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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.*

June 2, 2010

## **A WORD from the PASTOR**

A problem with NASA has more than once occurred in their space program, says Pastor Chris Bennett. At the International Space Station, this problem was serious. The space station depends on four gyroscopes for its orientation in space. One had been malfunctioning for a while, but now a second gyroscope had gone down, leaving the station and its crew vulnerable. NASA scurried to find a solution; without properly functioning gyroscopes, the space station would drift aimlessly into space.

The term *drifting* may be a word that describes how one feels about themselves. This feeling of drifting is a sense that life lacks direction and meaning, that our spiritual gyroscope is malfunctioning. The scriptures in Isaiah 53:6 says, *"We all, like sheep, have gone astray; each of us has turned to his own way."*

Consequently, without God we feel like we're adrift. It's no wonder that in a recent survey published in *USA Today* asking Americans what one question would they ask the Supreme Being if they could, the answer given by a majority was: "What is the purpose of my life?"

After tasting every accomplishment and pleasure that one could imagine, Wise King Solomon wrote these words centuries ago. *"Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."* Maybe you know that feeling?

But, Solomon eventually realized that only something eternal could fill the hole in his heart. And after years of searching, he said, *"Here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments....for God will bring every deed into judgment...whether it is good or evil."* (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) Ultimately, life is all about having a personal relationship with God. We were made to enjoy a relationship with the God who loves us.

By embracing Christ by faith, our sins are forgiven and we can enjoy our relationship with God that we were meant to have. In church Sunday we'll be keeping our lives pointed in God's direction.

*Peace,  
Larry*

Sunday, June 6 Text: Psalm 42:5-11  
Title: Hope

## **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

Our weekly prayer meetings will begin this week. Come to the chapel Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. to pray for our church, our community, our country and our world. No particular form of prayer will be followed or expected. There will be a leader each week. Please come whenever you can, for the sake of us all.



## **Haiti Relief Report**

The devastating earthquake in Haiti occurred on January 12. We received word in the church office last week that the total amount of money given by the Memphis Conference as of May 1 is \$229,571.35. This generous giving has enabled UMCOR to be on the ground in Haiti and other places of need.

The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission have been logging the names of thousands of people throughout The United Methodist Church who are ready and willing to travel to Haiti to be a part of the recovery process.

Sanitation is a key concern for those who have lost everything and are living in camps. United Methodists, working through churches, conferences and local community channels have assembled more than 700,000 health kits for distribution through UMCOR Sagar Brown.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough, Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, and Bishop Janice Riggle Huie are grateful for the support that has been given to date. They are thankful for our connectional church and support given to UMCOR, which assures that the work in Haiti will continue. We are very much a part of this ministry of love. Whether the work is about the physical rebuilding of structures, the healing and nourishment of wounded and hungry people, or the spiritual restoration of souls facing fearsome challenges, The United Methodist Church and all its members are there as God leads us.

## **2010 Annual Conference**

Annual Conference is June 6-8 in Collierville. Please pray for our conference, our pastor, our conference delegates, and the church world-wide.

Fred Sistler will be bringing our message on June 6, as Larry heads out for Collierville.

**Please pray for...** June Cook; Martha Johnson; Don Heath; J. W. Sterling; Suzanne Howell; Veda Lane; Suzanne Howell; Nicky Joe & Diane Stafford; Sam Featherstone; Sean Kyle; Darlene Martinez; Shelly Dillon; Danny Allen; Dooney Carroll; Mary Martinez-Karas & Darrell Karas; The world; Alice Curnutt; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Steven Mischke & family; Health; Billy Young; People affected by the oil spill; Lorraine Dillon; Shane Walters & Andrew Dillon, (life after graduation); Bonnie Dillon; McKenzie Fire Dept.; Dale Walters; Verna Rae Todd; William Dillon; Jimmy Weatherford; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia Locke; First Place 4 Health participants; Sandy Hutt; Judie Minga; Anna Bullington; Clergy & families moving; All Veterans and their families; Grady Jonathan Stanfill; Michelle Hagins; Bob & Marilyn Putman; Jo Newton; 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, June 6**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class  
 10:50 a.m. Worship Service  
 2:00-4:00 Pre-K thru 4th grade  
                   Afternoon in the Park  
 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health  
 6:30 p.m. Sunday Night-Lights

**Wednesday, June 9**

11:00 a.m. Prayer in the Chapel

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK**

**ACOLYTES** – Emily Bolin, Libby Oakley

**LITURGIST** – Charles Pruneau

**NURSERY** – Donna Bruce, Shelly Dillon

**GREETERS** – Brad & Christie Chappell

**USHERS** – Charles Thompson; chairperson,  
 Jacob Partridge, Paul Glass, Jimmy Patterson

**June 5 Meals on Wheels Angels**

Cook: John, Lois, & David Pugh  
           Charles & Betty Thompson  
 Delivery: Edward Sexton  
           Charles & Betty Thompson

**June 9 Office Angels**

Barney & Lossie Beers

**June United Neighbors needed items:**

macaroni & cheese

**Order Your Steps**

Don't ask God to order your steps if you are not willing to move your feet.     ~MountainWings~

**FUMC Staff**



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

**Honorarium**

May

30, 2010

**In Honor of Steven Mischke  
 Edward Sexton**

Mission

**Congrats are due . . .**

Jessica Johnson, daughter of Keith and Myrna, graduated with honors from the College of Allied Health Sciences, division of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, TN of Friday, May 28, 2010. Jessica earned the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy and plans to relocate to the Paris area.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH news**

Mark your calendars with these upcoming summer events:

**Afternoon in the Park - Sunday, June 6th,** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Pre-K thru 4th grade. Come play and have a picnic! You bring your blankets and chairs and we'll bring the picnic and games. Weather permitting.

**Venture River - Wed., June 23rd,** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 4th grade and up. Parents of youth that will be entering 3rd grade or younger will need to join us as chaperones. The cost is \$21 for persons 54" and taller, \$16 for under 54". We can save \$2 per person if we have a minimum of 15 people. To cut cost we can pack a picnic lunch and eat outside the park. Please call Gina a.s.a.p. at 415-1984 so she can get a headcount and make reservations.

**4th of July Float:** The theme will be Happy Birthday America! and middle school youth will help build the float. We will build at Gina's house (where we can jump in the pool to cool off!) during the week of June 28th.

 **From Charlene . . .**

If you thought you saw a new face in the choir loft Sunday morning, you did! We are so glad to welcome Wesley Brockman, who attends Bethel University, to the Chancel Choir.

There is no Wednesday night practice during June and July, so choir members - remember to meet in the choir room on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. No practice does not mean no Sunday morning singing.



Campbell.

"Gravity. One of God's wonders."