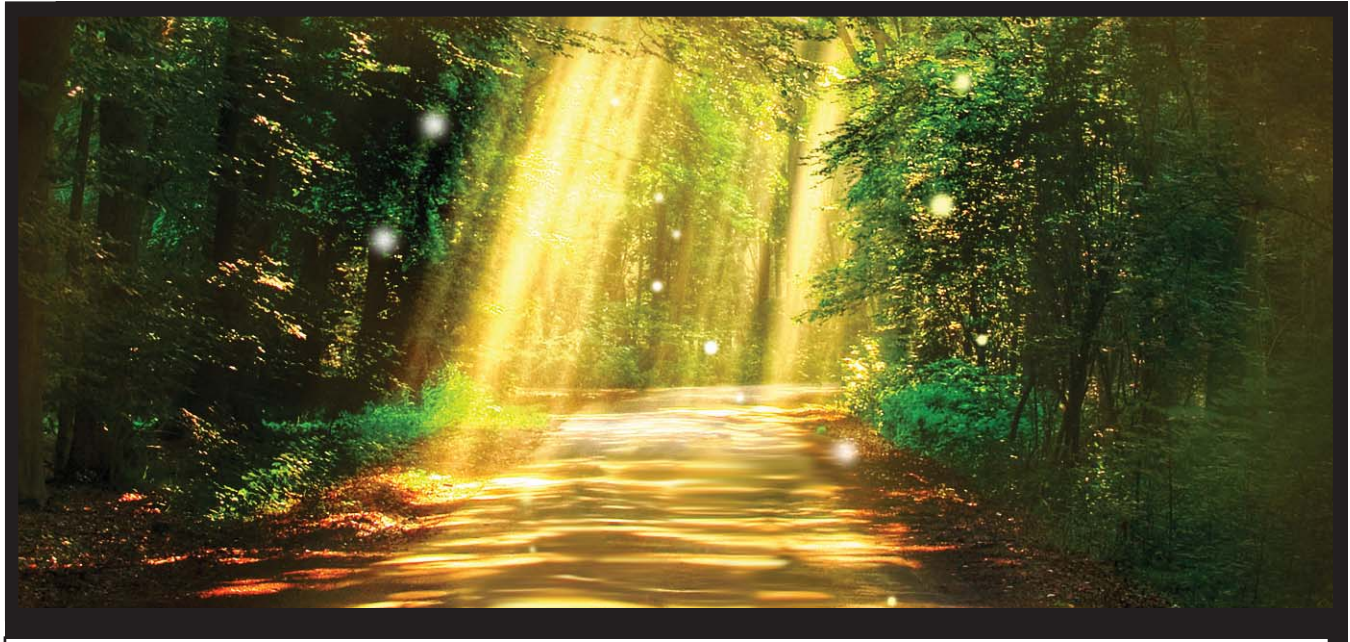


August, 2011



We Are Family

On August 7, we begin a new sermon series titled "We Are Family." One of our church's greatest strengths is family ministry. From our nursery and pre-school to our dynamic youth program, our church is a busy, family oriented congregation. This year we want to emphasize our identity as a family ministry church. This sermon series will recognize family ministry to families with children, but also families of singles and couples.

On August 21, we will acknowledge we are all part of God's family, when we celebrate African Sunday. During the 11 o'clock service, our African members are planning a worship time with song and dance from many of the African countries represented in our membership. African refreshments will be served after the service.

After sermons dealing with children, youth, home worship, marriage and divorce, we will return to the theme of the world as God's family as we remember the September 11 attack on America. Our service will feature music and scripture reflecting on the tenth anniversary of that tragedy. The sermon is titled "We Mourn with God's Family."

I hope you will plan to attend every Sunday in August and September, as we celebrate our ministries to Families.

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A big change is coming this year to our overall Sunday night programming. We are planning to have a big "Family Dinner" every Sunday from 5-5:30pm. For this to be successful, we will need your help! If you and/or your children are going to eat every Sunday or just one Sunday per month, you will need to help provide a meal or two (depending on how often your child stays for dinner). In the past we have had separate Fun Fourth and Flight 56 "snack suppers." Youth have had a regular snack, but this year we are streamlining all the activities for 4th – 12th grades. So, Fun Fourth, Flight 56 and WTL all will meet from 5:30-7pm and all are invited to join us for dinner. Again, we can only do this if we have volunteers to help provide the food. Questions? Contact Christi Babaz at cmbabaz@gmail.com. She is our dinner coordinator. Our first dinner, August 14th is a potluck supper. You can participate by going to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/sunday363> and using the password: wermckendree to sign-up to attend and bring food.

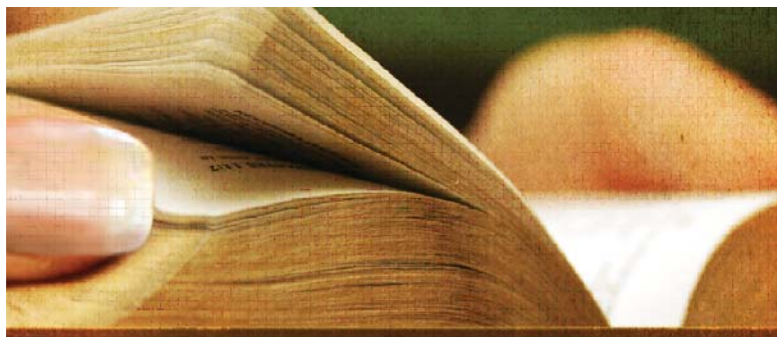


**McKendree UMW's
Children's Consignment Sale**
Saturday, September 17th
from 9am - 3pm (Half Price 1-3pm)

We would love for you to participate in this event by volunteering, becoming a seller, and shopping for terrific clothes at greatly reduced prices. It's a great time to meet some of McKendree's finest members while you help raise money for local and worldwide missions. Also, workers buy before anyone else and get the best selection. If you would like to volunteer, contact Stephanie Griffin at madbriar@bellsouth.net or 770-237-8050 or fill out the form on the narthex table. If you would like to be a seller, contact Karla McHugh at kemchugh@bellsouth.net or 770-965-4985.

Volunteer Training/Workshop
9am-1 pm, August 20

Volunteer training and workshop for all those who are helping with Children, Youth and/or Music Ministries. Included in this training day will be basic "how to" instructions for Sunday School, Children's Church, Children's Worship, Youth and Music, as well as special breakout classes on Special Needs, Discipline, Methodism 101 and Youth 2.0. We will wrap up the day with a commissioning service.



Friday Morning Women's Small Group
9:30am Fridays

We are a group of women who confidentially share our hurts, fears, worries, burdens & our praises with each other. We seek God's Word through Bible study & prayer to discover His guidance & power. We have no certain time limits on our studies in order for us to grasp & fully understand each lesson & the Word God has for us.

Our next study will be Beth Moore's 'So Long Insecurity.' This study has workbooks only without the usual dvd's. We will begin class again on Aug.26th with a meet, greet, pray & eat session. We will begin in the workbook on Sept.2. If you are interested in joining this group or have any questions, please call: Deborah Phillips
h/770-822-9505 c/770-560-1297
or email deborahp@bellsouth.net



4-6pm, Sundays, beginning August 14, 2011

Please join us in this rewarding and life changing experience. Classes will be held in Rooms 314 and 315. The cost will be \$90 per family. Child care is available at no additional charge. Call Elaine at 770-513-7686 for more information, or simply go to DaveRamsey.com to sign-up.

Please Note: August's Angel Food order deadline is August 21. Orders can be picked-up, August 27.

✦ The deadline for article submission for the September newsletter is August 11. ✦

Music Ministries

Shannon Nesbit, Director of Music Ministries
Devon Patrick, Contemporary Worship Leader
Elizabeth Manfroni, Assist. Dir. of Music Ministries
Kim Steinke, Admin. Asst. to Music Ministries
Phone: 770.339.9801



WELCOME TO MCKENDREE, ELIZABETH!!!!

We'd like to take this time to "WELCOME" to McKendree UMC our new Assistant Music Director, Elizabeth Manfroni. Elizabeth is a graduate of Collins Hill High School and Mercer University. She has a degree in Music Education, and taught for a year in the Bibb County School System. She brings a background of music and drama and a solid Christian faith and love for God. We are very excited, and blessed to have Elizabeth join McKendree's Music Ministry!!!

MUSIC REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Registration for all of our wonderful music opportunities continues... we'd love to have you join us as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord"! (Psalm 100). Please see below for all of the ways you can get plugged in! If you have any questions, please contact Shannon, Elizabeth or Kim in McKendree Music Ministries.

Wednesday night rehearsals begin September 7th.

- 6-6:30pm Praisentation's Choir (3 & 4 yrs old)
- 5:30-6pm 3rd & 4th Grade Chimes
- 6-6:30pm K-4th Grade Choirs
- 6-7pm Righteous Ringers (9th Grade - Adult) - BEGINS AUG. 10
- 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir (open to High School graduates - adults)

Sunday Rehearsals begin August 14.

- 3-3:30pm Women of Worship (9th Grade - Adult)
- 3:30-4:15pm *Middle School Choir (5th-8th Grades)
- 4:15-5pm *Middle School Bells (5th-8th Grades)
- 4:15-5pm High School Choir (9th - 12th Grades)
- 6-7pm McKendree Bells (Adults)
- 7-8:15pm McKendree Orchestra (9th Grade - Adult)
- 5-7pm Praise Team

* Those in 5th-8th Grade Choir or Bells can stay through Flight 56/Youth and be picked-up at 7pm.

Can you feel it?

STOMP is coming to McKendree UMC!

The Music Ministry is pleased to present a new ensemble: STOMP. This percussion-based group will feature many different beats centered around fellowship and an undying beat. This ensemble is open to all 5-12th graders with an urge to be a part of something different.

Please see Elizabeth Manfroni for more information.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED AND NEEDED!!!

If you'd like to volunteer with any of our music groups (to assist with the directors or accompany the groups) we will be holding a meeting on Saturday, August 20 from 9am-1pm. Please contact Music Ministries to let us know of your interests and availability! We need you!!!



Joe Palmer, Director of High School Ministries
Susan Rowe, Director of Family Ministries
Bill Anderson, Director of Middle School Ministries
Paula Anderson, Admin. Assist. to Family Ministries
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WTL – Sunday Youth group for 7 – 12 grade

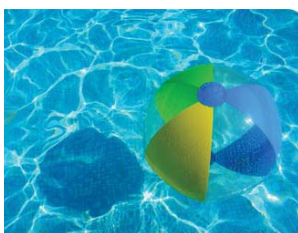
5pm – Dinner
5:30-6pm – Praise & Worship
6-7pm – split off for middle school and high school programs.

This month we will be talking about...

August 14: High & Middle School: Jesus says, "I am ..." week 1
August 21: High & Middle School: Jesus says, "I am ..." week 2
August 28: High & Middle School: Jesus says, "I am ..." week 3



Small groups begin meeting again Wednesday, 8/10. Flight 56 small group will meet 6-7pm. Middle School & High School small groups will meet 7-8:15pm.



Back to School Pool Parties August 7

Youth events are starting back with a splash. Join us at our Back to School Pool Parties at the Scheidt's house. Middle School youth will attend from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. High School youth will attend from 4pm to 6pm.

Parent Volunteers

We need many volunteers to help make our youth group activities a success: Sunday School, Wednesday night small groups (middle & high school girls & boys), and Sunday evening. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Joe Palmer, Bill Anderson or Paula Anderson.

Volunteer Training/Workshop August 20

There will be a volunteer training and workshop for all those who are helping with children, youth and/or music departments from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, August 20.

Parent Meeting & Luncheon August 14

Immediately following the 11 am service, the youth, children & music ministries will hold a parent meeting & luncheon. At the meeting, the new fall schedule & changes will be discussed. We will provide the meat & drinks. We are asking those that attend to bring a side dish to share.



Confirmation
beginning Sunday, August 14

We will have a parent/student meeting at 10:30am in the Lockridge Center. The class will begin immediately after. If you have not signed-up your 7th grader, forms are located outside the youth office and are due by Sunday, August 7th.



High School Retreat September 16 – 18

Open to all high school youth, is a retreat to Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, Georgia. Cost is \$140. Sign-up deadline is August 14

Upcoming Events

Back to School Parties 8/7	Parent Meeting 8/14
Small Groups Begin 8/10	Volunteer Training 8/20
Confirmation Begins 8/14	

The Children's CORNER



Lisa Engberg, Director of Children's Ministries
 Susan Rowe, Director of Family Ministries
 Phone: 770.339.9801

Wednesday night "W.O.W."

Kicks up in Aug for 5th & 6th graders, and on Sept 7th for Kidz Klub children ages K- 4th grade. Small groups are from 6-7pm, and Kidz Klub is from 6:30-7pm (the time change is due to the new choir schedule). Sign-up forms for Kidz Klub can be found outside Susan's and Lisa's office. Cost is \$10 for the semester. Music and Children's Ministries will have an informational meeting for parents of children ages PreK- 4th grade who plan to be involved with Wednesday night programs. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 6pm on August 31st.

Important Training Dates Coming Up!

- On Aug 20th we will have a volunteer training for EVERYONE involved with children, youth and/or music. "Basic" training is for new volunteers, but for those more seasoned teachers, we will also have a few "electives" to choose from. We will meet from 9-1pm (continental breakfast included). Everyone is encouraged to attend! On Aug 21st, we will have Safe Sanctuaries training. This is a one-time training which is mandatory for all volunteers with babies, toddlers, children and youth. Contact Susan Rowe for information on either training class.

Vacation Bible School Big Volunteer Meeting
 All volunteers for all areas and sessions of VBS should join us in the Sanctuary for our "PandaMania" kick-off meeting from 6:30-8pm, June 14.

Flight 56 - returns in August! Our first event will be our annual "Back to School Bash" at Tom and Gail Johnston's house Aug. 7th. We will cookout and swim in their heavenly pool from 5-7pm. No need to RSVP, but remember to wear only tasteful one-piece and tankini swimsuits, ladies; and boys, we don't want to see your boxers! We will kick-off our Flight 56 small groups on Wednesday night, Aug 10th. And on Aug 14 we will have a BBQ lunch in the Fellowship Hall for parents (and kids) of all 5th-12th graders who will be involved in music ministries, Flight 56 and WTL. We have changed our Sunday and Wednesday night schedules this fall in order to make us more "family friendly," and we want to share it all with you!

Do You Have a 3rd Grader? - McKendree will present a "New Adventure" Bible to all of our 3rd graders on August 28th during both services. If you have not received a letter from Susan Rowe about your 3rd-grader's Bible, please contact her at srowe@mckendreeumc.org! Send her the name you want written their Bible, the service you will attend on the 28th and if your child will be taking "Learning to Use My Bible" beg. Sept 11th at 11am.

Preschool

Preschool is just around the corner with a start date of September 6th. At this point we have very limited openings in our program. Please call now to reserve that last spot.

Upcoming dates for registered students to remember
 August 23rd Back to School Fair
 August 30th Parent Orientation Night
 Aug 31st/Sept 1st Open House for students

Parent Meeting & Luncheon

August 14
 Immediately following the 11am service, the youth, children & music ministries will hold a parent meeting & luncheon. At the meeting, the new fall schedule & changes will be discussed. We will provide the meat & drinks. We are asking those that attend to bring a side dish to share.

Angels of the Month

Tom Johnston & Kathryn Palmer
 Every 2 years our Flight 56 kids work on a series called "Created by God." Tom and Kathryn have taught this delicate subject for many years. Their expertise help our tweens feel comfortable and normal. Thanks Tom and Kathryn, you are angels.

Fun Fourth Sundays - begins Aug 28th! This group is for 4th graders only will meet in Room 317 from 5:30-7pm on the 4th Sunday of each month during the school year (with a couple of exceptions). Terry Lemm is going to lead this group, but we will need some helpers! Contact Susan Rowe to volunteer or for more information.

Sunday School, Children's Church and Children's Worship Volunteer

Recruitment has begun for all Sunday morning children's programming! Please sign-up at the table outside Lisa's office, or contact Susan or Lisa. All curriculum is provided. You will be on a team with at least 4 other volunteers. We will have a training session for all (including continental breakfast) at 9am, Saturday, August 20.



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Our Bodies as Temples of the Holy Spirit

Scripture: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19

We just had our Health Fair. School will shortly be back in session. We are aware of the importance of eating healthy foods, getting exercise, and enough sleep. God wants us to take good care of our bodies. However, at the same time, we need to also take care of our spiritual life. What good is a healthy body when our soul is not in tune with God? Jesus realized that he must commune with His Father for direction and strength. In the coming school year, vow to not only take good care of our body but also spend time with God each day. The Holy Spirit reveals God's will in our lives.

Prayer: Lord God, thank you for a new school year. Thank you for all the activities in which to spend our time. Help us to not only take good care of our bodies, but recognize our need to spend time with You, our Creator and Heavenly Father who loves us and takes care of us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

