

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS FOR:

Kitchen	Patricia Banks
Sanctuary	Lynne McLaughlin
Ushers	Don Kinard & Fred Holt (CC); Kristina Massey; Bill Massey; Jeff Ingram; Noelia Knapp
Visitor Greeter	Shirley Williams

SERVING EPC WEEK OF AUGUST 28

Children's Church	Cheryl Betts; Emily Coats
Counters	Amy Spear; David Pope
Elder Prayer Partner	Martha Jane Roark
Greeters	Ruthel VanAmburg; Miranda Jones
Greeting Cards	Ann Hall
Lay Reader	Bill McLaughlin
Nursery	Kathryn and Frank Reynolds
Security	Walter Nesbitt
Sound	Fred Holt

EVANGELISM

Last Sunday's Attendance at EPC

Worship: 98 Sunday School: 54
Visitors at EPC: In town: 7 Out of town: 0

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18

The Session has called a Congregational meeting to immediately follow Sunday morning worship, September 18. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on a report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee. The Committee will place the names of Patricia Banks, Julie Ligon, Nick McNair, and Walter Nesbitt in nomination for the Ruling Elder Class of 2014. The floor will be opened for additional nominations; however, if you wish to nominate someone, you must have secured their permission and acknowledged willingness to serve, if elected. If there are no additional nominations, a motion to cease nominations and elect these four persons by acclamation is in order. If there are additional nominations, a motion to cease nominations and elect by secret ballot four persons to serve in the Class of 2014 is in order. If you have questions, please contact Chris Posey, Moderator, CONC

Mission Corner

Clean Up Buckets Project—(continued from VBS)

\$240.00 was donated this past Sunday and we already had \$96 collected during VBS for a total of \$336.00. That will pay for the cleaning supplies to fill exactly six buckets (not including postage). This exceeded our expectations of filling only five buckets.

A great big Thank You to all of you who donated.

We will be shopping for the cleaning items this week to assemble the buckets and send them on their way. This may be just in time with hurricane season heating up.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 28

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship
Prayer in Parlor with elders
Lunch after Church—Houlihan's, Sidney S Blvd.
2:00 pm Children's Youth Group until 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 30

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 31

10:00 am Crafty Crew in Education Center, Room 4
6:00 pm Handbells 101
6:00 pm Tai Chi Class resumes in Fell. Hall, stage area
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 1

10:30 am Lively Ones-lunch at Country's, Mercury Drive
6:00 pm Sundowners Toastmasters Meeting

Please note that the Church Office is closed each Friday.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR EPC

	July, 2011	Year to Date	Budget to Date
Receipts	\$28,052.67	\$170,567.22	\$179,494.00
Disbursements	(32,799.65)	(199,540.13)	(181,449.00)
Differences	(4,746.98)	(28,972.91)	(1,955.00)

Now that the summer is over, I would like to encourage all of you to catch up on your pledges and giving. As you can see, we have spent nearly \$29,000 more than we have received thus far this year due to some unusual unbudgeted expenses. These were explained in previous newsletters. Our giving is down about \$9,000 from what we expected.

Walter K. Williams, Treasurer

Psalms Small Group Bible Study **Tuesday mornings 10:00—11:30 am** **September 13 through November 15** **Facilitated by Cheryl Betts**



In the Psalms, the promise of the reign of God meets the historical experience of God's people. Faith in God's faithfulness collides with human experiences of pain and suffering, enslavement, oppression, and exile. God's people struggle to make sense of who God is and who they are, and in so doing, they have composed a collection of moving testimonies of grace, glory, sorrow, and beauty unmatched in sacred literature.

It is open to everyone. Call the Church Office to register by the deadline of September 7. Cost of the study book is \$10.

FELLOWSHIP

LUNCH AFTER CHURCH on Sunday, August 28, is at Houlihan's, Sidney Simons Boulevard, and you are invited to join us (Dutch treat). Please sign the notebook on the credenza in the narthex before worship for a seating count.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP Susan and Ron Gilbert host our next Friday Night Fellowship on August 26, at 7:00 pm. Please bring a side dish to go with the meat and beverages they'll provide. But first....call them or EPC if you plan to attend. Join us....it's always fun!

LIVELY ONES MEETING On Thursday, September 1, 10:30 am, in the large meeting room off Fellowship Hall. Katherine Roark will present a devotional, and lunch will follow at the nearby Country's BBQ. Join us.

WORSHIP

6 WEEK SERMON SERIES: CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Aug. 28 *Only God Can Change a Mind*

Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 8:5-11

Sept. 4 *The Second Time Around*

Isaiah 64:1-5; Mathew 25:31-40

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers decorating the sanctuary Sunday are given to the glory of God by Mary and Mac Johnson.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER

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Please note an
Important Notice about a
Congregational Meeting

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHANGE

The ages of Children's Church participants will be changing soon. Beginning, Sunday, September 18, 2011, children three years old through those in third grade are encouraged to attend Children's Church on the ground floor of the Education Center. By lowering the ages for Children's Church participants to three year olds through third graders, we feel that we will be better able to work more effectively with these younger children since there won't be as broad an age range. We will teach them about worship and the stories of our faith on a level they can understand and enjoy.

Fourth and fifth graders will remain in the worship center where a new emphasis toward them will be implemented. It might be only to listen for a "word of the day" or they may be directed to look for something during the week. We will also have activities for them to encourage them to bring their new Bibles each Sunday in order to look up names, passages, etc. Fourth and fifth graders need to be experiencing worship since they will soon be in a Confirmation Class. By their participation in these new worship centered activities developed especially for them, we hope they will be better prepared to become church members themselves.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 28

Children's Youth Group for 3-5 Graders
Fellowship Hall, 2:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, September 4

Youth Group (MH/SH)
4:00 -5:30 pm, Room 5, upper level Ed. Center

Sunday, September 18

The Youth will go bowling at Peach Lanes, leaving from EPC at 3:45 pm, planning to return to EPC around 7 pm. **Youth: Please contact Cheryl if you are coming and if you plan to bring a friend no later than Thursday, September 8, since financial arrangements need to be made in advance to get Peach Lanes' great deal. The deal is this: We'll get two hours of free bowling, free shoes, and UNLIMITED Pizza, drinks and appetizers.**

What a deal!!! And.....

there is no charge to our Youth!

Call Cheryl at 706-575-1904
or email her at: childrenandyouth@epclife.com.
Come have fun and see who gets the highest score!





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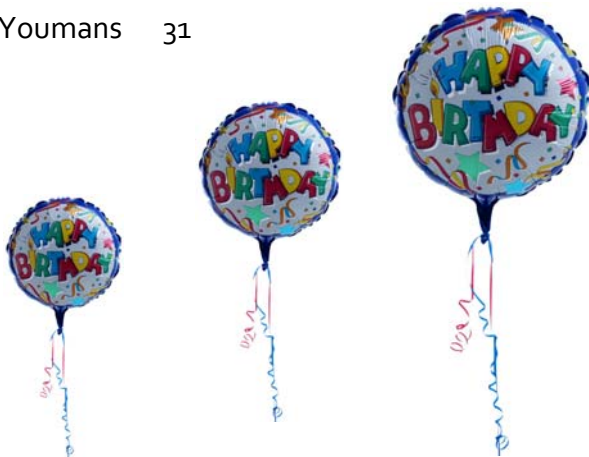
3617 Macon Road
Columbus, GA 31907

Return Service Requested

*Children's Youth Group
meets from 2-4 pm
on Sunday,
August 28, 2011*

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:

Lisa Youmans 31



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR CHURCH FAMILY

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| Mark Blackwell | Susan Knight | Ann Pratcher |
| Rachel Flournoy | Bob & Julie Ligon | Lillie Register |
| Henry Greer | Janie McClerkin | Michelle Robertson |
| Sue Hearn | David Pope | Pete Sanders-Nesbitt |
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| Covenant Woods: | Eva Lucille Roberts, PC 227 |
| Gardens at Calvary: | Lee Cook, Apt. 321 |
| Magnolia Manor: | Lillian McLeod, 24 |
| Morningside Asst'd Living: | Bob Gedroic, Room 142; |
| | David Anastasia, Room 108 |
| Muscogee Manor: | Lillie Register, East Wing 25B |
| The Veranda: | Bette Schroeter, Room 205 |

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

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| Jackie Jernigan (Tammy Mills' friend) widespread cancer | Al McCullough (Pete Sanders-Nesbitt's Dad) cancer |
| Kathy Windham (EPC Financial Secretary) seizures | Bradley Brooks (Gigi Lennon's friend's toddler) seizures |
| Cathy Cushman (Jed Robbins' Mom) cancer & Lyme disease | Joe Jones (Marge Welker's friend) |
| Dennis Dubois (Gigi Lennon's cousin) cancer | Robert McCart (Frances Long's brother) throat cancer |
| Robert Castellow (Becky's son) | Bill Blakely, recovering from stroke |
| Kay Fouts (former member) | Bobbie Marbut (former member) |
| Tracy Connor (friend of Joneses & Marge Welker) cancer | Sue Poore (Janie McClerkin's sister) |
| Miranda Erwin (daughter of Walter & Shirley Williams) | |

Please check the two lists above for those who were once requested to be on our Prayer Request Lists.
Call Becky if the person may now be removed or update with additional information as appropriate. Thanks....