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FAITH @ FIRST

McKenzie First United Methodist Church exists to worship God and

enable open-minded people to discover the freedom of God's grace through Jesus Christ.

February 1, 2012

A WORD from the PASTOR

The host of the 2012 Summer Games is London, England. The city is filled with excitement as it prepares to be the center of the world's attention. Dubbed the Games of the XXX Olympiad, it's no secret that these Summer Games are expected to be the biggest and best ever, featuring over 10,000 athletes from 205 participating nations. As with many of you on July 26-August 13, I will be enjoying watching the Olympic Games televised from London.

It goes without saying that whatever the sport, all who qualify and compete in the Olympic Games are outstanding athletes. Simply by their being at these games, a lot of intense preparation and motivation was required for them. Each athlete will come with the goal of winning a medal, or at least performing to the very best of his or her ability. Obviously, there is a broad range of talent and natural ability in these competitions.

One thing of particular interest is the motivation factor behind each athlete. Listening to the Olympic athletes as they are interviewed by journalists/sportscasters after the events can be telling. Often the athletes who have won express joy for their accomplishments after years of disciplined training. Then there are those who lose and are apologetic for not bringing honor to their countries or fulfilling their hopes and the hopes of their coaches and/or trainers.

Some are motivated by fear of failure, others by love for and a desire to bring honor to their country, and many more by the drive for achievement of personal goals that might lead to success in careers or financial security.

Motivation is key to sports and also to life and service in the kingdom of God.

2 Corinthians 5:11-15 describes Paul's motivation for ministry. In verse 14 he says, "For the love of Christ urges us on because we are convinced that one [Christ] has died for all..." This thought led him to share the overwhelming love of Christ, with amazing grace, who condescended into our world and faced a substitution death on the cross, then shares with those who will believe in him the resurrection.

What a greater motivation for ministry than Christ's love.

*Peace,
Larry*

Sunday, February 5, Text: Mark 1:29-39
Title: God's Work

Congrats are due...

Lexie Bolin has been chosen as the first place state winner in Tennessee in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Competition! She will be honored in Nashville on February 11th.

Larry and Dianne Anderson are now (very) proud grandparents of **Collins Kenzie Anderson**, daughter of Clint and Kathrine.

CHILDREN & YOUTH news

Mark your calendars! February 8th the Youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner to raise money and create awareness for 30 Hour Famine. Come enjoy Italian inspired cuisine while learning what exciting experiences the Youth have been and will be exploring this month. Doors open at 5:30 with entrées to be served at 6:00. Presentations on the Famine will start at 6:30 and devotion will follow encompassing Jesus' view on the poor. So bring a date and support the FUMC Youth as they serve you food, which your donations will help to do around the world. -CJ

UMW News

The first MissionStudy Journey will be held Saturday, February 11 from 9 am-2 pm at Trezevant UMC. The Rev. Sharon Lewis-Karamoko from the Jackson District will be our leader in this very interesting study.

The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation intertwines stories from the Bible and recent history to illustrate the redemptive power of forgiveness, the restorative power of God's justice and the Good News of reconciliation. *The Journey* includes a study guide that takes us from spiritual concepts to tangible, practical life skills.

See Audrey Sistler for more information.

Project 20/20

Sunglasses Sunday is February 12. This is the day we ask that you gather up all your unused eyeglasses and sunglasses and donate them to help improve sight and prevent blindness in underdeveloped countries. There is a basket in the lobby for your donations.

Last year more than 7,000 people were helped with this program that is headquartered at Emmanuel UMC in Memphis. Unfortunately, there were five more medical teams that could have used glasses but there were no more to give to them.

Please check all your storage spaces for unused "stuff" and bring the glasses on in!

Monetary donations are also welcomed. Just \$5 will provide an examination for someone who wouldn't get one otherwise.

Please pray for... Family of Charlotte McGinnis; Family of Blake Peoples; Charles Thompson; Agnes Bush; Tim & Jan Birmingham; Spiros Roditis & family; David Jarrett & family; Trenton Nat'l Guard Unit; Joan Gibson; Sherry Seymour; Diane Stafford; Lois Pinson; Sam Featherstone; Carol Wright; Sue Mann; Mary Jane Brewer; Brother Larry & family; Jimmy Brewer; Danny Bunnell; Clint, Kathrine & Collins Anderson; Jimmy King; Betty Brown; Virginia & Billy Verdell; Troy Hodge & family; Chris Moeller; Darin Riley; Pat Roberts; Lacy Riley; Mark & Shelly Dillon; Walters family; Bill & Lorraine Dillon; Strength; Eva Sue & Jerry Dorris; Lynn Dorris; Jeff Jowers; Rev. Keith Sumner; Howard & Shirley Ross; Larry & Cheri Johnson; Matt Sturdivant; Clyde & Marilyn Belew; Gena Manner; Kristen Phillips & family; J. W. Sterling; Ilene Pinkston; Lois & David Pugh; Jill Holland & family; Rebecca Boyd; Knowledge to make the right decisions; Faith; Derrell & June Lampkins; Thomas & Luceil Brummitt; Genia Sherwood; Doris Smith; Frank & Barbara Shiney; Al Lampley; Debby Coleman Null, Joseph Null and family; First Place 4 Health participants; Shirley Martin; Darlene Martinez; Alice Curnutt; Becky Herron; June Cook; Martha Padgett; Bob & Marilyn Putman; Bob & Jo Newton; Lucy Hickman; Lanier Mabry; Eadie Van Nostrand; Lucille Brashear; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; Sybil King; Bill & Mary Lou Boothe; Ruth Moncrief; Raymond & Jessie McDade; Lola Alexander; Jim Purcell; Al Ownby; Muriel Johnson; Mary Jo Vaughn; Our troops overseas and at home.

The next 2 weeks at our church

Sunday, February 5

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:00 p.m. Communion at Lakeside
- 4:30 p.m. FP4H Strength & Flexibility
- 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health
- 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise Handbell practice
- 7:00 p.m. Praise band practice

Wednesday, February 8

- 11:00 a.m. Prayer in the Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. FP4H Strength & Flexibility
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser
menu: Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and program
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Saturday, February 11

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. UMW Mission Study at Trezevant UMC

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- 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health
- 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise Handbell practice
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Lights

Monday, February 13

- 9:00 a.m. Care Group meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Staff meeting

Wednesday, February 15

- 11:00 a.m. Prayer in the Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. FP4H Strength & Flexibility
- 5:30 p.m. FLOW meal Team 2
menu: Hamburgers, hot dogs, trimmings
- 6:00 p.m. Classes
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Saturday, February 18

- 9:00 a.m. Newborns in Need



FUMC Staff

- J. Larry Riley, Pastor**
- Fred Sistler, Director of Ministries**
- Charlene Jones, Director of Music**
- Sandra McMahan, Organist, Handbell Director**
- C. J. Cassell, Director of Children & Youth**
- Kathy Patterson, Administrative Assistant**

Memorials

In Memory of Harold "Hoot" Gibson

- John & Dana Atkins**
- Corinthian Sub-Group** C & Y
- Jim & Sharon Scruton**
- Larry & Joyce Sanders** Choir
- Alan & Candace Yates & family** Choir
- Amy & Bas Van Buuren & family** Choir
- Randy & Wendy Carson** Choir
- Celina Cable Communications, Inc.** Choir
- Lois Pugh**
- Nicky & Diane Stafford** C & Y
- Thomas & Patty Oakley** Choir
- Sybil King** Choir
- Wallace & Lois Brazie**
- Jack & Judy Hall**
- Martha Padgett**
- Coach Larry Joe Smith & The Rebel Golf Teams** C & Y
- Charles & Ann Mayo** Choir
- D. K. Mitchum** Choir
- Brenda Smith** Choir
- Marshall & Robin Russell** MOW

In Memory of Margaret Guzdial

- Joe & Elaine Williams**
- Mildred Colotta**

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEKS

ACOLYTES – 2/5 Larson King, Maggie Glass
2/12, Audrey Mathenia, Allie Chappell

LITURGIST – 2/5, Edward Sexton
2/12, Josh Mathenia

NURSERY – 2/5, Betty Merrick, Doris Smith
2/12, Robin Russell, Dianne Anderson

GREETERS – 2/5, Burnell & Lossie Beers
2/12, Stephanie, Lexie & Emily Bolin

USHERS – Bryan Merrick; chairperson,
Jim Padgett, Steve Russell, Gene Hale

Meals on Wheels Angels

2/4 cooks: Lois Pugh, Alice Curnutt,
Al & Meredith Lampley
delivery: Charles Thompson, Edward Sexton

2/11 cooks: Clark Brown, Sandi McMahan
delivery: Tim & Curtis Broadbent, Hollye Rider

F.L.O.W. Kitchen Angels

2/8 Youth fundraiser

2/15 Team 2 Crew Leader: Clark Brown; Bill & Margaret Stoner, Betsy Campbell, Joan Gibson, Sandi McMahan, Pam & Eddie Freeman, Brenda Berryman, Elaine Brown, Debbie Riley

Wednesday Office Angels February 15

Mildred Colotta, Juanita Finley

February United Neighbors needed items:

canned meat, fruit and soup; plastic sacks

The next Mountain Mission pick up will be in March. On their special wish list this trip are sets of dishes (plates, bowls, glasses, silverware), pots and pans (kettles, saucepans, skillets), uniforms (scrubs), socks and underwear. They also need toilet paper, paper towels, large rubber bands, garbage bags and bleach for use at the plant. And, of course, all the other wonderful items we provide to the Mission.

Telephone numbers to reach the pastor: office 352-2456; home 352-2730; cell 731-617-0142. Please don't hesitate to call if you have a need.