



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 9, 2010

A View from the Pew

If God said he was going to bless you, what would you think? Would you be looking for good health, a happy family, more money, a good job, more stuff, better skills, or perhaps more self-confidence? While reading Jesus' Sermon on the Mount recently, I was reminded of the difference between my ideas of blessing and God's ideas of blessing.

Jesus said we are blessed if we realize how poor we are without him. We are not poor without money. We are poor without God.

One willing to submit his will and plans to God is blessed – not the one who says he can do anything he sets his mind to.

The one hungering and thirsting for a right relationship with God is blessed. A hungry, thirsty person has trouble thinking of anything else except how he can best quench his hunger and thirst.

A person who is hated and persecuted and lied about because he is a Christian is blessed. A good reputation is not always the right goal for a Christian, nor is safety our highest priority.

The one who brings peace to troubled situations is blessed – not the one who leaves the problem for someone else to solve.

Jesus talked about these and similar blessings, but they are hardly things we would choose for ourselves. Do you suppose He wanted to teach us something important about the difference between the ways of God and our ways? Do you suppose God wants to bless you?

God bless us, every one!

Fred



**Don't Take
a Vacation
from Church**

Sunday, June 13 Text: Luke 7:36 - 8:3
Title: How Much Do You Love?

UMW News

The next UMW district event is Day Apart, which will be on June 13 at South Pleasant Grove UMC from 2:15 pm to 4 pm with fellowship beginning at 1:30 pm. The topic for the meeting will be on recycling. It is up to us to take care of God's world. There will also be a Silent Auction to help raise money for missions and Book Sales to further our own understanding and knowledge. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Silent Auction by bringing items and of course buying.

V. B. S.

Vacation Bible School is coming up soon - July 11th through 15th - in the mornings. Jennifer Pinson is our VBS Director this year, and she is looking for volunteers. Please talk to Jennifer about what you can do to help make this year's VBS the best ever.

Prayer in the Chapel

Our weekly prayer meetings have begun. Come to the chapel on Wednesdays 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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH news



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.

Please pray for... Frank Shiney; Suzanne Howell; Diane & Nicky Joe Stafford; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Steve Mischke; Conference representatives; Matt Sturdivant; Don & Anita Heath; Eva Sue & Jerry Dorris; Thomas & Louceil Brummitt; Sam Featherstone; June Cook; Martha Johnson; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zie Locke; Alceyone Smith; Larry Robison; First Place 4 Health participants; 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 13

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:00 p.m. Communion at Lakeside
- 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health
- 6:30 p.m. Sunday Night-Lights

Monday, June 14

- 9:00 a.m. Care Group meeting

Wednesday, June 15

- 11:00 a.m. Prayer in the Chapel

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

ACOLYTES – Allie Harvey, Timothy Dillon

LITURGIST – Bill Stoner

NURSERY – Jennifer Glass, Jill Holland

GREETERS – Bryan & Betty Merrick

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

June 12 Meals on Wheels Angels

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

June 16 Office Angels

Mildred Colotta, Juanita Finley

June United Neighbors needed items:

macaroni & cheese



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*

Memorials

June 6, 2010

In Memory of Ray Berryman

Jack & Shirley Martin

In Memory of Tommy Ellis

Jack & Shirley Martin

In Memory of Ray Owen

MHS Class of 1951

Sarah A. Ridings

Mission

Somebody isn't doing their job.

We are Southern, either by birth or choice, and we are polite, which are both usually good things.

Being Southern, we hate to waste even a bite of food, so all leftovers go into the refrigerator or freezer. Being polite, we would never think of raiding someone else's refrigerator to get something to eat.

These again are both usually good things. Now let's talk about the refrigerator and freezers here at the church. Many times from many people I have heard after a meal or other gathering, "This is too good to throw away. I'll leave it here. Somebody will eat it."

This morning I went to the kitchen. Currently in the refrigerator is the following list: condiments that we keep on hand (which is all that should be there), 1 loaf of bread, 1/4 of a loaf of bread, 1 zip-lock bag of unidentifiable food, 1 bag with 1 hamburger bun in it, 1 carton of Half and Half that is half full, 1 gallon of orange juice that is half full, 1 egg in a plastic bag, 2 bottles of Sprite, 1 bottle of Ginger Ale, 2 bottles of grape juice, 2 bottles of apple juice, 2 bottles of sparkling grape juice, and a deli tray with meat and cheese partially eaten. In the freezer: several bags of hamburger and hot dog buns partially full that are freezer burned, 3/4 of a Blizzard cake, a bowl of chopped onions covered with plastic wrap, and several grocery bags with bits of stuff in them covered with ice, in addition to the food we use for MOW and Wednesday night meals. This is not even close to what accumulates when we are having Wednesday meals.

Now folks, "somebody" who eats what is left in our refrigerator or freezer is not doing their job. We don't have "somebody" who cleans the refrigerator or freezer on a regular basis, either. Our janitorial service does not clean them. What happens is that someone who shall remain nameless looks in there, has a fit and spends all day throwing away spoiled food and scrubbing mold off the walls and shelves. Since I live with this person, I get to listen to the ranting and raving.

I know it goes against all our upbringing to do this, but if you don't want to eat it or drink it, *please* either take it home, give it away or **THROW IT AWAY RIGHT THEN**. Food spoils. Tea and lemonade mold. Juices have expiration dates. No matter what the meal or event, deal with your leftovers before you leave the kitchen. "Somebody" does not come and eat or drink in our kitchen. Thanks. *Kathy*

More Stuff

Every increased possession loads us
with new weariness. ~John Ruskin~