

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

October, 2007

Psalm 62:8 Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

Dear Friends,

Just as Fall approaches, our stewardship season begins. For the next six weeks all of us are asked to pray, ponder, and review what we give to the church. It's a sacred time when we try to adopt an attitude of gratitude to the Lord and seek to support the work that we carry out at Erin on His behalf.

Taking time to do this means that we respect and honor what God has done for us. I don't know about you, but I am truly thankful for my salvation through Jesus Christ. I want other people to experience this wonderful gift, and the best way that I know for this to be achieved, is through the life, ministry, and work of the church.

Now some people give to charitable foundations and educational endowments. Others support a community project or a program which is dear to their heart. But no matter how good these philanthropic agencies are, none of them offer us salvation in Jesus; not one of them can grant us eternal life.

The work of the church is to bring people to Jesus. It exists for no other purpose. The programs and projects, ministries and missions that we do at Erin, have that purpose at their core. We exist to please God and seek to get more people into heaven each week, month, and year. We have a calling to fulfill and an evangelical work to accomplish. We have a ministry from Christ and a mission for His Kingdom.

We don't have the mighty resources of many other institutions, but we do have the Almighty on our side. He has given us many blessings and resources to sustain our lives and to fulfill our dreams. He has pledged His Son for our salvation and has kept that promise for all time. What are we asked to give in return for such a priceless and precious gift?



I guess that the answer to that question is this: we devote ourselves to Christ by supporting His church and expressing our faith in Him. When we make pledges or promises, we are reflecting Christ's ways and fulfilling God's words. We are keeping the covenant with Him. We are fulfilling God's will.

In our church we have almost 180 households and yet, when it comes to receiving annual pledges, we only receive 87. This year, we would like to break through the 100 household barrier. Ideally, it would be wonderful if everybody would pledge, for it would allow us to budget effectively for the coming year and efficiently use our resources for Christ.

Please take time to pray about your gifts for 2008. Remember this, without the Lord in our lives and the church in our community, where would we be?

*May God richly bless you and all your loved ones.
May He grant us faithful and generous hearts.*

John

*We offer our sympathy and condolences to
Mae Brandon Pershing and her family.
J.E. Pershing
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:

	October 7		
Tim Jenness	Shane Crisp	Matt Cowen	
	October 14		
Kelcey Levering	Susan Hannah	David McKay	
	October 21		
Heather Ritchie	Siri Hamilton	Anna McKay	
	October 28		
Joy Bornhoeft	Kari Matthews	Sierra Henshaw	

October Sundays

October 7

Communion

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

“Keeping the Peace”

October 14

Stewardship Campaign Begins

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBA

October 21

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Service led by Myron Godwin

October 28

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 20:1-4 & Ephesians 6:10-20

“Fully Armed & Faithfully Trained”

November 4

Communion

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 6:21-24 & Revelation 2:1-7

“Where Do We Grow from Here?”

October Birthdays

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

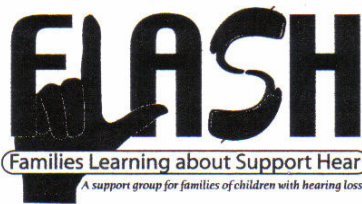


Regina Bishop	October 1
Evelyn Lowry	October 2
Allen Criss	October 4
Mary McLeod	October 10
Ryan Bridwell	October 11
Jim Hilty	October 11
Susan Evans	October 13
Linda Quinley	October 14
Robin Cuany	October 17
Chuck Scarbrough, Jr.	October 17
Darrell Hickman	October 18
Sonja DuBois	October 19
John Baucom III	October 20
Michael Pierce	October 20
Rickey McCallum	October 21
Rob Matthews	October 22
Randy Boyd	October 24
Jacque Roberts	October 25
Ellen Loveless	October 26
Bob Hoover	October 29
Michelle Waters	October 29
Joan Conley	October 30

First Days of November

Lindsay Pfeifer	November 3
Hanna Matthews	November 4
Amanda Scarbrough	November 5
Ashley Fortune	November 6

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



Please join us on October 18th at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center for our special guest speaker, Tressa Farr, M.A., CCC-SLP. She will discuss the

components and educational implication of visual phonics. Learn strategies to initiate and integrate visual phonics into reading, spelling, and speech/language activities. For more information contact flash.supportgroup@gmail.com.

**Knox County Fall Break is
October 22 thru October 26.**



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

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. For more information, please contact Katina Sharp (742-2292, KatinaSharp@aol.com).

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Report on monies earned during Vacation Bible School 2007.



The total amount raised by the children amounted to \$522.03! Also, \$250.00 was raised from the wells that Jamie made! We had \$50.00 from congregational donations. And lastly \$246.55 was fundraised by the VBS team. All combined, \$1068.58 was given to the outreach team to use for their clean water mission in Guatemala. Wow! Great Job everyone!

PW NEWS

Circle IV will meet at 7:00PM at Mary Scarbrough's house on Tuesday October 23. **Circle II** will meet at 10:00AM in the parlor on Tuesday, October 9th. Hope to see you then.



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Programs

Wednesday Night Dinner begins each Wednesday at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. Be sure to bring your own sack dinner and enjoy us for a time of fellowship!

The Wednesday Programs begin at 6:30 and are as follows:

- Sonshine Company (Noah's Ark Room)
- The King's Club (Gathering Room)
- Youth Talk (Sr. High Room)
- Financial Series (Parlor)

Choir practice begins at 7:30 and Glenfinnan practices at 8:30.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays!

Please note that there will be no Wednesday programs on October 24 due to Knox County Fall Break!

CALLING ALL USHERS AND GREETERS!!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 28th and join us immediately after worship for a light lunch and learning. The Fellowship Ministry Team has developed new guidelines for ushers and greeters based on a Presbyterian initiative called "Being a Welcoming Congregation."

By 1:45 p.m., you'll be on your way armed with a new appreciation for the ministry of ushers and greeters, and with updated guidelines for your use. PLEASE REGISTER by calling the church office by Monday, October 23rd.

LET'S DO DINNER! Meet us for fellowship and fun on **Monday October 2nd at 5:15 at Aubrey's in the Landmark Business Center at the corner of Northshore and Papermill.**





The "tapestry" name represents how women are drawn together through our similarities and then woven together, with our differences forming a beautiful pattern created by the Master. The program is offered in an effort to nurture, validate and support all women of all ages. The Naomi Project matches women of different ages for fellowship together.

Mark your calendars: The Women's Fall gathering for the Naomi Project will be Sunday, October 7th immediately following the worship service in the Noah's Ark Room.. Come meet your Tapestry partner and enjoy a light lunch with fun and fellowship!

Attention Scrapbookers! On Friday 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



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. Join the class for fun and action 3 times a week in Noah's Ark room at 4 o'clock Mon., Wed., and Fri.

SAM Sack Lunch will be Thursday, October 18 at noon in the Fellowship Hall, just after the SAM Council meeting at 10:00 am. The program is by "The Lakeshore Lady," Martha Shields. Bring your sandwich and enjoy a fun time of fellowship!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Mission to Africa: Many of you have received letters from myself about my trip to Africa next summer. There are still so many others who I have not been able to talk to about this amazing opportunity that I have been given. Let me start from the beginning of my journey and work myself up to the place I am now. I am a sophomore at UT majoring in social work. For years now I have known that working with people affected by HIV/AIDS is what I have wanted to do. I have always had the dream to go to Africa and work with HIV/AIDS orphans. Next summer, that dream will become a reality. I am headed to Tabora, Tanzania for 3 months through an England-based organization called Volunteer Africa (www.volunteerafrica.org). I will be living with other volunteers and will be working within the community during the day, and with the orphans after they are done with school in the afternoon. This experience is going to completely change my life, and I cannot wait to start my transformation. But, I need your help. In all, this mission is going to cost an estimated \$6500 (\$3400 of it going straight to the orphanage). I am completely dependent on the kindness of local churches and congregations, especially my Erin family, to fund this mission. If you are able to donate anything toward the mission, please do. You can give a tax deductible donation in the church office. Each month, I will write more about my journey and information about Tanzania in this newsletter. I will also be keeping you notified on the exact amount of money that had been raised. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me at lstuart3@utk.edu or 804-4427. Your support means so much to me and will affect the community, and the children, of Tabora's lives. Thank you so much.

Lauren Stuart

Amount raised so far: \$1,130.00!

The Peacemaking Offering. On World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2007 we will receive the Peacemaking offering. This offering supports a variety of peacemaking efforts - congregations retain 25%, 25% is used by synods and presbyteries, and 50% is allocated to General Assembly peacemaking ministries. Congregations in our denomination gave over \$2,200,000 to this effort in 2006. Please consider what gift you will bring to this worthy cause.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

The Church is Different! Christ's church has a legitimate claim on us that is different than any other institution on the planet. The church shouldn't have to line up with all the other worthy causes in the world, and prove that it's more worthy, or more needy than the others. This bold claim has a lot to do with what we believe about God, and why the church exists. As you consider your response to God in our forthcoming Annual Stewardship Campaign we ask you to pray regarding two things; Pledging and Giving in proportion to your annual household income, remembering with deep gratitude all that God has done for you.



Come join us in an growing Erin Tradition! The **Hunger Hike** this year is on Sun., Oct 7 @ 2:00. The 2½ mile walk is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and a great way to alleviate

hunger in East Tennessee.

Sponsor forms are available in the narthex. If you plan to join us for the lunch prior to our walk you must sign up today!

For additional information please contact Mike or Patty Pierce @ 691-1744 or pabmjp@comcast.net

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

We are again forming a team in memory of Mom, Christy Blanchard, to walk in this year's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. This year's race will be held at World's Fair Park on October 20. Thanks to everyone who joined our team last year & helped us raise money for this worthy cause. We would love for everyone to join us this year! Register online at www.komenknoxville.org to join our team, Christy's Angels. You can also make donations online. Donations can also be mailed to Kim Pennington, 8131 Legacy Lane, Knoxville, TN 37919 – make tax-deductible checks payable to "Komen Knoxville Affiliate." We are selling ling sleeve "Christy's Angels" t-shirts for our team this year. If you want a shirt, please send a separate check for \$11.00 each made payable to Kim Pennington along with the shirt size (or sizes) you will need. You may purchase a shirt even if you don't walk with us in the race. Any money we raise from the sale of the t-shirts will also be sent in

as part of our team's donation to Komen Knoxville. Please send your shirt order information by Oct. 5th. Visit the race website at www.komenknoxville.org for more race information.

Please register for the race and join us on October 20! Thank you for your help.

The Blanchard Girls
Kim, Dusty, Colton & Kenleigh Pennington
Jamie, Bill and Will Trimble
Julie & Aaron Stubblefield



**Stewardship Figures
YTD September 2007**

	Sep 1 - 26, 07	Jan 1 - Sep 26, 07
Income		
undesignated	0.00	20,000.00
Administration	74.58	231.49
Property	4,799.00	17,272.13
Discipleship	182.00	6,916.46
Fellowship	306.00	5,849.04
Stewardship	40.00	125.00
Memorial	550.00	1,605.00
Outreach	657.45	11,436.75
Offerings	21,954.10	216,636.52
PW Income	6.00	6.00
Worship	0.00	550.00
Total Income	28,569.13	280,628.39
Expense		
Administration	544.24	19,244.06
Property	3,414.83	48,218.23
Discipleship	2,243.17	19,798.98
Fellowship	1,490.45	9,871.80
Outreach	4,236.59	41,314.75
Stewardship	47.34	650.25
Worship	0.00	2,237.56
Pastoral		
Ministry	1,980.53	71,728.52
Personnel	1,548.27	51,648.73
Memorials	0.00	1,753.74
Session	0.00	328.94
PW expenses	0.00	203.49
Payroll	0.00	-397.74
Total Expense	15,505.42	266,601.31
Net Income	13,063.71	14,027.08

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF
September 30, 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

Mike (friend of Gary Blackburn) – he and his wife are addressing his alcoholism

Polly McLeod - mother of Rob McLeod and mother-in-law of Allyson McLeod, recovering at home after breaking her hip.

Julie (cousin of Adam Smith, 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

Sue Tabor (mother of Mary Alice Vowell) – recovering at NHC Farragut from surgery on her hip

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Bev Cowen – mother of David Cowen, diagnosed with cancer

VIRGINIA

Rev. Erin C. Sharp (pastor of Ray Schall's former church) – will undergo extensive radiation for an inoperable optic nerve tumor

CALIFORNIA

Linda Gaspar (sister of Dave Leckie) – still 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)

CHILE

Inez & Eduardo (friends of LaVonne Knight) – dealing with family issue

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, October 22** 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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