



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 8, 2010

A WORD from the PASTOR

When God created humanity God decided that people should live in relationship with each other. *

When Moses received the 10 Commandments [the Old Covenant] he knew it was not a gift just for him. But, it was intended for all the people.

When the Hebrew nation returned home after exile, Nehemiah, the governor, arranged a Covenant between God and the people. It was signed by many, many of the people, not just Nehemiah.

Be patient; stick with me for a moment!

When Jesus began his public ministry, he gathered around him close associates, the first disciples.

When the early church came to have faith, they did things together.

When God wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit, God brought the power at Pentecost when the believers were all gathered together.

When the first Christians began to seek healing from their sin, they were advised to confess their sin to one another.

When John had his visions about heaven, he described heaven not as individuals but as a city, a community, a multitude of believers.

Do you see a pattern emerging in these Bible references?

God gives the gift of faith ordinarily within community. God gives a setting for living out our faith in Christ within community – The Church. In other words Christianity is not a two-seater sports car. But rather like a large bus packed with all sorts of people.

John Wesley once wrote, "...Christianity is essentially a social religion, and that to turn it into a solitary religion is indeed to destroy it."

See you in church Sunday.

Peace,
Larry

*Book, *Being Methodist in the Bible Belt*

Bring a dish . . . or three

The MHS Football Team will be our guests this Sunday morning, **Sept. 12**, for the worship service and an **add-a-dish lunch** afterward. From years past, we know these growing guys can really eat, so please bring *plenty* to share. The church will provide a meat.

Sunday Night Lights

Our first Sunday Night Lights service will be Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Please come out and see what our praise band has been working on for the past few months. This is a different sort of worship service than our Sunday morning one, and EVERYBODY is encouraged to attend. Our band members ages range from 9 to 64, so this service is not "just for the young folks", it's for all of us!

► Meals on Wheels – S O S ◀



This very worthwhile program has resumed after our summer break. **At this time, we need more folks willing to cook or deliver meals**, as well as substitutes that can be called as needed. Some of our "old faithfuls" have gone off to college this fall or can't help for other reasons, which leaves us with empty slots to fill on our calendar to keep the program going as it has in the past with once a month commitments. If you can help one Saturday per month, please call Glenn Sacks at 352-2070.

United Neighbors Needs Our Help!

They have been inundated with donations that need to be sorted and organized (like toys, clothes, etc.) Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Let's see how much we can accomplish this month. We can go as a group on Mondays from 3-5 p.m. or individually Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 1-3. If you want to work between 1 and 3, call Virginia Cross (352-0547) before you go to check if that particular time is good.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office hallway door. Please consider using a few of your hours this month to help our community outreach center.

Please pray for... Family of Chad Turman; Family of Catherine Forsythe; Joey Anderson; Charlene Jones, Kent & Jenny; Bev Nord; Shelly Dillon; J. W. Sterling; Michael Giles; Terry Conrad; Sandy Hutt; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia Locke; Tracy McKee Phelps; Martha Nell Poyner; Mildred Bunnell; Debbie Riley; Lacy Riley; Courtney Worlds; Roberta Newman; Martha Johnson; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Bill & Betty Featherstone; Sam Featherstone; Betty Annis; Dr. Carl Freeman; Grady Jonathan Starfill; 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 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Add-a-dish lunch, MHS football players
 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health
 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise handbell practice
 7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Lights Service

Monday, September 13

9:00 a.m. CARE Group meeting

Wednesday, September 15

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: Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, dessert
 6:30 p.m. C & Y classes
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

ACOLYTES – Grace Connell, Libby Oakley

LITURGIST – Robin Russell

NURSERY – Dianne Anderson, Cherry Russell

GREETERS – Lauren Riley, Anna Anderson

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

September 11 Meals on Wheels Angels

Cooks: Sandi McMahan, Clark Brown
 Delivery: Tim & Curtis Broadbent, Hollye Rider

September 15 Office Angels

Mildred Colotta, Juanita Finley

September 15 FLOW Kitchen Angels

Crew Leader: Clark Brown; Bill & Margaret Stoner, Betsy Campbell, Joan & Hoot Gibson, Bettie Scates, Sandi McMahan, Pam & Eddie Freeman, Brenda Berryman, Elaine Brown, Debbie Riley

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

Handbell Happenings

Peals of Praise Handbell Choir rehearsals will begin **Sunday, Sept. 12, at 6:00 p.m.** This is a great time to join this group of enthusiastic ringers. Come enjoy the fellowship of fellow ringers as well as providing a musical addition to our worship services. No musical experience necessary, if you can count to 4 and know your left hand from your right, you can ring handbells.

Charge Conference Date - Correction

Our yearly Charge Conference is a little different this year. It will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 26, not Sept. 29** as was printed in last week's newsletter. Please adjust your calendar accordingly. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Joe Geary will preach during the morning worship service, followed by an add-a-dish lunch, then Charge Conference.

Men's Breakfast

All of the men are invited to a Men's Breakfast on **Sunday, Sept. 19th at 8:00 a.m.** Country Ham with all the trimmings is on the menu, and dads, bring your sons, too. This is for all ages.

Patti's trip update

We have 25 signed up already for our trip to Patti's 1880's Settlement on December 11. If you didn't get your name on the list in time, there is a waiting list sign up sheet on the bulletin board in case some of the ones planning to go can't when the time comes.

Sharing

Two farmers were discussing politics and the first one says: "I believe in a share and share alike policy. One where we are all equal."
 "Well," replied the other farmer "I'm not sure about that. What you mean is that if you have two horses you'd give me one?"
 "Of course" says the first.
 The second farmer continued: "and if you had two cars, you'd give me one of them too?"
 "Absolutely"
 "So," says the second farmer, "if you had two pigs then you'd give me one of them?"
 "Ah, now hang on a minute" says the first, "you know I've got two pigs!"
 John replied, "If you have two coats, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry." (Luke 3:11 NLT)

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

All Work

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and Jill a rich widow. ~Evan Esar~
 Take time to rest.