

# Summer Book Discussion

Sunday, July 17 at 9:45AM

Anna McKay, Pat Wallin, and Kim Jaynes recently read *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, a medical writer, surgeon, and public health researcher. Based on stories about Dr. Gawande’s own patients and family members, the book explores how modern medicine—having made great strides in treating diseases and extending life spans—is perhaps less successful in handling the inevitable reality of aging and death. He explores how procedures set up by nursing homes and assisted living facilities for the efficiency of their staff may ignore choices that would greatly improve the quality of residents’ lives, and why doctors are reluctant to talk honestly with patients and their families when hopes of a cure are slim. Through his research, Dr. Gawande presents examples of how we can do better by engaging in hard conversations and trying to preserve what people value most. This book raises important issues and will help you feel more comfortable, and even more hopeful, when you inevitably face these challenges. You still have time to read the book and join our discussion on Sunday morning, July 17 at 9:45 in the new Sunday school wing. We’ll provide coffee and goodies!



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## Upcoming Events

**July 3**  
RED, WHITE & BLUE SERVICE  
12PM– Potluck

**July 5**  
6PM– Staff MTG  
6:30PM– Property MTG  
7PM– Discipleship MTG  
7PM– Fellowship MTG

**July 8**  
6PM– HS Montreat MTG

**July 10-16**  
HS Montreat

**July 10**  
12:15PM– CEX MTG

**July 12**  
7:30PM– Stewardship MTG

**July 17**  
12:30PM– MS Montreat MTG

**July 19-24**  
Youth Triennium

**July 20-25**  
MS Montreat

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### A Message From The Pastor

Rev. John Stuart

**Exodus 13:21**    *By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.*

Dear Friends,

I have just finished reading and reviewing a book called **“Lessons from the East,”** by **Bob Roberts Jr.**, who is the founding pastor of Northwood Church in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In recent years, Bob has focused his ministry on helping and developing church leaders across the world, but mostly in the Eastern hemisphere. His work has brought him into regular contact with pastors in Australia, Pakistan, Syria, Egypt, Vietnam, Nigeria, and Nepal.

At first, Bob felt that he had much to offer to those pastors in other lands because he was a successful preacher. However, the more time that Bob spent with these other preachers, the more he began to learn from them. He realized that his concept of ministry was based upon a successful theoretical business model rather than a practical down-to-earth approach which those foreign pastors lived on a day-to-day basis. His experiences with those church leaders transformed his own ministry, so he wrote this book to challenge Western Hemisphere pastors, leaders, and congregations into rethinking what Christianity actually looks like on a global basis. His book asks and answers a very important question:

***What if our Western view of Church isn’t God’s view of Church?***

Some of the Christian pastors that Bob encountered work in areas where Christianity is largely outnumbered by Islamic or Buddhist communities. The churches in those areas have to find ways of building up relationships with the major religious groups and leaders in their region. In order to survive, they need to amicably work and share resources together. Rather than confronting and condemning other groups, they celebrate religious diversity and respect other traditions. They do this without diminishing their faith in Christ. They look for areas of commonality and community; they support one another in times of trouble and distress. In other words, they look for God in their midst and seek to be led by the Spirit to share Christ’s love and peace with those around them.

As Erin heads into a new fiscal year and another season of church world, we need to be looking for new ways to live our faith in our community. In the ancient past, God led His people by a pillar of smoke or fire each day and night, showing them the way ahead and guiding them toward the Promised Land. These days, God calls on us to seek Him not just in our sanctuary, but in the streets, homes, schools, and businesses of our community. In other words, we are faced with a similar question, just like the one that Bob Roberts posed in his book:

***What if our particular view of Erin Church isn’t God’s view of Erin Church?***

May God continue to lead us onward and upward in our journey of faith as we serve His Son Jesus Christ in our church, community, and world. God bless us all.

May God bless you all.

*Pastor John*

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 1 Joan Mechlin
- 1 Patty Britton
- 1 Kim Pennington
- 5 Kathy Erskine
- 5 Shawn Bailes
- 5 Harry Boyd
- 6 Carolyn Gahan
- 7 David Draper
- 9 Jean Johnson
- 10 Ron DuBois
- 10 Chloe Levering
- 11 Pat Sexton
- 11 Penny Judge
- 13 Noah Foster
- 15 Edie Yeager
- 17 Mike Jones
- 20 Jim Ryan
- 20 Liam Quinn
- 21 Courtney Backous
- 22 Lynsey Stuart
- 24 Ron Roberts
- 26 Amanda Murphy
- 29 Bob McLean
- 30 Mary Scarbrough
- 30 Dave Leckie
- 30 David Stinnett
- 30 Kelly Ross
- 31 Katie Bailes

If you know of a birthday that is not listed, please contact the office.

AUGUST

- 3 Agnes Kirby
- 4 McKenzie Stump
- 6 Kevin Griffin
- 9 Lauren Stuart
- 9 Marcia Mechlin
- 10 Owen Matthews
- 11 Helen Henry
- 14 Hugh Jaynes
- 14 Mary Frierson
- 15 Keith Stump
- 16 Garren Miller
- 17 Effie Fellers
- 20 Bud Yard
- 24 Lucy Cate
- 25 Pam Stevens
- 28 Don Gunter
- 30 Lynn Sexton
- 31 Bob Price
- 31 Lauren Gahan



CEX

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." --Matthew 5:16

Thanks so much for your participation, encouragement, and support of this year's Erin Youth Players Production: "Seussical"! This summer's production was full of all kinds of bright and amazing "thinks you can think"! This year's cast was made up of 21 youth ages 10-17, and, in addition, we had some youth involved in tech capacities.

Thanks so much to our congregation---we are blessed at Erin to have such a wonderful ministry program for youth, families, and our community. We are grateful to continue to have the opportunity to offer our program and this community outreach as a theatre experience for youth in a learning Christian environment.

For more information on CEX programs, activities, and outreach opportunities, please see [www.erinpresbyterian.org](http://www.erinpresbyterian.org), contact the church office, or see a ministry team member.



Youth News

July is Montreat Month

Montreat time is finally here! High School youth will be attending the Montreat Youth Conference July 10-July 16 at Montreat College. We will have a meeting to discuss Montreat rules and expectations for the high school group at Erin on Friday, July 8 at 6 pm. The Middle School Montreat Conference will be held July 20-July 24 at Maryville College. We will have a rules meeting for the Middle School group on Sunday, July 17 at 12:30 after church. We ask the congregation to please be in prayer for our youth and chaperones as they prepare for, travel to, and attend Montreat.

Sunday Night Youth Group

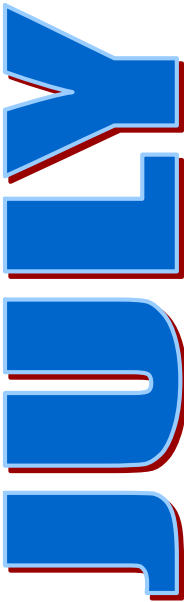
Regular meetings of Sunday night youth group resume August 7. Both middle school and high school youth groups will meet together 4:45-7:00 pm on August 7 and August 14, in order to allow time to practice for Youth Sunday on August 21.

Volunteer Opportunity

Water Angels Ministries will be holding their annual back to school block party on Saturday, August 6. Volunteers are needed to serve in many ways, including serving lunch, running games, and giving out backpacks. We will be organizing a group of youth and parents to volunteer. Once more details become available, there will be a sign up sheet posted.

Volunteers

If you need to change your volunteer slot, please organize a swap or a substitute. Then, let the front office know at 588-5350 or [admin@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@erinpresbyterian.org).



7/3/2016	7/10/2016	7/17/2016	7/24/2016	7/31/2016
Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host
Greeter	Greeter	Greeter	Greeter	Greeter
Linda Quinley	Anna McKay	Dave Leckie	Patty Britton	David Eggers
Don Quinley	Larry McKay	Sara Leckie	Pat Wallin	Brooks Eggers
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Bob McLean	Lynn Sexton	Ron DuBois	Jane Brannon	Erin McCallum
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Joy Bornhoeft	Pat Sexton	Sonja DuBois	Diana Brandon	Ricky McCallum
Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher
Mike Cate	Eden McDonald	Robbie Levering	Jim Montgomery	Kay Pennington
Mary Nelle Cate	Jim Thompson	Tammy Murphy	Suzanne Levering	Gary Pennington
Patty Britton	Kim Pennington	Linda Quinley	Katie Bailes	Brook Eggers
Farrah Linkous	Dusty Pennington	Don Quinley	Pat Wallin	Mike Cate
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Farrah Linkous	Jennifer Gahan	Kristi Bailes	Jane Brannon	Lori Hudson
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Lynne Jones	Jackie Griffin	Erin McCallum	Kelsey Sarles	Tammy Murphy
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
Sean Gahan	Dave Stinnett	Ricky McCallum	John House	Neill Murphy
David Eggers	Larry McKay	Mike Jones	Justin Bornhoeft	David Eggers
Communion				
Class of 2017				



To help contain the cost of cooling/heating the building, PLEASE notify the office when your event has been cancelled or rescheduled.



# Outreach News

## Water Angels

There are two opportunities coming up to volunteer with this great ministry. The first is on **Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** when they will be *packing the backpacks* with school supplies for the Back to School Bash. The other is on **Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** at the *Back to School Bash* itself. Check the weekly bulletin and the Erin Facebook page for details on times and locations as the time approaches.

## KARM - CORNERS OF YOUR FIELD

**This is an Organization that Erin Outreach Team works with and we wanted to make the congregation aware of this easy way of helping in our local community.** Corners Of Your Field is a partnership opportunity between local churches and Knox Area Rescue Ministries. Corners Of Your Field encourages attendees of our partner churches to be intentional about selecting their gently used household items for donation to KARM Stores. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to your church to help those directly in your care.

## How does Corners Of Your Field help my church?

Corners Of Your Field provides a practical way to meet the Biblical mandate of caring for the hurting and homeless, and gives you a plan to do so. Corners Of Your Field puts resources, beginning with gift cards to KARM Stores, in the hands of every partner church. We recognize you know the needs of your community better than we do and want to equip you to make a difference.

## How does this partnership work, practically?

The process is quite simple.

Individuals or families donate their gently used items to KARM Stores. The KARM Stores employee serving them will ask the name of your church. Quarterly, your church will receive gift cards to KARM Stores that can be given to anyone who comes to your church in need.

And, donors are still able to take advantage of the tax-deduction with every gift to KARM Stores.

**The Outreach Team is working with KARM to set up an on-site donation center one weekend this fall. We will be asking for volunteers from the congregation to assist with this effort. KARM will bring their truck, set up in our parking lot on a Saturday and Sunday, and accept donations of household goods from both the congregation and the local community. Stay tuned for more information.**

Ministry Matters

CEX, Amanda Murphy  
Discipleship, Joe Jaynes  
Fellowship, Jim Montgomery

Outreach, Cecilia Stinnett  
Property, Jane Brannon  
Stewardship, Eva Lynch

## Fellowship Update

SAVE THE DATE! We will be having a church wide Bridal Shower for Lynsey Stuart on July 30! A formal invitation to come soon.

We hope you can join in on the fun at the Red, White, and Blue Potluck on July 3<sup>rd</sup> right after Church. Bring a potluck dish to share and just enjoy being with friends and family as we celebrate the freedoms of our country!

CONGRATULATIONS to our talented students who performed in SUESSICAL! A great performance!

We hope everyone is having a safe and wonderful summer!

## Property Update

- **Please replace your hymnal and STF book in the pew racks GENTLY, with the book spines facing left and up-right. Forcing them long-way is causing the racks to come loose from the pews.**
- **If anyone would like to have the church pew located outside Noah's Ark in front of the exit door, please notify Jane Brannon or Pastor Stuart by July 30. Otherwise, it will be offered to another church in our Presbytery.**



## You're Invited!

Who: Erin Congregants  
What: Claude and Pat Houbler Annual Church Family Retreat

Our speaker will be Carol Merritt, a PCUSA minister and a nationally-known speaker and writer on religious issues. Her books are available in the church library and additional information can be found at

[www.carolhowardmerritt.org](http://www.carolhowardmerritt.org). Because we have such a high-profile speaker at this year's retreat, we plan to open the afternoon session to pastors and lay pastors from other churches.

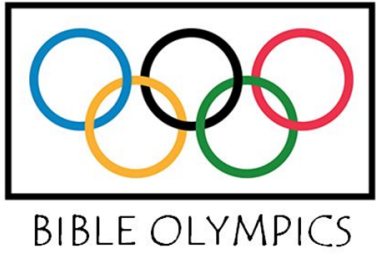


Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of June 13, 2016		Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss July 1, 2015 through June 13, 2016	
	Jun 13, 16		Jul 1, '15 - Jun 13, 16
ASSETS		Income	
Current Assets		Other Income	717.91
Checking/Savings		Memorial Income	2,000.00
HF Primary Checking	10,829.28		
HF Savings	156,782.18	Creative Expression Income	3,763.00
SunTrust Checking	1,001.67	Discipleship Income	10,005.48
SunTrust Debit Card Account	604.15	Fellowship Income	10,718.00
Total Checking/Savings	169,217.28	Offerings	333,452.56
Total Current Assets	169,217.28	Outreach Income	282.55
Fixed Assets		Property Income	26,730.03
Building Improvements	12,826.00	PW Income	431.00
Computer Equipment	1,109.97		
Furniture and fixtures	35,699.89	Restricted Accts Income	8,032.46
General Equipment	9,764.55	Stewardship Income	418.29
Accumulated Depreciation	-32,255.45	Transfer from Capital Campaign	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	27,144.96	Total Income	396,551.28
TOTAL ASSETS	196,362.24	Gross Profit	396,551.28
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		Expense	
Liabilities		Creative Expressions Ministry	12,485.98
Current Liabilities		Discipleship Team	18,095.18
Other Current Liabilities		Equity Fund Accounts_Expenses	500.00
Payroll Liabilities	29.83	Fellowship Team	8,663.55
Total Other Current Liabilities	29.83	Outreach Team	26,055.54
Total Current Liabilities	29.83	Pastoral Ministry	97,705.65
Total Liabilities	29.83	Payroll Expenses	0.00
Equity		Property Team	74,088.44
Restricted Funds	250.00	PW expenses	48.36
Retained Earnings	102,948.77	Restricted Accts Expense	5,608.85
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25	Stewardship Team	106,344.85
Net Income	45,969.39	Worship Team	985.49
Total Equity	196,332.41	Total Expense	350,581.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	196,362.24	Net Income	45,969.39

Kids Ministries

Planet Worship Volunteers	
JULY	
7/3:	Farrah Linkous
7/10:	Jennifer Gahan
7/17:	Kristi Bailes
7/24:	Jane Brannon
7/31:	Lori Hudson



The theme in Planet Worship this month is *BIBLE OLYMPICS*. As we eagerly anticipate next month's summer games in Rio de Janeiro, kids will learn about the history and tradition of the Olympic Games. This year's Olympics will feature 28 sporting events. More than 10,500 athletes from 206 nations are expected to take part.

Each week in Planet Worship, kids will learn a new Bible story that demonstrates one of the principles of the Olympic Motto: *Faster – Higher – Stronger*. Kids will even get to participate in Erin's own Olympic games, win medals, and stand on the Olympic podium!



We had a great adventure on our  
Deep Sea Discovery VBS!

Twenty-two children and 8 youth helpers attended our Weekend VBS at Messiah Lutheran. A team of 20 volunteers led the kids in music, bible stories, games, crafts, and mission. Each day, kids participated in a hands-on mission project, including a group art project, drawing pictures for senior members of each church, packing 34 hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and making 30 Food-to-Go bags for needy people in our community.