

Leaps & Bounds

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SIGNS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AMONG US!

Everywhere I look, there are signs of the Holy Spirit among us! Holy Week and Easter are always high points in the life of a congregation and this year was certainly no exception. So many commented on how meaningful the worship experiences were. Both members and visitors alike came away sensing the Spirit at work in the church and in our lives.

The success of our 'Step in Faith' Capital Campaign is also the work of the Holy Spirit among us. The campaign was led by an outstanding team from our membership. Over one hundred and fifty of our members participated in carrying out a great campaign. Your gracious response allows Eastminster to begin to address our space needs in a way that that the church has not had opportunity to do before.

Word is circulating about the extraordinary Leadership Retreat that the Session experienced last weekend. The Spirit was in evidence in so many ways as the Session worked through tough and demanding issues with a new

team spirit. In the days ahead you will be seeing the results in many ways. The Session's new proactive approach places us in a whole new place as a leadership team and as a church. Our leadership team has been working hard in your behalf to guide us into the future. I trust that you will find yourself excited as we move into that future together.

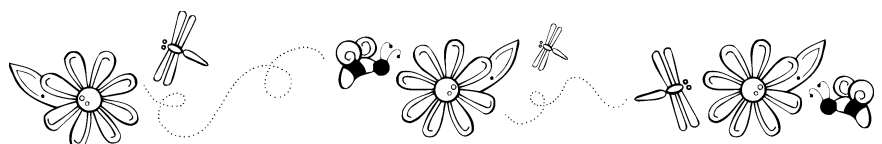
Shortly, we will find ourselves celebrating Pentecost: the recognition that the Lord of the Church is among us in the person and power of the Holy Spirit. Evidence is all around us! I see the Spirit's work most importantly, in your lives and in mine. It is my prayer that God will continue to have his way in our lives and in his church.

In anticipation of a thrilling Season of Pentecost,

Bob Bullock

YOU ARE INVITED to a Discussion of the PUP Report with our Senior Pastor

The June Meeting of the General Assembly in Birmingham, has created two years of heated discussion about "The Peace, Unity, And Purity Report." Several years ago, the Theological Task Force was appointed to examine and bring their recommendations to the 2006 General Assembly on the issues that divide the Presbyterian Church (USA). With the press sure to make the most of the Report and possible fallout that may well divide the denomination, our Session is offering **two Sunday evening discussions with our Senior Pastor at 5:00 PM on May 7th and 21st**. You are invited to join us to hear about the PUP Report for yourself. Do plan to join us in the parlor.



THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

We respectfully request that you please prayerfully consider naming Eastminster as a beneficiary in your Wills the next time you have your estate planning documents revised. Most estate planning attorneys recommend that you should have your Wills and other related documents such as Living Wills reviewed every two or three years to make sure that you take advantage of any tax changes in the law.

These types of gifts would enable Eastminster to continue to grow and prosper for many years to come.

HEALTH FAIR May 6, 10 until 2:00 pm

East Marietta Drug Company will do cholesterol testing with explanations and consultations for \$25. Also, "everything you always wanted to know about handwashing".

PLEASE DO NOT

Building and Grounds request that no one change any settings on the irrigation system clock without consulting with Stan Sharp or Scott Wessner. Thanks.

TITHES AND BUILDING FUND PAYMENTS



Response to the capital campaign pledge process has been wonderfully overwhelming, for which we are ever grateful. As you begin making your contributions, these guidelines will help ensure the accuracy of recording and depositing these payments received for the building fund. **Separate checks for tithes and building fund payments are preferable.** Step In Faith envelopes will be made available in the near future. If it is better for you to combine these payments into one check, **PLEASE** denote on the check **and** envelope the separation of the amounts. Questions may be directed to Terri Khan in the office at 770-977-2976. Thanks.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

May 6, 8:30 - 12:30pm Youth Work Day - Construction on the playground.

May 7, 6 - 8pm Youth Group at church

May 14, 6 - 8pm Game Night

May 21, 6 - 8pm - Scavenger Hunt - meet at church

No Youth Group on May 28

HELP WANTED

The Building and Grounds Team is looking for a few people to join our team. We are charged with coordinating the maintenance and upkeep of the Church facilities. We have planning meetings once per month on the first Monday at 7:00 pm. We would like to invite anyone who has a talent in either general fix-it skills or administration to help us out. For more information, please contact Scott Wessner at (770) 977-0123.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to:

The family of Charlotte Adams who died on April 1;

Joyce Lester and family on the death of Les Lester on April 19.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN . . .

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS is meeting each month on the 2nd Wednesday morning at 10 am in the parlor. Our next meeting date is May 10th. Please bring a brunch item. Babysitting is provided. Call Helen at 770-516-1113 or Ann at 770-993-1767 if you have questions.

SPUNKY SPIRITS CIRCLE: Our next meeting is Thursday, May 11th at 11:00 at the home of Mary Alice Phinney. Please bring a lunch/brunch dish to share and join us for wonderful fellowship. All women of Eastminster are invited! Becky Sammons 678-493-9348/ Barbara Duda 770-321-4400

Highlights from PW Coordinating Team Meeting April 3, 2006

- ♦ The reprinted Eastminster cookbooks will be sold on Sundays, before and after church services. These will make great gifts!
- ♦ Don't forget to save Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup labels for Thornwell Orphanage. A collection box will be in the alcove.
- ♦ It's never too late to join one of our wonderful women's circles.
- ♦ Tuesday Evening – meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the Parlor. Contact Suzie Baur or Lessie Smith for more information.
- ♦ Circle of Friends – meets the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Helen Moran or Ann Streible for more information.
- ♦ Spunky Spirits – meets the second Thursday of each month in different members' homes. Contact Becky Sammons or Barbara Duda for more information.
- ♦ Sharin N Carin – meets the second Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall for sewing and crafts. Contact Shirley Byrd for more information.

Coming Events:

May 5th, 6th, and 7th – Cherokee PW Spiritual Retreat will be held at Red Top Mountain. A large number of women from Eastminster are planning on attending this event. For more information on these events contact Jan Walls, Jo Byrd, or any of the circle leaders.

Session Meeting Highlights - April 22, 2006

- ♦ A letter of resignation from Elder Betsy Dietz was regretfully received by the Session. Elder Dietz and her husband will be re-locating to Arkansas because of business commitments.
- ♦ The Session voted to restore Shanna Bridges to active membership upon her request.
- ♦ Session approved a request from Roswell Presbyterian for a Letter of Transfer for Cecil "Trey" and Sandra Hanks.
- ♦ Session approved the wedding of member Sarah Miller and Chad Brown on March 24, 2007 with Dr. Bullock officiating. Session also approved the wedding of non-members Kathryn Osborne and Stephen Todd on August 5, 2006 5:30 PM with Dr. Bullock officiating.
- ♦ The deaths of members Charlotte Adams on April 1, 2006, and of Les Lester on April 19, 2006 were noted and shall be recorded.
- ♦ Session approved Arline Fifield and John Speiser be named to the Evangelism team.
- ♦ Session approved a motion that Presbyterian Women be permitted to publish a P.W. yearbook to be available prior to the fall kick-off to include the P.W. calendar of activities, contact information, explanations of opportunities and events, etc...
- ♦ Session approved a kitchen clean up day be scheduled for Sunday, June 11th immediately after worship.

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GREETERS

May 7

- 9:00 Robert & Peggy Ulrich
Mike & Carol Hays
11:00 Jim & Mary Swann
Sam & Rhonda Bradley

May 14

- 9:00 Dave & Carolyn Bigler
Scott & Pam Keller
11:00 Reed & Elisabeth Goodwin
David & Sally Brentzel

May 21

- 9:00 Don & Diane Preus
Devin & Sara Brown
11:00 Mark & Robin Watson
Tripp & Jenny Seitter

May 28

- 9:00 Dave & Molly Boyenga
Bob & Sarah Nielsen
11:00 Chuck & Reta Frew
Treasure Burdette



May 18, 3:30 to 8:30 PM

A blood drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 18, 3:30 to 8:30pm. Eastminster's commitment to the Red Cross is an important outreach to our community. If you've never given blood or helped with a blood drive, we urge you to do so. Call Sally Brentzel at 770-971-7765 for an appointment or sign up in the narthex.

SCOUT CORNER:



Cub Scout Pack 565 News - April

The Cub Scouts are having a great Spring! We conducted a very successful "Friends of Scouting" campaign in March, and exceeded the goal set by the Atlanta Area Council. In keeping with the April theme, "Our Feathered Friends," the Pack was treated to a program on hawks and the sport of falconry by Mr. Buster Brown. Our Tigers visited KICKS radio station and the 911 Center. The Wolf Den visited Animal Atlanta Pet Store to learn about some of the 270 birds that they have there. The Bear Den showed off some terrific bluebird houses that they made this month, and led their first flag and opening ceremony. Our Webelos attended a class at the Chattahoochee Nature Center as part of their "Naturalist" pin. Many of our Webelos and their parents attended "Webelos Woods" April 21-23. This weekend long camping event was held at Burt Adams Scout Reservation, and provided the scouts an opportunity to work on many of their scouting skills. Several of our Scouts who attend Sedalia Park Elementary School participated in a school wide clean up day on April 29th. Plans are underway for our May graduation ceremony and Spring Family Camping. We are so appreciative of David White for taking on the role of Cub Master at Pack 565, and for Jim Clay for taking our current Webelo I's into their final year of Cub Scouts as Webelo II's.

National Day of Prayer May 4, 2006

Those who honor Me, I will honor. I Samuel 2:30

2006 National Prayer by Dr. Henry Blackaby

Oh Heavenly Father, You have made Yourself known to us as a nation by Your mighty works throughout our history. From the beginning, You have been with us through many wars and conflicts; Your right arm has saved us. We have been amazingly and graciously blessed. Today, we confess our sin of not responding to Your right to rule in our lives and our nation. Too often we have despised and rejected Your will while imposing our own, and we are now facing the consequences of our disobedience. Draw us back to Yourself that we may return to Your ways once again. Without You we can do nothing. You have promised that if we honor You, You will once again honor this great nation. That is our fervent prayer. For Your honor and glory we pray, Amen.

BIRTHDAYS for May

1 Ellen Foster
 2 Jennie Scott
 2 Emily Keller
 3 Scott Keller
 3 Justin Yesner
 4 Linda Brackett
 4 Dick Enlow
 4 Christopher Cooley
 5 Jan Hostetter
 5 Jay Michael
 5 Rachel Yesner
 7 Betsy Wade
 8 Corey Tolbert
 9 Doris Funk
 11 Chuck Oliver
 11 Linda Hadden
 11 Julie John
 11 Amanda Horton
 12 Beth Bullock
 12 Susan McKay
 13 Bryson Bradley
 14 Melissa Harlow
 15 Katie Parkerson
 16 Lucy Gordon
 15 Chase Oliver
 16 Viktor Segars
 17 Kelly Hishta
 18 Bert Eckerman
 18 Darla Erickson
 19 Diane Brock
 19 Madison Gibbs
 19 Logan Harned
 20 Stan Morris
 20 Richelle Sanders
 20 Mary Cooley
 20 Daniel McKay
 20 Julia McKay
 21 Susan Touset
 22 Edna Bayless
 22 Mark Watson
 22 Patrick Daw
 23 Van Sammons
 23 Abby McGillis
 24 Joe Walls
 24 Dale Mehlhouse
 24 Mark Oviatt

24 Matthew Collins
 25 Jan Sherman
 25 Robert Chesser
 26 Jack Williams
 26 Jack Keegan
 27 Ralph Gordon
 29 Vera Jay
 29 Lillian Scott
 29 Timothy Ortega
 30 Shirley Byrd
 31 Ginna Coffey

ANNIVERSARIES

2 George & Jane Merry
 3 Todd & Ashley Mordecai
 4 Richard & Susan Kuehne
 4 Tripp & Jenny Seitter
 6 Will & Lisa Page
 10 John & Jackie Broadwell
 10 Roger & Patty Stringer
 10 Randy & Barbara Tahsler
 11 Charles & Karen Miller
 13 Billy & Sandra Allen
 15 Mark & Susan McKay
 16 Chris & Ellen Foster
 17 Doug & Cyndi Hayes
 19 Derek & Diane Hacker
 19 Pete & Kathy Wardlaw
 20 Andy & Lisa Burke
 22 Kerry & Julie Bender
 22 David & Stephanie DeVoe
 22 Lynn & Vera Jay
 23 Chuck & Reta Frew
 27 Mike & Carol Hays
 28 Anibal & Laurie Sepulveda
 29 Van & Becky Sammons
 29 Glenn & Debra Yesner

Wednesday Night Dinners

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 \$5.00 (65+)
 \$4.00 Children under 10
 \$18.00 Family of 4
 (Please pay at the door)

May 3

Mexican Night

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

May 10

Soup and Salad Bar

Chili, Chicken & Dumplings, Cheesy
 Broccoli, Chicken Noodle (soups)
 Grilled Cheese
 Salads Rolls/Bread
 Dessert

May 17

Pot Roast

Red Potatoes, Carrots, Peas
 Green Salad Rolls/Bread Dessert
 Kids: Chicken Fingers, Fries

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

If you know of a member of our congregation who will graduate this year, please call the church office and let us know their name, date of graduation, school, and degree. We want to appreciate and recognize our graduates!

May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7p CT Meeting (P) 7p B&G (6)	2 7a Prayer Group (P) 10a Painting (FH) 6p A&P (P) 6:30p Webelos (FH) 6:30p Webelos 1 (6) 7p CE (7) 7:30p Boy Scouts (T)	3 10a Bible Study (P) 10a Garden Club (FH) 5p Cherub 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbell Choir 7p The Element (T) 7p Bible Study (P) 7p Men's Bible Study (7) 7p Happy Rocks (6) 7p Chancel Choir	4 6:45p Stephen Min (FH)	5	6 8a Job Seekers 8a Landscape Team (P) 10a Health Ministry Fair (FH) 12:30p Youth Work Day
7 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:30p Confirmation Class Reception (FH) 2p Scout Court of Honor (S & FH) 5p PUP Report (P) 5p Youth Choir 6p The Wild Side	8 10a Craft Cir. (P) 7p Finance (P) 7p Fellowship (7) 7:30p C. Care (6)	9 7a Prayer Group (P) 10a Painting (FH) 6:30p Webelos (FH) 6:30p Webelos 1 (6) 7p Tue. Eve. Cir (P) 7p Evangelism (7) 7:30p Boy Scouts (T)	10 10a Bible Study 10a Circle of Friends (P) 5p Cherub 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbell Choir 7p The Element (T) 7p Bible Study (P) 7p Men's Bible Study (7) 7p Happy Rocks (6) 7p Chancel Choir	11 10a Ladies' Time Out 11a Spunky Spirits 6:45p Stephen Min (FH)	12	13 7p Couples Bridge
14 Mother's Day 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 6p Wild Side	15 7p LRP (P)	16 7a Prayer Group (P) 10a Painting (FH) 7:30p Boy Scouts (T)	17 10a Bible Study (P) 5p Cherub 5:30p Junior Choir 6p Meal 6:30p Handbell Choir 7p The Element (T) 7p Bible Study (P) 7p Men's Bible Study (7) 7p Happy Rocks (6) 7p Chancel Choir	18 3:30p Blood Drive (FH) 6p Worship (P) 6:45p Stephen Min	19	20 8a Job Seekers (FH)
21 Children's Choir 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15 Session (FH) 5p PUP Report (P) 5p Youth Choir 6p The Wild Side	22	23 7a Prayer Group (P) 10a Painting (FH) 6:30p Pack Mtg (FH) 7:30p Health Min (P) 7:30p Boy Scouts (T)	24 10a Bible Study (P) 7p The Element (T) 7p Choir Party	25 6:45p Stephen Min (FH)	26	27
28 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship	29 Memorial Day (Office Closed)	30 7a Prayer Group (P) 7:30p Boy Scouts (T)	31 10a Bible Study (P) 7p Bible Study (P) 7p Men's Bible Study (7)			F - Fellowship Hall P - Parlor CR - Choir Room 6 - 2&3 Grade Room 7- 4&5 Grade Room PS - Pastor's Study T - Trailer



Session Meeting Highlights (continued from page 3)

- ♦ The annual Christmas Dinner Party was approved for Friday, December 8th 2006.
- ♦ Session approved a motion that a Bunko group, which would meet in the member's homes, be added to Fellowship opportunities.
- ♦ The Session approved a Mom's Group, that would be for women at EPC who are moms to toddlers and preschoolers, meet monthly in homes and include refreshments, fellowship, prayer, sharing, etc., as a Fellowship opportunity.
- ♦ Session approved the addition of member Lessie Smith to the Long Range Planning Team.
- ♦ Session approved a motion that the following members be named to the "Contemporary Worship Sub Team": Laura Abbott, Will Aubrey, Beth Bullock, Leanne Chesser, Tom Dilworth, Sara Dilworth, Mary Ann Gardner, Jan Janssen, Katie Crock, Barbara Tahsler, Randy Tahsler, and Ted Wood.
- ♦ The next Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery will be on May 23, 2006 at 5:30 PM at the Cherokee Retreat Center. L. Buchanan, K. Jacquot and J. McIntire will serve as commissioners.
- ♦ The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on May 21, 2006 at 12:30 PM in the church parlor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jones, Clerk to Session