



The Grapevine

I am the vine; and you are the branches. If a man remain in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. – John 15:5

By Pastor Joshua Knott

April 2009

Sunday School: Mission

Mission trips and service projects are powerful things. Most of you have experienced this at some point in your life. You make sacrifices, raise funds, give generously and go somewhere else (doesn't matter where), often with a team of folks who are committed to being pro-active ambassadors for Christ, and to heartily working for Christ. It's a spiritually "intense" time.

I've found, more often than not, that spiritually intense times (times of refreshing, times of rejoicing, times of renewed repentance and faith) come when I'm doing things Christ does, embracing the priorities Christ has, loving the things He loves, hating the things He hates, and speaking the words He has spoken.

So why "mission"? God, in a uniquely powerful way in the person of His Son, is a missionary God. He takes initiative and pursues His people with His redeeming love. Read Luke 15. He's like the one who leaves the 99 for the one. What does He do when He finds the lost sheep? He rejoices! He's like the one who diligently searches for the coin that was lost and when He finds it, what does He do? He rejoices! He's like the one who gives his own dear child enough rope to hang himself with, and when the son comes home the Father embraces him and...rejoices! Our God is a missionary God and Luke 15 pictures His own rejoicing in the success of His own certain mission. It only makes sense, then, that when the gospel drives us to imitate the triune God's missionary actions, words, and zeal, we find a deep spiritual joy as well.

God also, in His grace, exponentially compounds this joy in mission by uniting us not only to Himself, but to one another in this task of living out the gospel by imitating Him. We strive side-by-side for the gospel. We work side-by-side to build houses. We make meals side-by-side for those in need. We strive side-by-side in supplying the very real spiritual and physical needs of God's people and the lost. When we're engaged in mission, the hands,

eyes, and feet (representing different gifts within the body of Christ) all combine in a symphonic testimony to His grace in a way that often makes a difference in the world and always brings glory and honor to Him. It is beautiful by design. It is exhilarating to be a part of. Part of the reason mission trips are so intense is because people are not just encouraged, but required to use what gifts, talents, and abilities God has given them to accomplish the reason for which they were sent! It's what we were made for and gifted to do! Mission is our way of imitating Christ who came not to be served, but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45) and God compounds our joy by serving with one another.

So what does this have to do with Sunday school? In September 2009, we're creating space for more folks to use their gifts, space for exponentially multiplied joy, and space for God to do even greater things through EP, by having Sunday school classes united by a mission project requiring the gifts and resources of the whole group. Each quarter each class will serve in some way. Sunday school is designed to help grow people into mature disciples of Christ, and by building mission into the fabric of EP's largest discipleship ministry (Sunday school), we clarify exactly what discipleship entails. We're called to make disciples who not merely hear but do the Word of God which means serving as much as learning.

If you're like me, you see that the potential to grow the kingdom is huge. Take something as simple as meals, for example. Currently, a bulk of care for our own people happens on an individual basis. Often a small group will take care of a fellow small group member. But what about when an entire small group needs to be taken care of? What happens when our generationally segregated small groups realize they can't take care of one another without other people within the body of Christ? Or take missions, as another example. One or two people, or occasionally a small

group, will adopt a missionary to pray for and support. No one outside that group might know the missionary or have opportunity to get to know that missionary. What if every Sunday school class (I envision 5 classes as a minimum) had a missionary they were praying for, writing letters to, and encouraging as best they were able? What if one quarter a class adopted A Door of Hope, the next quarter, Sunday Breakfast Mission, and we actually went, as a class, to help them? What if we take the lesson we just heard and begin to think, as a class, how we can actually live that out together in tangible ways?

You see where I'm going with this. Sunday school becomes an equipping and sending station as it challenges folks to not merely be hearers of the Word, but doers. And there's so much to be done! We have opportunities abounding in our church, local community, and global community to bring Christ to people and bring people to Christ through our words and our service! It could be simple, it could be complicated, but it needs to become part of the fabric of what it means to be a member at EP and a disciple of Christ. Because there are so many possibilities, each class will need to have a point person or couple for this quarterly project. Projects would be presented to the class by this point person in conjunction with pastoral staff, the deaconate, and/or the group itself. I'm looking forward to seeing what God lays on the hearts of our Sunday school classes in the coming years, and anticipate great fruitfulness for the kingdom as God blesses.

I wrote in last month's Grapevine that I am one of a few pioneers introducing this aspect of mission and other additional Biblical priorities into the Sunday school time. On Saturday morning, June 6th, from 9-10:30, I'll be training couples from every walk of life and every small group (ideally!) in:

- Exactly what this new format looks like;
- How the new format will benefit EP, and our guests, spiritually;
- How the new format will benefit the community, in many ways;
- How the new format will significantly boost small group ministry at EP;
- How EP folks can make Sunday school a vital aspect of their ministry at EP (by being leaders, by being teachers, by exercising hospitality, by being a missions project point person).

Mark your calendars now, and stay tuned to the Grapevine for more details about Sunday school in '09.

-Pastor Knott

“PURCHASED FOR HIS PURPOSE” 2009 THEME

<p>March 31 April 5</p>	<p>Quilting at Joan Lazeration's home, 6:30 pm Easter Concert, 7 pm - The Easter Concert will feature Chancel Choir, Messenger, Bellissimo, Junior Bells and our Junior Choir. This will be a dynamic evening to which you can invite family and friends.</p>
<p>April 9 April 11 April 12</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm FoFeFu Bus Trip to Mount Vernon Easter Sunday Service, 10:45 am (No PM Service)</p>
<p>April 17 April 24-26</p>	<p>Kids' Gym Night in FLC, 6:30 pm Jr/Sr High Retreat</p>
<p>May 2 May 16</p>	<p>Work Day, 8 am to Noon Celebrating Spring WIC Picnic in FH, 10 am</p>

His Passion. His Triumph.



The Easter Season at Evangelical Presbyterian Church

*Join us for these services
celebrating the Passion
and Triumph of Jesus Christ*

April 5, 10:45 am - Palm Sunday

April 5, 7 pm - Easter Concert

April 9, 7 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

April 12, 10:45 am - Easter Sunday Service

Missions

Greg and Sandy Baker
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Newark, DE

The Baker's daughter, Molly, organized a missions trip to South Africa in January with 14 students from the University of Delaware participating. They held kid's club and afternoon club all month in the small shanty town of Capricorn. It is situated between a wealthy beach town and Capetown. A high percentage of kids (75%) have HIV/AIDS and live in complete poverty. The team was humbled by these amazing and beautiful kids who came to these clubs.

Ten students from the U of D went to Trinidad during the same time to participate in missions projects there. Two recent grads, Matt and Stephanie Kisler, will be serving the Lord in Kenya for three years. Matt will be working as the liaison for the Masai Food Security Project. Stephanie will teach music or English. Fifty one students attended the Jesus, Justice and the Poor Conference in Philadelphia in March. Several teams will be taking spring break trips to New Orleans, Kentucky, and Daytona for outreach. Pray for the Spirit to humble, challenge, and motivate all of them to know Christ more fully during these trips.

Elizabeth Wilson
Summer Institute of Linguistics, Not disclosed

The story telling teams responded well to the last workshop and spent a lot of time thinking about places and people that could be involved in the next few months. They are enthusiastic about working hard to get stories accepted by their culture, while continuing to maintain accuracy. A good friend, Kristin, and a supporter, Aaron, came to visit. They were a great help typing a few retelling of stories and cultural stories. They had an opportunity to visit Sam's (one of the team members) mother and cousin. They had a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's

story. It was an encouragement to Liz to be with friends and to share Christ with others.

The last two months have been really hard for Elizabeth. She has questioned her work there and has wanted to go home more than once. She knows that she is there for a purpose and she does see the affects of her efforts. She feels that the Lord is holding her close and is sending her through this time for a reason that she doesn't know. She is thankful for the conversations with some of the consultants concerning burn out and for the encouragement of her friends' visit. She thinks that she is "over the hill" in terms of being overwhelmed with life there. Pray for relationships among the team; the enemy loves to disband an army through miscommunication and interpersonal issues.



Merrily Richie
MTW, Midrand, South Africa

Merrily praises the Lord for the privilege of serving Him in Midrand at a growing church where she sits under excellent preaching. She has many challenging opportunities to teach and help and a lovely staff with which to work. She now has the potential to disciple/counsel seven people each week. Pray that the Holy Spirit will direct her and that she will not rely on her own strength. The participants in the Boundries course were very enthusiastic and want a follow up meeting. As a result of their feedback, in May or June the course will be offered over four Saturday mornings instead of two. The attendance of DivorceCare is better than last year. Pray for the 14 leaders of the bipolar, Men's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Group, and GriefShare. Pray for continued healing for the participants from their hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

Merrily will be attending the MTW area retreat in Spain at the end of April. Pray for all of the details of such a huge gathering as hundreds from Africa and Europe travel and that we will all desire to change to be more like Christ.

- Jill White

**Interview with
Tom Kulesza
by Joshua Knott**

What do you do in your free time?
Usually for free time I will hang out with my brother, watch

TV or watch a good movie.

Name two bands you listen to at the moment.

I like a lot of the old stuff; I don't have a favorite.

What's the big deal about text messaging?

I wouldn't know; I don't have it.

What's the silliest thing you've ever done?

Dressed up like a leprechaun for St. Patty's Day

What school do you go to? Newark High School

What's your favorite subject? Math

What's your favorite food?

I don't have a favorite; I like it all

If there's one thing you'd want the church to know about you that they might not know, what would it be?

I am a bowler [Joshua's editorial note - a semi-professional, cash-prize winning bowler]

What keeps you coming back to youth group?

The people and that feeling to get pumped about God

Any prayer requests?

Prayers for my family and for school



Ministry

Corner

BEHIND THE SCENES

My favorite thing about touring the Biltmore in North Carolina is the "Behind the Scenes" tour...I love seeing what goes on that most people don't see!

There are many things that go on "behind the scenes" here at EP...such as the sound technicians who set up microphones and monitor the sound each week. Another group is the counters, who diligently prepare the offering deposits each week. There's also those who prepare for communion each month. Or how about those who consistently get the coffee ready for fellowship time and then clean up afterwards...week after week! And then think about all of the maintenance type things you have to do at your home...and multiply that by the size of our church buildings! Imagine being the one who gets the phone call when the church building alarm goes off, or the roof is leaking, or the one who needs to make arrangements for the parking lot to be plowed, or the carpet needs to be replaced.

You get the idea...there are so many who work tirelessly behind the scenes, volunteering their time in ministry. **THANK YOU!!!**

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Mercy Ministries Conference

**The Church as a Community of Hope:
*Restoring the Family, Serving the Community***

Mission to North America and Christian Education and Publications (two of the agencies of the PCA) hosted a Mercy Ministries Conference at New City Fellowship in Chattanooga, TN in March. New City Fellowship began over 30 years ago as a multi-cultural church. Their church had over 70 volunteers who did a wonderful job of hospitality, greeting everyone, providing food, taping sessions, and cleaning up during the conference.

James Ward (composer for the arrangement of "Rock of Ages" that we sang at EP last Sunday) led the music, and it was uplifting and full of praise to our Lord.

Seminars (which were taped and can be ordered from CEP) were presented on topics such as Disability, Grief, Peacemaking, Mobilizing Deacons for Mercy Ministries, Benevolence Policies, Community Ministry, etc. Plenary sessions were powerful in their teaching.

For more information about ordering CDs from the conference, go to www.cepbookstore.com and click on the link for the Mercy Conference.

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Sweat the Small Stuff

For a number of years prior to the 1980's, the only good thing that could be said about the New York City subway was that the trains ran 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Aside from that, everything else was a disaster. The stations were filthy and dimly lit. Commuters were forced to run a gauntlet through vagrants, drunks, drug addicts, and panhandlers in order to board a subway car littered with trash and coated inside and out with graffiti. And to top things off, crime was so rampant in these squalid cars that when in December 1984, Bernard Goetz whipped out a pistol and opened fire on four rowdy teenagers (all of whom had criminal records) who were taunting him and trying to intimidate him into giving them money, not only was he acquitted of all charges of assault and attempted murder but was hailed as a hero by his fellow NYC residents. In fact, his local neighborhood threw a block party in his honor.

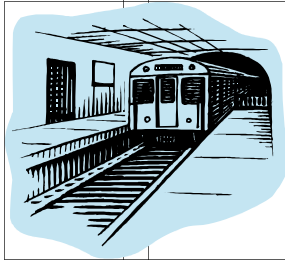
Fortunately, help was on the way. In the mid-80's the New York Transit Authority proposed a multibillion-dollar overhaul of the system—an undertaking obviously impossible to successfully complete without first dealing with the crime issue. Thus, George Kelling, a noted criminologist, was hired to consult with newly appointed subway director, David Gunn.

Keller was chosen for this position since he and another criminologist, James Q. Wilson had outlined a new approach to reducing crime entitled the "Broken Window" theory. This theory was based on the assumption that it is small seemingly insignificant quality-of-life infractions that determine how prevalent crime will become in any society. Broken windows, that no one repairs, litter, and so on, send a message to any and all that no one cares and no one is in charge. This sort of laxity of standards brings out the worst in everyone. It discourages law abiding citizens. "If no one else is walking to the trash can to throw away their food wrappers or soft drink cans, why should I?" And it greatly emboldens those with criminal intent whose petty infractions quickly escalate into more violent ones.

This line of reasoning made sense to Gunn and he decided the first subway problem he would take on was graffiti. He thoroughly analyzed the graffiti situation and discovered that "artists" (taggers) were getting their jollies

by loitering in subway stations watching their art work cruise by. Moreover, he discovered that many of the "taggers" were haunting the 135th Street yard where trains would lay up overnight and that their graffiti murals took three nights to complete. The first night they would paint the side of the car white. The second they would draw the outline on the dried paint, and on the third night they would paint the mural.

Armed with this information, Gunn mapped out his strategy. He would make no attempt to harass or arrest "taggers." He would allow them to complete their three day projects. But the morning of the fourth day his crew would sweep in and paint over the murals if they were on painted cars or clean them off with solvents if on stainless steel ones sending forth a clear message, "If you want to spend three nights of your life defacing subway cars go right ahead, but rest assured your art work will never be seen by anyone but you."



So, the battle was joined. The "taggers" were determined and did not give ground easily, but Gunn was even more determined and did not retreat an inch. The Graffiti War raged from 1984 to 1990 but finally the last "tagger" waved the white flag. Now the NYC subway cars were among the cleanest in the world.

Now phase two began. William Bratton, a "Broken Windows" believer, was brought in from Boston to head the transit police. He immediately shocked all those under him by announcing that his first order of business was to crack down on fare-beaters.

An estimated 170,000 people were riding the trains each day without paying. The young and agile were simply jumping the turnstiles. Others backed in and by sheer force pushed their way through.

Heretofore, the transit police had overlooked fare-beaters. This was only a \$1.25 crime which required more time and effort than seemed worthwhile. The culprit had to be hauled to the police station, paperwork filled out and processed. This took up a good part of the day; and if convicted, the most the perpetrator received was a slap on the wrist. So why bother.

But Bratton believed that stopping the fare-beaters was a key to stopping more serious crimes. He had a city bus gutted and turned into a rolling police station by retrofitting it with fax machines, phones, holding pen and

fingerprinting equipment, and he insisted that a check be run on everyone arrested.

And Bratton turned out to be right and the police officers were soon “Broken Window” converts, for the checks revealed that 1 out of 7 nabbed fare-beaters had an outstanding warrant for a more serious crime and 1 out of 20 was carrying a weapon.

In short order, the bad guys wised up and left their weapons home and they along with everyone else paid their fares. Bratton also had the drunks and other nuisance makers ejected from the subway stations and by 1994, subway crime plummeted at the rate of a snowball going down hill.

Word soon got out that the subway was now clean and safe and middle and upper class New Yorkers began returning to the system, including the current mayor. In 2008, the NYC Transit System rider numbers were the highest they have been in 58 years; and since 1990 when the “Broken Window” concept was first introduced in NYC at the police level, the crime rate of the city has dropped 77%. NYC is now the safest large city in the United States.

When one analyzes the success of the “Broken Window” concept from a Biblical standpoint, it becomes obvious that its success cannot be attributed to the genius of just a few individuals (since many people have been involved with the program since its inception to the present day) but rather it succeeds because it is based on sound Scriptural principles.

Among the teachings Jesus presented to the attentive crowd gathered on a Galilean mountainside was: *“You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery. But I tell*

you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away....And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell” (Matthew 5:27-30).

In these verses Christ is not implying that anyone who has ever sinned is beyond redemption; but in His love, He is issuing a solemn warning that to avoid the catastrophic destructiveness and sorrow that sin can bring into the life of an individual it must be brought to heel at the lowest possible level: the look level, touch level and most primary of all levels, the thought level.

And to do this, Philippians 4:8 instructs us: *“Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about these things.”*

We cannot eradicate sin, but we can play a role in holding it at bay. *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)*

We have all most likely heard the expression, *“Don’t sweat the small stuff.”* But as it turns out, that is exactly what we must sweat.

For the individual, evil must be brought to a halt at the thought level. For society as a whole, it must be forced to stop at the litter, \$1.25 fare level. And conversely, good must be aggressively pursued at the cup of cold water given in God’s Name, word fitly spoken in season, Good Samaritan one person helping one other person level.

Chief source for information on the “Broken Window” program in NYC is The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell.

- Jeanne Jenkins



Did you know that Covenant College is our PCA denominational college? Go to www.covenant.edu for beautiful pictures and information about Covenant. Also, pray for Covenant – the administration, faculty, Board, and students. The Board met last week (Kathy Wargo has been a Women’s Trustee Advisor on the Board for 6 years and will be serving for one more year). Pray also for the financial needs of the college.

A Fun Fact – A Castle in the Clouds.

The Lookout Mountain Hotel, built in 1927 with the South’s largest ballroom and 200 guest rooms, came up for sale when Covenant needed more space. The once-posh “Castle in the Clouds” seemed an ideal location for the College, and Covenant purchased and moved into the hotel in 1964. Since then, the College has significantly developed the campus and cultivated important ties with the Chattanooga community.



The Deacon's Bench

As a result of the December 2008 Congregational meeting, some responsibilities within the Diaconate have changed. For your information, the 2009 deacon assignments are as follows:

Chairman: Roger Jamieson
Vice-Chair: Jason Kluver
Secretary: Dave Simpson
Facilities: Dave Visser, Chairman; Clem Meyerhoff, Jason Kluver, Tom Graham, Steve Leauby
Mercy Needs: Dean Nairn, Chairman
Don Jones, Steve Leauby
Sanctuary: Dave Simpson, Chairman; Scott Cherry
Layperson: Tim Visser, Chairman
Jared Guckenberger
Hospitality: Clem Meyerhoff, Chairman; Tim Visser
Finance: Roger Jamieson, Chairman; Dean Nairn
Tuition Assistance: Scott Cherry
Local Projects: Roger Jamieson
Office Management: Jared Guckenberger, Chairman
Dean Nairn
Promotion: Scott Cherry
Audio-Visual: Dean Nairn, Chairman
Tom Graham, Jared Guckenberger

Since the beginning of the new year, the Session and the Diaconate have met together on the second Monday of each month for a time of instruction and discussion on the subject of church leadership. Pastor Harvey desires that the officers of the church grow in Christ and develop a closer

walk with the Lord. In so doing, we can better serve as a model for our spouse and family as well as our congregation. While we had met quarterly as a large group in the recent past, Pastor wants our gatherings to be more frequent, more formal, and more focused. The subject of spiritual leadership is multi-faceted and complex, and Pastor believes it should be addressed in a consistent, specific, purposed way.

We began by acknowledging that church leaders have an obligation to shepherd, both directly and indirectly, and that our lives should reflect the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Pastor spoke in January about "Prayer and the Family Life of a Spiritual Leader," which was both humbling and encouraging. References were made to I Tim. 3, Galatians 5, Hebrews 10, I Peter 3, and to John Calvin. We were reminded that, as husbands and fathers, our primary goal should be to see our spouse and children grow in spiritual maturity and to demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit. As officers in Christ's church, we can have a similar effect in our congregations. We were urged to approach this responsibility with an attitude of prayerful reliance on the Holy Spirit, and Pastor provided some concrete suggestions to enhance our own prayer lives. Pastor's enthusiasm and concern for us were evident, and were met with gratitude by the officers.

In February, Pastor urged us to continue to pray for our family, our spouse, and for one another as we minister to the congregation. He made reference to Ephesians 4:1-16 and reminded us that we should live lives that are "worthy" of what Christ has done for us, and that this worthiness should be the focus of our prayer as we exercise dominion over temptation and Satan and strive to honor Christ in our homes and in our church.

It is proving to be an interesting and valuable study - remember us as you continue to pray for our church.

- Dave Simpson

Session Communicator

Senior Pastor Jay Harvey called the joint meeting of the session and diaconate to order on March 9, 2009. Following opening prayer, Jay shared his vision of EPC Men's Forum. This group of men was to meet this Thursday at 6:15 p.m. Over thirty men had already RSVP to Pastor Joshua Knott. Jay passed out a pamphlet about the forum and explained more about his vision to the group. The group shared some helpful tips and showed excitement for the men's forum.

David Halley was asked to share some feedback from giving his testimony at the Sunday evening service. Some points included encouragement about praying with and for co-workers and a reminder that God can provide a direct calling, not just for pastors but on all our lives, towards our jobs.

Tim Visser was asked to share about a possible child adoption that his family was pursuing. Tim shared about the Lord's faithfulness to his children during the process of changing schools. In particular regarding Klayten, he shared about a certain friendship that had developed with another young girl.

It's this young girl's child that the Visser family is considering adopting. Tim shared how this is a step of faith for his family and asked for prayer during this process. The session and diaconate then prayed and split for their meetings.

The session meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. The session welcomed Scott Cherry from the diaconate. David Rose, from the mission's committee, shared ideas of how to encourage and help the church connect more with local and foreign missionaries. Some ideas included a small mission's conference in the summer and small groups adopting a missionary.

Dennis Dietrich, of the administrative committee, provided a complete EP staff handbook of policies and procedures. We were also encouraged to turn in any officer nominations.

Pastor Joshua Knott shared a Sunday School update for the new vision of the classes. More information concerning the changes for Sunday School can be found in March's Grapevine.

- David Halley

Covenant Kids Corner

Upcoming Events in the Children's Ministry for Spring 2009

Saturday, April 4th, **Dress Rehearsal**, 9:50-10:50 am, for Children's Choir/Jr. High Girl's Choir and Jr. Bells, meet in the Narthex.

Sunday, April 5th, **Easter Cantata**

Wednesday, April 15th, **no WFN**, Spring Break

Friday, April 17th, **Gym Night**, 6:30-8 pm, Family Life Center

Friday, May 1st, **EP Student Recital**, 7 pm. Students from EP Teachers will have the opportunity to perform. Reception following.

Wednesday, May 13th, **Last WFN for spring**

Wednesday, May 20th, **Shape and Race/Picnic**, 6 pm.

Monday-Friday, June 22-26th **Music and Arts Camp**

Monday-Friday, July 27-31st **Vacation Bible School**



The children had a special visitor in their class, Private David Griffin!



Sheryl Roche as she leads camp songs during Pioneer Clubs.



Ginger Visser working on sanding the details of her car.



Will Guckenberger picking out a design for his car.



Margaret Botbyl and David Rose working together to sketch the plans for her car.



The boys of WFN nursery with Anne Frederick.



Jared Guckenberger sanding the children's cars for the "Shape and Race" that will be held in May.



Jennifer Campbell and Catherine Melvin together during WFN.

EP Family Birthdays—April 2009

			1 Kim Briscoe	2 Allan Bowen Phyllis MacAulay Roslyn Madanat	3 Margaret Jenkins	4 Chris Charles Andrew Iskandar
5 Clem Meyerhoff	6 Debbie Freer Stephanie Keithley	7 Dennis Dietrich	8 Matt Bachman	9 Jeremy Byrne Ed Coggin Jesse Coggin Bronson Farquhar Brandan Leauby Stephen Rippon	10 Rob Bishop	11 Michael Briscoe Will Guckenberger Betty Mutter
12 Jim Dorman Laurie Martin Dave Visser Fred Zdeb	13 Claudia Glover	14 Winston DeLeon	15 Joy Lasher Barbara Zitlau	16 Brycen Farquhar Joan Lazeration Gail Mallary	17 Katherine Sudduth	18
19	20 Kara Gallaher	21	22 David Eisenhauer	23 Andrew Beattie Reeves Hawks	24 Blair Smith	25 Carol Alexander Elspeth Brearly Chuck Spencer
26	27 Ginger Visser	28	29 Carol Prodan	30		

- CHURCH NEWS -

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wes and Maggie Clayton announce the birth of their first grandchild, Elijah Wilson Nimon. Elijah was born on February 27 to Rachel and Micah Nimon. He was 7LBS, 9oz and 19" long. Elijah is the great grandson of Marie Dale and Ed Rothfuss.

The Jeromins are happy to announce the birth of their sixth grandchild. Susanna Quinn Jeromin was born to Markus and Sharon Ruth Jeromin on March 4. She was 6LBS, 15oz and 19-3/4" long. Levi is Susanna's "big" brother. Since February 2009, Markus and family make their home in Manistee, MI where Markus pastors a small OPC church until their plan to go to Germany as missionaries comes to fruition.

LeRoy and Bonnie Greer announce the birth of their newest grandchild, Sydney Jean Hardy, who was born to Skip and Jennie Hardy on March 20. She was 7LBS, 15oz and 20-1/2" long. Sydney is welcomed home by her older sister, Kaitlin.

Lee Albright announces the birth of her granddaughter, Violet Ann Albright, born on March 23 to Chuck and Tiffany Albright. Violet was 7LBS, 3oz and 20-1/4" long. She is welcomed home by her older brother and sister, Gabe and Lily.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Priya Thamburaj Gorser, a former member of EPC, received her tenure position as Assistant Professor of Engineering at Armstrong Atlantic University this past week.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Robert Van Ness and his family on the death of his wife, Deborah, who died on March 7 after a long illness. Robert's address is 111 Colfax Road, Newark, DE 19713.

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| 1 | Andy & Susan Barbour,
Robert, Jessica | 12 | Kyle & Diane Braswell | 21 | Jeff & Jenn Campbell,
Allison, Joseph |
| 2 | Carole Barker | 13 | David & Elspeth Brearly | 22 | Rob & Ann Canfield |
| 3 | Alan & Ann Beattie, Amy,
Andrew | 14 | Wayne & Judy Brearly, Tim,
Tricia, Chris | 23 | Bill & Barbara Carey |
| 4 | Doris Benson | 15 | Frank & Peggy Briscoe | 24 | Chuck & Kathy Carnes,
Adam, Andrew, Alex |
| 5 | Rob & Ruth Bishop | 16 | Rich & Dotti Briscoe, Olivia,
Benjamin | 25 | Carl & Susan Cavanaugh |
| 6 | Raymond Blades | 17 | Scott & Kim Briscoe,
Meggen, Michael | 26 | Roy & Nancy Chadwick |
| 7 | Dennis & Nancy Blevins | 18 | Joseph Brown | 27 | Ron & Barbara Chambers |
| 8 | Grahame & Catherine Bobo | 19 | Steve & Siobhan Brown,
Nathaniel | 28 | Don & Chris Charles |
| 9 | Kevin & Cheryl Botbyl,
Margaret, Irene | 20 | Brendan & Kirsten Byrne,
Meredith, Jeremy, Jason | 29 | Scott & Kathy Cherry |
| 10 | Allan & Margaret Bowen | | | 30 | Wes & Maggie Clayton |
| 11 | Wilbur Brader | | | | |