

# Leaps & Bounds

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## THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

As I write, the finishing touches are being placed upon the Christian Life Center. After being so out of space for so many years, everyone who walks through the Center has the same response: *"I can't believe how large it is and how much room there is!"* Others have said, *"I never dreamed it would be so beautiful!"* Others have said, *"The Sunday School, Bible Study, and meeting rooms are the size of a public school classroom."* *"You mean we are going to have a Library/Media Center?"* *"Look at all the space for our Youth!"*

I suspect you will have many more questions. As a starter, allow me to answer a few that I predict some of you will be asking:

*When can we have a tour of the Christian Life Center?* On Easter Sunday, following each of the four Worship Services, tours were conducted and questions answered by members of the Building Design Team. If you have not had an opportunity to walk through yet, give one of the Design Team members a call and ask them to give you a tour or arrange one for you. Of course if you can catch me, I would enjoy giving you a tour myself.

*When is the Dedication?* The Session has set Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for the Dedication Luncheon. Our chefs (from Wednesday Night Supper) will be preparing a very special meal for us (Tickets will soon be available for purchase). *The dedication of a new building is such an extraordinary event in the life of a church that you won't want to miss it!*

*How did we come to choose this name for the new building?* Over the last month, the Building Design Team asked for recommendations from the congregation. While all of your recommendations were given serious consideration, the name, "Christian Life Center" was chosen by 65% of those of you who voted over three Sundays. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation!

*Is there anything left that I can do?* Yes, there is. While the building will be complete within a few days, we have yet to purchase the furniture for the rooms. The Building Design Team is receiving donations from groups, classes, families, and individuals that will equip each room for immediate use. No donation is too small and there are opportunities for large gifts as well. You will find detailed information in the Narthex.

With the opening of the Christian Life Center, EPC is poised to move boldly into the future as *a Missional church that is inwardly strong and outwardly focused.* We now have the space to *"go make disciples, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"* and *"to teach them everything He has taught us."* To put it a different way, God has been so gracious as to provide a beautiful place for dinners, fellowship, recreation, Youth ministry, Christian Education, small groups, Ministry Team meetings, Circles, Bible Studies, drama, and contemporary worship, and ...? Now He is asking us to love people into His Kingdom and invite them to join us in His ministry and mission to the world. My friends, it just doesn't get any better than that!

Your fellow servant of the Master,

Dr. Bob

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

(\* notes healthy options)

### April 2

Fried and Baked Pork Chops  
\*Roast Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots  
Green Salad Applesauce  
Rolls/Bread Dessert  
*Kids: Grilled Cheese, Tater Tots*

### April 9

No Wednesday Night Dinner

### April 16

Mexican Tacos  
(\*Soft Chicken Tacos, Hard Beef Tacos)  
Pork Burritos Nachos  
Mexican Rice Refried Beans  
Green Salad Rolls/Bread  
Dessert

### April 23

Beef Pot Roast \*Chicken Scaloppini  
Roast Potatoes Corn  
Green Salad Rolls/Bread  
Dessert  
*Kids: Hot Dogs/Corn Dogs  
Macaroni & Cheese*

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S DESK EASTER

### It's Not Just An Event...It's Also A Season!

Dear Beloved Friends of Eastminster,

On Easter Sunday we celebrated Christ's resurrection, and by doing so we celebrated our own personal experience of the Risen Christ. We continue to celebrate during a time within our church calendar which is called **Easter tide**. The 40 days which follow Easter Sunday make up the Season of Easter which ends with Ascension Day. One of the things that the original disciples tried to figure out during the first Eastertide was what it really meant to be a follower of Christ. The Revised Common Lectionary passages for the coming weeks tell us what happened after that glorious Resurrection Day:

On that **First Easter Sunday**, when God reversed what seemed to be the defeat of the Jesus movement, the disciples were in for an incredible and surprising experience of joy – a truly triumphant, almost magical moment. The Gospel passages which we have studied and will focus on in the next few weeks take us through a time of reflection. For after the “Alleluias” diminished, the disciples struggled to grasp what had happened and how Easter was changing their perception of who they were as Christians. (John 20:1-18)

On the **Second Sunday of Easter** we read the account of “Doubting Thomas” (John 20:19-31). Jesus understands Thomas' skepticism, but He makes it very clear that faith without seeing and trust without the “show me” attitude is “more blessed.” On the **Third Sunday of Easter** we hear the story of Jesus' appearing to two believers traveling to the city of Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-35) Afterwards He joined them for dinner and revealed Himself to them. Afterwards they immediately returned to Jerusalem to tell the good news that Jesus was alive!

The **Fourth Sunday of Easter** tells us of Jesus' own description of how He is the Good Shepherd. (John 10:1-10) In contrast to the thief who takes life, Jesus GIVES life. The life He gives is eternal, and all who enter through His gate will be saved. The **Fifth Sunday of Easter** assures us that He is THE way, THE truth, and THE life and the only way to the Father. (John 14:1-14) On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter** we read of Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit after His ascension into heaven. (John 14:15-21) And on **Ascension Sunday** we celebrate Jesus' fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets as He assures His followers that the Father will send what has been promised – The Holy Spirit! (Luke 24:44-53) Thus, we end Eastertide and on the following Sunday celebrate **Pentecost** – the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of Christ's Church! Thanks be to God for this good news of His amazing grace!

In Christ's Love,  
*Pat*

## BIRTHDAYS for April

1 Alexa Denherder  
 2 George Merry  
 2 Kelly French  
 3 Brenda Hewett  
 3 Chase Sphar  
 4 Craig Morris  
 4 Megan Mayfield  
 5 Teresa Roberts  
 6 James Brock  
 7 William Moran  
 9 Tripp Seitter  
 10 Billie Wickstrom  
 10 Teri Gibson  
 12 Bonnie Anton  
 12 Suzanne Will  
 13 Joyce O'Brien  
 14 Kristoffer Bindeman  
 14 Christian McQueen  
 14 Janice Turner  
 14 Alex Flood  
 15 Larry Schrock  
 15 Alison Kennedy  
 15 Sara Stockman  
 16 Cameron Pauquette  
 16 Evan Bridges  
 17 Susan Horn  
 17 Cierra Jacobson  
 17 Justin Harned  
 18 Ruth Rood  
 18 Susan DeBardeleben  
 18 Chris Gallagher  
 19 Paul Banks  
 19 Robert Hobbs  
 20 Sheri Sphar  
 20 Tom Nickles  
 20 Phillip Karp  
 20 Allison Michael  
 21 Jan Walls  
 21 Sallie Rainwater  
 21 Susan Kuehne  
 21 Robert Richter  
 23 Flo Sharp  
 23 Elizabeth Goodwin  
 23 Kathy Wardlaw  
 24 Richard Moore  
 24 Madison Keller

25 Kay Ullom  
 25 Paul Kennedy  
 25 Hank Moran  
 26 Ashley Nickles  
 27 Melinda Taylor  
 27 Matthew Rownd  
 27 Ryan Ryder  
 27 Audrey Stringer  
 28 Emily Shreiner  
 29 Cole Erickson  
 29 Amy Watson  
 29 Bryce Peacock  
 30 Dave Bigler  
 30 J. J. Griffin  
 30 Grant Buchanan  
 30 Alexandra Dempsey

## ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jim & Mary Swann  
 3 David & Tonya Pirlot  
 9 Robert & Robyn Richter  
 9 Dick & Lessie Smith  
 11 Dennis & Cheri Olivier  
 20 David & Sally Brentzel  
 24 Roland & Sally Stebbins  
 26 Scott & Angie Wessner  
 27 Marty & Melinda Taylor

## HEALTH FAIR

**May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9AM - 1PM.**

Health and Wellness Vendors are welcome to set up an Exhibit. Please contact Kathy Wolfram at 770-315-5357 for information.



## 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) or Barbara Bodenheimer (770-971-3252) to make an appointment with a handyman.

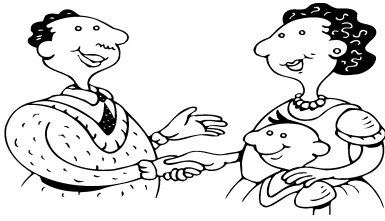


## COLLECTION OF EYEGLASSES



**Your discarded eyeglasses - someone else's vision.  
 Collection of eyeglasses will conclude June 1<sup>st</sup>**

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.



## GREETERS

### April 6

- 9:00 Craig & Heidi Morris  
Gordon & Judith Fahey
- 11:00 Billy & Sandra Allen  
Frank & Jo Byrd

### April 13

- 9:00 Keith & Sherry Benton  
Wendy & Kayla Brodrick
- 11:00 George & Jane Merry  
Pat Provan

### April 20

- 9:00 Russ & Bert Eckerman  
Martie Pottinger
- 11:00 David & Shannon Blakely  
Bill & Melinda Freeman

### April 27

- 9:00 Troy & Annette DenHerder  
Cary & Darla Erickson
- 11:00 Jim & Sandra Huckaby  
Tony & Jennifer Pecht

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Eastminster provides and serves dinner at MUST Ministries on the 9<sup>th</sup> of each month. We need three or four volunteers to sign up for one night. Please call Patti Cosson at 770-953-1895 or (cell) 678-576-4607.

## DEDICATION OF OUR NEW BUILDING!

Mark your calendars now for a truly historic Eastminster Event - the Dedication of our New Building!! The Fellowship Team will be hosting a special dedication lunch and service on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> (in the "Great Hall" of the New Building) following the 11am service at 12:15pm. Tickets for this event will go on sale after worship services and at Wednesday night suppers beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>! The prices for advanced sales will be \$12 adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the day of the event (\$17 for adults and \$5.50 for kids). Make plans now to attend so that you won't miss the delicious food provided by our own chefs from Wednesday night suppers. Not only will the food be wonderful, but we will be celebrating the completion of our new building and this culmination of our congregation's huge "Step in Faith". Looking forward to seeing you on the April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12: 15pm!

## BOOMER PLUS NEWS.....

You're probably a Boomer Plus if...

- ♦ you ever had a skate key or...
- ♦ you remember James Dean or Gidget or...
- ♦ you sing along to "If I Had a Hammer" or "Peggy Sue" or
- ♦ you just fondly remember the 1950's or 1960's

Let's all get together the first Sunday of each month for a Boomer Buffet following the 11am service. We'll meet at Carol's Home Cooking located in East Lake Shopping Center on Roswell Rd a couple miles west of Eastminster. Come alone or as a couple. Hope to see you there! Questions? call Glenna Sullivan at 678-925-4929.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to:

Larry and Janet McIntire on the death of Larry's father;  
Cheri and Dennis Olivier on the death of Cheri's grandfather,  
Julia Gallagher on the death of her mother;  
Mark Watson and family on the death of Mark's father.

Total Committed	\$1,433,590
February Receipts	20,053
Total Receipts	839,185



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry Needs YOU! Even if you are not a Stephen Leader or a Stephen Minister, you play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers need your prayerful support as they confidentially meet with their care receivers every week. Our Stephen Leaders also need your help in identifying people who might benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship. If you see a friend, coworker, neighbor, relative, or someone else who could use some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry and get permission to refer him or her to a Stephen Leader. Call 770-977-2976, extension 13, or e-mail [stephenministry@epres.org](mailto:stephenministry@epres.org). Remember, all calls and e-mails are strictly confidential.

## SPUNKY SPIRITS CIRCLE

The Spunky Spirits will meet April 10, 11am at the home of Snookie Goldberg, 1549 Sprayberry Dr., Marietta, 30066. (770-971-4539) Please bring a dish to share for lunch and great fellowship. We will be continuing our study of *Decisions*. If you need more information please contact, Jane Merry 678-560-0218 or Nancy Speiser 770-977-0379.



## ATTENTION Ladies of Eastminster!

Remember how much fun the Spring Luncheon was last year with all the beautiful table settings? This year promises to be even more fun with great entertainment and a great theme, "Cruisin for Christ". We need ladies to volunteer to set a table. All of the women at Eastminster are members of Presbyterian Women, so don't feel like because you aren't part of a circle that you can't participate. Come and join the fun and get acquainted with more Presbyterian Women. Call Jane Merry (678-560-0218) to volunteer to host a table at the luncheon.



## To our Eastminster Family,

We thank all of you so very much for all of your heartfelt thoughts and prayers during Mark's father's illness and death. Your prayers and support were of great comfort to our family, and we were truly moved by the kind words and wonderful cards we received. We celebrate Doug Watson's life and take comfort in the knowledge that he is now in a better place, with Christ our Lord.

*The Watson family*

## Dear Church Family,

Sarah and I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the WinShape Marriage Retreat held in February. We thought that the self driven, spiritually based study program created for the weekend was very beneficial and really focused on the key elements of a successful relationship. The unstructured program also allowed ample time to explore the beautiful surroundings, facilities and the miles of hiking trails on the Berry College Campus.

*Sincerely,*  
Walt and Sarah Keller

## Session Meeting Highlights - March 2008

- ◆ Session approved the baptisms of Davis Griffin and Grace Griffin, children of Mark & Joci Griffin on April 20, 2008, at the 11:00 AM service. Session approved the baptism of Tyler Melton on March 16, 2008, at the 11:00 AM service.
- ◆ Session approved the wedding of non-members Lindsey Ferguson and Jeremy Haas on June 28, 2008. Rev. Pat Slomanski will officiate.
- ◆ A request for Letter of Transfer for Glenn & Beth Bousquet from Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church was received and approved.
- ◆ Session commended those who worked so hard on the Special Presentation to the congregation on March 9, including Stan Beard, Alan Gibson, Julie John, Leigh Sain, Marty Taylor, and members of the Road Team.
- ◆ Session approved the addition of the following members to the Stephen Ministry Team: Joe Arcuragi, Melinda Freeman, Kevin French, Jennie Scott, Billie Wickstrom, and Connie Winn. Session approved the addition of Kevin French to the Tape Ministry Team.
- ◆ The Session approved the following events for the Fellowship Team: “Boomer Brunch” for the first Sunday of each month, following the 11:00 AM service; an Island theme party on June 7, 2008, for the “Boomers Plus Social Group”; a “Fellowship of Mom’s” group gathering on April 3, 2008, at Just Kiln Time or March 31, 2008, at Barnacles for appetizers and trivia game; Presbyterian Women’s Spring Luncheon on May 4, 2008, at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall; a Halloween Carnival to be held October 29, 2008, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.
- ◆ Session approved moving Choir Sunday from April 20, 2008, to May 11, 2008, which is Pentecost Sunday.
- ◆ Session approved holding the Dedication service for the new building and a celebration luncheon on April 27, 2008. Luncheon tickets will be sold beginning April 6, 2008.
- ◆ Session approved bringing three names for the new building to the congregation for a final vote: Christian Life Center, Faith Activity Center, and Christian Activity Center.
- ◆ Two change orders were approved for the new building. The first is to pipe new and existing downspouts directly to the underground storm sewer between the buildings at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. The second is for final landscaping, grass seed/wheat straw, and pine straw at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.
- ◆ Session approved publishing a Furnishing Fund list for the new building at the Easter Open House so interested individuals will know the needs and estimated costs of the items. The funds will be overseen by the Stewardship & Finance Team.
- ◆ Session received an update on The Road. The Road will take a short break for “resurfacing” from April 6 - May 11, 2008. During this time, the Road Team will be making preparations for the move to the new building. The Road will debut in the new venue with a different musical format on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at 5:00 PM. Chas Childers will continue to lead the worship service. The Team is also investigating a move to a morning time slot for the Fall.
- ◆ A Called Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery will be held Sunday, April 20, 2008, at 3:00 PM, at Cartersville First Presbyterian for the purpose of hearing the report of the Vision Team. The next Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery will be Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 5:30 PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Marietta. Moderator Joan Gray will be the speaker.
- ◆ The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on April 17, 2008 at 8:00 PM in the parlor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Brock, Clerk to Session

## BARNABAS FUND

Did you know that Eastminster has a Barnabas Fund? Do you know what its purpose is or how it's funded?

From time to time short term financial needs are experienced by members of our church family due to illness, unemployment or some other crisis situation. Some years ago the Session established a Session Discretionary Fund (Barnabas Fund) to help alleviate these needs. This is funded totally by contributions from our church members. As our church grows so does our needs. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile fund. For further information, contact Janet McIntire or Eddie Capparucci.



## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED

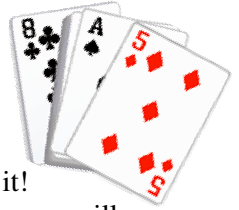
Blood Pressures will be checked by Healthcare Ministry Team members each Sunday between 10-11am in the office alcove to the left as you enter the Main Entrance. If you have any questions, please call 770-315-5357.

*Kathy Wolfram*

## The Road Under Construction

Eastminster's contemporary worship service, the Road, will be taking a short break for "resurfacing" from April 6-May 11. During this time, we will be making preparations for our move to the new building. We will debut in our new venue with a different musical format on Sunday, May 18, 5pm. Please join us on Sunday, March 30 for a special music-only service at 5pm in the sanctuary. Questions? Want to get involved in exciting new musical or dramatic opportunities? Please contact Jason Willard at [jwwepc@hotmail.com](mailto:jwwepc@hotmail.com).

## BRIDGE LESSONS



Just for the FUN of it! Beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>, the classes will run for 8 weeks from 10-12 in the fellowship hall. Taught by Bob and Emily Gilbert, this class is for beginners and for the low price of \$17 you will get great instruction, the book "Bridge for Idiots" and all the fun you can stand! To sign up or for further information or questions, contact Jan Walls before April 11<sup>th</sup> at [jan.walls@comcast.net](mailto:jan.walls@comcast.net) or 770-977-0316. You know you've always wanted to learn how to play bridge. Now is your chance!

## ACOLYTES

**April 6** Hannah Byrd & Bailey Peacock  
**April 13** Jessie Welborn & Emily Keller  
**April 20** Adrienne & Jared Riga  
**April 27** Emily Shreiner & Janelle Welborn

## Cross Bearers

**April 6** Michelle Watson  
**April 13** Janelle Welbron  
**April 20** Bonnie Pirlot  
**April 27** Taylor Gehman

## Parent Helper for April

Tonya Pirlot

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL--HELP!!

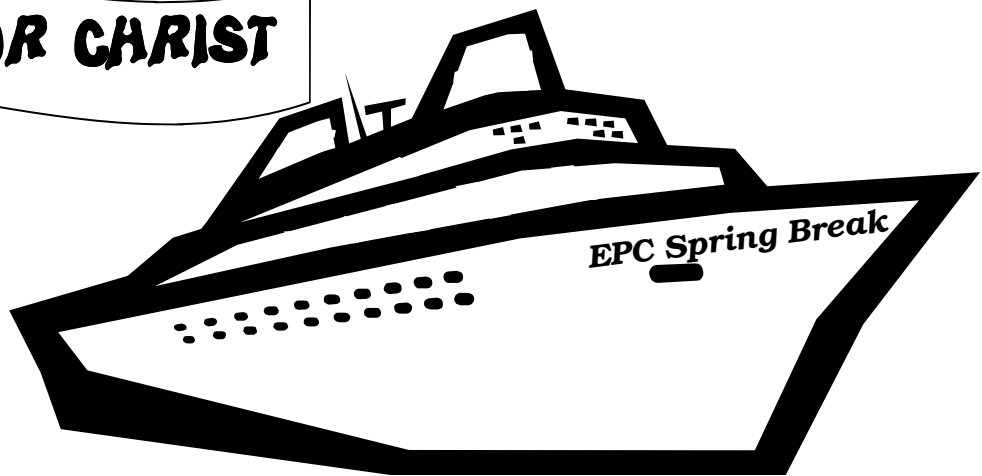
We need YOU! It is time for our Sunday School teachers to have a break after all their hard work this school year. We need volunteers/parents to help teach during the summer months. There will be sign-up sheets in the alcove. We would like to have a rotating team of about 4 teachers per class. See Allison for more information. Thanks in advance for all your help!

# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7a Prayer Group (P)  10a Painting (FH)  4p Webelos (FH) 5:30p Organ Team (P)	2 9:30a Garden Club (FH) 10a Bible Study (P) 4:30p Prime Timers (P) 5p Youth Choir 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbells 7p The Element (FH) 7p Kids (4) 7p Bible Study 7:30p Chancel Choir	3      6p Worship (P)	4 7:15a Senior High Youth Einsteins   8:30p Men's Softball	5 8a Job Seekers (FH)
6 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Boomer+ Lunch	7 Spring Break  6p Stephen Min (CR) 7p CT (P) 7:30p Boy Scouts (FH) 7:30p B&G (7)	8 7a Prayer Group (P)   6p A&P (P)	9   10a Circle of Friends (P)	10   7p Genesis Circle (P)	11   7:30p Men's Softball	12   10-2p Presbytery Workshop (FH & Classrooms)
13 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:05 Annual Meeting  6p Youth Groups 6:45p Bowling	14   6:30p Evangelism (CR) 7p Fellowship (7) 7p Finance (P) 7:30p Cong. Care (6) 7:30p Boy Scouts (FH)	15 7a Prayer Group (P)   4p Webelo 1 (FH) 7p Sr. High Sm Gp (H)	16 10a Bible Study (P) 4:30p Prime Timers (P) 5p Youth Choir 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbells 7p The Element (FH) 7p Kids (4) 7p Bible Study 7:30p Chancel Choir	17   6p Girl Scouts (FH) 8p Session (FH)	18 7:15a Senior High Youth Einsteins   6:30p Men's Softball	19 8a Job Seekers (FH)  10a Bridge (FH)  Suppers of Eight
20 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Spiritual Treasures Social (FH)  6p Youth Groups	21  5p Brownies (FH) 6p Stephen Min (CR) 7:30p Boy Scouts (FH)	22 7a Prayer Group (P)   6:30p Pack 565 (FH)	23 10a Bible Study (P) 5p Youth Choir 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbells 7p The Element (FH) 7p Kids (4) 7p Bible Study 7:30p Chancel Choir	24   6p Girl Scouts (FH)	25 7:15a Senior High Youth Einsteins  Session Retreat - - - - 9:30p Men's Softball	26 10a Bridge (FH)
27 <b>Dedication of New Building</b>  9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Luncheon  6:45p Bowling	28   7p LRP (P) 7:30p Boy Scouts (FH)	29 7a Prayer Group (P)   7p Sr. High Sm Gp (H)	30 10a Bible Study (P) 5p Youth Choir 5p Cherub Choir 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbells 7p The Element (FH) 7p Kids (4) 7p Bible Study 7:30p Chancel Choir			



**CRUISIN' FOR CHRIST**



## **SPRING LUNCHEON**

Ladies, mark you calendars for Sunday, May 4. The cruise ship ***EPC Spring Break*** will be sailing at 12:15 pm. Our itinerary will include a Caribbean feast created by our resident chefs Jeff and Mike. You will not want to miss the entertainment! Purchase a raffle ticket for \$5 for an exciting vacation home giveaway. All proceeds benefit PW Missions. Sign up now and bring a friend for this fun getaway. Join us as we go “Cruisin’ for Christ”! For more information, contact your cruise director, Jennie Scott, at [JTurtlelover529@aol.com](mailto:JTurtlelover529@aol.com) or 770-315-2761.