

Leaps & Bounds



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“CARPE DIEM!”

When writing for *Leaps & Bounds* during the summer months, I have often been tempted to write something with the title, “*Why Attend Church in the Summer Anyway?!*” Rather than overstate the obvious, I encourage you to take a little time and ask yourself how you would answer.

This past Sunday, I spoke of how I am hearing more and more comments from our elders and members about how excited they are about what they are seeing and experiencing at Eastminster this year. I am hearing words such as “*renewal*” and “*revival*” and “*life changing!*” It is certainly true that the Holy Spirit is powerfully at work in the lives of all who will open their lives to Him. It is with great joy that I tell you that I am seeing our member’s lives spiritually deepened and our church becoming a much more spiritual congregation. I have but to listen to our Session or watch how attentive those who attend worship are and how engaged in worship. You may have heard me say that any church that has 150 of their members involved in “*Experiencing God*” groups is in midst of a Spiritual Awakening!

The tremendous thing about all of this is that we are experiencing the kind of spiritual deepening that becomes a part of the way we do life. For many *this means learning to start with God rather than ourselves*. That means “*looking to see where God is at work and joining Him!*” Just think how this changes the way we do church together.

For others, this means that our hearts have been so deeply affected so that we find ourselves moved to engage in God’s activities all around us and most certainly within us. Where once we might have been lukewarm about “religious matters” we now find ourselves living most of the time with our hearts engaged! *Here, I am at one mind with the great theologian of the First Great Awakening, Jonathan Edwards, who taught us that the intellectual life and the passionate life should be friends, not enemies.* The result, in the words of spiritual writer, Richard Foster, is that “*without the slightest contradiction it is possible to be both tough minded and tenderhearted. What we learn most to do is to descend with the mind into our heart and there wait in anticipation for the heavenly Whisper.*”

All of a sudden we find ourselves hungering and thirsting after spiritual things. That is when we really begin to grow spiritually. What is spiritual growth? “Spiritual growth is primarily growth in responsiveness and expressiveness of life in the Spirit” writes practical theologian, R. Paul Stevens. “*It is then,*” as Tony Campolo says in his book, *Carpe Diem*, “*that we find ourselves able to ‘seize life’ and live it passionately, engaging each moment with intensity and gaining from life all that it has to offer.*” Only then, will we be able to overcome, the deadness that pervades the culture all around us.

Now there is a reason “*to come to church in the summer!*”

Dr. Bob



The following graduates were recognized and honored in May

David Adam Brentzel, from Walton High School will be attending Georgia Southern University;

Leanne Chesser from Lassiter High School will be attending Kennesaw State University;

Katie Crock, from Lassiter High School will be attending Valdosta State;

Gordon Carswell, Jr., from Kennesaw State University;

Meredith Hall, from University of Georgia;

Kristen Hanson, from Math and Science Magnet Center at Wheeler High School will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology;

Kelly Hishta, from Washington and Lee University;

Kali Ramsey, from Sprayberry High School will be attending Georgia State University;

Ryan Will, from Math and Science Magnet Center at Wheeler High School will be attending UGA or Penn State;

Jillian Wood, from Pope High School will be attending Georgia Southern University.



CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals are on a summer schedule.

Check calendar



WOMEN'S PLACE

The Women's Place Sunday School Class has ended. We will resume on August 19th. Susan Welborn will be leading the women in a study on Hebrews, referring the book "Holding Out For a Hero" written by Lisa Harper. Lisa is a well known Presbyterian Bible scholar and speaker. She combines her passion for Christ and her humorous adventures to instruct women on daily living. All women are welcome and encouraged to join in this special time of inspiration and fellowship.

FALL FESTIVAL

This is one of the most important events at Eastminster. It is a great opportunity to reach out into our community and to raise money for our missions! All the money raised goes to support our missions. We will need many volunteers, but right now we are looking for one special couple (or two special singles) who would like to join our leadership team. We have three wonderful couples now - we need one more. Please prayerfully consider being a part of a wonderful event.

ROME BRAVE'S GAME

June 23

Hurry and get your tickets for a fun fellowship outing to see the Rome Braves! \$20 gets you transportation in a coach bus to and from the game and a ticket to the game. *Tickets will be sold in the narthex.* The bus will leave the church at 5pm. 100 seats have been reserved at the stadium (so far) with more to be added if necessary. Please come and join us for a great trip to Rome! For more information, contact Robert Chesser at 770-924-6318.

BIRTHDAYS for June

2	Gloria West	17	Lauren Freeman
2	Theodore Yu	18	Phillip DeVoe
3	Vicky Ryder	19	Elaine Malone
3	Margaret Caput	20	Luke Carney
3	Leanne Chesser	21	Ken Johnson
4	Tyler Tolbert	21	Angie Wessner
5	Snookie Goldberg	21	Alaine Bayless
6	Drew Nielsen	21	Rich Nigro
6	Devyn Smith	21	Julie Brentzel
6	Hawthorne Brown	21	Kellen Brown
7	David Carney	22	Gabby Toro
7	Chase Smith	22	Cristina Barrios
8	Carolyn Bigler	23	Melinda Swann
8	Cathy Erskine	23	Tyler Turner
9	Martha Powers	24	Lewis Wiggins
9	Jeff Jones	24	Suzanne Edmond
9	Chuck Stallworth	25	Elaine Crock
10	Larry McIntire	26	Tommy Nickles
10	Jonathan Michael	26	Mary Pooser
11	Cathy Clark	28	Dottie Cass
11	Alex Baur	28	Troy DenHerder
11	Jocelyn Buckley	28	Brittany Parkerson
12	Gordon Brackett	29	Saundra Huckaby
13	Neil Morgan	29	Jason Brock
13	Bob Mehlhouse	29	Cooper Harned
13	Nancy Smith	30	Andrew Sain
13	Katie Schlecht	30	Kathryn Barrios
15	Jennifer Becker	30	Kevin Melcher
16	Tyler Melton	30	Trent Ice

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Michael & Tanya Pocino
1	Andy & Mary Evelyn Starnes
3	Eric & Julie John
5	Don & Emily Bortz
5	Scott & Amy Frost
5	Walt & Sarah Keller
6	Ben & Kathy Keeler
7	Don & Arline Fifield
7	Marlon & Suzanne Will
9	Vir & Lucy Nanda
9	Ed & Connie Winn
10	James & Diane Brock
11	David & Shannon Blakely
11	Maynard & Mary Ann Gardner
13	Paul & Jane Kennedy
13	John & Nancy Speiser
14	Jim & Lynette Saine
15	Reed & Elisabeth Goodwin
17	Tom & Doris Funk
17	Mike & Helen Moran
20	Bob & Marie Clark
20	Bill & Carolyn Keappler
20	Russ & Jane Schlecht
21	Larry & Janet McIntire
21	Alan & Lynne Segars
24	Jim & Saundra Huckaby
24	Jason & Karrie Willard
26	Sonny & Lynn Hall
26	Mark & Val Oviatt
28	Joe & Vani Arcuragi
30	Jay & Leslie Michael
30	Mark & Alana Nigro



HERE'S A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

Long Range Planning is collecting all congregational surveys and will report to Session with your interests. If you have not turned in your survey, please do ASAP. There are extra survey forms available in the narthex.

GREETERS

June 3

9:00 Cary & Darla Erickson
Kirk & Karen Lakeman

11:00 Ken Jacquot
Ginna Coffey

June 10

9:00 Craig & Heidi Morris
Tom & Kathy O'Leary

11:00 Pamela Kemery
David & Tonya Pirlot

June 17

9:00 John & Leah Ortega
Van & Becky Sammons

11:00 Robert & Jeanne Chesser
Ed & Susan Bryg

June 24

9:00 Mark & Val Oviatt
Harry Owen

11:00 Tom & Kathy Schuette
Joe & Vani Arcuragi



CPR/AED CLASS

The American Heart Association CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Classes will be held in fellowship hall Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Saturday, June 16, 10 - noon. Sign up sheets will be available in the narthex. The cost is \$25 per person for the 2 year Certification. Anyone over 10 years old is welcome! For questions, call Kathy Wolfram at 770-315-5357.

THANK YOU

Leaving a congregation is something Cathy and I have never gotten use to. Sometimes leaving is the exciting part of God's call and other times it is not. Eastminster is one of the latter, leaving is a sad time for us. A year ago the Erskines needed somebody to share Christ's love with ... unconditionally ... and we believe this happened at Eastminster. You opened your arms to us and took us in and that made sharing Christ's love with you easy. This last Sunday's service was such a blessing ... God's Spirit was truly in this place. The reception was incredible....the children, music, love, hugs, tears, well wishes and prayers will be with us for a long time. Your generosity with the cards, posters and love gifts are beyond expression. We are humbled in the same way Christ's love humbled all those He met. We thank you with all our being and thank the Good Lord for our time with each of you. Please know that we will keep you in our prayers and close to our hearts as we begin our ministry in Vicksburg. We'll keep the light on ... please come see us.

Tim and Cathy

Dear Congregation,

I cannot begin to tell you how much your expressions of concern for me and my family has meant during my hospitalization and recuperation. Your phone calls, cards, home cooked meals, and visits did so much to brighten my day and lift my spirits. Most of all, I thank you for your prayers. Know that I felt surrounded by your love. You will never know what this has meant to me. Thanks you all and know that I will always hold this congregation close to my heart.

In Him,
Beth Wilson

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Well ladies, what a wonderful year we have had in Circle of Friends! Janie and I would like to thank each of you for your participation, your wisdom, your laughter, and most importantly, your friendships! Enjoy your summer and we look forward to next year's circle with our new leaders - Teri Gibson and Nita Campbell!

Jennifer Gettys and Janie Bunch

UNITED MISSION REPORT

The Mission Team would like to thank all of the congregation who supported the United Mission Offering. Last month we collected a little over \$20,000 and with the \$10,050 from the 2006 Fall Festival, have a total of \$30,050 that we disbursed to our mission program. Below are the recipients:

- ♦ Carpenters Footsteps - financial support for mission trips
- ♦ Cobb Pregnancy Services - faith based, prenatal services, ultrasounds and infant food and clothing
- ♦ Habitat for Humanity - financial support for housing and volunteers, plus help with the build
- ♦ MUST Ministries - supplies for food pantry, monthly suppers, children's summer lunch program
- ♦ PATH - Presbyterian Answer To Hunger - Donation feeds hungry, 50% domestic and 50% international
- ♦ Presbyterian Homes - donation to Caring Hands Fund
- ♦ R.O.W. - Rivers of the World - financial support and volunteers for world wide mission trips
- ♦ Thornwell Home for Children - support (partial) for two children
- ♦ Two Mission Schools - one in Uganda and one in Ghana (one time donation)
- ♦ Youth and Adult Mission Trips - financial support
- ♦ Support for seminary student.

We thanks you again for joining in serving the Lord with your finances and prayers.

In His Service,
The Mission Team

Total Committed	\$1,444,040
April Receipts	20,816
Total Receipts	481,079

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: The "How & Why's" That Make This Ministry Work

Possibly you've encountered someone in your life who is experiencing heartache, despair or depression, and you know they could use support and comfort from someone who cares. So how do you go about finding a Stephen Minister for them? Or perhaps you've been feeling a 'tug' at your heart to get involved in a caring ministry program, but you don't know what exactly is involved and you have some questions about what makes Stephen Ministry different from other ministry programs. Those questions and more will be answered for you when you join the Stephen Ministry Team for a brief

Informational Reception in the Parlor Sunday, June 3, 10AM

We will be showing a short video along with providing you with additional information outlining this unique Christ-centered Caring Ministry that helps pastors and congregations provide quality care for as long it is needed. Applications will be available for those interested in enrollment for the fall training. Refreshments will be served.



SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 20, 2007

- ◆ The Vision Team of Cherokee Presbytery met with the Session to discuss the mission/ministry of Eastminster and of Cherokee Presbytery now and in the future. The Team will send a report of the meeting to the Session.
- ◆ The Session received and regretfully approved a Letter of Resignation from Elder Terry Tolbert.
- ◆ Session approved a request for a Letter of Transfer for Ben Wade from Roswell Presbyterian Church.

- ◆ Session approved a congregational meeting following the 11:00 service on June 10, 2007 for the purpose of electing Tom Candler as Elder for the class of 2008 to fill the unexpired term being vacated by Terry Tolbert and to serve as the Chair of the Long Range Planning Team.
- ◆ Session approved the addition of member Becky Melton to the Christian Education team.
- ◆ Session approved the book “Living Beyond Yourself” for use by the Wednesday Morning Bible Study and the “Fuzzy Brains Bible Study” for the Middle and Senior High.
- ◆ The following off- campus activities for the Youth were approved: 7/1- Cook-out at the Byrds from 4-7, 7/15- Youth Field Day, 7/21 Kayaking/Canoe Trip, 7/25- Trip to Panda Express and Dairy Queen, 7/27-29- Trip to Joe Walls cabin, 8/4- Laser Show at Stone Mountain Park, 8/19- Pool Party at Crock’s house.

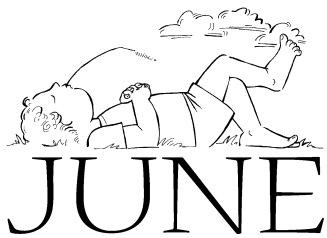
- ◆ Session approved a motion to contract Olan Mills for the 2007 Eastminster Pictorial Directory. Tentative dates have been set up for the fall; there will be no charge to Eastminster for the directories.
- ◆ Session approved the date for the Fall Festival as Saturday, October 6, 2007.
- ◆ Session approved the following motions from the Fellowship Team: 1) Presbyterian Women will hold their Fall Luncheon, Sunday, September 9th at 12:30. 2) Presbyterian Women will sponsor a prayer group, Sisters in Prayer, to meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 to pray as a group. 3) Presbyterian Women will sell note cards at the Fall Festival; 8/\$10 with the proceeds going to the Parlor Fund. 4) Craftsmen Ministry will host a cookout immediately following the 11:00 worship on August 12th (Team Up For Fall Day). 5) Craftsmen Ministry will host a Fish Fry immediately following the 11:00 worship on November 11th. 6) The Halloween Carnival will be held Saturday, October 27th from 2:00-4:00. 7) The annual Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 8th at Brookfield CC. 8) Allison Hayes will coordinate a church wide rafting trip to Appalachian Outfitters in Dahlonega, GA, July 21st. 9) Allison Hayes will coordinate a 20’s Small Group to meet periodically; have dinner, fun and fellowship (similar to Paris & Spares and Boomers Plus.)

- ◆ Session approved a motion to accept a gift from a congregant of \$1,200 designated for repairs and/or replacements of existing audio system in the sanctuary.
- ◆ Session approved the purchase of 360 NIV Bibles to be placed in the sanctuary at a total cost of \$1,985.18, including shipping. The contribution for the purchase of the Bibles was approved at the February Session meeting.
- ◆ The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on June 24, 2007 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet McIntire, Acting Clerk to Session

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FH - Fellowship Hall CR - Choir Room P - Parlor H - Homes 6 - Classroom #6 7 - Classroom #7					1 8:30p Men's Softball	2 6:30a Men's Gp (P) 8a Job Seekers (FH)
3 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 10a Stephen Min (P) 11a Worship 12:15p Visitor's Lunch 2:30p Celebration Rehearsal (FH) 6p Youth Sunday Rehearsal	4 7p S.M. Super. (6) 7:30p B&G (P)	5 7a Prayer Group (P) 6:30p Den 3 (7) 7p Celebration Tm (P) 7p CE (6)	6 10a Women's Study (P) 6:30p CPR/AED (FH)	7 6p Worship (P) 7p Bunko (H) 9:30p Men's Sm Gp (P)	8 9:30p Men's Softball	9 9a Mission Trip Training (FH) Couples Bridge
10 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 10a New Member Cl 11a Worship 12:15p Congregational Meeting Youth Leave for Montreat 2:30p Celebration Rehearsal (FH)	11 7p Fellowship (7) 7p Finance (P) 7:30p Cong. Care (6) 7:30p Evangelism (CR)	12 7a Prayer Group (P) 6p A&P (P)	13 10a Women's Study (P) 7p Chancel Choir	14 7p Craftmen's Team (6) 9:30p Men's Sm Gp (P)	15 6:30p Men's Softball	16 6:30a Men's Gp (P) 8a Job Seekers (FH) 10a CPR/AED (FH)
17 Father's Day Youth Sunday 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 10a New Member Cl 11a Worship 2:30p Celebration Rehearsal (FH)	18 10a Bridge (H) 7p Mom's Fellow (H) 7p Men's Ministry (FH) 7p Stephen Sup. (P)	19 7a Prayer Group (P) 6p Girl Scouts (FH) 6:30p Health Min. (P) 7p Bridge (H) 7:30p Celebration (6)	20 10a Women's Study (P) 6p Youth Movie Night	21 9:30p Men's Sm Gp (P)	22 7:30p Men's Softball	23 Youth Leave for Mission Trip - - - - - - Rome Braves Game
24 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 10a New Member Cl 11a Worship 12:15p Spiritual Treasurers (P) 12:30p Session (FH)	25 -----	26 7a Prayer Group (P)	27 10a Women's Study (P) 7p Chancel Choir	28 7p Sisters in Prayer (P)	29 -----	30 6:30p Men's Gp (P) (CLC—Montreat)



Fall Festival 07

What You Can Do

Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, October 6, 10am-3pm

Sign Up: Volunteer now for committees. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex soon. Committee chairpersons are needed for all positions

Get the Word Out! Tell your friends, classmates, relatives and coworkers about Fall Festival. Remember that all the money we raise goes to fund missions such as Habitat for Humanity, MUST, PATH, ROW and Thornwell Children's Home. Having fun and eating BBQ helps people locally and around the world!