



THE FAMILY

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 2011



2 Anna Flowers	11 Marshall Sartain
2 James Page	13 Andrea Gladen
4 Candice Page	17 Austin Flowers
4 Chrys Patheal	22 Hillard Strong
8 Jim Bates	23 Shirley Ransom
11 Dave Hall	24 Kim Holland
11 Teresa Thomas	30 Don Spencer

Kitchen Clean-up for October
Julie Mills and Betty Wiley

Fellowship Lunch Hosts and Hostesses October 16, 2011

**Angie Anders
Jeremy Anders
*Christi Alderman
James Alderman
Mark Patheal
*Chrys Patheal
Kim Holland
Scott Holland

* 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

Financial Update

		YTD
August 2011		
Giving Income	17,601	187,625
Expenses	25,221	196,883
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NET	(7,620)	(9,258)



Music Ministry

All choirs are "up and running" now. Joyful Sounds and More began September 7 with a "Back to Choir Carnival", and regular activities began September 14. We have a great opportunity for outreach with a number of the

children who are coming. Please join us in prayer for this year. Our goal is for all the children to meet and see Jesus.

Voices of Worship will have the first rehearsal for the Christmas musical, LIGHT LOOKED DOWN, on Sunday, October 9, immediately following the worship service. Ethan is cooking again, and we will have BBQ sandwiches with all the trimmings brought by the other members. There is still time for others to join us for this presentation. Please contact me before October 9, so you will have a book and CD before the first rehearsal. (Also you will want to get your name "in the pot" for lunch on the 9th.) The rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, following Fellowship Lunch (with the exception of October) and then extended Wednesday evening rehearsals starting in November, beginning at 6:45 p.m.

LIGHT LOOKED DOWN will be presented on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. Put this date on your calendar and plan to be a part of this presentation. Please join us in prayer for this evening. May our lives be touched as this musical answers the question: "Who is Jesus?"

In His Service,
Sarah Joe



Fall is here (happily!) and plans for the EPC Harvest Festival are well under way. This year will be quite different than what we've done in the past, in that the festival will be held outdoors and will be carnival style, with concessions, a hayride, and other new things that I think everyone will enjoy. The sign-up sheet for volunteering is in the foyer at EPC, so please take a moment to look it over and see what you might like to contribute! We have lots of unchurched kids at this event every year, and it is always a special opportunity for outreach.

Contact me for any questions or for more information. Thanks!

Angie



The Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Church Family,

Do you have yard work you just don't want to do? Or how about dusting in the living room that *really* is a chore? Well, don't fret! You can **Hire the Youth!** instead. On **Saturday October 29th** we will have a **Hire the Youth!** day from 9am to 4pm. The time slots will be 9am to 11am and 1pm to 3pm and you can sign up for one or both slots. You just donate what you think the teens are worth for their work. *All donations go to help shore up costs from this summer's youth trips.*

In other news, I am currently active in a Wednesday afternoon Bible study at Willoughby Juvenile Detention Center. I took it over from a woman who has moved from Carthage to Athens and had been doing the study for close to five years. I minister to both "long-term" and "short-term" students and have had the chance to share the gospel many times. One of my favorites parts of this study is at the end of my time with the short-term students they will ask a wide variety of questions ranging from the end times and tattoos to the beginning of the world and Noah's Ark. One teen girl asked me, "If God knows all things then why did he allow Adam to sin in the garden?" I'm *thrilled* to be able to give them biblical answers to their many questions. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,
Ben

A Special Thank You!!

The Page Family would like to thank all EPC Members for your generous donations to cover the cost of Candice Page's recent oral surgery. We are truly blessed to belong to a fellowship of believers who have loved, supported, and prayed for our family for so many years. We have always known that EPC of Marshall is more than a congregation...you are our extended family. Candice especially cherishes her involvement and acceptance in our church and loves you all very deeply! Words cannot adequately express our humble gratitude for your continued prayers for peace and healing as we continue with procedures in the months ahead.

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.

Jimmy, Kaye, Candice, Catherine, and James Page, and Christi Victor

Mission Conference

Dear EPC Family,

The passage of more than 2,000 years of human history has not diminished the strength of Jesus' command to "Therefore go and make disciples ..."

As members of the Body of Christ, we are living proof that our Christian forefathers took this command seriously to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ "to the ends of the earth."

It is our hope that during the mission conference from Oct. 14-16, God will use this time to re-kindle our desire – His desire – to make the name of Jesus known in Marshall, Texas and among the nations.

During this time, we will hear from those who have traveled to the far corners of the earth to deliver the Word of Life. And we'll also hear from those who have faithfully proclaimed the Message in Marshall, in Texas and other parts of the U.S.

God always has, and still is, about the work of saving souls from a lost world. Will you join with us and pray that He will empower us to be his witnesses – in whichever place and whatever manner He chooses – and to inspire us to "Be One of THEM."

Mike Miga for the Mission Conference Committee

"Then Jesus came to *them* and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" – Matt. 28:18-20



Women In Ministry

Dear Sisters,

I am so excited about our upcoming year in Women In Ministry. We will be spending time together, working together, learning together and worshipping together. We all have an important part to play in the life of our church, especially since we are small. This year I desire to be first the Lord's servant and then yours. As Jesus states in Matthew 20:26, "... But whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant."

Thanks To Jackie Mills, last year's president and my wonderful daughter-in-law, as well as all of the other officers for their hard work which forms a base for this year's work to continue.

Love, Julie



What a deep contentment is held out to us in the words of 1 Peter 1:8, "Though you have not seen [Jesus Christ], you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy." Stop and let that sink in for a moment.

How often we are tempted to center our happiness on the *benefits* of His grace ahead of savoring Christ in His Person! Yes, the benefits of His grace are wonderful and worthy of appreciation and gratitude. We aren't sinning when we delight in the thought of the blessings, rewards, and inheritance that are ours as Christ-followers. God holds these out for us to see in His word. These things aren't bad... they're wonderful!

But it's tempting to fall into an expectation (perhaps even a subconscious demand?) that our faith should produce peaceful days, happy homes, smart and morally upright kids, neighborly kindness, vocational success, comfortable lives, and pain-free passage into the life to come! That's the American Dream, but it's not necessarily the Christian Life! When we wander toward a mindset that treats Christianity as a system, a formula for "the good life," we are dangerously close to idolatry!

Inexpressible and glorious joy arises from "seeing" (spiritually, that is, our physical eyes fail us here) and savoring Jesus Christ! When our faith (believing) and love center on Jesus Christ, we are transported. The deepest joy we can experience comes through basking

in the beauty and wonder of Christ – through "seeing" and savoring Him.

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

Under His Mercy,
Pastor Craig

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