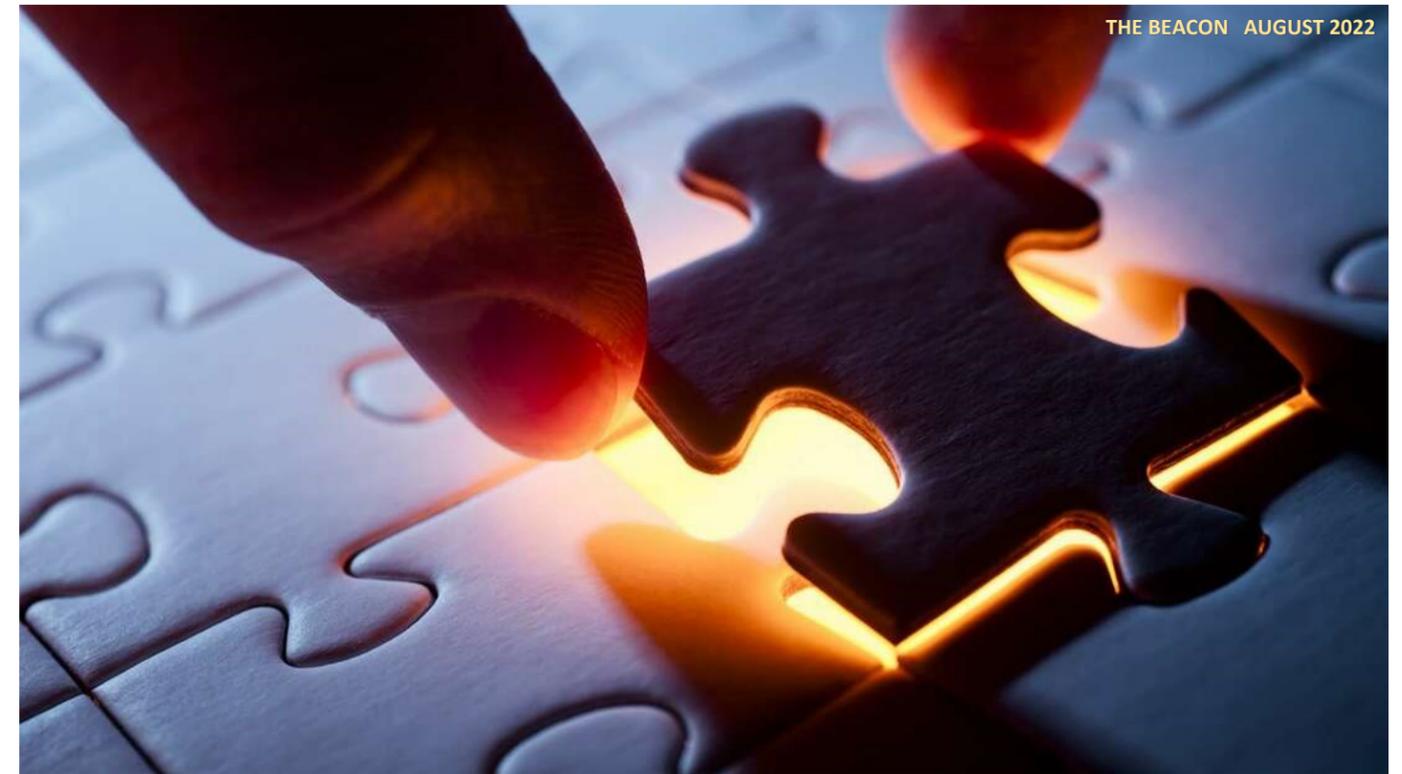


# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Agnes Kirby    | 14 Mary Frierson   | 24 Diane Geraci |
| 4 McKenzie Stump | 15 Keith Stump     | 24 Lucy Cate    |
| 6 Kevin Griffin  | 17 Effie Fellers   | 28 Don Gunter   |
| 9 Lauren Stuart  | 20 Ryan Blanchette | 30 Lynn Sexton  |
| 9 Marcia Mechlin | 21 Kellan Sarles   | 31 Lauren Gahan |

Happy Birthday!



***“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:15-16***

Dear Friends,

Can you believe that it is August already and we are about to begin a new church year? Our ministries and teams have been preparing throughout the summer for this new season. It’s been a while since we were able to make plans to gather together for worship, events, and programs. Hopefully, we can reset our lives to include being at the church building, as well as being the church in our community.

At the heart of all that we seek to do, worship is central to who we are. Coming together to praise God not only maintains our relationship with God, but it also strengthens our connections with one another. Like you, I have missed seeing each other on a regular basis, but this Fall looks like the perfect opportunity to get back to where we all belong – sitting in the sanctuary on Sundays, singing to God, and praying for the many people in our lives.

The ancient writer of Hebrews encouraged Christians in their small churches to do the same. He realized that to truly believe in Christ as Savior and Lord, people had to praise and worship Him, too.

The First Century Christians continually did this, even though they were persecuted, oppressed, and plagued. Their determination to gather together, in the face of many fierce issues and foes, which caused them many problems, was not diminished. They were willing to overcome their difficulties and differences because their lives were meant to reflect Christ’s love. Other people called them Christians because their faith was evident in how they treated, served, and supported one another.

As a congregation, we have the opportunity to follow in their footsteps and carry on their work. Almost 150 years ago, several families came together to worship God at a new wee church called Erin. They didn’t know what lay ahead of them, but they felt compelled to worship God and serve Christ in this community, even though times were difficult. It is now our turn to do the same, in order to respect and fulfill the vision that those Erin Presbyterian pioneers, as well as the First Century Christians, gladly undertook and accomplished with their lives.

***So, let’s get ready to worship and begin afresh all of our ministries, missions, projects, and programs that the Good Lord wants us to fulfill.***

May God bless you and all whom you love.

Pastor John

Visit us at: [www.erinpres.org](http://www.erinpres.org) for events, news, and to read John’s devotions!

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# CONNECTIONS

## CONNECTIONS CLASS: IN THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL

This summer, Pastor Stuart and Evelyn were able to visit Greece and go to some of the places where the Apostle Paul lived, worked, and ministered. It was a wonderful mini-sabbatical and has inspired the pastor to put together and teach a series of Sunday morning classes which he is calling *"In the Steps of St. Paul."*

The pastor will take the class through the life of Paul as it is documented in the Book of Acts. Each Sunday, he'll focus on a chapter of Acts, beginning at chapter 9 and present material, questions for discussion, and some images relating to the historical and theological content of each chapter.

The classes will begin on Sunday August 21 at 9:30AM in the Heritage Room of the church and conclude about 10:30AM. Each Friday, the class participants will be sent some material via email to prepare for the discussion. If you would like to be sent the material, contact April at the office and she'll add you to the Connections Class email group. [admin@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@erinpresbyterian.org)

Everyone is welcome to attend the classes in-person, but there will be two Zoom classes in September when the Stuarts are in Pensacola.

The following schedule lists the classes for August and September.

8/21 The Apostle Paul – An Introduction to His Life and Times.

8/28 Saul's' Conversion – Acts 9:1-31

9/4 Paul and Barnabas – Acts 11:19-30

**9/11 Paul Preaches – Acts 13 – Zoom class**

**9/18 Mistaken for Gods – Acts 14 – Zoom class**

9/25 Back in Jerusalem – Acts 15

## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Did you know that the pastor sends out a short Bible study each Wednesday via email and Facebook? The studies focus on a different chapter from the Bible each week and contain a link to the text, as well as a set of questions based on the Bible verses.

These studies can be done individually, with family, or even shared with a group of friends over coffee.

At the moment, the studies are looking at the fascinating book of Ecclesiastes; later this month, the studies will be about Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church.

If you would like to be sent the material, contact April at the office and she'll add you to the Events email group. [admin@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@erinpresbyterian.org)

ANCIENT WORDS  
EVER TRUE



**Rally Day • August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30-10:30am • Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday School classes. All ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and breakfast treats

and to hear about our various class offerings: Children's Sunday School, Youth, and Adult classes.

***"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105***

## JOIN THE CHOIR!

It's time to start singing again! No formal vocal training is required, just a willingness to learn and an eagerness to lift your voice in praise. We welcome all ages, from high school students to senior adults! We believe that God is worshipped in many ways. Consequently, the Choir performs a wide variety of music, from classical to contemporary and strive to have fun with the music and with each other.

**Practice is on Wednesday nights from 7:30 - 8:30pm starting August 31st.**

Email Joe at [jtj@abacusarts.com](mailto:jtj@abacusarts.com)

# FINANCIALS

07/16/22

Erin Presbyterian Church  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of July 16, 2022

	Jul 16, 22
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	10,915.00
HF Savings	346,644.40
Total Checking/Savings	357,559.40
Total Current Assets	357,559.40
Fixed Assets	
Building Improvements	46,547.00
Computer Equipment	2,420.97
Furniture and Fixtures	35,699.89
General Equipment	9,764.55
Accumulated Depreciation	-77,055.45
Total Fixed Assets	17,376.96
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>374,936.36</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	580.99
Total Other Current Liabilities	580.99
Total Current Liabilities	580.99
Total Liabilities	580.99
Equity	
Retained Earnings	310,968.25
Unrestricted Funds	47,275.07
Net Income	16,112.05
Total Equity	374,355.37
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>374,936.36</b>

# CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS, BB & MORE!

## CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS IS BACK!

This is the 22nd year of the Creative Expression at Erin Presbyterian. We continue to be a calling card for the church in our community, and a blessing to many.

## SONSHINE WORKSHOP

*for kids 1st -6th grade*

The Sonshine Company will have a Parent's Meeting on **Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30pm** to get info to families. Sonshine rehearsals begin on Wed. September 7th and continues each Wednesday night from 6:30 -7:30pm, as well as selected Saturdays which are required.

Learn theater basics and develop acting, music, dance and production skills, while growing in spirit and character. The season culminates in a musical production in the spring with a multi-night run of shows.

## JOURNEY 7

*for kids 7th -12th grade*

Journey 7 will have a Parent's Meeting on **Wed., August 31st at 6:30pm** to get info to families. Rehearsals begin on Wed. September 7th and continues each Wednesday night from 6:30 -8pm, as well as selected Saturdays which are required. Learn advanced character development, improvisation, theater production, and mime, while working on a production for 2023.

## BRIDGEBUILDERS

**"FINDING COURAGE IN FEARFUL TIMES"**

In September, BridgeBuilders will look at three contemporary social problems through the lens of fear:

- How our fears influence our understanding
- of and response to problems.
- How our fears are exploited by others.

- How our fears can be harnessed for constructive outcomes.

The course will acquaint you with biblical/historical people of God who chose courage over fear to become salt and light in difficult times. Please join us for this 9-week series beginning Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. All Erin members, friends, and family are welcome to this interactive Bible study.

**To enroll, visit <https://www.erinpresbyterian.org/bridgebuilders/>**

Kellan Sarles, Lead Organizer  
Dr. Yvette Freter  
Suzanne Burnell and Anna McKay

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SERIES

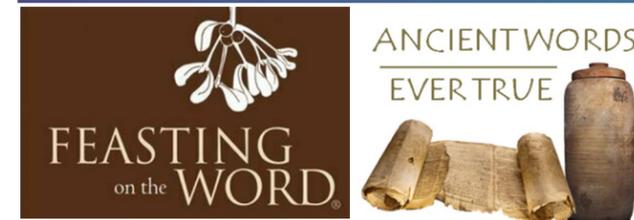
Christmas in July? How about Advent in August? The last session of Erin's Adult Summer Sunday School Series will continue the theme of Favorite Christian Hymns by looking at the very familiar "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Kellan Sarles will lead the discussion of this very old Advent hymn, from ancient origin to translation, and then to contemporary use in Advent worship. More broadly, the group will survey the trends and styles of church music from 500 C.E. to the present – all within 50 minutes! Hang onto your hats!

The August 7<sup>th</sup> class will begin at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. All are welcome – whether you've been able to attend previous sessions or not. Those who come early will be treated to coffee and pastry!



# KID'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Erin Church offers two classes for children: 4 years old - K & 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

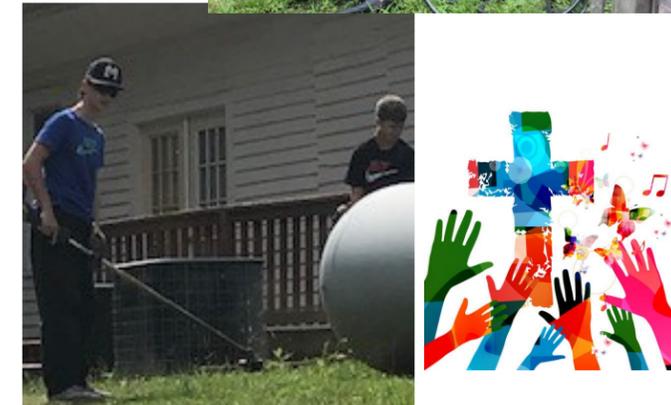
Both taught in the Family Life Center from 9:30-10:30am each Sunday, September - May.

This year, both classes will use the **Feasting on the Word** curriculum. Lessons follow the lectionary (the same scripture readings used in worship), which will give our children a "preview" of what is to come in worship. In this way, the worship readings and message will reinforce the Sunday School lessons and should help kids be more engaged during the worship hour.

Youth Sunday School also uses the **Feasting on the Word** curriculum, so older siblings will be following the same lesson topics.



**GREETINGS FROM THE YOUTH AT SUNSET GAP**  
Thank you to everyone who helped us get here!



# AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

AUGUST 7TH	AUGUST 14TH	AUGUST 21ST	AUGUST 28TH
<b>BELL RINGER</b>	<b>BELL RINGER</b>	<b>BELL RINGER</b>	<b>BELL RINGER</b>
Will McCallum	Lucy Cate	Addison Strand	Ginger Thompson
<b>GREETER</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>GREETER</b>
Jim Thompson Ginger Thompson	Mike and Mary Nelle Cate	Tony and Kelli Denny	Susan Miller Dave Leckie
<b>GUIDE</b>	<b>GUIDE</b>	<b>GUIDE</b>	<b>GUIDE</b>
John House	David Eggers	Rob Levering	Rickey McCallum
<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>
Sara Leckie	Nehemiah Freter	Kelcey Levering	Erin McCallum
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
Kim and Dusty Pennington	Jim Montgomery Joanne Clelland	Ella Levering Brooks Eggers	Jim and Ginger Thompson
<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>COUNTERS</b>
John House Craig Strand	Neill Murphy Ian Bone	David Eggers Andy Sarles	Rickey McCallum Joe Jaynes
<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>NURSERY</b>
Kenleigh	Elaina	Lizzy	Ella
<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
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## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>7th</b> Congregational Meeting after Church Service	<b>18th</b> 7pm Session
<b>9th</b> 7pm Discipleship	<b>21st</b> Connections/Sunday School Begin
<b>11th</b> 7pm Worship	<b>12:30pm</b> Visitor Follow-Up
<b>12th</b> 12pm Staff	<b>27th</b> 9am FISH Pantry Workday
<b>14th RALLY DAY</b> 9:30am Breakfast and Fellowship	
<b>12pm</b> Outreach/12pm Stewardship	

# MISSIONS & MORE

## FISH PANTRY WORKDAY AUGUST 27

Erin members and friends have another chance to help at the FISH Hospitality Pantry, 122 W. Scott Ave. in North Knoxville, on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 am until 1 pm. FISH provides fresh produce, breads, desserts, and other grocery items donated by local stores to feed more than 7,000 families in the Knoxville area every month. The nonprofit, interfaith organization is proud of the fact that more than 94 percent of their budget goes to provide food for those who need it most. To keep overhead costs low, they depend on a community of volunteers. Erin's Outreach team has committed to provide helpers once per quarter on the last Saturday of the month.

If you've helped in the past you know how rewarding this ministry can be. We invite you to join us again. And if you haven't volunteered at FISH before, please consider coming this month. Fill out the form in the bulletin or contact the church office to sign up. We're expected to provide a minimum number of volunteers, so we need to know who's coming. If you have questions, email Marcia Mechlin (marcia.mechlin@gmail.com) or Kim Jaynes (kim.m.jaynes@gmail.com).

## LIVING THE FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joe and Kim Jaynes will again lead a covenant group that meets during the Sunday school hour. Members of a covenant group commit to share their spiritual journeys and pray for one another. Participants help each other become more like Christ by exploring God's truth and fleshing it out in discussion, prayer, and action. Study is a big part of the group, but the focus is on building community and relationship-based discipleship. From September through November, we will use the PCUSA *Feasting on the Word* adult curriculum, which follows each week's lectionary scripture. Our children and youth will use

age-appropriate versions of *Feasting on the Word* in Sunday school as well, so parents will have a chance to study the same scriptures and themes. This fall's lessons focus on Jesus' life and parables from the Gospel of Luke. Most of the stories will be familiar, but we'll discover new meanings for today and discuss how we, as 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians, can apply Jesus' teaching for ourselves and our church.

Please join us if you want to develop strong relationships with other Christians, grow in the image of Christ, and understand and follow His will for your life.

## REMOTE AREA MEDICAL CLINIC

On behalf of the Central Bearden Community Host Group, I would like to personally thank you for your sponsorship in the June Remote Area Medical Clinic. Because of your generosity, we were able to fulfill the RAM mission which is "to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need". At the Central Bearden clinic we were able to provide 342 individuals with over \$190,000 in free dental, vision and medical services.

The need for these types of services is great in our community and what a blessing it was to see "the least of these" (Matt. 25:40) being loved on and helped over the weekend. I had one woman tell me that her dental care "was a dream come true"! Without your contribution, this event would not have been such a huge success. A big thank you from everyone for your care and generosity! It was amazing to see multiple churches coming together to accomplish this mission. We greatly appreciated Erin Church being a part of that. I have attached a few pictures to give you an idea of the work that was accomplished over the weekend.

Thanks again,  
Stacey Bristow