

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

September, 2007

Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Dear Friends,

September is one of the busiest times in our church's life, for that's when all of our wonderful programs re-start. It amazes me each year and I am always delighted to see so many people getting involved with Erin's ministries and missions.

As we keep growing, the demands being made on our leaders and facilities are ever increasing. This is a wonderful blessing from God, but it does mean that our resources are over-stretched at times. Our stewardship and ministry teams are constantly revising our budget and financial needs. Your increase in contributions is helping us develop Sunday School classes, strengthen our mid-week programs, and renovate our buildings. It's an awesome task that God is calling us to fulfill, but it's also a great opportunity to spread the Gospel and advance His kingdom.

At the end of this month, we'll be celebrating 130 years of ministry at Erin Church. We were established on September 30, 1877, and because September 30 is a Sunday this year, we will have a Homecoming worship service in the morning. It will also be special because young Ella Levering will be baptized that day. She is of the sixth generation of one of Erin's original charter families. I hope that many people will come out to participate in the worship service. It will be great to see and meet with old friends and families who have been part of our congregation's life, work, and ministry.

September is also the month when we hold our Volunteer Sunday. This year, it takes place on Sunday September 9th. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange and white, or their school colors, to worship that morning. We use the occasion to



annually sign up for all of the many volunteer positions that we have in the church.

By giving our money, time and talents to the church, we are fulfilling what Paul wrote about so long ago. Our contributions help the needs of our growing congregation and show hospitality to the people of the church and surrounding community. When we make this a priority in our lives, we're showing God that our hearts are on His side and that our commitment is true to His Kingdom.

May God bless you all for supporting His work in our church. May He fulfill all of your hearts' desires.

John.

*We offer our sympathy and condolences to
Bette Brasher and her family.
Major General Jack R. Brasher
passed away last month.*

ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

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

	September 2	
Brooks Eggers	Jennifer Gahan	Peter McKay
	September 9	
Kelcey Levering	Denise Bilbrey	Ben Hoskins
	September 16	
Erin McCallum	Evelyn Stuart	Matt Cowan
	September 23	
Mike Sharp	Kristi Bailes	Mary Bryan McLeod
	September 30	
Pam Pfeifer	Anna McKay	David McKay

September Sundays**September 2****Communion****22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

“A New Attitude and a New Me!”

September 9**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ecclesiastes 7:1-9 & Ephesians 4:25-32

“Anger Management”

September 16**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 24:19-22 & Ephesians 5:1-7

“Imitators, not Commentators”

September 23**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Proverbs 2:1-8 & Ephesians 5:8-20

“Making the Most of Life”

September 30**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Proverbs 16:4-9 & Ephesians 5:21-33

“Happy Families”

October 7**Communion**

Exodus 20:12-17 & Ephesians 6:1-9

“Keeping the Peace”

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

Julie Simpson	September 5
Joe Jaynes	September 6
Ethan Sharp	September 6
Lydia Foster	September 7
Donald Quinley	September 7
Ann Jenkins	September 8
Estelle Duncan	September 12
Savannah Bilbrey	September 13
Tom Quinley	September 13
Nikole Gilliam	September 15
Jane Ellen Jackson	September 16
Freed Johns, Jr.	September 18
Allyson McLeod	September 19
Buster Quinn	September 20
Jamie Webb	September 20
Larry McKay	September 21
Tad Geschickter	September 26
Apryl Quinn	September 26
Katina Sharp	September 26
Tom Pfeifer, Jr.	September 27
Nicole Waters	September 29

First Days of October

Regina Bishop	October 1
Evelyn Lowry	October 2
Allen Criss	October 4

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

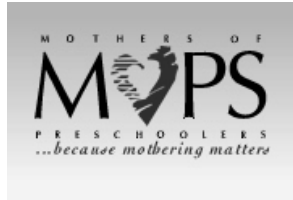
Mommy & Me is for all moms, dads, grandparents, and other caregivers with children 6 and under who wish to participate in a fun time of bonding with their children. Mommy & Me will continue to meet throughout the year every Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have a question, contact Katina Sharp at 742-2292 or KatinaSharp@aol.com

Erin PC would like to introduce our new members:

Dan and Betty Gibbs
T. Sanders McCord
David, Cecilia, and Madeline Stinnett.

We are grateful for what God is doing in our church and for the people He has sent to help fulfill His purpose.

Mothers of Preschoolers, are you ready to *Dwell Well?* The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group is gearing up for a great year. This is a non-denominational Christian



group designed to nurture and inspire mothers of young children in the Knoxville area. This year's theme is *the Home Factor*, and we will be looking at how we use our own homes to raise Christian children and build up our own faith. We meet on 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9:30-11:30, and childcare is provided. **So come be a part of our group beginning September 13th!** For more information, please contact Katina Sharp (742-2292, KatinaSharp@aol.com).

PW NEWS

Calling all women of Erin—

Presbyterian Women of Erin are having their fall get together on Saturday, September 8th at 10:00AM in the parlor. Sharon Carter will do an overview of this year's Bible study, "Above and Beyond – Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth." We will have coffee, juice, and finger foods. Hope to see you then.



Circle IV will meet at 7:00PM at Mary Scarbrough's house on Monday, September 10th. **Circle II** will meet at 10:00AM in the parlor on Tuesday, September 11th.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Monday Night Study Group

We start back on Monday, September 10th. As usual, we will meet in the parlor at 7.15pm. We will be finishing a series on the Apostles Creed throughout September, before moving on to our next project.

The Study welcomes everyone to come along and enjoy the conversation, teaching, and humor that we share.

New Enrichment Graduating Class!

There is an exciting new program for all children in 3rd grade thru 5th 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.

Lindsay Pfeifer, Hanna Matthews, Michelle Waters, Kieran Jenness, Thomas Bilbrey, Sarah McKay, Connor Quinn and Chloe Webb will be participating.

The class begins September 2nd and will last thru October.

Family Council

At the last Family Council, the following people were elected as officers:

Chairperson: Pam Pfeifer
Minute Secretary: Emily Jenness
Discipleship Liaison: Kari Matthews
Food organizer: Dale Webb.

The next scheduled Family Council will meet on Sunday September 23, after the worship service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group Day at Maryville College is September 23rd from 2-6:30! We need parent chaperones!!! We will eat lunch at Mr. Gatti's after church, so be sure to bring \$\$\$ for lunch plus \$5 for MC. We will return to Erin around 7:00 that evening.

We need **ONE MORE PARENT DRIVER** on September 8th for the **Fall Service Blitz** from 9-5. Please contact Becca if you are able to assist.



Students, turn in your health release to Becca by September 8th.

Youth Calendar

Sept. 2	No Youth Activities (Boomsday)
Sept. 8	Fall Service Blitz
Sept. 9	Youth Activities
Sept. 16	Youth Sunday (at Parkway Presbyterian)
Sept. 23	Youth Group Day (Maryville College)
Sept. 30	Youth Activities

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

FAMILY PICNIC



Sunday September 16th

Join us for the **6th Annual Family Picnic** at the John Knox Center. Pack up the family Sunday after church and spend the day. Activities will begin at 2 p.m. and worship begins at 5 p.m. Only \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids 5-10 for a full day of Fun and Fellowship! Admission will be taken at the gate.

There is something fun for everyone: explore the lake paddling a canoe, cool off in the lake swimming, face painting for the kids, and it wouldn't be a picnic without a little friendly competition on the volleyball court!

Bring your lawn chairs, relax by the lake, and enjoy the great music, delicious grilled burgers, hotdogs, and fun.

The John Knox Center is located on Hwy 304 at the Meigs/Roane County line. For directions, [click here](#) or give us a call at (865) 376-2236.

Wednesday Night Programs

Our Wednesday night dinner and programs begin again on Wednesday September 12. Because of the current work that is being scheduled for repairing the Fellowship hall, we won't be able to prepare dinners for a while. All Wednesday night participants are being asked to bring their own food. Families can dine together in the family Life Center or picnic in the church grounds.

Our programs have not been fully defined, but as soon as we work out a schedule, it will be posted in the church narthex and Family Life Center. An inset will also be printed in the worship bulletin.

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.

LET'S DO DINNER! Meet us for fellowship and fun on **Wednesday, September 5th at 4:45 in the church parking lot** – we will be carpooling to Calhoun's to have dinner with those who are attending "Honky Tonk Angels." So, whether you are attending the play or not, be sure to join us for dinner and fellowship!



Pictorial Directories

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



Attention Scrapbookers! On Friday September 7th and October 5th, Erin will host an adult scrapbooking work night. We will meet from 8 pm-12am and "crop" the night away. Bring your photos, supplies, a drink and a dessert to share for an evening of fun. We will meet in the Noah's Ark room. If you have any questions, please email Kari Matthews at moms4nutrition@knology.net or call 691-6811

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

SAM Sack Lunch will be Thursday, September 20th at noon in the Fellowship Hall, just after the SAM Council meeting at 10:00 am. The program is by Ed Wing who plays the guitar and banjo, so plan to bring your sandwich and enjoy a fun time of fellowship and good ol' music!

We're on our way again, the path to better coordination, flexibility and stamina! This will be the seventh year of **Body Recall** classes at Erin. We spend time and money tuning up our cars, but how about our bodies?



The medical profession places regular exercise high on the list for prevention and treatment. If you have been on the fence thinking "maybe I'll try that some time," but haven't, grab the opportunity now. Join the class for fun and action 3 times a week in Noah's Ark room at 4 o'clock Mon., Wed., and Fri. Cost is \$1 per class. The official textbook costs \$17. It doesn't matter if you've never been to this or any class before. Everyone fits in, going at his or her own pace, without competition. Hope to see some new faces on Wednesday, September 12. Certified instructor, Ron Roberts

SAM will be joining the "Let's Do Dinner" crowd on **Wednesday, September 5th** for fellowship and fun before attending "**Honky Tonk Angels**" at the Clarence Brown Theater. Be sure to meet in the church parking lot at 4:45 to carpool to Calhoun's so we may start off the evening right! From dinner we will carpool to UT to spend the rest of the evening enjoying the play. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday night! Please note that we only have tickets for those that have pre-registered – if you would like to attend the play, please contact Clarence Brown Theater.



STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

STEWARDSHIP..... *A Spiritual Journey*

We ask that you give prayerful thought to your personal Stewardship today and in the weeks leading up to our Annual Stewardship Campaign.

We should ponder in our meditations that Stewardship is not a "financial issue" as many think but a Spiritual issue. Stewardship is how we live out our lives as followers of Christ. Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe. The taking of the offering can be the most profoundly spiritual act in the entire worship service. It is our opportunity to express in a tangible way that we really mean it when we say we love God.

God's hand is at work here at Erin! We are seeing growth in our membership and in our youth and

adult ministry programs. Your Session and Ministry Teams are developing exciting plans to meet these growth opportunities. However, we are finding that our present financial resources are not adequate to meet these God-sent opportunities and challenges.

As we rapidly approach our Annual Stewardship Campaign we prayerfully request that you begin now to consider, after deep prayer and soul searching, how you will respond with your financial gifts to the needs and opportunities God has blessed us with.

May your response be lifted up with Gratitude, Joy and Thanks!!

Your Stewardship Ministry Team

**Stewardship Figures
YTD August 2007**

	Aug 1 - 27, 07	Jan 1 - Aug 27, 07
Income		
undesignated	0.00	20,000.00
Administration	21.08	4,996.14
Property	4,191.00	12,273.13
Discipleship	0.00	6,734.46
Fellowship	453.00	5,554.04
Stewardship	50.00	85.00
Memorial	0.00	880.00
Outreach	100.00	10,779.30
Offerings	22,894.95	194,382.42
Worship	0.00	550.00
Total Income	27,710.03	256,234.49
Expense		
Administration	1,493.75	17,648.36
Property	3,773.83	43,795.40
Discipleship	531.25	17,405.51
Fellowship	343.33	8,166.35
Outreach	5,563.46	36,734.56
Stewardship	37.30	602.91
Worship	0.00	2,175.06
Pastoral		
Ministry	7,827.11	69,358.17
Personnel	5,976.19	50,100.46
Memorial	763.99	1,753.74
Session	0.00	328.94
PW expenses	0.00	100.00
Payroll	0.00	-397.74
Total Expense	26,310.21	247,771.72
Net Income	1,399.82	8,462.77

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF**August 26, 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*****Polly McLeod*** - mother of Rob McLeod and mother-in-law of Allyson McLeod, in NHC Farragut for rehab after breaking her hip.***Bev Cowen*** – mother of David Cowen, is under going some serious tests for lymphoma.***Loretta Bresseale***-diagnosed with cancer and recovering from surgery.***Julie*** (cousin of Adam Smith who is a husband of MOPS member Jannette Smith) - has a very difficult form of MS to treat.***Dathel Balch*** (mother of Katina Sharp's older sisters) – recovering at home in Clewiston, FL and receiving physical therapy following her 2 strokes.***Mrs. Pat Swain*** – recovering at home, but still very weak**VIRGINIA*****Rev. Erin C. Sharp*** (pastor of Ray Schall's former church) – diagnosed with an inoperable optic nerve tumor causing the loss of sight.**CALIFORNIA*****Linda Gaspar*** (sister of Dave Leckie) – currently in ICU after suffering a fall in her yard.**WASHINGTON*****Sandy Tessier*** undergoing chemotherapy for cancer**SOUTH CAROLINA*****Sara Mantle*** (a friend of Sara Leckie)

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 **Wednesday, September 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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