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Celebrations!

Birthdays

01 Sarah-Kate Bozza
02 Ken Wood

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03 Julie Orton

03 Claire Allen

05 Margaret Nunez

05 Cheri Olivier

05 Tom Stock

07 Tommie Carmichael

From Pastor Aaron . . .

"Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing. Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He! Lord Sabbath His Name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle!"

Reformation Sunday was last week and in honor of the Reformation father, I wanted to quote the second verse of Luther's majestic hymn, Ein' Feste Burg. We've just completed our Stewardship and Commitment season for 2018 (please, if you haven't done so, turn in your pledge commitment to the office), we celebrated our Scottish/Presbyterian heritage with the Kirkin' of the Tartans service and the blessing of all the families of Eastminster from every heritage, we're electing a new slate of officers this Sunday and training begins the following week, Thanksgiving is on the way, and Advent is right on its heels; folks, we are a busy people. Like Luther said, if we strive in our own strength it will be a losing battle. I have found lately that God tends to give an extra ounce of strength right when I come to the end of myself- but usually and only if I acknowledge Him and recognize His leading. The other times I just get frustrated and angry.

Did you ever notice that Jesus never ran anywhere? There was always ministry to be done, people to feed, sickness to heal, death to defeat, and Jesus always walked in an anxiety-free, fear-free, way that was always on time. I have to admit, with everything that life has going on this is one of my weaknesses. I want to be over prepared for every detail, to be at every event, to be rested and strong and on my "A" game at every moment, rushing around from ballgame to music lesson to school assignment to ministry call. I sound like I'm asking for your sympathy but I'm really not; I could use your prayers, but the reason I highlight my own weakness is that I'm convinced I'm not alone, I have a feeling many of you have this same kind of life of dragging yourself from one thing to the next.

John Ortberg is an ECO pastor of a large church in CA, a published author, and a dynamic speaker. He once

08 Tim Brammer
 09 Lane Henderson
 09 Frank Koskee
 09 Mark Shreiner
 10 Lucy Nanda
 10 Barbara Tahsler
 10 Judy Westerlage
 10 Paula Barbin
 11 Julia Gallagher
 13 Allison Scholtens
 12 Andrew Scholtens
 14 Alex Ball
 15 Hartley Phinney
 15 Hanna Boney
 16 Gerri Wiley
 17 Harry Anton
 17 Walt Bentley
 17 Lindsay McDaniel
 17 Ron Harlow
 18 Jill Guske
 18 Nancy Speiser
 19 Rachel Graziose
 19 Ellen Beard
 19 James Fowler
 21 Dan Waters
 21 Lindsay Ray
 22 Neil Suber
 22 Cooper Foster
 22 Jennie Adams
 23 James Mayfield
 24 Janice Weaver
 25 Tyler Gruber
 25 Sage Holland
 25 Patti Cosson
 27 Rick Waugaman
 27 Gordon Carswell
 27 Michelle Dembski
 28 Karen Jones
 28 Georgia Bentley
 29 Danielle Edwards
 30 Meagan Will
 30 Kali Ramsey
 30 Kedrick Daw

Ushers

November 5

9:00

Wendy Broderick
 Andrew Sain

11:15

Jay Michaels
 Scott Briggs
 Doug Nielsen
 Stan Beard

November 12

9:00

Cheryl Spring
 Kedrick Daw

11:15

Robert Chesser
 Chad Ervin
 Jim Marsh
 Steve Moore

asked his mentor Dallas Willard how he could invigorate and energize his spiritual life. Willard responded by looking Ortberg in the eye and saying, "You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life, for hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our world today." For most of us there are seasons in life that are simply busier than others. How do we live a life in the midst of our schedules where we can truly be "anxious for nothing" as the Apostle Paul encourages us to be?

3 ways: First, prayer. Paul tells the Philippians (4:6-7) to be "anxious for nothing, but by prayer and petition present your requests to God." God is able to give us peace in the storm, and to work things out on the outside of our "boat." Second: as Willard encouraged Ortberg, eliminate hurry. This doesn't mean being irresponsible with time, only that we simply refuse to hurry. (I personally have some growing to do here). Finally: consider Jesus. He never rushed or ran. Jesus was never anxious. Jesus had more on his plate than any one of us, and yet he took life moment by moment and was present in each one of them. If you're "striving" this season with a busy schedule remember that the "right man" is on your side. God has you right where he wants you, but wants you to know His strength to win every battle.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Aaron

Youth Ministry News

November Youth Calendar

- Wednesday November 1: Wednesday Night Youth
- Sunday November 5: Youth Group
- Wednesday November 8
- Sunday November 12: Paintball, 1:00-6:00PM
- Wednesday November 15: Summer Stories Fundraiser
- Sunday November 19: No Youth Group (Thanksgiving)
- Wednesday 22: No Youth Activities (Thanksgiving)
- Sunday November 26: Youth Group
- Wednesday November 29: Joy To The World Event - Come help decorate and light up our church for Christmas!

Youth Paintball on November 12

- Please let me know by Sunday November 5 if your student would like to come!
- Cost is \$30/student
- Please print and fill out the waiver at this link and

November 19

9:00

Janie Bunch

11:15

Randy Sherman

Todd Mordecai

Tom Nickles

Mike Moran

November 26

9:00

Vicky Ryder

11:15

Paul Goldberg

Snookie Goldberg

Karen Jones

Jeff Jones

Greeters**November 5**

9:00

Sara Dilworth

Ellen Foster

11:15

Karen Miller

Marsha Stemme

Tommy Nickles

November 12

9:00

Jennifer Gettys

Robert Gettys

11:15

Ellen Parkerson

Bob & Jane Douglas

November 19

9:00

Mercia Weyand

Cathy DuBose

11:15

Jeff & Karen Jones

Leslie Michael

November 26

9:00

Teresa Roberts

Debbie Taylor

11:15

Eric & Alison Horton

Gail Sorrells

Wednesday Night Supper**November 1**

White Chicken Chili

Baked Potato Bar

Black Beans

Shredded Cheese

Green Onions

bring it with you when we leave:

- <http://gapaintball.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/arkenstonewaiver.pdf>

Save The Dates: Youth Christmas Activities

- Sunday December 3: Reindeer Games
 - Regular youth times, but Christmas themed games!
- Sunday December 10: Christmas Parties
 - Middle School TBD, 4:00-5:30PM
 - High School @ The Lavertys, 5:30-7:00PM
- Sunday December 17: Glow Carols, 6:00-7:30PM
- Wednesday December 20: College Cookie Party (High School Only), 6:00-7:00PM

Children's Ministry**Scholastic Book Fair**

This is the perfect opportunity to buy books for all ages on your Christmas list. All proceeds benefit Eastminster Christian Preschool. We will be in the Church Library (CLC) on Wednesday, November 29 from 5:45-7:00PM for your shopping needs. Thank you for your support!

Breakfast with Santa

Santa is coming to Eastminster on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00AM.

We transform the CLC gym into the North Pole, serve a pancake breakfast and have a very special visit from Santa along with a photographer to capture your child sitting on Santa's lap! Ticket order forms will be in the CLC and the Narthex beginning early November. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Mjehovich at cheryl.mjehovich@epres.org.

Music Ministry**Joy to the World Dinner and Decorating**

Imagine this...Carols, cocoa, hanging greens, and a massive tree lighting on the Eastminster lawn! Well, this is no dream, friends. This is a firm reality, and it's happening on Wednesday, November 29, 6:00PM. So save the date and plan to join us for dinner, decorating, cocoa, and carols! (*regular dinner rates apply.*)

Festival of Carols - A Christmas Worship Event

The Worship Team is excited to announce a music and worship collaboration between Eastminster Presbyterian Church and Kennesaw United Methodist Church.

Presbyterians and Methodists unite to bring you a fantastic and meaningful worship event on December

Sour Cream
Jalapenos
Dessert Surprise!

November 8

Baked Orange Chicken
Vegetable Fried Rice
Steamed Broccoli &
Carrots
Orange Sherbet
Fortune Cookies

November 15

Applewood Smoked Ham
Baked Macaroni &
Cheese
Green Peas
Salad Bar
Brownies

November 29

Christmas Decoration
Dinner
Lasagna
Eggplant Parmigiana
Garlic Rolls
Salad Bar
Hot Cocoa Bar
Assorted Christmas
Cookies

9, 7:00PM. You don't want to miss this wonderful worship concert filled with Christmas carols, both old and new. We invite you to join us for a dessert reception in the CLC immediately follow the concert. You'll have one additional opportunity to witness this splendid event at Kennesaw United Methodist Church on December 10, 7:00PM. Come to both if you wish! Get filled up for the Christmas season!

Christmas Nativity Pageant - Calling All Youth And Children!

Auditions for the annual Christmas pageant will take place on November 12, 2:30-3:30PM. We're auditioning youth and children for speaking roles and singing solos. The rehearsal dates are on December 3, 10, and 17, 2:30-4:00PM. The dress rehearsal will take place from 3:00-4:30PM on December 24 with the pageant presentation occurring during the 5:00PM Christmas Eve service. Contact Chris Owenby for more information on how your child(ren) can get involved.

Women's Ministry

Eastminster Presbyterian Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 10, 2018
Christian Life Center
8AM-3:30PM

God intentionally created us to grow, change, and learn over time, through different seasons. Every season of life holds challenges and concerns, but we don't have to face them alone. Come and be part of an intimate community and open your heart and your hands to what He has for you. Whatever season you're in: embrace it.

More information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

Mission News

Celebrate Recovery

Just recently, we lost another young man from Roswell to drugs and alcohol further illustrating the drug epidemic we find ourselves fighting. In 2015 alone, 1,302 of our neighbors in Cobb, Gwinnett and Fulton counties died from a drug overdose. Out of 59 counties, Cobb County ranks number 7 in deaths by drug overdose. Drug overdose is the leading cause of death for people under 50 and is the leading cause of accidental death. As a church, we need to ask ourselves how we can respond to this epidemic and how the healing power of Jesus Christ can be brought to bear on the problem. A small, core group of people are researching a Christ-centered recovery program, Celebrate Recovery, with the goal of starting a chapter

at Eastminster. We are currently looking to expand this core group by adding other people who are interested in helping people on the road to recovery from drugs and alcohol. People recovering from eating disorders and other addictions are also served. For more information, please send a confidential e-mail to Maynard Gardner (m_gardner83@att.net), Cathy and Dick Dubose (mtns2beach@bellsouth.net), Mercia Weyand (mercnat@aol.com), Tom Nickles (tomnickles@comcast.net) or Stephen Moore (smoore632@gmail.com).

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox collection for Operation Christmas Child is underway! Prayerfully pack those shoeboxes for needy children around the world! Please remember - NO CANDY, NO FOOD, NO TOOTHPASTE can be packed in boxes anymore. Pre-printed boxes and brochures with complete instructions are available outside the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall, and the CLC lobby. For more information and important dates visit www.epres.org/shoebox. Drop off filled boxes in the Fellowship Hall by November 12.

Volunteer at the OCC Processing Site! Join us for a morning or night of working, praying and fellowship as we help process shoeboxes before they get shipped out all over the world. There are two dates to choose from, Monday, November 27 from 6-10PM, or Thursday, November 30 from 9AM-1PM. Space is limited, so sign up now at www.epres.org/shoebox.

Ken 'Ya Run 5K

The 2nd Annual Ken 'Ya Run 5K is coming up on Saturday, November 18 at the Still Family Farm in Powder Springs. All proceeds from the race will be used to continue construction on the Kenya Connection Kids technical school. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to come join in the fun for a wonderful cause! And tell your friends! For more race information, visit www.kenyarun5k.com, or contact Beth Hartt (beth.hartt@gmail.com) or Emily Gilbert (emilyanngilbert@bellsouth.net).

Kenya Chili Cook-Off

Save the Date - the Kenya Chili Cook-Off is Coming! Start perfecting your chili recipe - the Kenya Mission Team invites you to the 3rd Kenya Chili Cook-Off! Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 28 at 6PM in the Great Hall to taste some amazing chili and see if anyone can beat the reigning champ, Cindy Holland. Whether you come to compete or eat, this will be an evening full of food, fellowship, and an exciting opportunity to support the mission team's work in Kenya next summer. All proceeds will go directly to projects at Tumaini, Huruma and Kenya Connection Children's Homes. We

need chili contestants! If you are interested in entering, please contact Leanne Chesser at lchesser0603@gmail.com or 404-697-6924.

Happy Anniversary!

04 Mike & Cheryl Mjehovich
06 Don & Susan Welborn
09 Bobby & Vicky Ryder
10 Karl & Susan Touset
17 Harry & Bonnie Anton
17 Steve & Beth Cummings
18 Troy & Annette DenHerder
18 Greg & Jessica Gibbs
21 Fritz & Lisa Brewer
21 Chris & Aimee Jackson
23 Joe & Jan Walls
24 Andy & Anne Dixon
25 Phil & Lena McClendon
27 Larry & B.J. Baskin
29 Jim & Ann Streible
29 Walt & Georgia Bentley
30 Tom & Katherine Moore
30 Larry & Sallie Rainwater
30 Robert & Jeanne Chesser

Coming Up

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox collection for Operation Christmas Child kicks off on Sunday, October 15! Prayerfully packing a shoebox is such a simple yet wonderful way to share the love of Christ with needy children all over the world! OCC is a powerful testament to how God can use a shoebox to change the hearts of children and their families.

New this year - **NO CANDY and NO**

TOOTHPASTE can be packed in boxes anymore.

Brochures (with complete instructions) and pre-printed boxes will be located in the alcove near the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall, and in the CLC lobby starting October 15. For more information and important dates visit www.epres.org/shoebox.

Drop off filled boxes in the Fellowship Hall by November 12. Share the love of Jesus this Christmas with children in need!

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Spunky Spirits

Spunky Spirits will meet Thursday, November 9 at 11:00 in the church library. All women are invited. We would love to have you.

We are studying "Worshiping God with our lives" chapter 11. If you don't have a book we have printed copies for you. After the study we will adjourn to the CLC for a covered dish lunch. Just bring something to share.

Just a reminder we will be collecting money for "Families First" Christmas gifts. Please make checks out to

Karen Jones. If you would like more information please contact Nancy Speiser (770-642-7229) or nancyspeiser@att.net.

Sonflower Sisters

Calling all elementary-age girls and their moms! Mark your calendars for our next Sonflower Sisters meeting! We will meet on Friday, October 13 from 7-8:30PM in Room 201 (upstairs in the CLC). We'll continue our study of Proverbs by talking about how to be wise with our words. You won't want to miss it! Watch your inbox for an evite with details. Please contact Lara Atalla at lara_atalla@yahoo.com with questions, to add your email to the list and to add friends who are interested.

"Joy to the World" Adopt a Tree

God decorates our beautiful church home for Easter; let's share the Joy of Christmas with the world around us here at the corner of Sewell Mill and Old Canton! Share the Joy Project:

- Small Groups, Sunday School classes, Bible Study groups, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Session Teams, Deacon Teams, Preschool Staff & Board, and individual families are invited to adopt a tree.
- Cost: \$25 per tree and extensions (We have over 40 trees on our site.)
- White LED lights have been purchased and are available to pick up on Sunday, Oct. 29th and November 1st (Wednesday night dinner).
- Groups will receive an assigned tree and detailed instructions when you pick up the lights. Your group may decorate - at your convenience - at any time between Nov. 1 and Nov. 26.
- Dinner, Lighting Celebration, Caroling on the Grounds, and hot chocolate and cookies follow.
- Please call or contact Carolyn Waters to adopt a

MUST Ministries Donations

It will soon be time to decorate the Hat/Scarf/Mitten tree(s) with all the items you've been working on throughout the year (or purchased). These items will be donated to MUST Ministries, providing warmth for many children and adults for the cold winter months. This is a wonderful opportunity to allow your children or grandchildren to participate in this great ministry.

Craft Circle

Craft Circle will meet Monday, November 13th, room 203/CLC, 10-1. We plan to work on rag quilts and dog beds. Those who can, please bring sewing machines. All others, bring your favorite pair of scissors. Any questions, please call Lynn Hall (770-552-0949) or Lynne Buchanan (404-234-5063).

Scripture Memorization

Our Scripture verse for November is from 2 Corinthians 5:14-15,

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."

Obedience. Discipline. Faithfulness. These are all qualities Christians should dedicate themselves to achieving on a consistent basis. Yet, for many of us, it is a struggle to maintain these Godly principles in our everyday living. And while our sinful nature stands in the way of our perfecting these virtues, it shouldn't preclude us from striving to be more consistent in seeking to live a more spiritual life.

Our memory versus this month, provides us with positive insight and motivation that can assist us in our quest to becoming more Christ-like. Paul tells us Jesus' love is a powerful tool that can "compel" us to live in the Spirit and turn away from worldly values. Notice he doesn't use the words like "demand" or "obligate". For Paul understood when we are consumed with Christ's love we indeed feel "compelled" to glorify and honor Him.

Session Meeting Highlights October 2017

Session received the following brothers and sisters in Christ into covenant partnership: Pieter du Plessis,

Clay & Genie Fleishel, Ellie Larry, Jeffrey Jonsson, Dennis & Mink Maddox, Pam McCabe, Chris & Claudine McKemie, George & Jane Merry, Sarah Moore, Erich Starzinger, and David & Natalie Weekley.

Session approved the baptisms of Andrew and Joy Moore, children of Rev. Aaron & Sarah Moore, on October 15, 2017, at the 9am service. Rev. Moore and Rev. Katie Hudson officiated.

Session approved hiring Lee Heiner as a part time Youth & Children's Ministry Assistant. He will also receive back pay for the hours worked in August-October.

Session approved a Barnabas Fund distribution of \$110 to a covenant partner for counseling.

Session approved a donation to First Presbyterian Church, Santa Rosa, a Fellowship church, to provide relief from the California wildfire disaster. The donation will be up to \$10,000 depending on available funds in the Outreach budget. The need was brought to Session's attention by the ECO Synod Office.

Session approved the Women's Ministry Christmas Tea/Luncheon on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 12:15pm in the CLC.

Session approved holding one combined service at 10am in the sanctuary on December 24, 2017, following a 9am Carol Sing let by Chris Owenby in lieu of CLT classes that morning.

Session approved updating the Barnabas Fund policy to designate the Chair of the Deacon Nurture team, together with the Senior Pastor, to make confidential recommendations to the Session for approval. Also, limits for the Senior Pastor's unilateral disbursements were increased from \$100 to \$250 for a single request and from \$300 to \$500 per month. Such disbursements are reported to the Session at the next Stated Session meeting.

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 5, at 10:50am in the CLC for the purpose of electing the slate of new officers.

The next Stated Session meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 7:30pm in Room 204.

Respectfully submitted,

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