

*June/July, 2011*



## *McKendree Summer Missions*

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This year's Vacation Bible School will again include the importance of missions. Items will be collected for the Lawrenceville Co-Op, Rainbow Village, and the Methodist Children's Home. A financial collection will be shared between the orphanage in Zambia, VBS programs in India and freeze dried meals for Japan and other areas in need.

WTL youth will again join in the week-long summer youth camp, conducted in Clarkston. They will provide leadership and support for exciting crafts, and recreation and tutoring for refugees from around the world. We welcome any McKendree adults to join our youth in partnership with Clarkston UMC for an evening Vacation Bible School. Contact Ana Orsini at [ana.orsini@mountainparkumc.org](mailto:ana.orsini@mountainparkumc.org).

Tornado relief teams from McKendree have already served in Griffin, Barnesville, and Ringgold, Georgia. Disaster Response for the North Georgia Conference is led by McKendree Missions Council member Cal Jones. He will be organizing teams for ongoing work throughout the summer in these and possibly other affected communities in Georgia, including a weekend of work from June 3rd to the 5th. Contact Cal at 770-891-6058 or check [mckendreeumc.org](http://mckendreeumc.org), or the North Georgia Conference at <http://ngumc.org/news/detail/947>.

We would like to thank California Dreaming for providing Wednesday Night Supper 3 times this year and donating all food and proceeds to the church!



Bring in your church newsletter any Sunday and receive 20% off of your bill!. Dine in only.



**WOMEN OF FAITH  
August 12 – 13, 2011**

Ladies – are you looking to get recharged, rejuvenated and filled with overwhelming joy? Then join us at the 2011 Women of Faith Imagine tour wonderful music and a fun time to fellowship with other sisters in Christ. The tickets are only \$89 for both days and includes lunch each day. Tickets are limited so reserve your space today.

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

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Gwinnett Braves  
vs  
Durham Bulls  
Faith and Family Night  
Friday June 17, 2011 7:05



**Coupons 101**

12:30pm, Sunday, June 12th  
Do you want to learn how to easily save money on your groceries and other items? Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an intro in coupon clipping! Hear from two young moms as they share their experiences in “extreme couponing.” Please contact Kathryn Palmer if interested at awesomegod31@hotmail.com or (678) 576-1397.



**Artists and Non-Artists needed!**

*Help us transform the church into a Chinese Shangri-La! We will have a painting day on June 11th, where we prepare backdrops and bulletin board artwork. On June 18th and 19th, we will be decorating the church for VBS, which begins on the 19th. We can also use help on June 26th, when we will remove most of the decor after church. Contact Lisa, Susan or Debbie Lucas to volunteer!*

Please Note: June’s Angel Food order deadline is June 19. Orders can be picked-up, June 25.

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

## Clarkston Vacation Bible School

After much prayer and discussion we have decided to take our VBS on the road to Clarkston UMC! Our youth will be on a mission trip in Clarkston the week of June 26. They are going to hold VBS for the kids there June 27 – 29. We do not have a budget for this and we will need some additional adult help, so if you feel led to assist either monetarily or as a volunteer, please contact Susan, Lisa or Ana Orsini.



Start cleaning out the house & gathering your things for the youth yard sale on Saturday, July 16. Drop offs will be the week of July 11th. If you have large items that need to be picked up, please contact Joe or Paula in the youth office. We will schedule to pick those up either Monday, 7/11 or Tuesday, 7/12. If you will be out-of-town during the week of the sale, you can call Joe or Paula to arrange a time to drop off your stuff early up at the Lockridge Center.



### CARING THROUGH LISTENING

One of the greatest gifts we can give to others is to really listen to them. When we listen respectfully we become instruments of God through which He offers encouragement and hope.

As the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, "What a wonderful God we have -- He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us." (TLB)

God accomplishes incredible things through people who are able to respectfully and lovingly listen. If you feel that listening is one of your spiritual gifts, becoming a Stephen Minister could be a great way for you to share the love of Christ and help others. For more information on this special ministry, call Karen Hubbard at 678-985-6991.

### Pray For Our Enemies

*"But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:44*

Message - Many of us have mixed feelings over the death of Osama Bin Laden. God tells us "you should not kill." In ancient time, the philosophy was an "an eye for an eye." In the New Testament, Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbor. Regardless of how you feel about this man's death, Jesus tells us to pray for our enemies. We need to pray for peace and that America will seek God's direction. We are called to pray for our leaders. We are called to take the message of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection to the whole world.

Prayer - Lord, help us to pray for our enemies. Take away our anger over the 9/11 tragedy. After it happened people returned to You for direction. Don't let us rest on our laurels. Help reflect Your love to others so that they may desire to know You.



# Music Ministries

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

## WANTED

### Righteous Ringers and

### McKendree Bells

are looking for ringers!  
 If you are 9th grade or older or an adult new to ringing, Righteous Ringers is the place to be!!! If you have ringing experience (even if it's been a while) McKendree Bells is for you! Please contact Shannon Nesbit or Kathy Page.

### The Chancel Choir

is looking for people to join in the fun!!! If you love to sing, please contact Shannon Nesbit in the Music Office at (snesbit@mckendreeumc.org). If you are in the congregation and hear wonderful voices around you, please send them to the chancel choir! We rehearse Wednesdays, 7 – 8:30pm in the Music Room.

### McKendree Orchestra

is looking for new members!  
 If you read music and play an instrument and are able to rehearse on Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the sanctuary, beginning this fall, contact Shannon (snesbit@mckendreeumc.org).

### Children's Music Ministry Volunteers for 2011 - 2012

Please prayerfully consider how you may use your gifts to serve. Contact Shannon Nesbit in Music Ministries.

### Would You Like to Sing in the Choir But Don't Have Time to Make Rehearsals?

We will have a summer choir that will meet Sunday mornings at 10:30am (or when 9:30 Worship ends) in the Music Room. We will run through the morning hymns and you'll be able to sit with your families during the sermon. The Summer choir is open to 7th grade - adult (or with director approval). Contact Shannon in Music Ministries for additional information.

## Music Registration (3 yr - adult)

### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION!

June 11 - July 10

(Limited availability for 3rd-8th grade chimes)

Avoid the rush and register early for next year's music groups!

### Four easy ways to register:

- Register outside the Music Office on the following Sundays: June 9, June 26 & July 10
- Register during VBS (June 19-24)
- Mail in your registration form and check!
- Bring your completed registration form with payment to the church office during regular office hours.

Children and Youth:

\$13 early-bird registration fee (\$18 after 7/10)

Choir/Chimes T-shirts (K - 12) are an additional \$9 with a Family max. of \$40.

## 2011 - 2012 Music Schedule

### Wednesdays

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 3rd - 4th Grade Chimes         | 5:30 - 6:00 |
| 3 & 4 Year Choirs              | 6:00 - 6:30 |
| Kindergarten - 1st Grade Choir | 6:00 - 6:30 |
| 2nd - 4th Grade Choir          | 6:00 - 6:30 |
| Youth/Adult Handbells          | 6:00 - 7:00 |
| Adult Choir                    | 7:00 - 8:30 |

### Sundays

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 9th Grade - Adult Women's Choir           | 3:00 - 3:30 |
| 5th - 8th Grade Bells                     | 4:15 - 5:00 |
| 5th - 8th Grade Choir                     | 3:30 - 4:15 |
| 9th -12th Grade Choir                     | 4:15 - 5:00 |
| Praise Team                               | 5:00 - 7:00 |
| Adult Handbells                           | 6:00 - 7:00 |
| Orchestra (7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – adult) | 7:00 - 8:00 |

**Did you know....**

McKendree UMC Preschool was awarded a North Georgia Conference School of Excellence, again. Our program is top notch and we are proud to be a part of the McKendree family.

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

**Friday, June 3**, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, bring a dish to share and a friend for our "Wedding/Marriage" theme. Also, bring your framed wedding picture to share. Promises to be a fun night filled with much love.

**Sunday, June 12** – Leave McKendree at 3:30pm by church bus for dinner at The Diner at Sugar Hill and then to hear the Silvertone Choir (no charge) at the Buford First Baptist Church which starts at 6 pm. Our own, Pat Frederick, Rose Johnson, James Keith & Rita Scheidt are members of this choir.

**Friday, July 1**, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Guest Speaker: Officer Eric Rooks with the Gwinnett County Police Department will speak on "Personal Safety."

**Saturday, July 9**, Gwinnett Braves Baseball Game, 6pm, tickets \$8 each. We hope to have two church bus runs like last year. We must have an exact head count and all monies by Friday, June 24.

**1<sup>st</sup> McKendree UMC  
 Community  
 Health Fair  
 Event**



**Saturday, July 30th  
 9:00am - 1:00pm**



Caring for People  
 Spiritually and  
 Physically

Volunteers needed,  
 Those interested please contact  
 Pastor Diego,  
 (dorsini@mckendreeumc.org),  
 Robert Neal or Andy Phucas.

**Planned Offerings:**

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Clinical - BP, Glucose, Cholesterol | Physical Therapy       |
| Dental Screenings                   | Hair Cuts for Children |
| Nutritional Consultant              | Makeup for Women       |
| Arterial Disease Screenings         | Water Safety           |
| Weight Loss                         | Skin Care              |
| Smoking Cessation                   | Bike/Skateboard Safety |
| Healthy Cooking                     | Self Defense           |
| Women's Health                      | Literacy/Library       |
| Men's Health                        |                        |

For additional information, contact  
 Jay & Nancy Rowland at  
 678-618-8735, 770-904-2420 or nancy.m.rowland@gmail.com.  
 We always promote Fellowship, Faith and Fun.

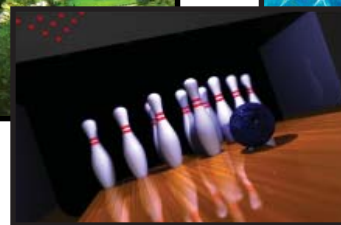
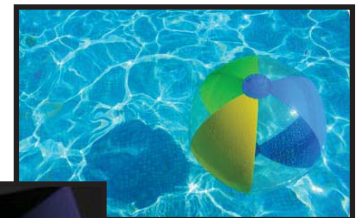


Joe Palmer, Director of High School Ministries  
Susan Rowe, Director of Family Ministries  
Paula Anderson, Admin. Assist. to Family Ministries  
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## 2011 Important Dates

### June 2 – 5 Summer Retreat – Awanita

We will meet at the church at 3:30pm for a 4pm departure. Please bring your dinner with you to eat on the bus. For Sunday, we will stop on the way home for lunch. Please bring money with you for lunch. We should arrive back to the church around 2pm. Your youth will call when we are 20 minutes out.

### June 13 Laser Quest

We will meet at the church at noon and head over to Gwinnett Place Mall for lunch at the food court. Then, over to Laser Quest in Duluth, from 2—4:30pm. Cost for Laser Quest is \$15, and you will get to play at least two games. Bring money with you for lunch. Limited to the first 45 people to sign-up. Registration Deadline is Sunday, June 5.

### June 14 VBS Volunteer Meeting 6pm - 8pm

If you are helping out with Vacation Bible School you need to attend one of the volunteer meetings.

### June 19 VBS Volunteer Meeting noon

### June 20 – 24 Vacation Bible School

### June 26 – July 1 Clarkston

### July 11 – 15 Yard Sale Drop-off

### July 16 Youth Yard Sale 9am – 3pm

### July 17 – July 23 Birmingham Mission Trip

### July 27 Six Flags

Join us for a fun-filled day. We will meet at 9am & leave the church by 9:30am, staying until the park closes. The cost is \$30 or \$5 (to help cover parking) if you have a season pass. Sign-up Deadline June 5.

### July 31 Stars & Strikes

We will meet at 5:15pm so we can leave the church by 5:30pm. We will bowl from 6 – 8pm. The cost is \$18 which includes shoe rental, pizza and soda. Deadline to sign-up is July 17th.

### August 5 & 6 Amazing Race

Sign-ups & details will be coming out soon. Raising 7th graders – seniors can join us. Remember when you sign up you need to have your two drivers and team members picked out.

### August 7 Back to School Pool Party

All youth events are starting back with a splash. Details will be coming out soon.

# The Children's CORNER



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

## Summer Sunday School and Promotion

At 9:30am, our fun, informal, rotational Summer Sunday School for rising 1st - rising 4th grades will begin June 5th. We will meet in Room 317 at 9:30 and rotate to 3 areas, then return to Room 317 for parent pick-up at 10:30am. Rising 5th and 6th graders will continue to meet in their regular Sunday School class (Rooms 303-304) as will 3's and 4's (Rooms 211 and 212). Rising 7th graders will move to WTL and will worship with the youth at 9:30.

At 11am, 3's and 4's will remain in their same classes for the summer (Rooms 211 and 212). Rising 1st - 3rd grades will go to Children's Worship in Room 317, rising 4th grades to Sunday School in Room 301, rising 5th and 6th grades to Sunday School in Rooms 303-304 and rising 7th grades to WTL Sunday School up the hill.

**Vacation Bible School** - We still have openings for both morning & evening sessions. (Extreme VBS is full.) Cost is \$20 and includes a t-shirt and music CD. The evening session runs 5:30-8:30pm, June 19-23 & the morning session runs 9am - noon, June 20-24. We also still need volunteers for both sessions. Please contact Susan Rowe to help out.

## 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. New volunteers should come a little early (6pm) to meet with Susan for a special informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall. After all volunteers have met with their Area Leaders, we will have an "Ice Cream Social" in the Fellowship Hall.

**Flight 56** - Please pick up a copy of our summer schedule from the rack outside Susan's office. Our annual Back to School Bash will be August 7th.

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

Recruitment begins in July for all Sunday morning children's programming! We will need teachers for children ages 3 years through 6th grade. Please contact Susan Rowe for more information.

**Nursery News** - Please note that the nursery will only be open on Sunday mornings beginning 5/29 until school starts back. If you have additional nursery needs, nursery can be arranged at the expense of your group or ministry. Please contact Lisa Engberg or Ginny Shetler a minimum of 2 weeks ahead to arrange. Thank you!

## Preschool

School is out for the summer and the Preschool Office is open limited hours. We can be reached Mon. & Wed. from 8-11am and Tues. & Thurs. from 8am-2pm. The office is closed on Fridays. We have very limited openings in all age areas so sign-up now before your spot is gone!

## Son Shine Camp

Check out our Son Shine camp program for kids 2 (by 9/1/11) - rising 3rd grade. Camp runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-12 for 5 weeks beginning 7/5 and ending 8/4. You can come to as many weeks as you would like. Each week is a different theme and fun activity. Cost is \$35 a week and registration begins April 17th in the Fellowship Hall.

## Angel of the Month

Debbie Lucas For over 10 years, Debbie has been transforming the church for VBS. Her countless hours of dedication to this program are not unnoticed. Debbie, thank you for sharing your talent with us and making VBS so special. Thanks Debbie, you are an angel.

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- June 3 - order Deadline for "Faith and Family Night" at the Gwinnett Braves
- June 11 - VBS Painting Day, 10am-3pm
- June 14 - VBS Volunteer Meeting, 6-8pm
- June 17 - Gwinnett Braves, 7:05pm
- June 18 - VBS Decorating Day
- June 19 - VBS Decorating Day;  
Evening VBS begins at 5:30pm
- June 20 - Morning and Extreme VBS begin at 9am
- June 19-24 - VBS all week
- June 26 - VBS Sunday
- July 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28 Sonshine Camp, 9am-noon
- July 5 - VBS Post Planning Celebration
- July 10-31 - Sunday School, Children's Church and Children's Worship recruitment



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**McKendree United Methodist Church**

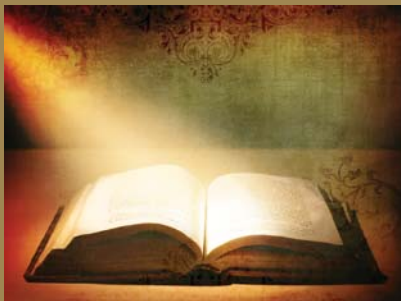
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*"Facilitating the Facilities"*

Tom Balog  
Minister of Administration

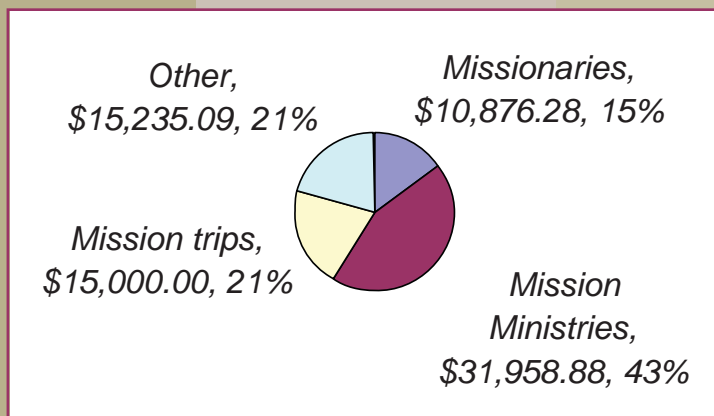


*"So ... every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded." Then Moses summoned ... every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.*

Exodus 36:1-3

**Missions Budget through mid-May, 2011**

YTD Faith Promise Giving           **\$59,488.55**  
YTD Missions Expense               **\$73,070.25**



*"Other" category expenses include 50% of NG Conference Apportionments that are missions related.*