



THE FAMILY

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 2010

*Kim Holland



- 6 John Flowers
- 6 Anne Petet
- 6 Gregg Sorensen
- 8 Madalyn Page
- 9 Jeanne Damoff
- 10 Olivia Bach
- 10 Taylor Haden Thompson
- 20 Juliann Spencer
- 21 Jane Littlejohn
- 21 Logan Moore
- 22 Beckie Bates
- 24 Stuart Sorensen
- 25 JoAnne Klotz
- 26 Darrell Smith
- 29 Evelyn Bates

* 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 2010 July 2010

Giving Income	17,862	159,031
Expenses	24,472	67,054
NET	(6,610)	(8,023)

*kitchen cleanup September 2010
Jeanne Damoff and Sarah Strong*



Lunch Hosts and Hostesses

- **Becky Flowers
- **Michelle Spencer
- *Kelly Spencer
- *Vera Hall
- *Maigen Chastain
- Joe Chastain
- Scott Holland

From the Music Director

Voices of Worship Adult Choir had a good beginning, last Wednesday night, for this choir year. We welcomed Ethan Sorensen to the group. The "Back to Choir Party" was last Friday night at the Wendell Jones' home. Following a

meal of grilled steak (Wendell is still “King of the Grill”) and all the trimmings, reports were given from Choral Festival and a preview of this year's Christmas musical, THE PROMISED HOPE. The evening concluded with a devotional by the Rev. Cliff Barrows (on DVD) and prayer for the new year. We thank Wendell and Mary for so graciously opening their home to us and Wendell for preparing the steaks. Voices of Worship Adult Choir meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Membership is open. If God is leading you to become a member of this ministry group, please join us.

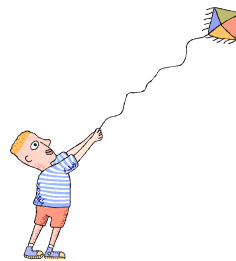
Joyful Sounds and More will begin with a party on Wednesday, September 8, from 3:30 – 4:45 pm. As you have already heard, the format will be different this year, including more activities, as well as singing, hymns, scripture memory, and a musical. All children, ages 4 years through grade six are invited. As always, our goal is to teach about Jesus and His love for us.

If your child needs a ride from public school or Trinity, carpools are being made. PLEASE CONTACT ME BY SEPTEMBER 1, if you want a ride from school for your child. As you already know, our church is celebrating its 25th anniversary September 10-12. We have invited you who, in former years have sung in the choir, to join Voices of Worship in singing in the service on that Sunday morning. There will be a brief rehearsal at 9:00, and the song will not be difficult. Please let me know if you can sing that morning, so I will have enough copies of the music for everyone. As always, we covet your prayers for the choir ministry at EPC. May we always honor, glorify, and exalt Him Who makes all of this possible.

In His Service,
Sarah Joe



Young at Heart had its “Back Together” meeting last month. The group traveled to Catfish Village in Waskom for dinner and fellowship. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 28, 10:30 am, in the Choir Room. Following Pastor Craig's Bible study, the group will have lunch together. (Young at Heart meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am.)



Children's Ministry

Summer is over, school has begun, and it's time for a fresh new start. It's such a comfort to know that we can start fresh every year, or even every DAY, as Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is thy faithfulness." Make a commitment today to live completely unto Him in all things, whether you are at school, work or home. He will walk with you, guide you, and keep you going!

Kid's Worship has now resumed, and the kids are learning the Shorter Catechism for Young Children, which is a wonderful

collection of questions and answers that every child needs to know, beginning with the subject of who God is. If you have a child between the ages of 4 years and 4th grade, please don't let them miss out on this spiritual teaching!

We also have a great "tween" program that your older kids will love! Jeremy Anders is leading W.W.F. (Word, Worship and Family) for kids 10-12 years old. They meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday evening at the church for dinner, devotions and games. They are presently studying the life of Jesus: who He was and is, and why people follow Him. Please contact Jeremy Anders for more details. Friends are welcome!



From The Youth Ministry

Church Family,

Fall is in the air. One-hundred degree Fall, that is! Has it been hot or what?!? I think we will all be thankful when more wintry conditions arrive. Until then we will suffer together and press on in ministry. Speaking of ministry...

Beginning in **September** we will be combining our youth and our young adults into an evening worship experience called **180 (Degrees)**. From **6pm to 7pm** we will have a time of singing, fellowship, and preaching/teaching. Our first meeting is on **September 5th** and our speaker will be **James Alderman**. This service is *not* limited to just youth and young adults. Everyone in the church is invited to attend. So if you are not doing anything on September 5th (or September 26th), please come on out!

On Wednesday the 25th **Jeremy Anders** and I went to ETBU for their Church Fair. We handed out a copy of our denominational essentials, a business card for our young adult group, and a Sermon Jams CD of *Don't Waste Your Life*. I got many comments on the CD's and met a few students who had attended Presbyterian churches back home. I have to thank not only **Jeremy** but also **Kelly Spencer, Michael Spencer, Emily Bach, and Daniel Morey** for coming by and supporting us. What a great group of students and a shining example of what our young adult group is made of!

I am still hobbling around so please pray for full recovery. It is difficult to do what I really want to do and it can be very discouraging at times. God is good and never gives us evil or difficulty without having a *good* reason for it.

Christ's servant and yours,
Ben



WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Well, ladies, all good things must come to an end (for now). We are getting ready to launch a new WIM year with a new council. I want to personally thank all the outgoing council for their faithfulness and excellence in their duties. We haven't had a "dud" in the whole bunch. August 29th will be the installation of the new council. Being president of any organization is a breeze "if" you have reliable and effective officers to carry out all the work (and I did).

1. Jackie Mills, our past Vice-President, is “chomping at the bits” to try out her new role as President.

2. Christi Alderman did such an efficient job as Secretary.

3. Tammy Miga came on board very reticent to be the Program Chairman but did a wonderful job – striving hard to meet all her obligations. Sept. 21st is the organizational meeting – the last program of the WIM year.

4. As Historian, Chrys Patheal has always done such a wonderful job, always being there taking pictures and keeping the church scrapbook. Be sure and check out all our scrapbooks at our 25th Anniversary Celebration.

5. As usual, Jane Littlejohn and Jeanne Rodgers have been so faithful with the Prayer Line with all the prayer requests that have come in. We miss Jeanne so much but Barbara Lewis has so lovingly filled in and will be the co-chairman this coming WIM year.

6. Vera Hall was also reticent to take the Service Committee, but as you know, she has excelled. In August the Service Committee teams provided meals for Kim Holland and Charlie Head after their surgeries. Also, the teams served a meal at the church for Delphine Metcalf’s family after the graveside services for her mother.

7. Betty Wiley did so well at her job as Special Fellowship chairman and Julie Mills wielding her talents of decorations for any and everything she was asked to do. Kim Holland has been somewhat disabled with her foot surgery and so busy taking care of her mother but she never “missed a lick” with facilitating our Fellowship Lunches.

8. Thanks to Sarah Strong, who has faithfully kept the galley stocked.

9. We have many Community Outreaches and Nancy Strnad has done such a wonderful job in being the liaison between all of them and our church.

10. Haven’t you enjoyed the flowers? I especially enjoyed the red flowers and flags during our Independence Celebration month - thank Marty Parker.

11. Have you looked at our “church family” bulletin board in the front hall? Our families’ military guys are posted. Robyn Moore and Christy Sorensen have been co-chairmen of our College/Military Committee. They have been kept busy with cards, etc.

12. Lisa Bach has been our Hospitality Chairman this year and faithfully provided baskets to prospective members.

13. Faith Focus has been a separate committee this year and Jeanne Damoff has presented the WIM project, “Eagle’s Wings,” the Albania transitional house for young girls being released from orphanages onto the street without education, training or any skills to sustain them. They are prime victims for human trafficking. This is where the proceeds from our cook book is going.

14. Our Bible Study leaders, Nina Bates and Chrys Patheal, along with their Bible Study Chairmen, Jane Littlejohn and Nancy Strnad are ready for another year of good Bible studies, come join one!

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS
FLOW! Mary Jones, President

The Updated EPC of Marshall Website is up and running! Check it out at

www.epcmarshall.org. Thank you, Mike Miga and Micheal Tivet for your creative work. It looks wonderful!



From The Pastor

By the time you receive this newsletter, Labor Day weekend will be here. And just one week after that, we'll celebrate together the 25th Anniversary of EPC of Marshall. The response has been wonderful! We'll have a great time of thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithfulness to us through the years! Praise Him!!!

On another note, Sunday, August 22, we recognized the teachers who have served in 2010. We appreciate their constant faithfulness to study and teach God's truth week after week! I'm sure that you are aware, though, that there are many, many others who are regularly serving Christ Jesus in His Church here at EPC of Marshall. How appropriate, as we recognize Labor Day, to express gratitude for their "labor"! Thank you one and all!

Bible Study Teachers; Deacons; Women In Ministry officers and volunteers; Praise Team; Choir; Sound and Projection volunteers; Website wizards (What else can you call them? Check it out at www.epcmarshall.org); Meals on Wheels deliverers; Martha's Kitchen servers; Nursery workers; Prayer warriors; Ministry volunteers; Committee members; Encouragers; Fellowship Lunch volunteers; Groundskeepers; Evangelists; Elders; Staff: Angie, Shirley, Sarah

Joe, Ben; Fellow worshipers and Encouragers; etc.

All of this effort is worth more than anyone can imagine! It has been said,

'Tis just one life;

'Twill soon be past;

Only what's done for Christ will last!

It's a privilege and a pleasure to serve Jesus with all of you!

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

I thank God for all of you,

Pastor Craig

MISSING FROM THE STOREROOM:

1 4 ft round white lightweight table. If you know where it is let Shirley in the office know.

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