

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 29, 2010

A WORD from the PASTOR

A Christian man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut by an atheist barber. The conversation began; they talked of many subjects. The subject of God arose and the barber stated that he didn't believe God exists.

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

The barber replied, "Well, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

The Christian customer didn't quite know how to respond and he didn't want to start an argument.

The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. As he proceeded down the street, he saw a man in the street with stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.

The customer returned to the barber shop and he said to the barber, "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

The customer exclaimed, "No! Barbers don't exist, because if they did, there would not be people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

You, and our church membership are a reflection of the Love of God and that God is real. There are many opportunities to be involved in the ministries of our church at McKenzie First. Let us participate, and lead if needed, in these ministries, that God be seen as real to others.

See you in Church!

*Peace,
Larry*

Sunday, Oct. 3, Text: Luke 14:7-11,15-24

Title: Table Manners



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 3, 2010

World Communion Sunday is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Why must recipients be U.S. racial- or ethnic-minority or international students?

Recent statistics for The United Methodist Church show the majority of clergy (89.2 percent) are White, and figures for laity are similar (86.8 percent). Yet the U.S. Census paints a somewhat different picture, classifying 80.1 percent of the U.S. population as White. As U.S. demographics continue to change, the church must prepare leaders to serve an increasingly diverse population, and the scholarships funded by the World Communion Sunday nurture new leaders for church and society. (from www.UMC.org)

We will accept a special offering on the communion rail for World Communion Sunday during Sunday's service.

Attention ALL Women:

UMW Luncheon Meeting at the church

Monday, Oct. 4th at noon

(that's next week!)

Christ's Love in Action

Come learn about what people in our church and other churches are doing to show Christ's love. And let's plan together for next year.

Sign up on the hall bulletin board so we can get a count for lunch. Again, ALL women welcome!

Sunday Night-Lights

Another great service was held last Sunday evening! We had a wonderful time of worship with singing, a devotional time led by Wesley Brockman, fellowship, and good food provided by the Imogene Sub-Group. October 11 is our next opportunity to worship on Sunday evening at 7:00.

Please pray for... Peggy Chappell & family; Joey Anderson; Drake Damesworth; Charlene Jones; Betsy Campbell; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Kenny Woodward; Sunday Night Lights; Martha Johnson; Rusty & Lisa McDowell; June Cook; Brandy, Russell & Grayce Turman; Mildred Bunnell; J. W. Sterling; Charlotte McGinnis; Mandy Davis & baby; James Taylor; Thomas Roditis; Jimmy Lane; Rain; Freedom; First Place 4 Health participants; Peter Tapp; Alice Curnutt; Marsha Holiday & family; Mary & Darrell Karas; Bro. Riley; Darlene Martinez; Becky Herron; Debbie Riley; Roberta Newman; Terry Conrad; Michael Giles; Sandy Hutt; Courtney Worlds; Mike Ward; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia Locke; Carla, Walter & Bubba Waddle; Myke, Patty & Justin Wilson; Bev Nord; 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, October 3

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise handbell practice
- 7:00 p.m. Praise band practice

Monday, October 4

- 12:00 p.m. UMW meeting in Underwood Hall

Wednesday, October 6

- 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: Chicken strips, veggies, dessert
- 6:30 p.m. C & Y classes
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

- ACOLYTES** – Allie Harvey, Grace Connell
- LITURGIST** – Edward Sexton
- NURSERY** – Stephanie Bolin, Joyce Hayes
- GREETERS** – Sara Nunn, Frances Pate
- USHERS** – Dianne Anderson; chairperson, Donna Bruce, Gina King

October 2 Meals on Wheels Angels

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

October 6 Kitchen Angels


Crew Leader: Jimmy Patterson; Kathy Patterson, Edward Sexton, Harold & Suzanne Russell, Mildred Colotta, Jim & Linda Arnold, John Oakley, Marshall & Robin Russell, Barney & Lossie Beers

October United Neighbors needed items:

deodorant, shampoo, canned meat

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 September 26, 2010

<u>In Honor of Kent & Charlene Jones</u>	
Edward Sexton	Choir
<u>In Memory of Alceyone Smith</u>	
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Anderson & family	
Nicky & Diane Stafford	C & Y
Al & Meredith Lampley	Choir
<u>In Memory of Jimmy Weatherford</u>	
Hoot & Joan Gibson	MOW

CHILDREN & YOUTH news

Monday, Sept. 20th, four of our youth generously volunteered some time to United Neighbors to clean and sort toys. Thank you to Lexie, Madison, Dazsa, and Larson for giving to such a great organization.

Upcoming Events

October 1st – SMILEY RETURNS!

During the month of October our Middle and High School Youth will be sneaking around with our giant Smiley Face. Don't be surprised if you wake up one morning with him in your yard! In case you don't remember how it works, follow the instructions in the envelope on the back of the sign. This is how it works: When you get the sign, call Gina at 415-1984 to have him moved to your favorite persons yard. It will cost \$15.00 to have him moved. If you don't want our gremlins to bring him back again, you can pay \$20.00 instead of \$15.00. This is a really fun fundraiser (similar the Relay for Life Outhouse) and we greatly appreciate your support.

October 27th – Halloween Family Game Night

Costume contest for young and not so young (you decide which category you fall in!), Bingo with prizes. Watch future newsletters for more info.

October 30th – Meals on Wheels 5th Saturday

Middle School Youth and Parents will be preparing and delivering meals. This is part of our Community Service activities we are doing to "work" our way to a Mission Trip next Summer.

Can you share info, expertise and memorabilia about France?

Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly in Eva, TN will celebrate Christmas & Culture Day on Saturday, Dec. 4. France will be the country of focus with activities for adults and children. If you have any expertise or experience with French culture (language, cooking, dancing, crafts, music, art, history, geography and more), consider offering your services as a consultant or volunteer. Contact Troy Taylor at 731-584-6102 or troy@lakeshoreuma.com. For more info on the event, call 731-584-6102 or email lakeshoreuma@yahoo.com. Visit Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly's Web site at www.lakeshoreuma.com.

Conversation

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right place but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

~Dorothy Nevill~