

# Leaps & Bounds

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## “REV UP FOR FALL 2007”

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> for “Rev Up for Fall!” This is the day when our Ministry Teams hold an old fashioned “Ministry/Mission Fair” in Fellowship Hall. Here you may **find out about Ministry and Mission Opportunities galore.**

**Many of our new members tell us how impressed they are** with having so many possibilities from which to choose. For here they find abundant opportunities to grow spiritually and find their place in the Ministry and Mission of our Lord. You can already see why this is important for our new members: for only then will they feel as though they have become an actual part of their new church family.

This is equally important for our members who have been at Eastminster for some time. You may be among our long time members or even an elder who served faithfully and then rotated off Session. You may be a Sunday School teacher who has taught for years and has decided it is time to take a break from teaching. Still yet, you may have just rotated off the Nominating, Mission, or Long Range Planning Team. **Rather than say, “I’ve already done my part” and retire to occasionally attending worship, we hope you will find yet another place to faithfully serve our Lord and His church.**

Why is all of this important? **Just as our medical doctor tells us that it is important to stay active physically, it is important to stay active spiritually.** Otherwise our spiritual life may stall or worse yet, crash and burn so that it is of little help to us at all. I am sad to say that I have seen many fine Christians drift away from the church after years of faithful service. It is as though some wizard put the sleep on them spiritually. They linger in the unhappy state of the twilight of inactivity and are of no use to their church or their Lord and of little use to themselves for that matter!

**To assist us all in staying actively engaged and on the proverbial “cutting edge” of our lives spiritually, our Ministry Teams have provided us with numerous opportunities to engage or reengage.** So now the invitation has gone out and it is up to each of us to “accept or decline.” Perhaps it makes a difference if we realize that our invitation has come from the Lord of the Church Himself. It is Christ Himself who invites each of us into His Ministry and Mission through His Church and into the World.

During worship every Sunday we are encouraged to take some actions that will deepen our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we are offered a myriad of ministry and mission opportunities to serve Him! You may see them for yourselves on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> between 10 and 11 am in Fellowship Hall. Then enjoy lunch provided by the Craftsmen and enjoy hearing *The Road* praise and worship band perform on the steps of the sanctuary.

*Seeking to help you find your special place at Eastminster,*

*Dr. Bob*

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Aug. 4 - Laser show at Stone Mtn. Park  
Aug. 15 - Introduce new Bible Study at the Element  
Aug. 19 - Tentative Pool party at the Crock's house

## Wednesday Night Dinners are Back!!!

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

(\* notes healthy options)

### **August 15**

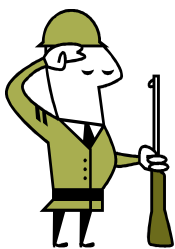
Lasagna, Spaghetti w/meatballs, Tortellini,  
\*Italian Chicken/veggie skewers  
Italian Salad Rolls/Bread  
Dessert

### **August 22**

Beef Bourguignon \*Chicken Scaloppini  
Buttered Noodles Carrots  
Green Salad Rolls/Bread Dessert  
Kids: Chicken Fingers, Tater Tots

### **August 29**

BBQ Pork, Wet & \*Dry  
Fried Chicken  
Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans  
Cole Slaw Rolls/Bread  
Dessert



## FAMILY MEMBER IN THE MILITARY?

We are currently collecting photos of our church member's and their immediate family who are in the armed forces for a tribute page in our upcoming pictorial directory. We prefer it be in their military uniform. Please email your photos to Janet McIntire at [janetmcintire2@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmcintire2@yahoo.com) or put it in Ken Jacquot's or Janet McIntire's box in the ushers' closet.

## EASTMINSTER MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We are publishing a new membership directory this fall and this year it's easier than ever to schedule your family portraits by Olan Mills. Photographers will be at the church on specific days in September and October (you will see these dates when you link to the appointment site).

To schedule your photo session simply log on to our web site ([www.epres.org](http://www.epres.org)) and select the "Directory Picture Schedules" link on the left side of the Home Page.

Fill out as much of the form as you can as this information is what will be listed in the directory. The "password" and "confirm password" field should also be entered – make up a password (this is *not* necessarily the current password for your e-mail account – only if you want it to be) as this must be entered in the future for any changes you may want to make to your information listed on the form.

This online signup process is only available through August 20<sup>th</sup> so get onto the site and pick the time you want for your session. The sooner you do this, the more appointment times will be available.

In church sign-up Sundays are August 26, and September 2, 9 and 16.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to:

Lessie and Dick Smith on the death of Lessie's father;  
Caroline and Larue Cribb on the death of Caroline's mother.



**THANK YOU** to all who helped make The Road's first Concert on the Lawn such a HUGE success! Not only were our own members able to get a glimpse of what our new contemporary service will be like – we were also able to reach out to the community around us! What an opportunity to share the message of Jesus Christ with our Eastminster neighbors! For those of

you who were not able to attend our July 14<sup>th</sup> concert, don't worry! We are planning another one on August 12<sup>th</sup> – our Rev Up for Fall Sunday! And of course, The Road officially begins Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary!

Until His nets are full!  
*The Road Team*

## BIRTHDAYS for August

2	John Buchanan	17	Ella Starnes
2	Todd Byrd	18	David Brentzel
4	Helen Moran	18	Brady John
4	David Pirlot	19	Don Fifield
4	Memusi Ntore	20	Grant Thomas
4	Noah Hammett	21	Marge Thomson
5	Sherry Stone Benson	21	Paul West
5	Paige Hammett	22	Connie Weems Scott
5	Daniel Jones	23	Paul Denison
6	Kaiya McGillis	23	Karl Touset
8	Jane Kennedy	23	Mike Hays
8	Randy Tahsler	23	Jessica Welborn
8	Reed Goodwin	24	Parker Morris
9	Dan Wolfram	25	Sally Stebbins
11	Judy Humphreys	25	Chelsea Darling
12	Roger Stringer	26	Russ Eckerman
12	Lynne Segars	26	Braden Gibson
12	Betsy McConnell	27	Merrilyn Burke
12	Sarah Jane Wardlaw	27	Anderson Taylor
13	Phillip Flood	28	Laurie McGillis
13	Ashley Frost	28	Adrian Barrios
14	Dave Boyenga	29	Jim Huckaby
14	Wendi Shreiner	29	Joe Arcuragi
15	Kathy Wolfram	29	Laura Abbott
17	Debbie Bussart	29	Reston Goodwin
17	Patrick Melton	29	Tyler Sphar
17	Christy Thomas		

## ANNIVERSARIES

3	Stan & Merrilee Morris
5	Mike & Jennie Adams
5	Jack & Cathy Clark
5	Hal & Ellen Parkerson
7	Will & Andrea Aubry
7	Lee & Nancy Smith
8	Randy & Jennifer Gehman
10	Stan & Flo Sharp
10	Lewis & Myrall Wiggins
11	Roger & Suzanne Yates
12	Karl & Sharon Melcher
14	Harry & Merrilyn Burke
14	Kevin & Diane Hishta
14	Stan & Judy Parkinson
15	Todd & Shirley Byrd
15	Tom & Sara Dilworth
15	Kevin & Christi Laverty
16	Dave & Carolyn Bigler
18	Chuck & Linda Stallworth
19	Rodney & Karen Clark
24	Bryan & Cameron Pauquette
25	Al & Dottie Cass
25	Dick & Elaine Crock
27	William & Cindy Moran
27	Tom & Marge Thomson
29	John & Janie Bunch
31	Tom & Jane Baskin

## ATTENTION SENIORS



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

## **GREETERS**

### **August 5**

9:00 Harry & Bonnie Anton  
Jim & Joyce Coleman

11:00 Allen & Janet Warren  
Andrew & Leigh Sain

### **August 12**

9:00 John & Lynne Buchanan  
Kevin & Diane Hishta

11:00 Debbie Moore  
Dennis & Cheri Olivier

### **August 19**

9:00 Karl & Susan Touset  
TBA

11:00 George & Jane Merry  
TBA

### **August 26**

9:00 Devin & Sara Brown  
Larue & Caroline Cribb

11:00 Ginna Coffey  
Glenn & Beth Bousquet

## **PLEASE, BRING JUNK!**

We need lots of items for our new Wednesday night kids program. Please bring the items to Allison Scholtens:

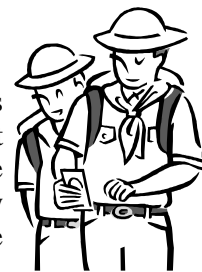
empty toilet paper rolls  
laundry detergent scoopers  
old road maps                      glass jars  
plastic jug lids                      egg cartons  
plastic butter tubs                      coffee cans  
small medicine bottles                      pie tins  
empty tissue boxes                      Pringles cans  
packing peanuts                      empty 2-liters  
metal clothes hangers                      newspapers  
baby food jars                      shoe boxes  
buttons



## **WOMEN'S PLACE**

The Women's Place Sunday School Class will resume on August 19<sup>th</sup>. 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. Please sign-up at "Rev Up For Fall" on August 12 in the fellowship hall.

## **SCOUT'S CORNER**



Summer fun continues in Pack 565! Our Webelo I's and II's had a great time at their encampment last month. They worked hard, played hard and came home with wonderful memories and three activity pins to their credit. Our next Pack activity will be bowling at Brunswick Lanes on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Pack 565 will participate in the "Scouting's Sunrise" Celebration on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a worldwide event that celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Scouting. The Atlanta Area Council Volunteer Service Center will be the site of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all scouts in our area. Four of our scouts will be a part of the international color guard during the parade of nations. We continue to maintain a well run, highly visible and FUN Cub Scout Pack. We want to increase the number of boys in Pack 565 who worship at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Please stop by and talk to us at "Rev Up For Fall" on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Join us at any of our activities – your family is always welcome !

Tigers and their Adult Partners: 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Wolves: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Bears: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Webelos I: 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Webelos II: 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Cindy Moran, Webelos I Leader

*Cindy Moran, Pack Committee Chair*

*Whmracer99@aol.com*

## CHRIST'S CARE, THROUGH HIS PEOPLE



Eastminster is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Stephen Ministers help to meet the needs of individuals who are:

- ◆ Homebound/alone
- ◆ Hospitalized/recently discharged
- ◆ Facing serious or terminal illness
- ◆ Experiencing major adjustments to jobs/careers/residences
- ◆ Residents of long-term care facilities
- ◆ Facing decisions on future care of aging parents/spouses
- ◆ Experiencing absences of family members due to death, school, military assignments, marriages, or divorces
- ◆ Persons adjusting to becoming single parents

If you or someone you know is experiencing a life crisis, you may benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister. For more information contact Beth Bullock (770-363-7034), Emily Gilbert (678-520-1114), or Lessie Smith (770-973-8827).



### SUPPERS OF EIGHT

The third Saturday is to be set aside by the participants of Suppers of Eight. For those who are not acquainted with this program, it is a wonderful way to meet and get to know other members or visitors. Participants spend one evening in September, October and November with three other couples. Each couple brings one food course to help the host family with the meal! Singles are welcome to sign-up also. Please complete the form below and place in the offering plate or call Reta Frew at 770-955-0588. The deadline to sign up is August 12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate here if you wish to participate only as an alternate (on a periodic basis if a primary participant is not available).



### MUST LUNCHES

Volunteers are needed to help make sandwiches and assemble sack lunches the following days:

Monday, August 6, 10 AM

Tuesday, August 7, 10 AM

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Calling all ladies of Eastminster! We would love you to join Circle of Friends for another year of great Bible study and fellowship! In September, we will begin our study of *Celebrating Life!: Catching the Thieves that Steal Your Joy* by Luci Swindoll. If you are interested in joining us this year, please sign up during the Rev Up For Fall event on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the book will be available then and the cost is just \$6.00! Circle of Friends meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the parlor. Join us!

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED

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

# August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a Bible Study (P)	2 6p Worship (P) 7p Bunko (H)	3	4 8a Job Seekers (FH)  4p Youth Laser Show @ Stone Mtn.
5 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Called Session 2:00p Celebration Rehearsal (S)	6 10a MUST Lunches  6:30p Nominating Team (7) 7p Stephen Min. (P) 7:30p B&G (6)	7 7a Prayer Group (P) 10a MUST Lunches  7p CE (P) 7:30p Celeb. Team (6) 9p Men's Sm Gp (H)	8  10a Bible Study (P)  7:00p Chancel Choir	9  7p Craftmen's Team (P)	10  7pm Youth	11 6:30a Men's Group (P)   Couples' Bridge (H)
12 <b>Rev Up For Fall</b> 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Lunch 12:45p Concert on the Lawn	13 <b>School Starts</b> 10a Craft Circle (P)  7p CT Meeting 7p Fellowship (7) 7:30p Cong. Care (6) 7:30p Evangelism (CR)	14 7a Prayer Group (P)  6p A&P (P) 7:30p Boy Scout (FH) 7:30p Celeb. Team (6) 9p Men's Sm Gp (H)	15 10a Bible Study (P) 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbells 7p The Element (FH) 7p Bible Study (P) 7p Happy Rocks 1 (6) 7p Happy Rocks 2 (7) 7:30p Chancel Choir	16  7p Girl Scouts (FH)	17 7:15 Senior High Youth - Einsteins	18 8a Job Seekers (FH)
19 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 2:00p Celebration Rehearsal (S)  6p Youth Pool Party @ Crocks	20 10a Bridge (H)  7p Mom's Fellow (H) 7p Men's Ministry (FH) 7p Stephen Min. (P) 7p Finance (6)	21 7a Prayer Group (P)  4p Webelo's I (FH)  7p Bridge (H) 7:30p Celeb. Team (6) 7:30p Boy Scout (FH) 9p Men's Sm Gp (H)	22 10a Bible Study (P) 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbells 7p The Element (FH) 7p Bible Study (P) 7p Happy Rocks 1 (6) 7p Happy Rocks 2 (7) 7:30p Chancel Choir	23  6:30p S. Min. Train (6) 7p Girl Scouts (FH)  7p Sisters in Prayer (P)	24 7:15 Senior High Youth - Einsteins	25 6:30a Men's Group (P)
26 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:30p Session (FH) 2:00p Celebration Rehearsal (S)  6p Youth Groups (FH)	27	28 7a Prayer Group (P)  6:30p Pack 565 (FH) 7:30p Mission (P) 7:30p Boy Scout (CR) 7:30p Celeb. Team (6) 9p Men's Sm Gp (H)	29 10a Bible Study (P) 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbells 7p The Element (FH) 7p Bible Study (P) 7p Happy Rocks 1 (6) 7p Happy Rocks 2 (7) 7:30p Chancel Choir	30  6:30p S. Min. Train. (6)	31 7:15 Senior High Youth - Einsteins	FH - Fellowship Hall CR - Choir Room P - Parlor H - Home 6 - Classroom #6 7 - Classroom #7

# STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE UPDATE

The below figure shows the church financials for the first half of 2007.

	Actual YTD 2007	Budget YTD 2007	Actual Jun-06	Diff \$ 06 to 07	Diff % 06 to 07
<b>Revenues</b>					
General Contributions	299,350	436,710	306,302	(\$6,952)	-2.3%
United Mission Offering	20,803	24,500	25,629	(\$4,826)	-18.8%
Other	14,034	8,100	11,517	\$2,517	21.9%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>334,187</b>	<b>469,310</b>	<b>343,448</b>	<b>(\$9,261)</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Operating Expenses	355,851	528,588	322,117	\$33,734	10.5%
United Mission Offering	20,803	24,500	25,629	(\$4,826)	-18.8%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>376,654</b>	<b>553,088</b>	<b>347,746</b>	<b>\$28,908</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$42,467)</b>	<b>(\$83,778)</b>	<b>(\$4,298)</b>		

Keeping our ministries in full swing takes resources – our time, talents, and treasures. As we prepare to launch “The Road”, and continue to build Christian lives through our ministries, please be faithful in the giving of your resources.

Historically, during the summer months our stewardship contributions fall behind while everyone enjoys time away from home while on vacation. Combining this slow time with the ramp up of our ministries has resulted in a deficit to date (revenue – expenses).

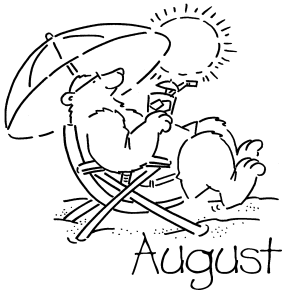
Please be mindful that our ministries take resources consistently year round. We thank you for your prayers and contributions.



## 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.

Sign up sheets are posted in the narthex. Volunteers are needed for all committee chair positions. Many committees do not require a lot of time until September. Sign up now and make this year's Fall Festival a success!



## **Session Meeting Highlights - July 22, 2007**

- ◆ Session approved the baptism of Madison Lauren Bailey, daughter of new members Valerie and Corey Bailey on September 2, 2007 at the 9:00 service.
- ◆ Session approved a request for Letter of Transfer from Roswell Presbyterian Church for Lynn Munari Durham, and a request for Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian of Marietta for Matthew and Valerie Simonian.
- ◆ Session approved Alan Gibson to preach on August 12, 2007 while Dr. Bullock is out of town attending the Presbyterian Coalition, the Presbyterians for Renewal Missional Seminars, and the Presbyterian Global Fellowship Conference in Houston, TX.
- ◆ Session approved inviting the Rev. Joan Gray, Moderator of the General Assembly to preach on Sunday, August 19, 2007. The Fellowship Team will host a reception for Rev. Gray immediately following the 11:00 service.
- ◆ Session approved the Augsburg Fortress Curriculum for Fall Sunday School.
- ◆ Session approved the Christian Education Team publishing a bulletin listing all upcoming Sunday School classes and any pertinent information.
- ◆ August 12, 2007 was approved as “Rev Up for Fall” Sunday.
- ◆ Session approved the addition of Charlotte Hayes to the Fellowship Team to chair the Bridge Groups.
- ◆ Session approved a motion that Cherokee State Bank be allowed to put up a sign indicating that CSB is financing the construction of our new building. The Bank shall be responsible for obtaining and paying the cost of any necessary permits for the sign.
- ◆ Session approved a motion from the Congregational Care Team for two expenditures of \$65 and \$1,185.50 from the Barnabas fund to assist families in the church.
- ◆ Elders Gibson, Gardner, and Sharp reported on the May 22, 2007 meeting of Cherokee Presbytery. The next Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery will be on August 28, 2007 at the Cherokee Retreat Center. J. Bussart, K. Jacquot, J. McIntire, and R. Sherman will serve as commissioners. M. Gardner, A. Gibson, and K. Jones will serve as alternates.
- ◆ There will be a Called Session Meeting to receive new members on August 5, 2007 at 12:15 in the parlor.
- ◆ The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on August 26, 2007 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Jones, Clerk to Session