



OCTOBER

THE FAMILY

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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Scott Holland

*Kim Holland



2 Anna Flowers
 3 James Page
 4 Candice Page
 4 Chrys Patheal
 8 Jim Bates
 11 Dave Hall
 13 Andrea Limberis

17 Austin Flowers
 22 Hillard Strong
 23 Shirley Ransom
 24 Kim Holland
 30 Don Spencer

* Please bring one bag of ice. ** Please bring sliced lemons for tea. Each hostess should bring a portion of bread to share. If we have a special function in place of fellowship lunch, the team will be asked to serve in some capacity. Thank you for your help. God Bless. Please call me if you cannot be there. Kim

Kitchen Clean-up for October
 Vera Hall and Sarah Joe Strong

Financial Update 2010 August 2010

		YTD
Giving Income	28,364	187,395
Expenses	25,555	192,609
NET	5,509	(5,214)

Fellowship Lunch Hosts and Hostesses

**Angie Anders
 Jeremy Anders
 *Christi Alderman
 James Alderman
 Mark Patheal
 *Chrys Patheal
 *Jeanne Damoff

The Updated EPC of Marshall Website is up and running! Check it out at www.epcmarshall.org. Thank you, Mike Miga



From the Music Director

Joyful Sounds and More got off to a good start last month. The children seem to be enjoying the new format which not only has singing, hymn and scripture verses, but also other activities. We are already beginning to work on the musical, "I'm Gonna Sing" which will be presented next April.

Through "I'm Gonna Sing", we will be teaching the children :

God, the Father created us;

- (1) God, the Son Jesus came to provide us eternal life through His sacrifice; and
- (2) God, the Holy Spirit came to guide us each day.

We will also be participating in the Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry this month. If any of you would like to pack a shoebox, please let me know. Watch the bulletin and other announcements for more information.

Voices of Worship is beginning to prepare for the presentation of "The Promised Hope" a Christmas musical that will be presented Sunday, December 12, at 6:00 pm. We invite any who would like to come and sing with us for the Christmas presentation, to let me know. I will give you a book and a listening CD. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, October 10, immediately following Fellowship Lunch.

Wasn't it wonderful to see and hear the "25th Anniversary Choir" on September 12? I thank all of you who came to be a part of this exciting time.

Speaking of the "25th Anniversary Choir", wouldn't it be exciting to have a full choir every Sunday? Come and join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, and share in this ministry.

Please pray for the music ministry of EPC. Always we want to honor, glorify, and exalt the Lord.

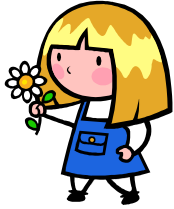
In His Service,

Sarah Joe



Young at Heart has begun its meetings again after the summer break. In August the group went to David Beard's Catfish Village in Waskom for a time of food and fellowship. Just last week, eight in the group went to Granbury to see "The Promise" and the Evidence of Creation Museum. The first morning Bible Study began Tuesday, September 28. After the study, the group went to "The Creamery for lunch.

Young at Heart meets each month on the fourth Tuesday morning for Bible Study, led by Pastor Craig, at 10:30 in the Choir Room. Following the study, the group enjoys lunch together. Please come and be a part of this group as we study the Word and fellowship together.



Children's Ministry

It's finally starting to cool off a bit, and we've got some great fall activities coming up! Please be praying about how you can use your gifts to serve the Lord and help out your church family.

Rummage Sale (October 16th): The youth and children's ministries are working together to hold a fund raising rummage sale, and we can use your help – and your STUFF! Donations can be placed in the youth game room (you can't miss it, it's filled with "stuff") from now until October 10th. We can use helping hands to organize and work the sale, so talk with Ben or me if you'd like to contribute.

Harvest Festival (October 31st): Our annual Harvest Festival is coming up at the end of the month, and we need LOTS of help, lots of candy and other food items. There is a sign-up board in the foyer, so please take a look at it and sign up to take part in a wonderful night of evangelism to the children of Marshall. For some of these kids, this may be the only time all year that they spend in a church building, so let us use it to show our love for them and for Christ Jesus.

Nursery Needs (November 21st-December 26th): Our nursery worker Delphene will be taking a 6-week, long-awaited trip to visit her family during the holidays this year. I am thrilled that she is finally able to go spend time with her daughter, and I am hoping that we will be able to fill her position while she is away. If you are able to spend one Sunday being "in

charge" of the nursery (you'll have scheduled volunteers to help you), please speak with me. Your time and effort will bless Delphene and me more than you know. Thank you!

Serving with you in Christ,

Angie



From The Youth Ministry

Church Family,

Three things:

1. Our 180° meetings have gone well. Our first meeting had 15 participating and our second saw 25. As exciting as that is, there is one little issue. Someone was missing: **you!** We want to see you there if you can make it and fellowship with us.
2. We have a Six-Flags trip planned for October 9th. All 6th – 12th grade students are invited to come. They will need to either have a ticket or be able to purchase one *and* they need to have some money for lunch and dinner. We are planning on leaving Marshall *early* and getting back *late*.
3. Children and Youth Garage Sale is coming up on October 16th and the more "gently-used" stuff we can get to sell, the better! If you want more information, please talk to me or Angie.

For Christ and the Bride,

Ben



WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Dear Women of EPC,

We are moving into a new year for Women in Ministry. Please be sure to thank Mary Jones for her leadership over the last year, and to pray for me as I endeavor to continue to serve our Lord as this year's president of WIM. If you were unable to attend the WIM Fall Organizational Meeting you missed a wonderful time of worship and fellowship. We were blessed with the Word shared by Tammy Miga. Hosea 10: 12 "Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love..." Thank you Tammy for sharing the story of your grandmother and her garden.

The new WIM Handbooks are available in the foyer. I encourage every woman to pick one up. The handbook contains the descriptions of all of the roles that women fill through this ministry. Please read through them all and pray that God will reveal to you the place that He would have you to serve. God has a special job set aside just for you! "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph. 2:10. Give me a call or drop me an email if you have any questions about any of the services you might be interested in. You will also find in the back

of the book the contact information for each of the women in the church. Stay in contact with your sisters! If your contact information needs to be added or corrected please let me know.

Keep your ears open for news of our Winter meeting. We are working out the detail and will be letting you know more about that meeting soon. If you have a meeting or retreat idea, please feel free to contact Christy Sorensen, WIM Program Chairman.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and service through WIM.

In Christ,

Jackie Mills

A note from Mary Jones, College/Military Chairman for WIM

We are starting a new WIM year and need your help to update our college/military list. If you have someone in college or the military and would like them remembered in prayer, on their birthday, test time, our E.P.C. monthly newsletter, etc. Please get the following information to me a.s.a.p.:

- 1) name; 2) rank; (if in the military); 3) birthday; 4) hobby;
- 5) current photo; 6) current
- 2) address & e-mail address (with their permission); 7) and any other information you think would help us in communicating with them.

We want them to know their "church family" is thinking of them and praying for them. Thanks for your help!

Mary Jones (College/Military Chairman for WIM)



I think it's safe to say that the EPC 25th Anniversary Celebration weekend was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Saturday evening was a real party! I was amazed at how many people who came were connected with our church long before I got here (both Saturday night and Sunday morning). It was such a delight to see the joyful reunions that so many of you had! And wasn't "Marge" a hoot on Saturday night (oops! I mean, wasn't she so full of wisdom? Sorry, Marge)! The catered meal was yummy (thanks Kim Holland and crew!). Jim Bates' quiz, "This Is Your Life, EPC of Marshall," stirred our memories and tickled our funny-bones. The testimonies were moving and encouraging. Everything came together so well for the almost 180 in attendance at the dinner. Thanks to the planning committee (Maigen Chastain, Mary Jones, Orin and Jane Littlejohn) for helping put it all together!

Sunday morning was a rich worship experience that took us through the 25 years of gathered worship here at EPC. The 25th Anniversary Choir really set the tone with a beautiful rendition of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"; the Praise Team pulled together songs and hymns that were popular through the 25 years and led our worship with skill, reverence, and vitality. Rhett Payne's message on Sunday morning was wonderfully reflective of the past and challenging toward the future of our grace-sustained church. Man! I'm just sitting here smiling and overcome with happiness just thinking back on that weekend! Thanks again

to everyone who contributed to this delightful celebration... and to all of you who came, too!

Now my sights are on another 25th Anniversary. On January 3, 2011, Jamie and I will reach 25 years of glorious marriage! We're celebrating a bit early, though, with a trip together that we've been saving for through the last eight years. We've managed to save enough to go on a Western Mediterranean Cruise... and we leave after church on Sunday, October 3! (I had better pack!) We trust that it will be refreshing – lot's of time to relax and enjoy the Lord and each other, as well as sightseeing in God's wonderful creation. We won't have internet or cellphones, so there ought to be a lot of margin in our lives for rejuvenation, too. [I will be regularly dropping notes in bottles into the Mediterranean, so watch the shorelines for messages. ;-)]

We return to the U.S. on October 19, but we'll be staying in Houston for the Presbytery meeting at Christ EPC of Houston on Friday and Saturday of that week. We hope to be back with all of you on Sunday, October 24. Please pray for us, and know that we will be praying for you!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Craig

Recommended Reading for Evangelical Options

on End Times Theology (Eschatology)

Many of us attended the Men of the Church meeting where John Claeys, a minister at Cypress Valley Bible Church, spoke on his end-times views, which he has elaborated in his book, *Apocalypse 2012*. If this discussion has piqued your interest in End-Times Theology, you owe it to yourself to consider this issue

from the four main evangelical points-of-view, looking to soundly evangelical Bible scholars who embrace each perspective. Proverbs 18:17 is appropriate to this topic (*The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.*); our EPC motto also guides us wisely: “In Essentials, Unity; In Non-essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Charity; Truth In Love.” Wisdom calls for listening in on the dialogue between proponents of each position. It’s not a light subject, and the dialogue gets complicated, but don’t give up!

The following recommended reading list will help you along:

General Overviews

Wayne Grudem; *Systematic Theology: The Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*; Zondervan, 1994. [This one is in the church library. Craig also has a copy.]

Robert G. Clouse, editor; *The Meaning of the Millennium: Four Views*; InterVarsity Press, 1977; 223 pages. [Craig will soon have a copy available.]

Stanley J. Grenz; *Millennial Maze*; InterVarsity Press, 1992. [Craig has a copy available.]

Millard J. Erickson; *Introducing Christian Doctrine, Second Edition*; Baker, 2001.

Dispensational Premillennialism

J. Dwight Pentecost; *Things to Come*; Zondervan, 1965; about 600 pages.

Charles C. Ryrie; *Dispensationalism, Revised and Expanded*; Moody Publishers, 2007.

Historic Premillennialism

George Eldon Ladd; *The Blessed Hope*, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1990; 167 pp.

Also by Ladd – *Presence of the Future: The Eschatology of Biblical Realism*; Eerdmans, 1996; 384 pages.

Amillennialism

Anthony A. Hoekstra; *The Bible and the Future*, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1994, 354 pages.

Kim Riddlebarger; *A Case for Amillennialism*; Baker, 2003; 256 pages.

Postmillennialism

Keith A. Mathison; *Postmillennialism: An Eschatology of Hope*; P & R Publishing, 1999; 287 pages.

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