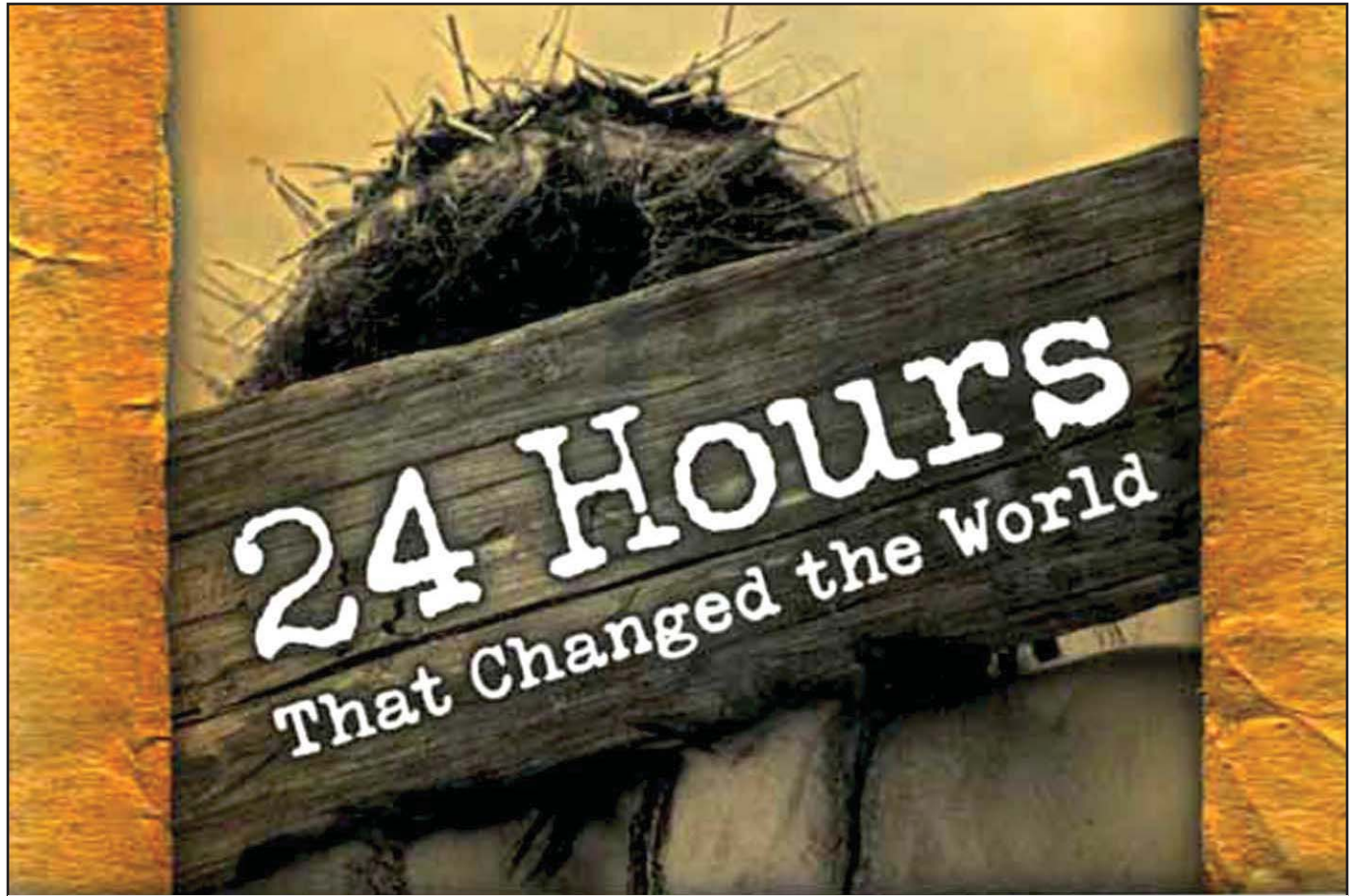


February, 2012



## CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

Taking readers from Thursday through Sunday, with the main focus on the time leading up to the Crucifixion, this book encourages readers to personally experience the final events of Jesus by offering a good balance of background information, commentary on the biblical text itself, and just enough thought evoking, and sometimes personal questions to nudge readers into participation.

Adam Hamilton weaves into the story his own travel experiences to the Holy Land, often to great effect. His description of walking on the stairs from lower Jerusalem to upper Jerusalem, barefoot (the same stairs Jesus walked) is especially poignant. His account of hearing a rooster crow while sitting on the Mount of Olives thinking about Peter's denial of Christ also paints for the reader a vivid mental picture.

Hamilton asks fascinating questions. For example, what if just two or three of the 71 member Sanhedrin had spoken up, questioning whether putting Jesus to death was truly

the right thing to do? With the author, you will wonder, had you been in their situation, might you have kept quiet, going along with the group? In *24 Hours* readers will be confronted with tough decisions as they imagine themselves as the characters in the story.

Purchase your copy of *24 Hours That Changed the World* in the Fellowship Hall beginning February 12th, and walk with your McKendree family in the footsteps of Christ this Lenten season.

To enhance your experience, consider joining a small group study where you will view the supplementary DVD and take part in lively discussions one hour each week for five weeks.

If you would like to lead a small group in this study or if the small group you are already leading would like to participate, contact Joe Palmer in the church office.

This church-wide study begins February 26th.

## Welcome to Our New Members

Patricia Covey  
769 Oakview Ct NW  
Lilburn, GA 30047  
404-697-3154

Elaine McCullough  
1707 Oak Woods Court  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
678-654-0122

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Perla & Tatiana  
672 Lookout Pointe  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
678-207-6477

Jennifer & Scott Perkins  
Jack  
495 Morning Cr Lane  
Suwanee, GA 30024  
770-945-5802

Carla & Tom Smith  
2925 Heather Stone Way  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
770-317-0008

Terese Walsh-Tuthill  
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Derrick Williams  
2112 Pixie Rose Lane  
Loganville, GA 30052  
770-736-7992



### **McKendree UMW's Children's Consignment Sale 9am – 3pm, Saturday, March 17th (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. Twice a year we raise \$4-5,000 to benefit many worthy missions. It's a great time to meet

some of McKendree's finest members while you help raise money for missions. Also, workers buy before anyone else and get the best selection. We could really use a few good men on Saturday afternoon when we need some strong backs for taking down and storing the clothing racks! If you would like to volunteer, contact Stephanie Griffin at [madbriar@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:kemchugh@bellsouth.net) or 770-965-4985.

### **McKendree UMC Winter Weather Closing Guidelines**

Monday thru Friday - Preschool and Office according to the Gwinnett County Schools decision  
Sundays - Check our website [www.mckendreeumc.org](http://www.mckendreeumc.org) or 11Alive WXIA TV



*Ladies, Save the Date*

*Saturday, March 10, 2012*

The 2nd Annual Ladies Spring Brunch will be held from 10am - 1pm.

This year we are very blessed to have Lori Kennedy from Alpha Omega Ministries, who will come and talk on "Overcoming ~ Fulfilling Your God Given Destiny."

This is a POT LUCK Brunch.

Contact Darlene Eades at demw378@yahoo.com or 678-714-0826.

Loads of Love

Saturday, February 11

Are you interested in going on a mission trip but can't get away for a week? Then join us for our Loads of Love (LoL) outreach Saturday, Feb. 11. You don't have to leave the country (or even the county). It's right in our neighborhood and it only takes about 2-3 hours of your time on a Sunday afternoon.

What is LoL? It's a group of McKendree folks, with smiles on our faces and in our hearts willing to help others. We go to a local laundromat loaded with quarters ready to assist and pay for laundry services.

Join this next "mission" trip in your community. You will be blessed! For more information please contact Bernie Richardson, rbrichardson@charter.net .



**Cross and Flame Stained Glass**

This beautiful window is over 14" tall and is bordered with stained glass that was originally in the Lockridge Chapel. Purchase your piece of McKendree History today for only \$45.00. (\$30.00 from every purchase will be used to fund kitchen equipment.) Contact Gail Johnston at bzmama@bellsouth.net.

*Thank You*

*The Christmas Eve "One Great Night of Service" planning committee would like to pass along a hearty thank you to the members of McKendree. As one body of Christ, together we shared God's greatest gift of love to our community. From the children who donated \$1 to the delivery teams on Christmas Eve, every effort made a difference!*

**February Friday Night Movies**

Lockridge Chapel 6:30pm

**February 3: Angel and the Badman**

Starring John Wayne, Gail Russell, Harry Carey and Bruce Cabot which examines the ability of a gunman to renounce violence.

**February 10: Chariots of Fire**

This film tells the fact-based story of two athletes in the 1924 Olympics: a devout Scottish Christian who runs for the glory of God, and an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice.

**February 17: A Tale of Two Cities**

A 1935 film is an elaborate adaptation of Dickens' classic tale of the French Revolution.

**February 24: The Robe**

A 1953 American Biblical epic film that tells the story of a Roman military tribune who commands the unit that crucifies Jesus.

Bring your own chairs and a dish to share for our potluck dinner



McKendree UMC has a church-based Moms In Prayer International Group who prays over multiple schools. Several schools and all ages of children are represented. We meet on Wednesday nights at 7pm in Room 314 of the Education Building at McKendree UMC. You do not have to be a member of the church to join the group. If you are interested in joining us weekly in prayer, have a prayer request or you would like more information about Moms In Prayer and our group, please contact Bonnie Hunsaker at mbedg226@aol.com or (678)787-0483.



**McKendree Family Night at the Gwinnett Gladiators**

Everyone is invited on February 3rd to the Gwinnett Gladiators game as they take on the Greenville Road Warriors, 7:35pm at the Gwinnett Arena. Cost is \$8 per ticket and parking is FREE!!! Minor league hockey is fun, very family friendly and so close to home! For information or to purchase tickets, please contact Susan Rowe.

**Wednesday Night Supper Menu**

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|-----------------|---------|
| BBQ Pork        | 2/01/12 |
| Mexican Fiesta  | 2/08/12 |
| Baked Spaghetti | 2/15/12 |
| Pot Roast       | 2/22/12 |

All are invited to Wednesday Night Supper \$6/Adults, \$3/Kids



## The Whole You

God created us as whole people--that is, people who are physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual all at the same time. This simple truth is obvious when you take the time to think about it. Unfortunately, it is one that people often overlook.

There have been times, for example, when the medical profession treated people's physical problems and ignored the rest of their lives. But emotional stress, loneliness, ignorance about health care, and despair and depression can all be just as dangerous to a person's well-being as injuries or germs. Every part of our life is important. We are whole people. We can't separate one aspect of life and "treat" it as though the other parts don't matter.

Stephen Ministers are not professional therapists, but we know the best therapy is often talking to someone who truly listens and genuinely cares. We are here to support our brothers and sisters in Christ through difficult times. If you are struggling with an issue and would like someone to love and pray you through, give us a call and let us be there for you...the whole you.



**Friday, Feb. 3 - 6:30pm - "Soup & Salad Night"** Ines Beltran from the Gwinnett County Cooperative Extension Program will be our guest speaker. Her program will be "Ways to a Healthier You – General Nutrition." During this program you will be able to calculate the amount of calories you need and learn what healthy foods and snacks to eat during the day! Ines will also speak about radon which is a natural occurring radioactive gas that comes into homes from the ground. She will have radon kits available for \$5 if you're interested.

**Sunday, Feb. 19 - 7:30pm - "The Putnam County Spelling Bee"** play at Gainesville State College. Leave McKendree approximately 5pm for dinner out beforehand. Tickets have already been reserved; we have a full bus.

**Friday, March 2 - 11:30am -** leave by church bus for a complimentary lunch at Garden Plaza Lawrenceville. They can seat up to 40 people, but will need to know the names/number of attendees. We will be having a 'plated lunch' (will be served) and some of the residents will be joining us. Sign-up with us to ride the bus (holds 15). This event will be in lieu of our regular first Friday night meeting of the month (March).

**Saturday, March 17 - 2 pm - "Georgia Connection 60/70's Show)"** in Stone Mountain – leave McKendree approximately 11:30pm for lunch out beforehand.

Contact Jay & Nancy Rowland at 678-618-8735 or [nancy.m.rowland@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.m.rowland@gmail.com) for additional information.

# Youth Group

Joe Palmer, Director of Youth Ministries  
Bill Anderson, Director of Youth Ministries  
Paula Anderson, Admin. Assist. to Family Ministries  
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## WTL - Sunday Youth Group

for 7 - 12 grade

5 pm - Dinner

5:30 - 6pm - Praise & Worship

6 - 7pm - split off for middle school and high school programs.

This month we will be talking about...

2/5 - No WTL

2/12 - HS & MS: 24 Hours: Garden of Gethsemane

2/19 - No WTL (Winter Retreat)

2/26 - HS & MS: 24 Hours: Condemned by the Righteous

## Dominican Republic Soup-Off Fund-raiser February 5

The Youth Dominican Republic Mission Team is hosting a Soup Cook-off Fund-raiser between services and after the second service. Tickets will be pre-sold for \$5 adults/\$3 children.

Tickets at the door will be \$6 adults/ \$4 children.

## Winter Retreat February 17 - 19

If you are joining us on the Winter Retreat we will meet at the church on Friday (2/17) morning at 7:30am for an 8am departure. Please eat breakfast beforehand or bring something with you to eat on the bus. On Sunday (2/19), we should arrive back to the church around 1pm. The youth will call when 20 minutes out.

## Intern Meeting February 12

## Dominican Team Meeting February 26

## Middle School Retreat March 9 - 11

Attention all Middle School youth. Join us for a fun-filled weekend in Gatlinburg, TN. We will go snow tubing & ice skating. There is also an indoor pool at the hotel. We will meet at 5:30pm on Friday and leave by 6pm. Please eat dinner beforehand. We should arrive back to the church around 1pm. Cost: \$115. Deadline: Wednesday, February 15

## Important Dates

February 5 Dominican Republic Soup-Off

February 12 Intern Meeting

February 17 - 19 Winter Retreat

February 26 Dominican Team Meeting

# The Children's CORNER



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

## Angel of the Month

Our angel this month is Jen Lomas. Jen has been active in our children's ministry program in some capacity for almost 12 years. She teaches on Sundays, works on VBS, and helps with Flight 56 check in/check out each week. We can always count on Jen (and Scott) to jump in at a moments notice with a smile on her face. Jen, thanks you are an angel.

## Preschool

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is underway. Classes are filling up quickly. Church registration will be between services Sunday, 2/5 and Monday - Thursday from 9-1pm. Public registration starts on 2/13. Call Gregory or Glori in the P.S. office to schedule a tour or check on availability (770) 339-7040.

## Kidz Klub

We are "Kickin' It Old School" at Kidz Klub on Wednesday night! All K-4th grade are invited to join us in Room 317 from 6:30-7pm. We will meet every Wednesday except the 22nd in February (Ash Wednesday).

## Flight 56

The annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" for the Lawrenceville Co-Op will be held Feb 5 after both services. Our 5th and 6th graders will be stationed outside each Sanctuary door with giant soup pots. Please remember to throw spare change (or bills) into the pots! All donations received will go to the Lawrenceville Co-Op. Please help us reach our goal of \$1000! Contact Susan Rowe for more information. (Flight 56 will not meet on the 5th due to the Super Bowl.) We are participating in the study "24 Hours That Changed the World" (through March 25). Some nights we are combined with WTL. This is a very powerful study about Jesus' last week on earth. All materials are age-appropriate.

## VBS Planning Team

Our VBS theme is "Sky: Everything is Possible with God" Planning begins this month! Our first meeting will be held Sunday, Feb 12 after 11am worship. We would love for

you to join us! Bring \$3 for pizza and your enthusiasm for sharing Christ with a whole bunch of kids! Contact Susan Rowe if you have any questions.

## Fun Fourth

4th graders will meet Feb 26 for their monthly get together. Come to dinner at 5pm. Fun Fourth begins at 5:30pm. In March, 4th graders will join Flight 56 for the first time!

## Touch the Water, Taste the Bread

Our 3's, 4's and Kindergartners wrapped up this class during the 11am hour on Jan 29th! Feb 5th is a Communion Sunday, and our 4-year olds will come to the Sanctuary to celebrate Communion for the first time. Our plan is to bring the kids in first giving parents the opportunity to take pictures. Please contact Susan Rowe with any questions.

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Wed, Feb 1 – Kidz Klub, 6:30-7pm
- Fri, Feb 3 – Family Night at the Gwinnett Gladiators, 7:35pm
- Sun, Feb 5 – Souper Bowl of Caring; no Flight 56
- Wed, Feb 8 – Kidz Klub, 6:30-7pm
- Sun, Feb 12 – VBS Planning Team Meeting, noon;  
Flight 56, 5:30pm
- Wed, Feb 15 – Kidz Klub, 6:30-7pm
- Sun, Feb 19 – No Flight 56 due to GCPS 4-day weekend
- Wed, Feb 22 – No Kidz Klub due to Ash Wednesday Service
- Sun, Feb 26 – Flight 56 and Fun Fourth, 5:30pm
- Wed, Feb 29 – Kidz Klub, 6:30-7pm



*February, 2012*

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**Prayer Ministry – “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.”**

*Scripture: “Make every effort to keep the unity of Spirit through the bond of peace.” Eph. 4:3*

*Message: When Paul wrote to the early churches, he was very concerned about unity in the body of believers. The early church had to deal with the Gnostics. What they were teaching was contrary to what was being taught by the apostles. The apostles taught Christ crucified. If we as Christians are to follow the Great Commission to tell others about Christ’s death and resurrection, we must remain together as one body.*

*We must diligently seek to do God’s will as a unified body.*

*We can only do this if we are in one accord.*

*Prayer: Let us come together to earnestly seek Your will for McKendree United Methodist Church.*

*Guide us as we seek to tell others about Jesus Christ. Let us show brotherly love to one another.*

*Let us love as Christ loved us.*

*In His precious name, we pray. Amen.*