

Leaps & Bounds

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THANK GOD FOR OUR TEACHERS!

Children running, laughing, playing, and singing “This Little Light of Mine” are familiar sights and sounds we are privileged to witness each Sunday morning at Eastminster. You may recall during a recent “Time for Young Disciples,” one child seemed to have an abundance of answers to Dr. Tim’s questions and was quite willing to share that knowledge with the entire congregation. One might ask how it is possible for a very young person to have such an amazing wealth of information and memory. The answer is two-fold: a result of wonderful parenting (found among members of Eastminster) and a direct link to our fantastic **Sunday School teachers**.

Often we think how smoothly Sunday morning programs seem to run and don’t give a second thought to all the background work that must be done to inform/train/educate people of all ages. Our Sunday School teachers are phenomenal, Christ-centered, Biblically-knowledgeable people! They put a tremendous amount of effort into studying and preparing their weekly lessons. As congregational members, we should thank them more often for their willingness and diligence and dedication. Next month, we will celebrate a special time of recognition for these men and women who faithfully promote the love of Jesus throughout this church family. Please take the opportunity to thank your teacher and/or your children’s teachers.

Not surprising, these men and women often have been teaching for many years and have earned the right to rejuvenating break. They need the opportunity to take the summer off to provide refreshment for their spirits to enable them to teach in the fall with renewed excitement! It is time for congregation members to “step up to the plate” as a *SS volunteer* and give our valued teachers a well-deserved sabbatical.

Sign-up sheets are outside the various Sunday School classroom doors. Please take a moment to volunteer to teach a class for a week or two during the summer. If it helps to ease some doubts and fears, attendance is usually off somewhat during the summer months, which lends itself to smaller classes and more intimate times of teaching and fellowship. Our honored teachers sometimes get so caught up in teaching, that they forget to take a moment to *be* taught and refreshed by the Holy Spirit. Please join me in helping to relieve these wonderful teachers so they can replenish their minds, bodies, and spirits.

I encourage each person who is not currently involved with Sunday School to visit our various classes and see how Jesus Christ is working in and through people of Eastminster to accomplish great ministry. People are “on fire” for the Lord, and their enthusiasm is reaching far and wide. Sunday School allows the Bible to be taught in a relevant way to various age groups to promote Christ-centered living. Come...thank a Sunday School teacher and join in the excitement by becoming a vital part of this important ministry team!

Allison Hayes
Director of Christian Education

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**Come join us for a great
meal and fellowship.**

To make reservations, sign up on the blue form in the friendship pad on Sundays OR call the office by NOON on Monday (770-977-2976).

Cost:

\$7.00 Adults (65+ - \$6.00)
\$4.00 Children under 10
\$20.00 Family of 4
(Please pay at the door)

April 4

Spring Break

(No Wednesday Night Dinner)

April 11

Shrimp Etouffee Marinated Chicken
Rice Green Salad
Rolls/Bread Dessert
Kids: Hamburgers & Fries

April 18

Mexican Night

Tacos Enchiladas Burritos
Mexican Rice and Refried Beans
Green Salad Rolls/Bread
Dessert

April 25

Beef Bourguignon

Buttered Noodles Green Beans
Green Salad Rolls/Bread
Dessert
Kids: Chicken & Fries

Spring Luncheon/Bridal Shower for Allison Hayes

All Eastminster women are cordially invited to attend the annual Spring Luncheon to be held Sunday, May 6 following the 11:00 worship service. Please join us for an afternoon of delicious food and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend or neighbor to introduce to our church community. A sign-up poster will be available in the narthex in the coming weeks.

Immediately following the luncheon, Presbyterian Women will be hosting a miscellaneous bridal shower for our new Director of Christian Education, Allison Hayes. Let's celebrate Allison's and Drew's engagement and upcoming nuptials.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Hayes, 770-992-8504 or Sara Dilworth, 770-384-8240.

20's SMALL GROUP

Anyone in their 20's interested in joining a small group? The group would be involved in activities such as Bible studies, dinner, games, movies, bowling, etc. Please contact Allison at Allison.hayes@epres.org

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Our Mission Team needs volunteers to serve supper for MUST Ministries on the 9th of each month. We need your help for the following months: April, June, July, August, and October. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex for the month you would like to serve. Questions, contact Patti Cosson at 770-953-1895 or tumblerstote1@bellsouth.net



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED

Blood Pressures will be checked by Healthcare Ministry Team members each Sunday between 10-11 am in the office alcove to the left as you enter the Main Entrance. If you have any questions, please call 770-315-5357.

BIRTHDAYS for April

1	Alexa DenHerder	20	Allison Michael
2	George Merry	21	Jan Walls
2	Kelly Jacobson	21	Sallie Rainwater
3	Brenda Hewett	21	Susan Kuehne
3	Chase Sphar	21	Rob Richter
4	Megan Mayfield	21	Emily Durham
5	Teresa Roberts	21	Will Durham
6	James Brock	23	Flo Sharp
7	William Moran	23	Elisabeth Goodwin
9	Tripp Seitter	23	Kathy Wardlaw
9	Michelle Moore	24	Richard Moore
10	Teri Gibson	25	Kay Ullom
12	Bonnie Anton	25	Paul Kennedy
12	Betty-Byrd Randolph	25	Hank Moran
12	Suzanne Will	26	Cynthia Cooley
13	Joyce Lester	26	Ashley Nickles
14	Janice Turner	26	Rachel Ortega
14	Alex Flood	26	Meg Thomas
15	Larry Schrock	27	Matt Shreiner
15	Alison Kennedy	27	Melinda Taylor
15	Sara Stockman	27	Matthew Rownd
16	Cameron Pauquette	27	Ryan Ryder
16	Evan Bridges	27	Audrey Stringer
17	Susan Horn	28	Emily Shreiner
17	Cierra Jacobson	29	Matthew Yesner
17	Justin Harned	29	Cole Erickson
18	Ruth Rood	29	Amy Watson
18	Susan DeBardeleben	30	Colin Hewett
18	Rob Boyd	30	Dave Bigler
19	Paul Banks	30	Grant Buchanan
20	Sheri Sphar	30	Alexandra Dempsey
20	Tom Nickles		
20	Philip Karp		

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Jim & Mary Swann
3	David & Tonya Pirlot
7	Lou & Candy McNair
9	Rob & Robyn Richter
9	Dick & Lessie Smith
11	Dennis & Cheri Olivier
20	David & Sally Brentzel
20	Steve & Christy Thomas
24	Roland & Sally Stebbins
26	Scott & Angie Wessner
27	Marty & Melinda Taylor
29	Glenn & Beth Bousquet

WANTED. . .

To the lady who borrowed the Russian portfolio from Marilyn Lewis, please return it at your earliest convenience or call 770-579-1716. Thank you.

COLLECTION OF EYEGLASSES

Your discarded eyeglasses - someone else's vision. Collection of eyeglasses will conclude May 24. These glasses (and also cases are accepted), will be taken to third world countries where volunteer Optometrists and Oculists will test and prescribe eyeglasses to those who otherwise would have very limited vision. Thank you for your donation. If you have questions, contact Jeanette Gowen.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to:

Paul and Snookie Goldberg on the death of her mother, Mary Gallo;
 Bob and Jane Douglas on the death of Bob's mother, Charlotte;
 Billy and Sandra Allen on the death of Billy's mother, Mary Allen.

Total Committed	\$1,444,325
Feb. Receipts	12,891
Total Receipts	445,896

GREETERS

April 1

- 9:00 Mark & Susan McKay
Troy & Annette DenHerder
11:00 Al & Dottie Cass
Fred & Barbara Duda

April 8

- 9:00 Todd & Ashley Mordecai
Phillip & Donna Flood
11:00 Joe & Cynthia Cooley
Sharon Stilson

April 15

- 9:00 Bryan & Cecilia Harned
Eric & Alison Horton
11:00 Sonny & Lynn Hall
Don & Emily Bortz

April 22

- 9:00 James & Diane Brock
Robert & Jennifer Gettys
11:00 David & Stephanie DeVoe
Mark & Val Oviatt

April 29

- 9:00 Tom & Sue Candler
Lee & Nancy Smith
11:00 Barbara Bodenheimer
Scott & Pat Briggs



ATTENTION SENIORS

A handyman volunteer is available to help any of our senior members or visitors with minor home repairs. Please contact Barbara Bodenheimer (770-971-3252) or Pat Provan (770-973-2671) to make an appointment with a handyman.

Middle High & Senior High Parents

All cooks please sign-up for Wild Side Sunday night dinners. We need folks to provide dinners in April and May. The sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board or email Jeanette Gowen at singingcayman@comcast.net.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOOD DAY

The Habitat for Humanity build starts in May. EPC is responsible for food on Saturday, May 12. A sign-up sheet will be available soon in the narthex. Volunteers are needed to supply food items and help on the site to serve food and keep the builders hydrated. Contact Jeanette Gowen for details at singingcayman@comcast.net.

KUDOS

A big THANKS goes out to all the folks who helped make the Youth Garage Sale in March a huge success. There are too many names to list, but there were pick-up/delivery guys, organizers, pricers, cashiers, adults and youth who sold items and helped clean up after the event, and many, many church members who donated items for sale. It was a collective effort which raised approximately \$3,600 for our youth mission trip this summer! So, give yourselves a big pat on the back, and thanks be to God for being with us every step of the way.

APRIL YOUTH SCHEDULE

- 1 Wild Side 6-8pm Movie Night (FH)
- 4 NO Element
- 6 NO SH Fellowship Breakfast
- 8 NO Wild Side
- 11 The Element 7-8:30pm (CR)
- 13 SH Fellowship Breakfast
- 15 Wild Side 6-8pm (FH)
- 18 The Element 7-8:30pm (CR)
- 20 SH Fellowship Breakfast
- 22 MH & SH go play Whirley Ball in Roswell 6-8pm
- 25 The Element 7-8:30pm (CR)
- 27 SH Fellowship Breakfast
- 28 Noah's Ark Mission Project 7:15am-4:30pm
- 29 MH Wild Side 6-8pm (FH)
- 29 SH at Heritage Presbyterian Church TBA - Presbytery Youth Meeting

GENESIS CIRCLE

Our meeting is on Thursday, April 12, 7pm in the parlor. We will be studying Lesson Five in Horizons, "*Perspectives on the Outside Hagar*". Harriette Majoros will lead the lesson. If we get the books, we will try to get them to you before the meeting. Questions? Call Joyce Lester at 770-5654001, or Marilyn Lewis at 770-579-1716.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Well ladies, the spring weather has finally arrived! And soon it'll be time to "spring" on over to the parlor for our next Circle of Friends meeting. This month's meeting will be Wednesday, April 11th from 10:00 to 11:30 am. We plan to discuss Chapters 10 and 11 of our book, *Cultivating Contentment*, by Luci Swindoll as well as consider study material for our meetings beginning next fall so you don't want to miss this one! Contact Jennifer Gettys (770-578-9525) or Janie Bunch (770-579-1301) for more information and to secure child care. See you there!

SPUNKY SPIRITS

The Spunky Spirits Circle will be meeting April 12, at the home of Snookie Goldberg. We will continue our study of *Finding Joy*. Please bring a dish to share and join us at 11:00 am for fun and fellowship. If you will be unable to attend, please contact Snookie at 770-971-4539. For more information about our circle, please contact Barbara Duda 770-321-4400 or Susan Bryg 770-565-2852.

SHARIN' & CARIN' CIRCLE

The Sharin' & Carin' Circle will be meeting April 9, in the Church Parlor at 10:00 am. We will be making additional Chrismons for the Sanctuary Christmas Tree. Come join us and learn to do counted cross-stitch while making a lovely ornament for our church. For more information, please contact Shirley Byrd - 770-517-9518 or Jane Merry - 678-560-0218. (Childcare provided)

MISSION TEAM

A gentle reminder that the United Mission Offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 1st.

Annual Presbyterian Women's Retreat

This is an invitation for all women to join us this year for the Annual PW Retreat at Red Top Mountain. We had approximately 25 women from our church attend last year. We had a great weekend filled with fellowship and spiritual learning. This year the retreat begins on Saturday, April 28 and ends on Sunday, April 29, at noon. This year's speaker will be the Rev. Sandra Fox.

Again this year we will be staying in the cabins at Red Top. For ladies interested in staying at the cabins, we will be staying Friday and Saturday night. Each cabin sleeps 4 comfortably. We will also be having a "Retreat with in a Retreat". You can also drive up and attend the retreat for the day. Red Top Mountain is only a 45-minute drive.

The cost for the retreat is \$92.00, including lodging and registration. The cost for the retreat only is \$30. The cost includes: continental breakfast, lunch and snacks on Saturday and a full breakfast on Sunday.

For those interested in joining us at the cabins for a "Retreat within a Retreat", please send a \$35 deposit to Amy Allen so we can reserve the cabins. Eastminster PW and Cherokee PW both have scholarships available.

SCOUT'S CORNER

"Aloha, Cub Scouts" was the theme for the Blue and Gold Banquet celebrated on February 24th by Pack 565. A wonderful program featuring advancements, awards, songs and skits was enjoyed by 200 members of our scouting family. We said good-bye to our Webelos II Leaders, and the 12 boys who crossed over to three different Boy Scout Troops on March 3rd...it seems that only yesterday that they were 1st graders in bright orange Tiger uniforms. Many special people were formally recognized and thanked for their valuable contributions to our Pack. McFarlane Farm Park was the site of the Arrow of Light and Crossover Ceremony. After visiting many wonderful Troops in the East Cobb area, the boys made their decisions and met with their prospective Scout Masters. March 3rd and 4th proved to be a memory making event for the boys, parents, and leaders during an impressive Arrow of Light and Flaming Arrow Cross-over Ceremony. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest honor that a Cub Scout can earn. Pack 565 is proud to have 15 recipients of this award along with four "Super Achievers." Our "Super Achievers" are James-Michael Clay, Ian Berryman, Daniel White and Mark Moran. They earned all 20 of the Webelos Activity pins. Pack 565 is getting ready for Spring and Summer activities. We are responsible for the Foothills District Spring Family Camping event in May, and are looking forward to a fun weekend. For those with boys finishing kindergarten and who might be interested in scouting – summer is a great time to start! The Foothills District has a week long day camp in June, and our Pack has activities planned through the summer vacation. Summer is a great time to check out scouting...but we think "it's always a great day for Scouting!" We would love to have you!

Cindy Moran: whmracer99@aol.com

HOLD THE PRESSES

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE CELEBRATION WORSHIP TEAM

We are pleased and blessed to have Chas Childers join the Eastminster staff as Celebration Worship Leader. Chas has more than two decades of experience as a worship leader, musician, composer, and producer. He has helped several other churches create and/or grow powerful worship ministries. Chas will play a key role in helping us start our third worship service later this year.

Chas and his wife, Nancy, have two sons: Chase age 20, a sophomore at Georgia State, and Chance, age 15. Please join us in welcoming them all to our church family.

More information on the additional service will come later. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining the Celebration Team in a technical (audio/video) or artistic capacity, please let us know.

Jason Willard - jwwepc@hotmail.com
Barbara Tahsler - barbaratahsler@comcast.net

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 18, 2007

- ◆ The following members of the Confirmation Class of 2007 were examined by the Session and received into membership: Kris Bindeman, Rebecca Chesser, Cole Erickson, Drew Nielson, Lillian Scott, Sara Stockman, Meagan Will, Amy Watson, and Matt Watson. Gabby Toro and Jeff Toro had joined at an earlier time, but were recognized for completing the confirmation class.
 - ◆ Elder J. Willard presented a motion from the Worship Team to offer Chas Childers a part-time position on our church administrative staff, beginning April 2, 2007 to plan and implement Celebration Services at EPC. Mr. Childers will report to the head of staff, Dr. Bullock. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - ◆ Session approved the baptism of Olivia Luke Carney, infant child of members Marion Luke and David Carney, on March 18, 2007 at the 11:00 service
 - ◆ Session approved restoring Barbara Schmeelk to active membership at her request.
 - ◆ By common consent the Session approved the wedding of new members Charlie Fields and Annette Strawn on March 10, 2007 with Dr. Bullock officiating.
 - ◆ Session voted unanimously to empower the trustees to organize a team to make recommendations regarding the protection and retention of vital records and report back to the Session.
 - ◆ Session approved a motion that Susan Welborn be approved to teach the upcoming Women's Adult Sunday School class.
 - ◆ Session approved the youth group, the Element, be granted permission to hold meetings at the homes of Tom Schuette and Alan Gibson, and that occasional meetings take place at local Starbucks with transportation provided by youth group leaders.
 - ◆ A motion that the group, Georgia Stewards of Children be permitted to present it's program for adults concerning recognizing the signs of sexual abuse at Eastminster at a time yet to be announced was approved.
 - ◆ Session also approved a motion that the Girl Scouts of America be allowed to give a presentation on April 29, 2007 at the church for the purpose of starting a Girl Scout Troop at Eastminster.
 - ◆ A motion that the youth group be granted permission to attend an off-campus meeting at Heritage Presbyterian Church on April 29, 2007 for the purpose of presbytery-wide youth group meeting was approved.
 - ◆ Session approved a request from the Evangelism Team to place a vinyl banner in the front of the church advertising our Easter Services and times.
 - ◆ Session approved adding Cobb Pregnancy Services as an Eastminster mission. Contributions to all missions are dependent on the amount of money collected from the United Mission Offering and the Fall Festival.
 - ◆ Session approved Ellen Parkerson as a member of the Stewardship and Finance Team.
 - ◆ The Building and Grounds Team submitted and Session approved revisions to the Session Manual regarding policy for use of church facilities and the fee structure for such use.
 - ◆ Elder D. Kretsch made a motion that an ad from Eastminster be placed in the Temple Kol Emeth Event Program and Tribute Journal celebrating the Temple's 25th Anniversary. The motion was seconded and approved.
 - ◆ The Session approved an expenditure from the Barnabas Fund in the amount \$902.00 to assist a member of the congregation with medical bills.
 - ◆ Dr. Erskine reported that a member of the congregation has made a financial contribution of \$100,000 for the specific purpose of purchasing the property adjacent to the church. There was discussion on how best to present this to the congregation, as a substantial amount would still need to be raised for this purchase to be made. The Session passed a motion unanimously, by grace and through faith, to send a letter to the congregation, with a follow-up message from the pulpit, outlining the situation and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through the congregation in order that God's will be done.
 - ◆ The next Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery will be on May 22, 2007 at 5:00 PM at the Lebanon Church in Jasper. The four commissioners will be A. Gibson, D. Kretsch, M. Gardner, and S. Sharp. J. Ortega will serve as an alternate.
- The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on April 21, 2007 at the Session Retreat.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Jones, Clerk to Session



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Well Done!

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness! ~ Matthew 25:23

We should always strive to be good stewards of the resources God shares with us. In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus speaks to a time when the master returned to his servants, and settled accounts with them.

As we continue to Build Christian Lives through the ministries of our church, continue to be mindful that all you have is given by the grace of God. Prayerfully consider your stewardship, as you reflect on your appointment calendars and offerings.

Imagine the joy of hearing the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant"!

April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 5p Youth Choir 6p Youth Groups	2 Spring Break ---- 7p S.M. Sup. (6)	3 7a Prayer Group (P) 6:30p Den 3 (7)	4 10a Garden Club (FH) 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6:30p Handbell Choir 7p Men's Bible Study (7) 7:30p Chancel Choir	5 6p Worship (P) 7p Maundy Thursday Service	6 7p Good Friday Service 8:15p Movie (FH) Passion of the Christ	7 8a Job Seekers (FH)
8 Easter 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 4p Wolf (6)	9 6p Wolf (FH) 7p CT Meeting (P) 7p Fellowship (7) 7:30p Cong. Care (6) 7:30p Evang. (CR)	10 7a Prayer Group (P) 4p Cub Scouts (FH) 6p A&P (CR) 6:30p Webelo 11 (FH) 6:30p Bear (7) 6:30p Webelo 1 (6) 7:30p Boy Scout (CR) 7p Finance (P)	11 10a Circle of Friends (P) 10a Bible Study (P) 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbell Choir 7p The Element (T) 7p Experiencing God 7p Men's Bible Study (7) 7:30p Chancel Choir	12 11a Spunky Spirits 7p CE (6) 7p Thurs Eve Cir (P) 7p Square Dance (FH)	13 7:15 Senior High Youth - Einsteins Cursillo Reunion 7:30p Men's Softball	14 Couples' Bridge
15 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 5p Youth Choir 6p Youth Groups (FH)	16 7p Men's Min. (FH) 7p S. M. Sup (6)	17 7a Prayer Group (P) 6:30p Health Min. (P) 7:30p Boy Scout (CR)	18 10a Bible Study (P) 4p Prime Time (P) 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbells 7p The Element 7p Experiencing God 7:15p Happy Rocks (FH) 7p Men's Bible Study (7) 7:30p Chancel Choir	19 12 Session Leadership Retreat 6:30p Rehearsal 9:30p Men's Softball	20 7:15 Senior High Youth - Einsteins 4p Pyum Wedding (Tim officiating) Suppers of Eight	21 8a Job Seekers (FH)
22 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 5p Youth Choir 6p Youth Groups (FH)	23 6:30p Pack 565 (FH) 7:30p Boy Scout (CR) 7:30p Mission (P)	24 7a Prayer Group (P) 6:30p Pack 565 (FH) 7:30p Boy Scout (CR) 7:30p Mission (P)	25 10a Bible Study (P) 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbell Choir 7p The Element (T) 7p Experiencing God 7p Men's Bible Study (7) 7:30p Chancel Choir	26 7p Square Dance (FH)	27 7:15 Senior High Youth - Einsteins 9:30p Men's Softball	28 Youth—Noah's Ark Mission
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