

January, 2012



McKendree United Methodist Church



Mission Impact Celebration is back!  
Join us as we celebrate all the DOING that will go on at McKendree.

## JANUARY

SUN 22	MON 24	TUES 25	WED 25	THU 27	FRI 27
Faith in Action Celebration Services with Pastor Dana Everhart (9:30am, 11:00am) Local missionaries visit with Sunday School Classes			Doing Your Faith Celebration featuring inspiring testimonies & music (6:30pm)		Church-Wide 30-Hour Fast (Noon) Youth Lock-in & fast w/ Lawrenceville Co-op's Linda Freund (7:00pm)
	SAT 28			SUN 29	
	Stop Hunger Now Packing Event, Adopt a Road Project & other opportunities (advanced sign-up required) (9:00am) Break the Fast w/ Beans & Rice Dinner (6:00pm)			Faith Promise Worship & Commitment Services with Dr. Peter Pereira Local missionaries visit with Sunday School Classes (9:30am, 11:00am) Meet with local missionaries (between services) Youth 2012 Kick-Off of Doing Your Faith (afternoon)	



Please visit our website for additional information <http://mckendreeumc.org/MIC.html> .

# Winter Ministry Fair

Sundays, January 15 and 22

This is the best time to enroll in a Small Group, Sunday School class or a ministry in our Church. We believe that you have a lot to give for the continuation of our ministry at McKendree UMC. God is doing great things among us and we know that in the year 2012 He will do things even greater!!!

Here are just a few of our offerings...

## Sunday School

**Paths of Righteousness** 9:30am/Room 308

Study: Book of Exodus

Leader: Thad Joiner

**The Wesley Class** 9:30am/Room 316

Study: Outlive Your Life (January 8, 2012)

4-6 session class - We have been given an opportunity to make a big difference during a challenging time. Join God's plan to change the world.

Leader: Kay Horton

**The Wesley Class** (February-April)

Study: What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?

Leader: Kay Horton

**The Open Door** 11am/Room 316

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Leader: Bill and Connie Edgar

**The Well** 11am/Room 311

Study: Becoming a Good Samaritan (January 8)  
6 session class - This study by John Ortberg will help you to become a better Samaritan to others.  
Leader: Bernie Richardson

**Growing Disciples** 8:30am/Room 315

Study: When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back to the Box

Six sessions class - John Ortberg explains how to play the game of life in When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box. Rather than striving to be Master of the Board, Ortberg reminds us that the object of life is to be rich toward God-- loving Him and loving others. Everything else--- your possessions, your resume, your money, your power---will all go back in the box when your life is over.

## Additional Studies

**Ladies Bible Study** Wednesdays, 9:30am

Study: Jonah (Wednesday morning, January 18)

7 week study - This study is by Priscilla Shirer and focuses on the Book of Jonah.

Leader: Rita Scheidt

**Pastor Diego's Study** Mondays, 7pm

Study: Early Christian Fathers (January 23, 2012)

10 session class - This study is about a group of early leaders of the Christian movement, who continue the ministry of the apostles of Jesus during the first six centuries of the developing Christian faith.

**New Member Classes** Sundays, 9:30am

4 session class (January 8, 2012)

Led by Pastor Diego

**Financial Peace University**

Dave Ramsey's proven plan to get your finances in order

Classes begin Jan. 8 (Sundays, 4pm) Room 311

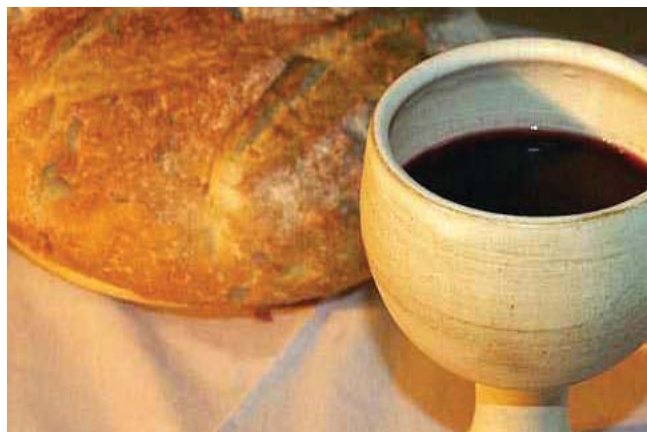
Leaders are Bill & Dawn Wilson

and Jan, 11 (Wednesdays, 6:15pm) Room 315

Leaders are Cheny Davis & Elaine Robbins

## 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



### Communion Servers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to help serve communion, please contact Angie Conley at [trekangel@bellsouth.net](mailto:trekangel@bellsouth.net) .

## FAITH BOOKING

All are welcome to join us for an all day Scrapbooking and Crafting day Saturday January 21st from 1-9pm. We will have food, fellowship, and crafting fun in Room 317. Please contact Susan Hamilton at 678-546-2706 or [cshssh@gmail.com](mailto:cshssh@gmail.com) . Space is limited but we would love to have you!

### Epiphany Sermon Series

# THE BORN IDENTITY

For Everyone Born...  
targeting a place at the table



January 8th - February 19th

Cardmaking... A new small group If you enjoy making cards or want to learn, we have a small group for you. We will teach and share techniques, consider how God works in our lives, and share our concerns. Our time together will be full of creativity, fun and fellowship.



You can make cards for yourself or to donate to various causes (prayer force, missions, hospitality team, military, & more). Our first meeting will be January 21, 2012 at 1pm in Room 305. For more information and to sign-up, contact Kathryn Tyrrell at [n1inc1@yahoo.com](mailto:n1inc1@yahoo.com) or 678-373-1483 OR Kimber Norris at [3norrisgirls@gmail.com](mailto:3norrisgirls@gmail.com) or 770-906-4786.



## Missions Faith Promise Your Expression of Trust in God

Faith Promise is our individual covenant with God to give a certain amount during the coming year, specifically for the missions outreach of our church. Faith Promise commitments received each January, will determine our missions budget. McKendree's mission work and outreach potential is based completely on faith-centered support.

The Missions Faith Promise we will make each year calls us to respond by

- Giving financially, an amount separate from the annual pledge (tithe) you make each October during the stewardship focus. Your faith promise for missions should NOT be taken away from your tithe. While our tithe offerings are used to run the local church and its ministries, Missions Faith Promise giving is a tangible expression of our desire that the whole world share in knowing God's love and the Good News.
- Praying earnestly, for missionaries and missions outreach efforts supported by McKendree and God's greater Church body, locally and globally – and for the beneficiaries of those efforts pursued in love.
- Giving Of Ourselves, our time and involvement in missions, participation and ideas, collaboration and encouragement, praise and testimony, witness and sharing...

Our Missions Faith Promise requires a boost in faith – trust and expectation that God's provision will enable us to respond generously – above our means – and enable us to fulfill our commitments. Our joy is in seeing God working to supply every need according to His riches in glory, and in realizing that we have entered into true partnership with God.

Our McKendree missions outreach depends on your confidence that God will provide the means to fulfill your Faith Promise. Financially God may increase your income, decrease your expenses or lead you to sacrifice. Personally and spiritually, He may reorganize your priorities, remove obstacles, and light a fire in your heart to dedicate time and talent to missions. Please begin praying now, for God's guidance and a deeper faith for missions support.



### More Than Imagination

Imagine you're in a crowded place but due to your circumstances you feel alone. The world seems to be going on around you but you barely notice. Now imagine that despite your feeling of isolation someone notices you and gently says, "I can see that something is bothering you. Would you like me to pray for you?" While this would certainly be a unique situation, it would also be a generous and touching offer.

Now, imagine there are people in your own church who are not only willing to pray for you but also willing to listen and talk with you. Luckily at McKendree, there's no need to imagine. They're here! Our Stephen Ministers are fully trained, ready and willing to meet with you and help you through whatever difficult situation may be going on in your life. These meetings are completely confidential and based on what works best for your schedule.

We are called to share our burdens and pray for one another. As the Bible says in *James 5:16*, "The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results." This ministry has already had wonderful results for many in our congregation. Let us help you, too. For more information, call Karen Hubbard at 678-985-6991.



### 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.

### Prime Timers (50 and over) for Fun, Faith and Fellowship

Friday, Jan 6, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall.  
Game Night. Bring a friend, your favorite dish to share and a deck of cards or a board game.

Saturday, Jan 28 – Mission "Stop Hunger Now!" Rice & Bean Dinner – Thank you, Prime Timers, for bringing desserts for this special event.

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  
Phone: 770.339.9801

## 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...**

1/1 - No WTL: Enjoy your New Year  
1/8 - Word of God Speak  
1/15 - Youth Talk with James Darden  
1/22 - How Do You Do Your Faith?  
1/29 - 24 Hours: The Last Supper

## Confirmation

Practice will be Saturday, January 7 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Confirmation Sunday is January 8. Those being confirmed at the 9:30 service, should arrive at 9:10am. Those being confirmed at the 11am service, should arrive at 10:40am. There will be a luncheon following the 11am service. Please e-mail any questions to Paula or Bill.

## Upcoming Intern Meetings January 8 and January 29

## Winter Retreat (2/17 - 2/19)

Join us as we head to Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC. Cost is \$125 from now until 1/15 and \$150 afterwards.  
Final Deadline: 1/25.

## Soup Cook-Off Fund-raiser 2/5

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 at \$5 adults/\$3 children. At the door tickets will be \$6 adults/\$4 children.

## Important Dates

January 7	Confirmation Practice
January 8	Confirmation Sunday
	Intern Meeting
January 29	Intern Meeting
February 5	Soup Cook-Off



# 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 Christi Babaz. Christi has worked in so many aspects of Children's Ministry we don't have room to list them all! Our thanks this month is for all the time she has put into organizing and planning meals for Sunday night programs. We will miss your service in this area and pray a replacement comes soon! Christi, thanks, you are an angel.

## Preschool

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year starts soon! Current students register 1/30, Church members 2/5, and the Public on 2/13. Contact the office at 770-339-7040 for more information on our classes and programs.

## Kidz Klub

Kidz Klub returns from 6:30-7pm, Wednesdays, January 4. We will be "Kickin' It Old School" with the Go Fish Guys. Kidz Klub is open to all Kindergartners through 4th graders. Cost is \$10, family max of \$25. Meet us in Room 317. Kidz Klub will not meet on January 25 due to Mission Impact.

## Flight 56

Since we will be on our first ever Flight-56 retreat, January 14-15, we will not have a Friday Night live in January. On January 29, Flight 56 will begin the short study "24 Hours That Changed the World." We will be in the Sanctuary with WTL on that night for the kick-off. We will not meet on January 1.

## Sunday Night Dinners

The first Sunday back we are having a "Potluck," so if your child or other family member eats, please sign-up for a dish. There are a few more dates on the website, including Tacos on the 15th. We will be loading all the meals in the coming weeks, but for now our concerns are for the

first two weeks back. If you have not fulfilled your volunteer obligation, please do so at this time.

The website is [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). When you get to the home page, go to the top green tab and click on "Find a Sign Up". Then on that page enter Christi's email address, which is [cmbabaz@gmail.com](mailto:cmbabaz@gmail.com). You can then choose dinners to volunteer for, starting with the Potluck on the 8th.

## Fun Fourth

We will meet January 22nd. All 4th graders are welcome to join us in Room 317 from 5:30-7pm.

## Touch the Water, Taste the Bread

At 11am, our 3's, 4's and Kindergartners will be taking the class "Touch the Water, Taste the Bread." This 4-week class is an age-appropriate study of Baptism and Communion. At the end of the class, the 4's and Kindergartners will take Communion in "big church" on February 5. 3-year-olds will celebrate Communion in their classrooms until after they have completed the class at age 4.

## Important Upcoming Dates

January 1, 2012 – 11am service only with nursery for Kindergarten & younger.

No Children's Sunday School, Children's Church, or Children's Worship

January 4 – Kidz Klub resumes 6:30-7pm

January 8 – Flight 56, 5:30-7pm

January 11 – Kidz Klub, 6:30-7pm

January 14-15 – Flight 56 Retreat

January 15 – Flight 56, 5:30-7pm

January 18 – Kidz Klub, 6:30-7pm

January 22 – Fun Fourth and Flight 56, 5:30-7pm

January 25 – Mission Impact Celebration (MIC),

No Kidz Klub

January 29 – Flight 56 meets with WTL in the Sanctuary for "24 Hours That Changed the World" and MIC



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**Prayer Ministry – Missions Here and Abroad**

*Scripture: “How are we to hear if we have not heard?” Romans 10:14 & 15*

*Message: Jesus told us that our mission is to tell the world about God’s amazing love in sending his son to die for our sins. While we call ourselves a Christian nation, we are slowly turning away from God.*

*There are people in our community who do not know of God’s grace.*

*More than 90% of the people in the 10/40 window (10th to 40th longitudinal parallels) have never heard about Jesus. How are these people to hear the message if no one tells them? Please be in prayer in January for our Mission Impact Celebration. McKendree has always been a mission-oriented church.*

*Pray for God’s direction and will as we continue to minister to the lost.*

*Prayer: Lord, we pray for those who do not know Your love. We pray that the Holy Spirit will make them receptive to Your message. We pray especially for persecuted Christians. Give them the strength to persevere. Please be with McKendree as we seek to minister to our community, region, country and abroad.*

*In Your precious name we pray, Amen.*