

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

September 2008

Hebrews 4:16: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Dear Friends,

September is one of my favorite months in the year. And it's not because I enjoy the turning of the seasons and the approaching colors of the fall. Nor is it the fact that the beginning of the Football season is just days away. I like September because it's traditionally the time when we rally our people together to offer them many opportunities to study together, fellowship with one another, and worship in greater numbers on Sunday mornings.

It's also a time to greet and meet new friends. I am constantly amazed that throughout the summer, we enjoy a steady stream of visitors who will soon take the opportunity to formally become members in our congregation. I have been delighted at the regular attendance of some of these folks on Sunday mornings. Their commitment has not only boosted our numbers, but they have contributed to the warm and embracing fellowship of our congregation.

I don't know about you, but I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead of us. Our new members will add to our strength. Our new classes and revitalized teachers will enhance our faith. And our new vision for a better building and a larger staff will bless us for years to come. God has been good to us for many years because of the faithfulness of our people. His blessings still endure because we seek to honor His Son through the life, work, and ministry of Erin Church.

Long ago, the writer of Hebrews urged his people to draw nearer to God for help, grace, and mercy in their time of need. Those Hebrew Christians were facing tough times. They were being hounded and harassed by the authorities. Some of them were persecuted and imprisoned. Others were tortured and executed. Because of their faithfulness in the midst of unbelievably trying circumstances, the Church endured. Because of their dependence upon God and devotion to Jesus, they outlasted the ruthless Roman Empire.



These days, we face different problems and deal with different issues. Our problem is not that the Church is being hounded or harassed, but that we are being ignored and set aside. As far as some in society are concerned, we are out-dated and archaic. And yet, when troubles come and disasters hit us, people flock back to the church. We become a life-saver in the midst of death and a beacon of hope in times of helplessness.

Years ago, I wrote a vision statement for the church that was accepted by the Session. I think it is still applicable now as it ever has been. Perhaps this coming year, we will see this vision being fulfilled in many new and wonderful ways. Let's remind ourselves of who we are and what we seek to become.

The vision of Erin Presbyterian Church...

...is to be a hearth of faith, where members and visitors, new friends and pilgrims can experience the warmth of Christian fellowship and renew their strength with God's love.

...is to become a lighthouse in our community; a guiding light in the midst of trouble; a place of hope and peace, where prayers are answered and people are healed in Jesus' name.

...is to become a beacon of God's Word; where pilgrims are inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit; where truth, justice and love are proclaimed.

God bless you all.

John

September Sundays

September 7
Communion Sunday
 Surprise, Surprise
Rally Day

September 14
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Psalm 114:1-8 & Matthew 18:21-35
“A-Missing Grace”

September 21
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Psalm 105:1-6 & Matthew 20:1-16
“Taken for Granted”

September 28
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Psalm 78:1-4 & Matthew 21:23-32
“Question Time”

October 5
Communion, Peacemaking Sunday
 Psalm 19:1-6 & Matthew 21:33-46
“Making a Killing”



Save the Date!

**The Women's Fall Retreat
 November 14th and 15th**

Sharon Carter will be leading us through an exploration of Spiritual Disciplines. Women of all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Look for sign-ups in the bulletin soon. Questions?? Jennifer Gahan; 909-0633; gahans@comcast.net

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
Joshua Stinnett	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
Madeline Stinnett	September 16
Aiden Lamb	September 17
Freed Johns, Jr.	September 18
Allyson Streckfuss	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
John McKenry	September 27
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
Jill Burger	October 6

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

Parents: Want to know what we're discussing in youth? Need to know a time, date, or place? Check Becca's youth blog: www.erinyouth.blogspot.com for info!

YOUTH NEWS

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Parenting Class offered at Erin

As a clinical psychologist I am often asked questions about different topics, and no topic more than parenting. I have taught a parenting class at Erin two times in the past, though the last time I did was several years ago. Recently when a parent asked about some parenting issues I said that I would be willing to teach that class again if there was sufficient interest. After some inquiry, this parent suggested that there would be, and so I will offer the class again.

The class will last 9 weeks, and will be offered at 5:45 on Sundays, beginning on September 7th. The class will last one hour, though I can remain after the class for a little while to answer questions if need be. There are no fees associated with the class, though I will ask that each participant make attendance a priority, since participation and continuity are essential for the success of the class. The class is open to members and non-members.

Goals of the class are to introduce participants to some practical parenting tools in the context of a conceptual framework. Though the conceptual framework is not age-specific, some of the tools will be, so the content of the class will be partly determined by the specific issues that parents bring in. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office (588-5350)

-John House

***Childcare will be available from 5-7 for parents to enjoy 45 minutes for dinner, child-free errands or social time.**

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 7

Rally Day

September 14

Tim Jenness Dana McKenry Anna McKay

September 21

Tracy Roster Siri Hamilton Kristie Bailes

September 28

Pam Pfeifer Susan Hannah Kim Pennington

School's back in session and that means our Erin Youth Programs have started for the fall! In August, our first meeting was the 10th and then our kick off was the 17th at Pump It Up! Thanks to everyone who came (17 youth!!) and to the parents for sending snacks! The rest of August will be regular Sunday night meetings from 5-7:30 at the church. If you've never been, make this month your first time! And bring a friend!

During September, we will be meeting each Sunday from 5-7:30, and beginning on September 10th, each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30. Our Wednesday night program is very loosely structured and can range from playing games to music to working on homework or just sitting and talking! All youth are invited to the Wednesday night dinner, right before our meeting, at 5:45.

I hope to see each and every one of our youth in September! Get involved and remember, "YOUth are important at Erin!"

Graduated Erin Senior Highs: Where are they now?

Continuing my series in "Where are they now?", this month we'll take a look at the class of '05! 2005 was a small year for Seniors at Erin. We only had one: Nick Carter: Nick is attending Columbia College in Chicago, Illinois where he's majoring in Music Composition. I hear from his family that he is having a wonderful time there and truly enjoys the city!



Do you love Tennessee Football but stress over finding the perfect parking spot?

The Presbyterian Center only has two reserved parking spaces left for the upcoming football season. Arrive early and tailgate or get there just before kickoff knowing you don't have to worry about finding a spot. Bids start at \$200 for all seven home games with the spots going to the highest bidders. This is a great way to support the Presbyterian Center as they rely on these donations in their operating budget. Email pcutk@utk.edu or call 865-525-7475 for more information.

Each month, I'll be introducing you to one of our awesome youth! This month's youth is:



Name: Julia Hoskins
Grade: 11th
School: Bearden High

Name some stuff you do after school: Mock trial, Environmental Club (I'm the president!), Junior Honor Society, Math Club, Math Team (yeah, they're different), Key Club

Favorite snack: Cheese, because it is deliciously fantastic.

Favorite day of the week: Friday, because anticipating Saturday is much better than actually experiencing it.

What do you want to be when you grow up?: I want to be happy. I want to be someone that people trust and can count on. I want to be someone who makes a difference in other people's lives. *(What wonderful answers! -Becca)*

Favorite thing about Erin Pres: I love how some of the older people treat me. They are like one great big set of grandparents to us and that's awesome. Some of the women in the choir are my absolute favorite people.

Best thing about youth group: Two words: Becca. Berry.

One thing people don't know about you: I have goggles in my shower because I don't like getting soap in my eyes...

Julia brings so much to our youth group: humor, intelligence, and honesty. We are so blessed to have her in our congregation!

Becca Berry, Youth Director

Studying with the Pastor

Pastor John teaches several classes throughout each week. As the 'resident theologian' and 'teaching elder,' he wants to encourage people to deepen their relationship with God by expanding their knowledge of the scriptures.

On Sundays, you'll find him in the Noah's Ark Room leading the Connections class. A different theme is covered each week, connected to the lectionary passage for that day. Class members have round table discussions on the Bible verses and movie clips from current movies are used to bring home the points. Anyone is welcome to participate in the class, which begins at 9.45am.

Each Monday night, John leads a discussion group in the parlor from 7.15pm to around 8.45pm. In the past, subjects have included different religions, the historical teachings of important church leaders, and a DVD series of archaeological and church history programs. John is actively searching for a new topic this season, The Monday Night Discussion group kicks off on September 8th.

On Wednesday mornings, John hosts the Coffee Club in the parlor, from 10.30am to 11.30am. This is a weekly Bible study where a different chapter of the Bible is discussed. The class completed the Gospel of Mark just before summer began. This Fall, the class will be looking at the Book of Judges, so if you ever wanted to know about Samson and Delilah, Gideon, the Battle of Jericho, and the mighty Deborah, come along and enjoy the classes.

On Wednesday evenings, John will lead the Men's Bible study from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the heritage room. The book he will be using is called "Quiet Strength," which was written by Tony Dungy, the successful Indianapolis Colts' coach. The book deals with the issues of work, family, recreation and faith. All men are encouraged to attend the studies.

Finally, John usually has some sort of online study during the Fall. He's still to decide what it will be, but look out for more information about this coming soon.



ADVENTURES
IN MOTHERING

MOPS NEWS

MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers) is a non-denominational Christian group designed to nurture and inspire mothers of young children. Erin's MOPS group meets in the Family Life Center on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays (9:30 – 11:30 am) beginning in September. This year's MOPS theme is "Adventures in Mothering": we will share in the challenges of daily mom life, celebrate the fun in our experiences, and realize that we are not alone in this great adventure. For more information, contact Joy Bornhoeft (jbornhoeft@knology.net).

PW NEWS

PW News—Our fall get-together for all of our women is set for 10:00am on Saturday, September 6. We will meet in the parlor for light refreshments. Sharon Carter will do the overview of this year's Bible Study, "Jubilee, Luke's Gospel to the Poor." Come try us out – it looks like a great year ahead.

Circles will also begin in September. The evening circle will meet Monday, September 8th at 7:00pm at Sara Leckie's home. Circle II will meet in the parlor at 10:00am on Tuesday, September 9th. Hugh Jaynes will be our Bible Study leader again this year.



*You are cordially invited to a reception
in celebration of the marriage of
Robin Cuany and Peggy Dean.
Please join us on September 28 after
church in the parlor to honor this joyous
occasion. Reverend Stuart and Chaplain
Les Shear will officiate the wedding
which will be Saturday September 20th.*



MATTER OF FAITH



**A new Wednesday night science series
(for anyone ages 4 to 104)**

NEW!!!! Wednesday Night Science Lab

September – OUT OF EGYPT

We will be studying Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt.

Sept. 10 - Brick Making Lab We'll be making a pyramid of bricks just like the slaves did in Egypt.

Sept 17 - Hieroglyphics Lab This week, we'll learn about the picture language of the Egyptians.

Sept 24 - Terrarium Lab There will be a frog and cricket plague hitting Erin this week.

October – INTO THE PROMISED LAND

We will talk about the Israelites' 40 years in the wilderness.

Oct. 1 - Map Lab We'll map our way through the church while we map the wilderness.

Oct. 8 - Food Decay Lab This week, we may get some creeper crawlers in our saved up manna.

Oct. 15 - Mt. Sinai Lab There will be volcanic explosions at church this week.

Oct. 29 - Ark of the Covenant Lab We'll make a replica of the ark and talk about its significance.

November – ISAIAH

We will talk about Isaiah, who prophesied the coming of Jesus.

Nov. 5 - Mirror, Mirror Lab We'll talk about God's light in our dark world with the help of mirrors.

Nov. 10 - Light & Color Lab This week, we'll have fun with color and maybe even some Lite-Brites.

December – THE GIFT OF JESUS

We will talk about the birth of Jesus.

Dec. 3 - Touch & Feel Lab We'll use our senses this week to see what surprises might be in store.

Dec. 12 - Swaddle & Salt Lab This week, we'll be getting our hands dirty this week with oil and salt.

Dec. 17 - Astronomy We'll look up to the stars just as the wise men did over 2,000 years ago.

We would love for you to be a part of this great Wednesday program! If you are interested, please contact Mary Alice Vowell

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



MARK YOUR CALENDARS – On November 8 SAM will host a Pre-Holiday “Stress Free” Dinner. Come join us for a delightful and very tasty dinner catered by David Courtney. Childcare will be provided. Watch your bulletins for more information.

BODY RECALL BEGINS 8TH YEAR
First timers welcome



If you have been thinking about joining a workout class, think no longer, just come give it a try. It has more to offer than exercise; like comradeship, congeniality, and a few laughs which are acclaimed to be good for your health.

On September 15th, Erin’s Body Recall classes resume a regular 3-day a week schedule for ten weeks. Class is preceded by optional 10-minute walking to music. We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4 PM-4:55 PM, ending with a cool down.

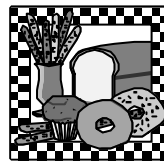
This is one bargain that hasn’t gone up in price: \$1 per class. For those just starting out, it is strongly recommended that you purchase the official Body Recall Inc. textbook at cost for \$17. Body Recall is a national program, and your leader is certified.

Most of the movements are done from a chair, and standing. Specific focus is given on balance and recovery from a fall. You’ve heard of wear and tear on the body, but the lack of use is a culprit too. Body Recall was developed to focus on total body movements to promote synovial fluid to all the joints. Involvement in this program may delay the slowing down process appreciably.

This class is geared toward men and women who may also be recovering from an injury or medical condition. Participation in any movement is up to the individual as he or she sees fit. No competition allowed!

Ron Roberts, Certified Body Recall Instructor

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY



Join Us For Breadbreakers

Do you enjoy the 3 F’s...food, fun and fellowship? Mark your calendars now for Friday evening, September 26th at 6:30, as Breadbreakers

resumes their monthly gatherings. For those of you who are not familiar with Breadbreakers, you may be asking...”what is it?”

Breadbreakers is a group of all ages (adults) - young, old, and in-between, that meet on a monthly basis to enjoy an evening of the 3 F’s. Usually there is a host home that we meet in, however, occasionally we will meet at the church for special events that might include a speaker, or a bingo night. Child care is always available at the church, if needed.

Please sign up on the attached sign-up sheet so we will have an idea of how many to prepare for. We already have volunteer hosts for the kick-off dinner in September and you will be notified by each host as to whose home you will be going to for that evening. This is a great way to get to know other Erin members on a more personal level, and also enjoy an evening of great food!

We look forward to seeing you on **Friday evening, September 26th**.



LET’S DO DINNER
 meets Tuesday,
 September 2nd at

5:15pm. Join us at **The Chop House** for good food, fun and fellowship! Contact Maud Hoover for more information.



Men’s Breakfast will meet Saturday, September 20th at 8:30ish. Contact Dale Webb for more information.



The Fall Telephone Directories will be available in September. If you have not updated your information, please do so by calling the office at 588-5350. - Thank You!

Family Picnic

John Knox Center
Sept. 21, 2008
2 - 5 pm

\$5 Adults
\$4 Kids (6-12)
5 & under Free

Send summer out in style at John Knox! Celebrate God's gifts of creation and fellowship at YOUR camp. Everyone is invited; friends, neighbors, kids & adults! Spend the day relaxing by the lake, catching up with friends, enjoying the beautiful John Knox property, and end the day with an open air worship service.

Registration not necessary. Bring the family after church for a fun- filled afternoon. Swimming, canoeing, nature center tours, Zip Line...tons of fun at John Knox. Contact the John Knox Center office for more information (865) 376-2236.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AND PROGRAMS RESUME SEPTEMBER 10

Come join us for good food and fellowship at 5:45 (before programs begin) in the Fellowship Hall. Check the bulletins for the weekly menu and sign up sheets.

We need assistant "chefs" to help with preparation, and help with the clean up crews! Please contact the office even if you are only available on occasion - we would still appreciate your participation in this ministry.

We appreciate your time, talents, and cooperation.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way-in all your speaking and in all your knowledge- because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

“Many Hands Make Light Work”

Have you ever heard that old saying? Erin's Fellowship and Congregational Care Ministry Team has developed a "many hands" approach for responding to member needs. Rather than just a few individuals trying to accomplish the tasks, teams will share in the joy of serving. Please prayerfully consider adding your name as a volunteer on one (or several) of the following teams, as "many hands make light work!" Please call the team leader listed to add your name or fill out the bulletin insert on Sunday.

Call and Visitation Team

Denise Bilbrey (584-6453) - Ensures that members unable to come to church are supported by calls and visits.

Bereavement Team

Mary Scarbrough (691-8658) - Responds to the needs of members who experience a death in the family.

Sunshine Cards Team

Betty Gibbs (357-3530) - Sends messages of recognition and/or support to members.

Special Needs Team

Team Leader Needed! Call Pat Wallin (588-0219) - Ensures that members feel supported when experiencing illness, accidents or other challenges. Follow up may include meals, transportation or other needs.

Visitor and New Member Follow Up

Jennifer Gahan (909-0633) - Ensures that visitors feel welcomed by the congregation and helps new members integrate into the life of the church.

Prayer Chain

Katina Sharp and Maud Hoover - How it works: Members call the office or the minister with a prayer chain request. The request is sent out by email from Katina Sharp to those signed up. Members may receive the prayer requests by phone through a phone tree initiated by Maud. Call the office to be added to the email or phone tree list.

NOTE: All volunteers interested in learning how to become more comfortable visiting or speaking with people who are ill, please join us in the parlor on Monday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. Denise Bilbrey will lead us in a discussion about visiting etiquette and how to become a better listener. We hope to see you there!

WORSHIP**The Erin Choir Needs YOU!**

Do you have an interest in lifting your voice in praise somewhere other than the shower? Then the Erin Choir is the place for you. Your voice will be welcome in every section: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. No formal vocal training is required ...just a willingness to learn. And we welcome all ages, from senior high school students to senior adults!

We believe that God is worshipped in many ways. Consequently, the Choir is committed to performing a wide variety of music, from classical to contemporary. More importantly, we strive to have fun with the music and with each other. In addition to singing, we share joys and concerns and support one another with prayer and compassion each week.

Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Please join us and experience it for yourself. We practice each Wed. night from 7:30-8:30 pm. Contact Joe Jaynes 675-1278 or jtj@abacusarts.com for more information.



Last year was an exciting year for Erin Handbell players with the addition of four bells (C, D, E and F below middle C) which were purchased with memorial money given in memory of former handbell director, Bill VandenBosch. We now lack only the accompanying accidentals (C#, D# and F#) to complete a three octave set! Having three octaves will open up a much wider repertoire of music for the ensemble to play. We hope to be able to purchase these last three bells in January when the new budget money is available.

For a handbell director, Christmas is just around the corner! After reviewing music over the summer, repertoire has been purchased for both Christmas and general use. Now all that is needed are the players! At this time, we have two openings in our ensemble. If you are interested in playing with us and have basic music reading ability, please speak to Nancy Berry in person or at 693-3560. Our first rehearsal will be September 17th at 6:30 in the Creative Expressions Room (last room on the right in the education wing).

OUTREACH**The Peacemaking Offering**

Join us in worship on October 5, 2008, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and receive the Peacemaking Offering. On this day we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the unity that we find at the Table of the Lord. We also receive the Peacemaking Offering to support the efforts of our congregation, our synod, our presbytery, and our denomination to spread the peace of Christ. Remember that 25% of the Offering will be used by our congregation for our peacemaking activities in our local area. The other 75% will help our partners in the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly as they work on behalf of God's peacemaking throughout the world.

Disaster Response

Our Presbytery's Disaster Response Network is responsible for processing spontaneous volunteers in the aftermath of disasters in our local area.

To accomplish this, we need trained individuals from our congregation who can operate a volunteer processing center.

Training for this important activity will be held Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. at Erin Presbyterian Church. Lunch will be provided.

To enroll in this training, provide your telephone number and e-mail address to the Church office or Charles Montgomery 805-2829 or 694-1722.

Clothing and Household Collection Drive

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension and other Bearden area churches are collecting good, used clothing and small household items to benefit local families in distressed situations and those with low income. Bring items to the North parking lot at the Church of the Ascension, 200 Northshore Dr., on Saturday, September 6 from 10:00-11:30am. Tax receipts will be available. Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**Stewardship Figures
August, 2008****Stewardship News**

The Stewardship Team is planning on gearing up for the Annual Stewardship Campaign at our next meeting which is Tuesday September 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Anyone in the congregation that would like to attend and become a part of this ministry team is welcome. Thus far in 2008, we have been able to meet and exceed our expenses as a Church. This is because of the due diligence of our members to give back to God as we are asked to do and take it as a "Spiritual Issue" and not a financial issue. Thank You for being a good steward, as Second Peter, Chapter 4 Verse 10: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received".

Many good things are going on here at Erin Presbyterian Church and we should share the good news. As we gear up for the campaign, one of the things we are going to be looking at is the ability of our church to add a DCE position into our budget. This is an area that Session has discussed and Stewardship and Discipleship Ministry Teams will work toward making come to fruition if it is meant to be. We ask that you pray for our church and these ministry teams as we embark on this journey.

We again as a Stewardship Team want to thank you for sharing a portion of your gifts with Erin Presbyterian Church.

LEAVING A LEGACY – If you are in the process of writing or changing your will, think of Erin Church. You may specify the purpose of the gift, if you choose. Consider a specific amount, or a percentage of your estate. The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your consideration in this matter.

- Your Stewardship Team

	Jan 1 - Aug 08	Jan 1 - Aug 07
Income		
Bequests	33,146.05	0.00
Creat. Exp.	5,291.80	4,864.00
undesignated	0.00	20,000.00
Property	15,471.00	12,273.13
Discipleship	5,477.00	6,734.46
Fellowship	3,087.20	5,809.04
Stewardship	589.07	241.91
Memorial	100.00	980.00
Outreach	12,174.30	5,915.30
Offerings	216,740.63	194,382.42
Worship	500.00	550.00
Total Income	292,577.05	251,750.26
Expense		
Creat. Exp.	12,291.00	8,533.98
Property	38,628.94	43,795.40
Discipleship	18,432.14	17,480.44
Fellowship	5,777.34	8,302.21
Outreach	36,722.50	26,313.20
Stewardship	74,750.50	70,300.01
Worship	3,083.17	2,237.56
Pastoral	67,581.99	69,358.17
Memorial	2,377.67	1,753.74
Session	430.30	328.94
PW	0.00	100.00
Payroll	500.00	0.00
Total Expense	260,575.55	248,503.65
Net Income	32,001.50	3,246.61

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

57 Asians	21 Europeans
14 from the Western Hemisphere (Both North & South)	8 Africans
52 would be female	48 would be male
70 would be non-white	30 would be white
70 would be non-Christian	30 would be Christian
89 would be heterosexual	11 would be homosexual
80 would live in substandard housing	70 would be unable to read
50 would suffer from malnutrition	1 would be near death
1 would be near birth	1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
1 would own a computer	
6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States	

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF**August 28, 2008****IRAQ***Sam Tipton* (husband of Nicole Webb Tipton)*Don Gunter* (husband of Paula Tate-Gunter).*Andrew Alger* (nephew of Susan Hannah)**TENNESSEE***Cecilia Stinnett**Cindy Estes Funk* (daughter of Sonya Funk)*Ben Williamson* (grandson of Pat & Lynn Sexton)*Chris Levering* (uncle of Robbie Levering)*Mary Scarbrough**Kari Matthews**Chuck Scarbrough**Lora Yard**Peggy Dean* (fiancee of Robin Cuany)*Jimmy* (friend of Apryl Quinn and Kari Matthews)*Anne Latimer* (mother of Jill Burger)*Jody McKenry* (cousin of John McKenry)*Stephanie Montgomery* (co-worker of David Eggers)*Anne Estes* (friend of Sue Rayburn)*Jennifer Shaw* (MOPS mom)*Family of Joanne Hill* (Friend of the Hickmans)*Marjorie Swanner**Mrs. Pat Swain**Alicia & Charlie Gross* (friends of Bud & Lora Yard)*Georgia Parry* (friend of Ruth White and Jane Yancey)**ILLINOIS***Dorothy Burns* (aunt of Allyson Streckfuss)**MARYLAND***Robert L. Cutts* (friend of Ray and Donna Schall)**MASSACHUSETTS***Marise Fallon* (friend of Cecilia Stinnett)**CALIFORNIA***Linda Gaspar* (sister of Dave Leckie)**SOUTH CAROLINA***Sara Mantle**Janie Cross* (friend of Jane Yancey)**VIRGINIA***Tauni Jensen* (niece of Ruth White)**GUATEMALA***Luis Angel* (student at the Guatemala School)*The Guatemala School, Students, Faculty and Staff*

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