



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.

May 5, 2010

A WORD from the PASTOR

A woman apparently frustrated by slow traffic in Orange County, California, took out a baseball bat and began swinging at a truck when she couldn't pass, authorities said. Then she hurled an aerosol can at the driver's door.

A patrol officer who chased the driver, 26-year-old Lisa Lind, noticed that her personalized license plate read "PEACE" and asked her about it. She told him she got it because she thought there was so much violence going on in today's society.

Will Iran agree to curtail its nuclear program? Will the Palestinians and Jews ever live in peace? War, violence, and destruction spoil the greatest of humanities' peaceful intentions. We cannot help but view man's inhumanity with sorrow, and despair.

We desperately need peace. Peace between the races and nations; peace in our homes and families. We need peace in our hearts and lives.

Jesus said:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

We can try by our own ingenuity to create peace. But, with all of our efforts towards peace we can never achieve it on our own. Jesus' peace is a gift "not as the world gives;" its source is God.

The peace which Jesus gives comes as we give up our self-focused strivings. We need to give our will and the very core of who we are to Jesus. Then, he leads us to peace with God and with each other. Ultimately, it is God who must be the one to make us into people of peace.

May each of us learn to accept the peace which God offers us through Jesus. May we learn to look forward, to His eternal peace as He leads us. And may He teach us to be sharers of this marvelous peace.

*Peace,
Larry*

Sunday, May 9 Text: Matthew 7:24-29
Title: A Solid Foundation

UMCOR FLOOD BUCKETS

As you no doubt can imagine, the United Methodist Committee On Relief is in need of Flood Buckets to help out all the folks in our area that were so badly damaged in last weekend's flooding.

This is one way that we can directly help with the relief effort that is underway. We have 5 gallon buckets here at the church with a list of what items to put in them. The items, such as sponges, detergent, dish soap, clothes pins, etc., are available at stores here in McKenzie. These are the same Flood Buckets that we filled for the cleanup after Hurricane Katrina.

Please take a bucket or two, fill them with the supplies needed, and return them here as soon as possible so that we can get them to the ones who need them.

Congrats are due . . .

We have five members in the MHS 2010 graduating class. They are: Evan Hudgins, Jake Johnson, John Johnson, Hailee King, and Mary Nethaway.

We also have four graduating from various colleges. They are: Clint Anderson, Lambuth; Craig Broadbent, UT Knoxville; Drew Hayes, Vanderbilt; and John Kermit Laughrey, Vanderbilt.

*You are invited to a Bridal Tea
honoring Katherine Leger
bride-elect of Clint Anderson
Sunday afternoon, May twenty third
between the hours of
one thirty and three o'clock
in Underwood Hall*



May 9

Please pray for... Family of Johnny Bates; Family of Madeline Barker; Thomas Roditis; Nicky Stafford; Brenda Berryman; Eddie Freeman; First Place 4 Health participants; Shelly Dillon; Vickie Foster; Our church; Darlene Martinez; Bro. Riley and family; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Eva Sue & Jerry Dorris; Don & Anita Heath; Thomas & Louceil Brummitt; Rev. John Pugh; Sandi & Kim McMahren; Zia Locke; Sam Featherstone; Grady Jonathan Stanfill; Michelle Hagins; Bob & Marilyn Putman; Jo Newton; Anna Weatherford; Mary Kee; Shirley Martin; Lucy Hickman; Eadie Van Nostrand; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; Sybil King; Carolyn Burke; Mary Lou & Bill Boothe; Mary Frances & Don David; Ruth Moncrief; Raymond & Jessie McDade; Lola Alexander; Jim Purcell; Al Ownby; Ina Faye Hall & family; Muriel Johnson; Mary Jo Vaughn; Our troops overseas and at home.

The next week at our church

Sunday, May 9

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service - Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health
- 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise Handbell rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Sunday Night-Lights

Monday, May 10

- 9:00 a.m. CARE Group meeting

Tuesday, May 11

- 7:00 p.m. Mullins Sub-group meeting at church
Lay out and proofing of new cookbook

Wednesday, May 12

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 13

- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

- ACOLYTES** – Emily Bolin, Timothy Dillon
- NURSERY** – Malissa Anderson, Diane Stafford
- GREETERS** – Gene & Nellie Hale
- USHERS** – Jimmy Patterson; chairperson,
Burnell Beers, Truman Bateman

May 8 Meals on Wheels Angels

- Cook: Glenn Sacks
- Delivery: Tim & Curtis Broadbent, Hollye Rider

May 12 Wednesday Office Angels

- Barney & Lossie Beers

May United Neighbors needed items:

- peanut butter; saltine crackers



FUMC Staff

- J. Larry Riley, *Pastor*
- John Pugh, *Pastor Emeritus*
- Fred Sistler, *Director of Ministries*
- Charlene Jones, *Director of Music*
- Sandra McMahren, *Organist, Handbell Director*
- Donna Bruce & Gina King, *C & Y Directors*
- Kathy Patterson, *Administrative Assistant*

Honorariums and

Memorials

May 2, 2010

In Honor of our High School and College Graduates

Hoot & Joan Gibson C & Y

In Honor of Fred & Audrey Sistler

Bob & Marilyn Putman

In Honor of Jimmy Patterson

Bob & Marilyn Putman

Happy Mother's Day to the "Lunch Bunch" A friend

In Memory of Darra Adkins

Bob & Marilyn Putman

Mildred Colotta

In Memory of Ray Berryman

Barney & Lossie Beers C & Y

Mildred Colotta

Bob & Marilyn Putman

Sandy Bradberry & Lois Tilley C & Y

Victor & Vicky Clark

Gena Manner Choir

CHILDREN & YOUTH news

May 16th - Recognition of our graduating High School Seniors: Evan Hudgins, Jake Johnson, John Johnson, Hailee King, and Mary Nethaway.

May 21st - Jackson Bowling and Family Fun Center to celebrate the last day of school! We will leave the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. \$12.00 buys a Combo Card that includes 1 game of bowling, 1 game of mini golf, and video tokens. Laser tag will be open for an additional \$5.00 per person. Be sure to bring a little extra spending money for the concessions and video game room.

An Invitation: We are invited to join in the celebration of Maxie Lee Cook Bersey's 95th birthday on Saturday, May 8 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Refreshments and cake will be served. ****no gifts please****
Hosted by Kathy Sacks, Dawn Sacks Duke, Taylor Duke and Marylynn Bersey

Thanks Corner . . .

Thanks,
This is something I hoped I would never have to write, but it has come much too soon for me. As prepared as I thought I was trying to be, I know now you are not ever truly ready. But, in the process of trying to be prepared; I have learned something very important. Now I know the real meaning of what it means to have a "True Church Family". I have learned that you do not have to be blood related to be part of a Family. Thanks to ALL for each and every way you supported me during this very trying time. Not only did I feel the presence of God with us, I could also really touch each of you. I pray for each of you and thank God that you were there for us. I realize there are still some very difficult times yet to come, but I still have my Family to help me. Thank you will never be sufficient enough, but I really Thank each of you.

*With all my Love & God's Grace,
Brenda Berryman*