

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

June 2008

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Dear Friends,

I just love our church and how we all encourage one another. Over the past thirteen years, I have watched a sleepy, wee church transform itself into a hub of vitality and energy, spirituality and faith. The Holy Spirit is surely working in this place, and I am truly thankful to be here!

All year round, you can find Erin people doing things for the Lord. We are very pro-active and project orientated. We want to share our faith effectively and enthusiastically. We want to serve the Lord devotedly and decisively. We enjoy being Christians, as well as Presbyterians, and that has shown itself in the number of visitors and new members that we have encountered this year at Erin.

When I think about the Lord and His disciples, I am reminded of the busy-ness that they experienced all over Galilee and Judea. Our Coffee Club has been reading the Gospel of Mark on Wednesdays, which we will finish this month. From what Mark writes, Jesus hardly has time for Himself because of all the demands that are made upon Him. The crowds always wanted Him to do more miracles; the disciples were always asking for more wisdom; and the authorities forever hounded Jesus with questions. How did He manage to do so much in so little time?

The answer is quite simple: Jesus took time to be alone with God by going out to quiet, solitary places. He also sent His disciples home for a couple of months each year to work on their own ministry gifts and spirituality.

So, what's this got to do with our wee church? Well, we're going to try an experiment over summer. We're going to give our Sunday Schools a sabbatical during



July and August. Our teachers need some time to quietly wind down and refresh their spirits. Our families and students also need some time to relax on Sunday mornings and just enjoy coming to church for worship at 11.00AM. Nursery and Enrichment programs will still be available for our children during the worship service.

By taking this summer sabbatical, it is hoped that everyone will take time to come closer to the Lord and experience His refreshing embrace. And then, when we start back in the Fall, Rally Day will be like a wonderful homecoming for all of us.

So, from the first Sunday in July to the last Sunday in August, Session has agreed to have a Sunday School sabbatical for the purposes of refreshing our people and re-energizing our great teachers.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.

John Stuart



"Thank you" and "Congratulations" are in order for Traci Vandiver!

She has dedicated the last four years to looking after our little ones *and* our big ones! She's ecstatic that she is now a UT Alumni!

June Sundays

June 1

Communion Sunday

Psalm 103:1-6 & Philippians 1:1-11

“Can’t Help Falling in Love”

June 8

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:6-10 & Philippians 1:12-19

“Jailhouse Rock”

June 15

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father’s Day

Proverbs 14:31-35 & Philippians 1:20-30

“Return to Sender”

June 22

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 122:1-9 & Philippians 2:1-4

“Love Me Tender”

June 29

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 89:20-29 & Philippians 2:5-11

“The Wonder of You”

July 6

Communion Sunday

Isaiah 26:12-15 & Philippians 2:12-18

“Johnny B. Goode”

Erin’s New Members

Please welcome the new members to the Erin family:

Joe & Jill Burger

John & Dana McKenry

Jim & Diane Montgomery

Craig & Laurie Stapleton

Erin is grateful that these men and women have been called to share Erin’s vision and mission.

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
Anna Bornhoeft	June 2
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
Joy Bornhoeft	June 16
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

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

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

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

	June 1
Mike Sharp	Kelcey Levering
	June 8
Cecilia Stinnett	Siri Hamilton
	June 15
Anna McKay	Erin McCallum
	June 22
Heather Ritchie	Susan Hannah
	June 29
Pam Pfeifer	Carla Hoskins

Sunday School News

No children's Sunday school on June 22.

Because of the VBS campout at Tate's on Saturday, June 21, **there will be no Sunday school for children on Sunday, June 22.** Enjoy your time of fellowship and fun with your children and other members of the Erin family!! We will see you at worship at 11 am.

No adult or children's Sunday school in July & August

Our lives are often spent rushing from one event to another with little time to actually enjoy what we are doing. This can be true in our religious lives also. Too many obligations can leave us with little time or energy to adequately reflect upon God's word. For July and August Erin will be taking a sabbatical from all adult and children's Sunday school classes. Please take this extra time on Sunday mornings to rest, read your bible and reflect upon God's word. Then come to church and worship with family and friends. Sunday school classes will resume again in the fall with Rally Day on September 7th.

Vacation Bible School Wish List



Each year we greatly appreciate the congregation's support of providing VBS with some needed items.

Please take a wish list tag from the window in the narthex. We will just need to borrow many of the items, so please label your item if you'd like it returned.

Many Thanks!

VBS Fundraiser

Erin Presbyterian Church magnets with the stained glass art work of Rev. Stuart are now available for purchase. These colorful magnets are a great way to share our church information with the community by placing them on your cars. Or, use it on your refrigerator to post your daily devotions, volunteer schedule or Erin calendar of events. Look for the table in the narthex after church to purchase yours! The cost is \$10 for one or \$15 for two.

HAVE A SAVE
AND
HAPPY SUMMER



Vacation Bible School 2008 ~ Outreach Project

This year the mission of the children will be to "use our serving hands." Raising money and collecting items are both wonderful ways of outreaching; however, sometimes it's just plain important to get our hands dirty and sweat a little. While the kids and leaders of VBS will be raising money this year through selling items and service projects, our end result will hopefully prove to be something different than before.

We will be building a Play"church" on our church property. Further we are teaming up with SAMS to put in a Butterfly Garden. This beautification area will allow our children a new place to play, offer a spot for adults to watch, and, of course, butterflies! Further, once our beautification area is complete our children will invite other children from our community to play in Erin's Big Backyard! This project ties into the lessons the children will learn throughout the week and also with the mission our church has of continuing to be a Welcoming Church.



The children and adults alike will use their serving hands to complete this area. Watch for more information soon.

MARK 29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'^[E] 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.^[E] 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[E] There is no commandment greater than these."

God's Big Backyard VBS Registration

Register ON-LINE NOW!

www.erinpresbyterian.org

(Please note the 3 year old class is full, please see Kelli Crisp or Jennifer Gahan before registering your 3 year old.)



Elvis Has Just left the Building...

Last summer, our church studied Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, which became a springboard for a spiritual revival amongst our members. This summer, I am going to lead us through Paul's letter to the Philippians. The apostle wrote this whilst being imprisoned by Roman authorities. It's a remarkable letter which emphasizes the freedom and liberty Christ brings to us when we put our lives into His hands.

Whilst preparing the Sunday readings list for Philippians and trying to come up with original sermon titles, I realized that each passage could be neatly described by the title of an Elvis Presley song! So all through this summer, you're going to see some titles like "Jailhouse Rock," "Can't Help Falling in Love," and even "Return to Sender" in the worship bulletin.

I promise not to do any Elvis impressions during the sermons, but I may include the story behind each song! *Thank you, thank you very much...*

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY



LET'S DO DINNER
meets Tuesday, June
3rd at 5:15pm. Join us

at Parkside Tavern on Parkside Dr. for good food,
fun and fellowship!

Men's Breakfast – in lieu of breakfast,
the men will get together at the **VBS
Cookout** on Saturday June 21st.
Contact Dale Webb for more
information



OUTREACH

Mission Outreach


Erin P.C. has supported Appalachia Habitat for
Humanity with money and work crews for many
years. Robbie Levering was a teen when he
worked on the projects, so you see that was many
years ago. Last summer we finally resumed our
efforts again by sending a work crew.

For those of us who remember these trips to
Robins, TN, good times and fellowship bonded
us together in mission. We all worked to help
build homes for those in need and were involved
in all types of construction and remodeling. After
a day's work which started at 8 AM and ended at
4:30, we usually went for a swim at the Big South
Fork River.

This year we are looking forward to having a work
crew of six or eight young men join us as we go
and serve those in need. Erin P.C. has been
assigned the week of June 9th. Most of us will go
up on Wednesday and stay until noon on Saturday.
You are welcome to come for the whole week or
for one or two days. We will be working on a new
home. The bunk house is just over an hour from
Knoxville, a map is available.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex and pictures
from last year on the bulletin board in the hallway.
Signup now.


PW NEWS

The women's **Annual Birthday Picnic**
will be Saturday, June 7th at 5:00pm at
the gazebo at Campbell Station Rd. 
All women of Erin are invited. Bring
your spouse, or a friend, or your children.
Chicken, drinks and birthday cake will be
provided. Bring a salad or side dish to share.
Please sign up in the narthex or call the church
office so we know how many to plan for.



Circle IV will meet at 7:00PM at
Mary Scarbrough's house on
Monday June 9. **Circle II** will meet
at 10:00AM in the parlor on
Tuesday, June 10.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Happy Summer – Body Recall will meet
Monday afternoons only at 4:00pm
beginning June 9th. We look forward to
seeing you this summer! 

SAM Annual Picnic
Thursday, June 19
noon
Campbell Station Park
Farragut

SESSION NEWS

Dear Erin Members,

The Erin Presbyterian Nomination Committee is taking nominations for the Creative Expressions Ministry team for a current open position. In addition to that elder position, we are taking nominations for the 6 elder positions which will be the Class of 2011. We will have inserts in the weekly church bulletins for you to make your nomination and the reason why you are nominating that individual. You can place your nomination in the box in the narthex. We will be taking these nominations from June 1 – June 30, 2008.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your nomination, as this is a position which lasts for 3 years. The responsibility of session members includes some of the following examples:

A – To provide opportunities for evangelism to be learned and practiced in and by the church.

B – To receive members into the church upon profession of faith, affirmation of faith or transfer from another church.

C – To lead the congregation in participation in the mission of the whole Church in the world.

D – To provide for the worship of the people of God, including the preaching of the Word, the sharing of the Sacraments, and for the music program.

E – To provide for the growth of its members and for their equipment for ministry through personal and pastoral care, educational programs, sharing in fellowship, the opportunities for witness and service in the world.

F – To develop and supervise the church school and education programs.

G – To lead the congregation in ministries of personal and social healing and reconciliation in the communities in which the church lives and bears its witness.

H – To challenge the people of God with the privilege of responsible Christian stewardship of money and time and talents, developing effective ways for encouraging and gathering the offerings of the people and assuring that all offerings are distributed to the objects toward which they were contributed.

I – To establish the annual budget, determine the distribution of the church's benevolences, and order offerings for Christian purposes, providing full information to the congregation of its decisions in such matters.

J – To lead the congregation continually to discover what God is doing in the world and plan for change, renewal, and reformation under the Word of God.

K – To engage in a process for education and mutual growth of the members of the session.

L – To instruct, examine, ordain, install and welcome into common ministry elders on their election by the congregation and inquire into their faithfulness and fulfilling their responsibilities.

M – To delegate and to supervise the work of the board of trustees and other organizations and task forces within the congregation, providing for support, report, review and control.

N – To provide for the administration of the program of the church, including employment of nonordained staff, with concern for equal employment opportunity, fair employment practices, personnel policies, and the annual review of the adequacy of compensation for all staff, including all employees.

O – To provide for the management of the property of the church, including determination of the appropriate use of church buildings and facilities, and to obtain property and liability insurance coverage to protect the facilities, programs, and officers, including members of session, staff and board of trustees.

P – To maintain regular and continuing relationship to the higher governing bodies of the church.

Q – To establish and maintain those ecumenical relationships necessary for the life and mission of the church in its locality.

R – To serve in judicial matters in accordance with the rules of discipline.

S – To keep an accurate roll of the membership of the church, to grant certificates of transfer to other churches, which when issued for parents shall include the names of their children.

We do these tasks here at Erin Presbyterian Church with the following six teams: Stewardship, Property, Fellowship, Discipleship, Outreach/Mission and Creative Expressions ministry teams.

The members of the nomination committee this year are David Eggers, Anna McKay, Nancy Berry, Cynthia House and Lynn Sexton. If you have any questions or comments about the process, please see one of them. In addition to prayerfully considering your nomination, please pray for the nominating committee as they do their task of finding these seven new elders for our church.

Summer Anthem Opportunities



The choir will be off during the summer months, which means this is YOUR opportunity to give glory to God through music! If you would be willing to share a musical gift with the congregation this summer as an anthem during Worship, please contact Joe Jaynes at 675-1278 or jtj@abacusarts.com. Solos, small groups, instrumentals ... All are appropriate and welcome. Please check your calendar and volunteer!

**Stewardship Figures
YTD May, 2008**

	Jan - May, 08	Jan - May, 07
Income		
Creative Expression	1,198.00	445.00
Property	5,578.00	4,926.13
Discipleship	3,316.60	4,212.51
Fellowship	2,130.10	3,424.30
Stewardship	189.56	104.28
Memorial	0.00	165.00
Outreach	11,734.54	3,273.67
Offerings	126,853.39	114,477.32
Worship	500.00	550.00
Total Income	151,500.19	131,578.21
Expense		
Property	20,027.51	31,426.41
Discipleship	7,453.67	9,855.31
Fellowship	2,610.78	4,994.23
Outreach	33,332.10	20,806.79
Stewardship	43,590.82	42,327.15
Worship	2,163.86	1,819.13
Pastoral Ministry	41,793.64	37,782.86
Memorial	795.31	989.75
Session	380.30	328.94
PW	0.00	100.00
Payroll	500.00	0.00
Total Expense	152,647.99	150,430.57
Net Income	-1,147.80	-18,852.36

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

**CHECKBOOK THEOLOGY
HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY ?**

Do you ever think about how your checkbook reflects your beliefs ?
 What would someone looking at our check registers and credit card receipts assume were our priorities?
 In the Law of Moses, the people of Israel were taught to bring their first fruits to God as a temple sacrifice, and these first fruits were to be the very best - a lamb without blemish, the purest grains, the most luscious fruit. God was to be given the very best! That was the nature of the tithe- a tenth portion given to the community in God's name - ten percent of income in today's language. It was a given.
 Our checkbooks, net worth statements, and estate plans reflect our theology.

Psalm 34:8-14

*Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*

Are you getting the Daily Devotionals?

Each weekday, the pastor tries to write a daily devotional and then send it out via email to over a hundred people worldwide. Sometimes these devotionals are published as sermon illustrations and used by pastors all over the world. On other occasions, the Presbyterian Church of Canada includes them in their devotional pages. This means that thousands of people read John's devotionals.

If you would like to receive them by email, just visit our church's website at **www.erinpresbyterian.org** . You will find a link to subscribing to the devotionals on the front page.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 25**IRAQ***Joseph McLeod**Don Gunter* (husband of Paula Tate-Gunter).**TENNESSEE***Henry Thomas Ritchie**Jonathan White* (son of Earl & Ruth White)*Stephanie Montgomery* (co-worker of David Eggers)*Anne Estes* (friend of Sue Rayburn)*Jennifer Shaw* (MOPS mom)*Joanne Hill* (Friend of the Hickmans)*Marion Sanks**Marjorie Swanner**Kari Matthews**Mrs. Pat Swain**Alicia & Charlie Gross* (friends of Bud & Lora Yard)*Janie Cross* (friend of Jane Yancey)**ILLINOIS***Dorothy Burns* (aunt of Allyson McLeod)**MICHIGAN***Flora Hudson* (sister of Mae Brandon)**MARYLAND***Robert L. Cutts* (friend of Ray and Donna Schall)**CONNECTICUT***Barbara Hyman* (cousin of Ruth White)**VIRGINIA***Enid Clarke* (sister of Ruth White)**CALIFORNIA***Linda Gaspar* (sister of Dave Leckie)**SOUTH CAROLINA***Sara Mantle**David White***GUATEMALA***Luis Angel* (student at the Guatemala School)

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 **Friday, June 20** 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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