

February, 2011



McKendree United Methodist Church



*“Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul...”* Acts 4:32

## February Friday Night Movies

Lockridge Chapel 6:30pm

February 4 The Body (Rating PG13)

In Jerusalem, a Vatican-appointed Jesuit priest and an Israeli archeologist — make a tenuous alliance to investigate a find that not only threatens the very foundations of western religion, but also blows apart the region’s fragile peace. Starring: Antonio Banderas, Olivia Williams, John Shrapnel.

February 11 3 Godfathers (Rating G)

Three outlaws on the run discover a dying woman and her baby. They swear to bring the infant to safety across the desert, even at the risk of their own lives. Starring: John Wayne, Ward Bond, Mae Marsh

February 18 Deep Impact (Rating PG13)

Unless a comet can be destroyed before colliding with Earth, only those allowed into shelters will survive. Who will survive? Starring: Robert Duvall, Téa Leoni, Elijah Wood.

February 25 Uncertain Glory (Rating G)

After a career criminal is recaptured and knows he faces the guillotine, he offers to exchange his life for 100 hostages slated for execution by the Nazis. Starring: Errol Flynn, Paul Lukas and Lucile Watson

**\*\*Bring your own chair.\*\***

**Welcome to Our New Members**

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**Corey & Samantha Schaubroeck**

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**One Great Night of Service**

The OGNS planning committee would like to thank our amazing

McKendree congregation for all the support given during the 2010 holiday season which made this effort possible. Every single offering including blankets, dollars, cards, snacks, deliveries and prayers communicated God's love and grace to those in the hospital on Christmas Eve. We could not have done it without your help.



**Rainbow Village**

Would your group like to be part of a local mission? We are making a monthly dinner for 30-35 women and children at Rainbow Village requiring 12 groups to serve one time a year on the 3rd Thursday of the month. For more information please contact Dick Aul at rcaul01@gmail.com or 770-402-2927.



**Be Prepared... Boy Scout Sunday is February 13th.**

All scouts, old and new, are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church to be recognized. Thank you!

Please Note: This month's Angel Food order deadline is February 14. Orders can be picked-up, February 19.

✠ The deadline for article submission for the March newsletter is February 11. ✠



**Res-o-lu-tion - n. the act or process of resolving**

At the beginning of each year you hear people talking about New Year's resolutions. In other words, as a positive way to begin a new year they hope to resolve problems or issues that have been weighing them down.

If being overweight is the issue, a healthy diet and exercise are the obvious answers. But what if it's an emotional or spiritual issue you've been struggling with...maybe a tough divorce, the death of someone you love or the loss of a job?

In all of these cases, a Stephen Minister can help with one-on-one compassionate care giving. We can listen to you, talk with you, pray with you and help you through a difficult time. All you have to do is let us know you're hurting.

If you would like to start the new year by resolving an issue that's been weighing on your heart, let us help. Contact Pastor Diego Orsini at 770-339-9801 or Karen Hubbard at 678-985-6991 for more information.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu	
Mexican Fiesta	2/02/11
Bar-B-Que Pork	2/09/11
Baked Spaghetti	2/16/11
catered by:	
California Dreaming	2/23/11
All are invited to Wednesday Night Supper \$5/Adults, \$3/Kids	

**Did you know...**

McKendree Preschool has almost doubled in size in the last 6 years, now serving almost 200 children.

Of those 200, less than half are church members at McKendree. Many are of other faiths and are hearing about Jesus for the first time.

Each year around 10 families join McKendree UMC after first experiencing the nurturing environment of McKendree Preschool.

The Preschool tithes over \$43,000 a year to the church. This amount does not include other items purchased like shared classroom equipment and furniture, mulch, appliances (microwaves/refrigerator), additional phones, and copier/paper equipment.

Every year the Preschool participates in various Missions Projects like the Lawrenceville Co-op, CURE Childhood Cancer, and providing scholarships to those in need.

McKendree Preschool has such a strong reputation that no money is spent on advertising. We operate strictly on word of mouth. While many local schools are closing or cutting back, we continue to be 96-100% full, year after year.

The Preschool is grateful to McKendree UMC for their continued support of this ministry, which touches not only the lives of the little ones who come here, but their families as well.

**WE ARE MCKENDREE!**

# Music Ministries

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Eileen Straw, Asst. to Music Ministries  
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**LED**  
2011 Youth  
Spring Musical

Wednesday, April 27th  
at 7pm

## Important Dates:

### Sharper Image & WOW:

**Feb 6th** - Auditions for the youth spring musical, "LED" 2-3pm in the Sanctuary (Select a Bible verse, 30-seconds to 1-minute long, to memorize and read.)

**Feb 16th** - Drama Rehearsals begin 6:30 - 7pm

**Feb 23rd** - Drama Rehearsal 6:30 - 7pm

### Children's Choirs

**Feb 6th** - Final Auditions for speaking parts and solos in "THE TALE OF THE THREE TREES" (spring musical) will be during and immediately after our lunch-choir rehearsal 1:45-2:15pm

HOSANNA AND EAGLES WINGS (GR. 2-6)...

Singing at 11am worship

(Meet in the Sanctuary by 10:35am SHARP!)

Noon-1:45pm Lunch/Rehearsal (Bring \$3)

Hosanna & Eagle's Wings will not have a

4:45pm rehearsal

SONSHINE/CHERUB CHOIRS - GR. K-1

Singing at 9:30am worship

(Meet in the Sanctuary by 9:10am SHARP!)

4:45pm Rehearsal as usual

**Feb 13th** - Righteous Ringers play at 9:30am worship

Hallelujah Chimes plays at 11am worship

**Feb 27th** - Praise'ntations sings at 11am worship

### SPECIAL NOTE:

SUN. FEB 20 - WE WILL HAVE ALL CHOIR/HANDBELL REHEARSALS AS USUAL. (THIS WAS A SCHEDULED SCHOOL HOLIDAY WEEKEND.)

## 2011 CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL



### "The Tale of the Three Trees"

by Allen Pote and Tom Long

Wednesday, March 23rd

at 6pm

These amazing songs and story are based on a modern-day parable that reminds us how God's plans for us are always the very best!

### Orchestra:

Feb 20 - participate in worship at 9:30 and 11am

## February Prayer Ministry Importance of Prayer in Worship

Paul tells Timothy in Timothy 2:1 that *“The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for the rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.”*

### The Message

We pray to God for guidance and strength to live as He instructed us. We seek His will. We praise him for our blessings. We ask God for those things closest to our heart. We seek God’s intervention. We pray that the Holy Spirit may give us strength and power and wisdom. He is Almighty and we stand in awe of his majesty.

As we enter the sanctuary or go on our knees in prayer, let us remember how important prayer is in the lives of Christians to sustain us in our walk with God.

Lord, to You be all praise and honor and glory. Amen

## Prime Timers

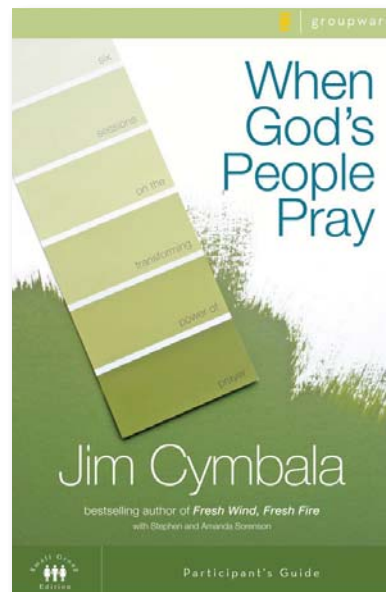
(50 and over)

for Fun, Faith and Fellowship

Friday, Feb 4 – 6:30 (Fellowship Hall)  
– Chili Cook-Off and a nutritionist as our guest speaker. Contact Jay & Nancy Rowland with your chili name!

Sunday, Feb 13 – leave McKendree by church bus after the 11am service for lunch out and then attend the (free) Atlanta Concert Band program which starts at 2:30pm at the Atlanta Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Let us know if you want to be included on this trip! We’d appreciate any ideas for lunch locations. We’ll return at approximately 5:30pm.

Come join us for Faith, Fellowship & Fun! Contact Jay & Nancy Rowland at 678-618-8735 or 7790-904-2420 or nancy.m.rowland@gmail.com for more information.



## When God’s People Pray

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock its power, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources?

In When God’s People Pray, you will be shown truths about prayer that God that God will use to turn our church into a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus, and faith. This study, led by Ashley Fitzpatrick will be offered Sundays at 9:30 am, beginning February 20th in Room 314.

Contact Ashley Fitzpatrick or Pastor Diego Orsini in the church office.



Joe Palmer, Director of High School Ministries  
 Susan Rowe, Director of Family Ministries  
 Ashley Fitzpatrick, Director of Middle School 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 school and high school programs.

### This month we will be talking about:

- February 6: High School: Super Bowl party at the Rowe's house  
 No Middle School WTL – Enjoy the Super Bowl!
- February 13: High School: Youth talk with Craig McCown  
 Middle School: The greatest love of all.
- February 20: High School & Middle School: Hooked Week 1 with Ashley
- February 27: High School & Middle School: Hooked Week 2 with Lennox



## Sunday School

~ 11am ~  
 8 – 12 grades,  
 meet in the Lockridge  
 Fellowship Hall with  
 Joe for The Story  
 Bible study.

## Spring Break Mission Trip Opportunity

Do you want to go on a mission trip, but stay closer to home? Carole Phucas will lead an overnight, locally focused, mission trip, April 4 - April 8.

We'll serve through local missions Monday - Thursday and enjoy a fun day on Friday. This trip is open to 7th - 12th graders. for more information contact Carol Phucas at [andyandcarole@bellsouth.net](mailto:andyandcarole@bellsouth.net) or the church youth office.

## Hillsong United Concert 7:30pm, March 7

Come and hear Hillsong United in concert at the Gwinnett Arena. The youth department has 50 tickets for sell. We are selling them on a first come/first serve basis. Adults that purchase tickets need to plan on driving and chaperoning the event. Registration information is outside the youth office. Cost: \$30 per ticket.



## Soup Cook-Off Fund-raiser February 6

The Youth Dominican Republic Mission team is hosting a Soup Cook-off Fundraiser between services and after the second service. The cost is \$5/adult and \$3/child. Come and support this great group!

## 2010 Important Dates

- 2/6 Soup Cook-Off Fund-Raiser
- 3/7 Hillsong United Concert
- 3/20 Confirmation Sunday
- 4/2 – 9 Dominican Republic Mission Trip
- 4/2 – 9 Local Mission Trip

# The Children's CORNER

Lisa Engberg, Director of Children's Ministries  
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## Vacation Bible School

"Pandamania: Where God is Wild About You" VBS 2011 is just a few months away! The VBS Planning Team will have its first meeting on Sunday, February 6th immediately following the 11am service. Anyone who would like to help with the "ins and outs" of planning and implementing VBS is welcome to attend. Contact Susan Rowe to volunteer.

\*\*\*Save the date: VBS evening will be June 19-23, VBS daytime and Extreme (rising 5th and 6th graders) will be June 20-24.

## Kidz Klub

is going great! "On the Move: God's Grace from Place to Place" continues in February every Wednesday night! All Kindergartners through 6th graders are invited. Cost is \$10 per child with a family maximum of \$25. Contact Susan Rowe to register.

## Fun Fourth

4th graders will have their monthly meeting on February 27th. All 4th graders are invited! Next month 4th graders will join Flight 56 on March 20th for their first experience with their new youth group. The kids will worship with "The Way" on that evening.

## Touch the Water, Taste the Bread

3's, 4's and Kindergartners completed "Touch the Water, Taste the Bread" on January 30th. The children learned all about Baptism and Communion on an age-appropriate level. On February 6th, 4-year olds and Kindergartners will take Communion in "big church", however, 3-year olds will celebrate Communion in their classroom.

## Preschool

Registration for 2011-2012 is here! Current students register 1/31, church members before and after services on 2/6, and public on 2/14. We serve kids who turn one by 12/31/2011 all the way to Kindergarten age with our half day Kindergarten. Stop by the office for more information or call Glori at 770-339-7040.

## Flight 56

February 6th is "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. After both services, 5th and 6th grade youth will be positioned at the doors leading into the Sanctuary with huge soup pots. Please dig down deep for any spare change or bills you can donate! Everything we collect will be donated to the Lawrenceville Co-op.

Flight 56 will not meet on February 6th due to the Super Bowl, but will meet on February 20th and March 13th, which is a change from our original schedule.

We are continuing our study of "Created by God" throughout the spring. Our Friday Night Live will be a movie night on February 18th.

## Our Angels this month are the Kids Klub Youth

Our wonderful youth group has done an amazing job leading and mentoring our Kindergarten-6th grade kids on Wednesday nights at Kidz Klub. Numbers have doubled making this cross-generational ministry a huge success. Thank you, Kidz Klub Youth, you are all angels.

## Important upcoming dates:

- Feb 2 - Kidz Klub, 6-7pm
- Feb 6 - "Souper Bowl of Caring" after both services in the am;  
No Flight 56 in the evening due to the Super Bowl;  
VBS Planning Team Meeting, noon.
- Feb 9 - Kidz Klub, 6-7pm
- Feb 13 - Flight 56, 5:30-7:15pm
- Feb 16 - Kidz Klub, 6-7pm
- Feb 18 - Flight 56 FNL - Movie Night
- Feb 20 - Flight 56, 5:30-7:15pm Worship with "The Way"
- Feb 23 - Kidz Klub, 6-7pm
- Feb 27 - Flight 56, 5:30-7:15pm;  
Fun Fourth, 5:30-7pm



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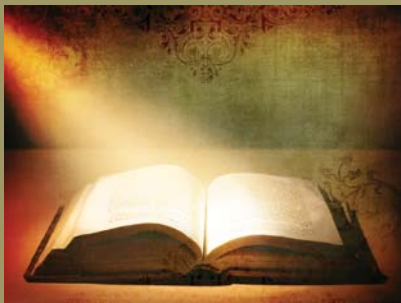
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## *"Facilitating the Facilities"*

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

I called last year, "The Year of the Volunteer," and our family here at McKendree UMC did not disappoint. In fact, one of the biggest reasons we were able to keep our expenses lower than our revenues last year is because of all the work done, and resources donated, by our wonderful volunteers (Just like the early Israelites when building the tabernacle, so much so they had to ask folks to stop giving - a nice problem to have - Ex. 35-36). Thousands of dollars were saved and much fellowship was had!

This year I want to continue to use our volunteer resources to keep our facilities looking good. I invite each of you to get involved. We have many needs at the church that require time and materials that you can help with. I will keep listing projects here and in my office, so you can always call me if you want to help.

We will be having church work days and you can always help every Wednesday night from 6pm - 7pm with our "Helping Hands" group. And everyone can help just by picking up around the church when you see some trash on the floor.

A special thanks goes out to two groups of volunteers that helped in January:

The S.R.G. (Snow Removal Group) - Melissa Brooks, Lisa Engberg, Glori Smith, Andrew Smith, Chris Smith, Rob LeMaster, Spencer LeMaster, Hilton LeMaster, David Horton, John Gilreath, Jim Ferguson, Scott Lomas (Let me know if I forgot anyone)

Folks from the Disciple "Re-Do" class who "Re-Did" the paint down the preschool hallway - Karen Magagna, Brian Brown, Dan Sitz, Sandy Aul, Dick Aul, B.J. Griffith, Lloyd Griffith, and Paul Norris.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Tom