available. Hope to see you there.



### **New Enrichment Graduating Class!**

There is an exciting new program for all children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It's called the Enrichment Graduating Class (EGC.) This class will be led by Charles Snodgrass and assisted by Kelli Crisp. The EGC will be held during September and October. This class is a very important transition from Enrichment to Worship. The children will learn many fundamentals of our worship service and the relevance of the Presbyterian traditions.

The children will work and learn together both in and out of service for about 8 weeks. The EGC will end with a recognition ceremony of the graduates during service. Once the children have completed the Enrichment Graduating Class, they will be prepared to participate in the worship service with greater meaning.

Please watch for more information and sign-ups in the bulletin.

### **ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL** (WoRM-Workshop Rotation Method)

If you weren't in Rotation Sunday School last week, you missed an opportunity to talk to Jonah about his experience in the big fish and his visit to Nineveh. Although he smelled like he had been in that fish a little longer than three days and three nights, the children still enjoyed seeing him!

We have now completed two units using the rotation format--Noah and the Flood and Jonah and the Big Fish and beginning August 5th, our unit study will be on Jesus' baptism. Because the response has been so positive from both children and teachers, beginning September 2, the Discipleship Team will adapt the WoRM to be used in ages 4 years through 5th grade on Sunday mornings.

After working with the model for two months, a few changes will be made. First of all, the 2's and 3's will no longer rotate through the various workshops. Instead, they will have their own teachers (Brooks Eggers and you?) and they will

remain in a self-contained classroom located upstairs in the room previously occupied by the handbells. Secondly, the children will be divided into three age groups: 4's & 5's, 1st-2nd grade and 3rd through 5th grade. The workshops will be expanded from three to four (Apostle's Playhouse - drama & storytelling, Creation Station- art & cooking, Holyhood- audio visual and Antioch Arcade - games & Bible skills) and the length of each unit will also expand from three weeks to four. As in the past, one teacher will lead each workshop and one shepherd will stay with each age group throughout the semester thus providing continuity for the children. Beginning in September the following units will be taught:

The Ten Commandments  
 Daniel and the Lion's Den  
 Advent: Shepherds and Angels  
 Prodigal Son  
 Mary and Martha  
 Easter: Last Supper  
 Psalm 23

The beauty of rotation is that the teacher prepares only 1 lesson for each unit, modifying it for each age level. And YOU get to choose which workshop you'd like to teach: audio visual (showing a movie and leading discussion), art/cooking, games & Bible skills or drama & storytelling. The curriculum is provided by the Discipleship Team and the rooms are decorated by the Design Team. If you've ever thought about teaching, here is a fabulous opportunity to "stick your toe in and test the waters"!

However, if teaching is not your forte, there are other opportunities to help out. (1) Volunteer to be a shepherd. You would be responsible for getting to know your age group, taking attendance, helping with discipline and staying with your group throughout the semester. (2) Be a part of the design team led by Kelli Crisp and Kim Jaynes. This team decorates the classrooms and hallway bulletin boards for each unit. (3) Take 15 minutes out of your regular Sunday School class and be the Gathering Leader leading the children in singing, reviewing the story and Bible memory verse and taking up the offering.

Sunday School is the MOST important faith-building experience the church provides for this age level. Please-don't miss out on a chance to make a real difference in the life of a child! Call now-588-5350 or speak to Nancy Berry or Anna McKay.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **Fall Service Blitz**

Do you need some work done around your house? Are you already drowning in fall leaves or just need help storing those summer clothes? Erin Senior Highs have the solution: our fall Service Blitz! On Saturday, September 1st, we will be available from 9 AM - 5 PM for your service needs. We can do yard work, house work, help move furniture, or any other "light" chores. There is no set cost for our services, but all donations will go towards Montreat 2008! Look for a sign up sheet in Sunday's bulletin: space is limited, so act now!

In the spirit of Labor Day, put us to work!

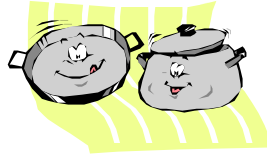
## **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY**

**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).

**LET'S DO DINNER!** Meet us for fellowship and fun at The Silver Spoon Café on Kingston Pike on **August 7** at 5:15 pm.



**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.



**Pictorial Directories**

The Pictorial Directories are scheduled to be issued the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>! The directories will be labeled for each household and available in the narthex as soon as they arrive!



**ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE**

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

- August 5  
Kelli Crisp   Apryl Quinn   Julia Hoskins
- August 12  
Tim Jenness   Anna McKay   David McKay
- August 19  
Pam Pfeifer   Kari Mathews   Mary Bryan McLeod
- August 26  
Joy Bornhoeft   Siri Hamilton   Katina Sharp

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**TIME**

How can I give of my time to do God's work here at Erin and in God's Kingdom?

**TALENT**

What am I capable of doing that will make a difference in bringing more people closer to God here at Erin and in the world?

**TREASURE**

Am I proportionately giving to Erin Church so that we may continue to reach our Mission as a Church and Christ's work in the world?

As a member of the Stewardship committee, I hear a lot about Time, Talent and Treasure and how it is a part of being a Good Steward. It is not only about tithing of money, but it is about tithing of our time and talent as well.

**Stewardship Figures  
YTD July 2007**

	<u>Jul 07</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 07</u>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>undesignated</b>	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Administration</b>	19.94	135.83
<b>Property</b>	1,351.00	8,082.13
<b>Discipleship</b>	1,120.27	6,634.46
<b>Fellowship</b>	1,581.74	5,101.04
<b>Stewardship</b>	35.00	35.00
<b>Memorial</b>	25.00	880.00
<b>Outreach</b>	2,872.00	10,679.30
<b>Offerings</b>	28,037.56	171,487.47
<b>Worship</b>	0.00	550.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>55,042.51</u>	<u>223,585.23</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Administration</b>	928.15	16,403.61
<b>Property</b>	4,583.35	44,842.85
<b>Discipleship</b>	5,968.72	16,914.82
<b>Fellowship</b>	2,363.26	7,884.32
<b>Outreach</b>	6,281.09	33,956.31
<b>Stewardship</b>	49.32	565.61
<b>Worship</b>	31.52	2,137.56
<b>Pastoral</b>		
<b>Ministry</b>	8,429.85	61,898.99
<b>Personnel</b>	5,612.50	44,124.27
<b>Memorial</b>	0.00	989.75
<b>Session</b>	0.00	328.94
<b>PW expenses</b>	0.00	100.00
<b>Payroll</b>	0.00	-397.74
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>34,247.76</u>	<u>229,749.29</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>20,794.75</b></u>	<u><b>-6,164.06</b></u>

**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**

**August 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** – diagnosed with cancer and recovering from her second surgery

**Ann Rust** – recovering from knee surgery at NHC in Farragut, room 434 (218-0034).

**Dathel Balch** (mother of Katina Sharp's older sisters) – now in a nursing home in Clewiston, FL receiving physical therapy following her 2 strokes.

**Mrs. Pat Swain** – recovering at home, but still very weak

#### **CALIFORNIA**

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

#### **WASHINGTON**

**Sandy Tessier** undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

#### **OHIO**

**Kathy Mitchell** (Susan Hannah's sister) –underwent 6 months of chemotherapy shots and is improving

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Sara Mantle** (a friend of Sara Leckie)

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