

September, 2011



Well, It's Sort of Fall.

It's not yet September 21. It's not yet cool. No leaves are falling. But, since school is in session, the church is on its' fall schedule. I hope you will involve yourself in all of the events beginning to take place.

1. We continue the sermon series on the family throughout the month of September.
2. Charge Conference (our annual business meeting) is on October 16 at 7:30pm. The Leadership Committee will be busy in the next several weeks in selecting nominees for all our offices.
3. Also on October 16 is our Fall Family Fun Fest. This year's festival is completely revamped. It will be all day on Sunday and will be a lot bigger than ever.
4. October begins our fall stewardship campaign. Our theme this year is...

5. On September 11, we will remember the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attack with a special service of word and music. I hope you make special plans to be present.

6. The youth have their confirmation retreat in October.

7. We have formed a new Worship planning team and have been to some exciting worship workshops together. We have begun plans for Advent and Christmas that I think will be memorable.

8. And this fall begins practice for two big Christmas events: Walk Thru Bethlehem and TSO.

There are many more wonderful fall programs. I am amazed at this great church and all the ministries it delivers.

God is at work here. Jump in and enjoy!

*Practicing the Heart of Giving...
It's a faith thing!*

Ed Wapanoff

Fall Bible Studies

TO LIVE IS CHRIST Beth Moore
(11 weeks) Beginning: September 4
Time: 8:30-10:30am or...

Beginning: September 7
Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Facilitator: Rita Scheidt
This 11 week study on the life and ministry of Paul provides a personal study experience five days a week plus weekly group discussions. Join us in this women's Bible study on the life and ministry of Paul. Contact: Rita Scheidt at rds1294@bellsouth.net

Amazing Collection Study Sequel
(6 weeks) Beginning: September 21
Time: 10:00am - Noon
Facilitator: Ann Cunningham
After completing the 3 year study on the

Welcome to Our New Members

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***Invite someone to
Back To Church Sunday
September 18, 2011.***



7pm, September 24, 2011

A celebration of The Rock

and the folk
and the rhythm
and the blues
and...

entire Bible, the Amazing Collection has a sequel with 3 lessons each on the Old and New Testaments. The sequel is entitled, Invincible Love, Invincible War. For more information check out <http://amazingcollectionstore.com/store/product/39> or contact Penny Ashley at mikeash@bellsouth.net.

Experiencing God
(12 weeks) Beginning: September 7
Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm
Facilitator: Bill Edgar

This 12-week study uncovers how God longs to

share Himself, His purposes, and His ways with each of us so we can more fully share in His mission to this broken world. Register Sundays in the Fellowship Hall or contact Bill Edgar at bc_edgar@bellsouth.net.

Acolytes Needed

Children, 3rd - 6th grade, are needed to serve. Now that summer is over and our regular worship schedule has started, acolytes are needed for the 11am service. Parents of all current acolytes please stop by the office to sign the schedule. Parents of new acolytes should contact Lynda Norris at lynda918@bellsouth.net or 770-822-1439 to arrange a brief training session.

Combined Music Event!!!

Join us, September 18th when we welcome Bethlehem UMC's Chancel Choir and Orchestra who will be joining our own music groups for 11am worship.

Please Note: This month's Angel Food order deadline is Sept. 18. Orders can be picked-up, Sept. 24.

⌘ The deadline for article submission for the October newsletter is September 11. ⌘



Do You Have a Passion for Marriage?

Regardless of your marital status, if you have a desire to help preserve and strengthen the bonds of marriage in our congregation and community, **WE NEED YOU!** The Marriage Ministry at McKendree is branching out! We want to bring new speakers, seminars and activities to McKendree, and invite the whole neighborhood. We need idea thinkers, organizers, researchers, negotiators, advertisers and servants of all stripes. Make a difference. Please contact Tamar Piehler at tampiehler@yahoo.com. Thanks!

**FALL
FAMILY
FUN FEST**

Sunday, October 16

Come for worship, Stay for more fun
Not just for kids
Vendors, Music, More Food Choices



SAVE THE DATE!

McKendree Women's Retreat



Enjoy a **FRAZZLE FREE** weekend as we explore...
"The Frazzled Female!" October 21 - 23 at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega. Registration begins September 18th. For more information, contact Kimber Norris, 3norrisgirls@gmail.com, 770-906-4786 or Darlene Eades, demw378@yahoo.com, 678-714-0826.



**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.

McKendree Family Night

Friday, September 16th

6 - 8 pm

Receive \$5 off a \$50 purchase with this coupon!



McKendree is making a return visit to "The Christmas Attic," Trans-Siberian Orchestra's tale of a young girl who finds many meanings and the truth of Christmas in the unlikely of places: "There near an old looking glass, was a trunk from Christmas past..." We need your help to unlock that trunk and present this delightful favorite which hasn't been seen at McKendree since 2003. On stage, back stage, building the stage. No matter your age, no matter your experience, there's a place for you. We need children, youth, and adults. There are speaking roles, singing roles, silent roles and more for all ages. Lend a hand and have some fun. Contact: Scott Piehler at spiehler@yahoo.com Performance is Wednesday, December 7.

Music Ministries

Shannon Nesbit, Director of Music Ministries
Devon Patrick, Contemporary Worship Leader
Elizabeth Manfroni, Assist. Dir. of Music Ministries
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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.

- 5:30-6pm 3rd & 4th Grade Chimes
- 6-6:30pm Praisentation's Choir (3 & 4 yrs old)
- 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 began August 14.

- 3:30-4:15pm Women of Worship (9th Grade - College)
- 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)
- 5-7pm Praise Team
- 6-7pm McKendree Bells (Adults)
- 7-8:15pm McKendree Orchestra (9th Grade - Adult)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED AND NEEDED!!!

If you'd like to volunteer with any of our music groups (to assist with directors or accompany the groups) please contact Music Ministries to let us know of your interests and availability! We need you!!!

Handbell Openings

There are still openings for
McKendree Bells
and Righteous Ringers.

If this interests you, contact Kathy
Page at klpage@bellsouth.net .



You Are Not Alone

What a Team!

All good coaches will tell you that teamwork is important to win a game. All who serve as Stephen Ministers become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles. Some of those battles may be divorce, hospitalization, bereavement and aging.

Stephen Ministry is a get-it-done-together ministries. Stephen Ministers meet regularly with another person to provide loving care. They also meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and encourage one another. Stephen Leaders provide training and supervision. When Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers work together, God accomplishes wonderful things! Is God calling you to get together with this team? If you know of someone who might need a good listener or for more information on this special ministry, call Karen Hubbard at 678-985-6991.

Youth Fund-raiser: Rent-A-Youth

Do you need a couple of extra hands to get things done around your house? You can rent a youth for \$10 per hour per youth. All work will be done during the month of October. If you are interested in having youth help, please contact the youth office during the month of September. Let us know what you need to have done, how many youth you will need and for how long. **Please let us know specifically when in October you would like to get the work done.** We will connect you with the youth for the job.

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

6:30pm, Friday, Sept 2 – Game Night with our Youth in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend, your favorite dish to share, a board game and/or cards for a great FUN night. Our youth will provide all the makings for ice-cream sundaes.

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

M.O.M. (MOMS OF MCKENDREE)

ARE YOU A BUSY MOM? TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF TO FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER BUSY MOMS! JOIN US FOR FUN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER MOMS, PARENTING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES, SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MISSIONS OUTREACH. NEXT MEETING: WED. SEPT. 21, 9:30-11:30AM IN ROOM 316. FREE CHILDCARE IN CHURCH NURSERY. CONTACT: AMY DAUGHERTY, 770-932-0819 OR LISA BULOT, 678-369-1135. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



FLU SHOTS!

Flu shots offered for \$25 from 8:30am until 12:30pm on September 25h in the Fellowship Hall.

Moms In Touch International (M.I.T.I.)

McKendree UMC has a M.I.T.I. church based group that lifts-up multiple schools in prayer. You do not have to be a church member to join our prayer group. We meet at 6:45pm, Wednesdays in Room 314. Come join us as we lift up our children and their schools in prayer. For more information contact Bonnie Hunsaker at mbedg226@aol.com or 678-787-0483.



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

4:30pm - snack and gathering time 5pm - Praise and Worship
 5:30-6:30pm - split off for middle & high school programs.

This month we will be talking about...

- 9/4 – WTL will not meet
- 9/11 – HS & MS: Jesus says, “I am...” Week 4
- 9/18 – HS & MS: Jesus says, “I am...” Week 5
- 9/25 - HS & MS: Jesus says, “I am...” Week 6



Wednesday Nights,
 Flight 56 small groups
 meet from 6-7pm.
 Middle School & High School small
 groups meet from 7:15-8:15pm.



High School Retreat (September 16 — 18)

If you are going on the High School Retreat, we will meet at the church on Friday, 9/16 at 4:30 and leave by 5pm. Please eat dinner beforehand or bring it with you to eat on the ride to Dahlenega. On Sunday, we should arrive back at the church around 11:30am.

Dominican Republic



If you are interested in going on next year’s Dominican Republic Mission trip, there will be an informational meeting on Sunday, Sept 18 following the 11 o’clock service up at the Lockridge Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in participating in the Fall Fundraiser, please let the youth office know. Into your youth account you will get \$10 for every hour of work. All work will be done during the month of October. Please let us know what kind of work you would like to do such as: yard work, babysitting, painting, etc. Also, let us know what hours you are not available during the month of October. As requests come in, we will connect you with the people who need work completed.



Fall Retreat November 4-6
 We are going back to the FFA Camp in Covington for our retreat with Duluth UMC. The cost is \$100 if paid by October 2th, afterwards \$120 until registration is over on October 19th.



Save the Date: On Sunday, Oct. 16 from 10:30am - 6pm the church will have our **Fall Family Fun Fest**. We need a lot of youth volunteers that day to help make this event successful. Please look for more information soon on how you can help!

2011 Important Dates

September 2 – Youth & Prime Timers Game Night
 September 4 – No WTL
 September 11 – Intern Meeting

September 16 -18 – High School Retreat
 September 18 – Dominican Republic Mission Meeting
 November 4 - 6 – Fall Retreat

The Children's CORNER

Lisa Engberg, Director of Children's Ministries
 Susan Rowe, Director of Family Ministries
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Sunday School, Children's Church, Children's Worship
 Our fall schedule begins Sept. 4th and we are still short volunteers for some of the classes. Per our Safe Sanctuaries guidelines, we must have 2 unrelated adults with the children at all times. If we do not, we will not be able to have these classes. Children will have to be in the service. Please contact Susan Rowe to volunteer to serve on a team of 4-6 on alternating Sundays.

Fun Fourth - Kicked off on August 28th with a big group of 4th graders! Our next meeting is Sept. 25th. All 4th graders are invited to Fun Fourth, which meets from 5:30-7pm on the 4th Sunday of each month in Room 317.

Kidz Klub - Kidz Klub begins Sept. 7 for all K - 4th graders. Sign-up forms are available in the racks outside Susan and Lisa's offices. The cost is \$10 per child (family max of \$25), to cover the curriculum and supplies. Our theme this semester is "Island Odyssey," with Bible Stories, a drama, craft, games and more for the children. We will meet from 6:30-7pm every Wednesday night in Room 317.

Safe Sanctuaries Training
 Our second Safe Sanctuaries training will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 in Room 315. This is a mandatory, one-time training that all regular (10 or more times per year) volunteers with babies, children and/or youth must attend in order to teach kids. Please contact Susan Rowe if you have any questions.

Flight 56 - Our 5th and 6th grade ministry is going strong already! On September 17th we will be holding our semi-annual Bake Sale during the UMW Consignment Sale. All proceeds will benefit the UM Children's Home. On September 23rd we'll go on a scavenger hunt for the Lawrenceville Co-op. Flight 56 small groups meet from 6-7 every Wednesday night as well.

Sunday Night Family Dinner
 Don't forget! We've organized a Family Dinner for each Sunday evening from 5-5:30. If you eat, don't cheat! Each participant is expected to help to provide a meal as part of a group of 5 or 6 people, 2 or 3 Sundays. Contact Christi Babaz, cmbabaz@gmail.com for more info or to volunteer.

Preschool

School starts back September 6th! Do you have a spot yet? We have added classes. Call 770-339-7040. Save the dates for our upcoming book fair the last week of October and our auction on November 12th.

Learning to Use My Bible

3rd Graders received their New Adventure Bibles Aug. 28th, and now it's time to learn how to use them! The "Learning to Use My Bible" class begins Sunday, Sept. 11 during the 11am hour. Children should come straight to the classroom (Rooms 306/307) instead of attending Children's Moment, as we have a lot of material to cover! Contact Susan Rowe if your 3rd grader did not receive a Bible.

Angel of the Month

Aimee Nobs
 Aimee has been teaching Children's Church for several years now. She goes out of her way to make sure our little ones have a great learning experience on Sunday mornings. She and her family also work with Wed. Night Suppers, Purple, and Missions. Thanks Aimee, you are an angel.

Important upcoming dates:

- Sun, 9/4 - New volunteers kick-off school year at both services; No Flight 56 due to the Labor Day holiday
- Wed, 9/7 - 5pm Dinner; 6-7pm Flight 56 Small Groups; 6:30-7, Kidz Klub.
- Sun, 9/11 - 11am, 3rd grade Learning to Use My Bible begins; 5pm Family Dinner; 5:30pm Flight 56
- Wed, 9/14 - 5pm Dinner; 6-7pm Flight 56 Small Groups; 6:30-7pm Kidz Klub.
- Sat, 9/17 - 9am-1pm, Flight 56 Bake Sale to benefit the UM Children's Home.
- Sun, 9/18 - 3pm, Safe Sanctuaries Training; 5pm Family Dinner; 5:30, Flight 56
- Wed, 9/21 - 5pm Dinner; 6-7pm Flight 56 Small Groups; 6:30-7pm Kidz Klub
- Fri, 9/23 - Flight 56 FNL, Scavenger Hunt for Lawrenceville Co-op
- Sun, 9/25 - 5pm Family Dinner; 5:30, Fun 4th & Flight 56.
- Wed, 9/28 - 5pm Dinner; 6-7pm Flight 56 Small Groups; 6:30-7pm Kidz Klub



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The Body of Christ

“...the members should have the same care for one another. When one suffers, all the members suffer and when one member is honored, all members rejoice. Now we are the body of Christ and members in particular.” 1 Cor. 25-27.

Paul preached the importance of unity in the body of Christ. He stated that the body of Christ should look after the needs of each other. They should pray for one another in bad times and rejoice and praise God in good times. We are to instruct our children. God has given the body of Christ a job – spread the message of Jesus Christ both locally and abroad. We are to be a beacon to our community.

Prayer – Lord, help us to be a united body of Christ looking after the individual members and reaching out into our community. We praise you for blessing our church. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen