

First United Methodist Church

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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.

September 1, 2010

A WORD from the PASTOR

A teacher asked her second grade class to draw a picture of something that reminded them of Christmas. As a result, one of the students was sent home from school. The teacher asked that he be required to undergo a psychological evaluation. Why, you may ask?

Television station WBZTV reported that the 8-year-old had drawn a stick-figure picture of Jesus Christ on the cross. The father was furious when the teacher explained that his son had created a violent drawing.

Maybe this helps us to understand why our youth are confused about the Christian faith? The Church tells us today that Christian youth should be given a chance to impact society with their faith and affect their environment. To help them see how their beliefs and faith can make a difference in our world. And when they become public with their faith, something like this happens.

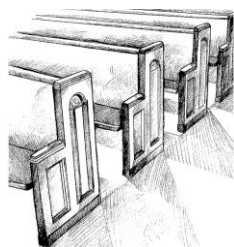
As Christians we do believe that Jesus Christ came as God in the flesh and dwelt among humanity (John 1:1, 14). Around Christmas time His birth is celebrated, but most importantly was His death. Christ came to the Earth for the expressed purpose to be the propitiation for man's sin (1 John 4:10). Not only was Christ the Lamb of God, to be the sacrifice for sins (John 1:29), but He was also the great and final High Priest, offering up His very life for the sins of the world (Hebrews 9:11-25).

The innocent little boy was right! He was faithful in his witness as a member of the Priesthood of believers.

*Peace,
Larry*

Sunday, Sept. 5, Text: John 6:30-35

Title: What Is Important?



Was your seat empty last Sunday?

We missed you.

CHILDREN & YOUTH news

FLOW changes...due to some unforeseen scheduling conflicts, we will be changing our youth start times. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. we will be meeting with 1st through 8th grades to work on our Christmas project. Adult classes will still meet from 5:00 - 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:00. All youth will have classes from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Sept.12 - The McKenzie High School football team will be joining us for services on this date and we have invited them to stay for lunch. The church will provide the meat, and **we are asking our generous members to provide a side dish.** Remember that our boys are growing and eat like there's no tomorrow, so double up on your dish.

FUMC's welcoming table at Bethel last

Tuesday was a huge success!

We gave away 110 t-shirts with the Sunday Night Lights logo and our church's name. We also gave out ink pens with the church's name and address on them and distributed 200 flyers telling about the Sunday Night Lights service. We were invited to come speak in all of the freshman orientation classes the week preceding our first service on Sept. 12. The cookies, brownies and popcorn made by several of our church members were an instant hit. In order to protect the health of the students, it became my solemn duty to test the various foods, and I am pleased to report they were both safe and delicious.

At least a dozen people from our church were involved in this effort, and I sincerely thank every one of you. Please pray that God will honor our church's efforts as we try new ways of reaching our neighbors at Bethel University.

- Fred

The first Sunday Night Lights

service is 7 pm Sept. 12 in the Fellowship Hall. Who is it for - You! Who is welcome - You! Who is wanted - You! **Every** member of FUMC and anyone else interested in a time of praise and worship is invited to be a part of our services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7pm.

Please pray for... Family of Chad Turman; Joey Anderson; Charlene Jones; J. W. Sterling; Charlotte & Farris McGinnis; Betty Brown; Brenda Berryman; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Donna Rottedwards; Terry Blakemore; Eva Sue & Jerry Dorris; Lynn Dorris; Diana Bradberry; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia Locke; Sylvia Hickman; Martha Johnson; First Place 4 Health participants; Jimmy Lane; Thomas Roditis; Tracy McKee Phelps; Mildred Bunnell; Charlotte McGinnis; Martha Nell Poyner; Mary M. Scott; Terry Conrad; Sandy Hutt; Debbie Riley; Michael Giles; Roberta Newman; Courtney Worlds; Becky Herron; Bertha Knight; Shelly Dillon; Darlene Martinez; Mark Dillon; McKenzie Fire Dept.; The Walters family; Verna Ray Todd; Strength to overcome; The Smith family; Alice Currutt; Benjamin Dillon; Our Country, our freedom; Rain; Rev Riley; Hailee King; Betty Annis; Dr. Carl Freeman; Grady Jonathan Stanfill; Bob & Marilyn Putman; Bob & Jo Newton; Shirley Martin; Lucy Hickman; Eadie Van Nostrand; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; Sybil King; Carolyn Burke; Mary Lou & Bill Boothe; 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, September 5

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

Monday, September 6

Office closed – Labor Day observance

Tuesday, September 7

7:00 p.m. Mullins Sub-group meeting
 at the home of Joyce Hayes

Wednesday, September 8

11:00 a.m. Prayer in the Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. C & Y Christmas project
 6:00 p.m. FLOW meal
 Menu: Pizza, carrots & dip, cookies
 6:30 p.m. C & Y classes
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 9

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

ACOLYTES – Timothy Dillon, Jacob Pinson

LITURGIST – Jennifer Glass

NURSERY – Elaine Brown, Gina King

GREETERS – Joe & Elaine Williams

USHERS – Jimmy Patterson, chairperson,
 Marshall Russell, Jack Martin, Glenn Hayes

September 8 Office Angels

Lossie & Barney Beers

September 8 FLOW Kitchen Angels

Crew Leader: Donna Bruce; Charles & Betty Thompson, Kevin & Diane Harvey, Sylvia Hickman, Ronnie Bruce, Shelly & Mark Dillon, Joe & Elaine Williams

September United Neighbors needed items:

toothbrushes; toothpaste

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.

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

August 29, 2010

In Memory of Mary Frances David

Glenn & Kathy Sacks MOW

In Memory of Trey Newman

Glenn & Kathy Sacks MOW

In Memory of Aaron Ross Sherwood

Glenn & Kathy Sacks MOW

There will be a
Church Council Meeting

Thursday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m.
 All church members are invited to attend.

Lay Speaker Training

Perhaps you have felt God calling you to become more involved in your local church and community, or perhaps you have felt the need to develop your leadership skill. Lay Speaking Ministries courses can help you.

Lay Speaking Ministries courses will prepare you to improve your teaching and leadership skills, guide you in improving your devotion time, help you to become an accountable disciple, and help develop confidence in leading prayer.

Lay Speakers can serve in local churches or become "Certified Lay Speakers" and serve in and beyond their local church.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, Lay Speaking Classes will be held at Paris Trinity UMC for both Basic and Advanced Lay Speakers. Cost for the classes will be \$22.00 for class materials and a hot lunch. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and we will try to finish by 5:00 p.m.

If you feel God's call to serve, talk to Fred Sistler or Bro. Riley for more information about Lay Speaking Ministries and for how to make your reservation for this class.

Charge Conference

Our yearly Charge Conference is a little different this year. It will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 29**. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Joe Geary will preach during the morning worship service. This will be followed by an add-a-dish lunch, then Charge Conference immediately following. Please make your plans to attend.

Pull out your December calendar

Do you want to eat at Patti's 1880's Settlement on Saturday, December 11? We had a wonderful time the last time we made this trip, and look forward to it again. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office back door. We are limited to 25 people, so be sure and get your name on the list early.

Thanks Corner . . .

To my church family,
 THANK YOU seems a small thing to say in appreciation for the many and varied expressions of care and concern offered to me in the past six weeks.

Your kindnesses have meant so very much, and I do most truly thank you.

My love to all –
 Sylvia