

John N. McEachern UMC

January 29th, 2012 · 9:30 & 11AM

Please use this time quietly to prepare for worship



Opening Voluntary “A Dance Prelude” Brad Jent
G. Martin

Candle Lighting

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Cindy Blocksidge

Call to Worship “Do Lord” Younger Children’s Choir

Praise and Affirmation

Invocation Rev. Cindy Blocksidge

† *Hymn of Praise “O Church of God, United” #547

Affirmation of Faith The World Methodist Social Affirmation #886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe;
God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God’s kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God’s gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth’s resources.

**Glory be to God on high;
and on earth, peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference;
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ:
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God’s kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Special Music “Yes, Jesus Loves Me” Sanctuary Choir

Sharing and Caring

Ministry of Hospitality Rev. Brian Tillman

† *Hymn “Wonderful Words of Life” #600

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Offertory “Come Thou Fount” Kerry Driskill

Sharing the Word and Proclamation

*Scripture John 13.1-17

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Sermon “Follow the Leader” Rev. Cindy Blocksidge

Invitation Hymn “When We All Get to Heaven” #701

Closing Voluntary “Toccata In Seven” Brad Jent

*Extinguishing of Candles

*Those who are able will please stand. † Latecomers may be seated.
Please turn cell phones to off or silent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This week’s scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859);
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39**

New to McEachern? Just became a member? Come check out all McEachern has to offer while we get to know you. Join us this morning in Christian Life Center room 213 at 9:30 for our Connections class. Contact Andy Shaffer, andy@mceachernumc.org for more information.

The Counseling Center at McEachern UMC is now accepting appointments. Services are offered to our church family and the community on a sliding scale by licensed therapists. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please email counselingcenter@mceachernumc.org or call (770)943-3008 ext. 1215

Dodgeball Tournament Today – Three brackets are available: adults, middle school students, and high school students. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration will be available beginning today at 12PM at Connection point. All teams must sign up and pay prior to 1 PM. The round robin tournament will be played first starting at 1 PM. Championship rounds will follow. This will be an all day tournament. For more information, please contact Lisa Kirk at lisa@mceachernumc.org

So, you think you have talent? – The Bahamas Mission Team is sponsoring the first annual McEachern’s Got Talent competition on March 3rd from 6-8PM in the Christian Life Center Gym. This variety show is open to all ages and all forms of talent (dance, singing, stand up, groups, musical instruments, etc.). There will be a grand prize awarded to the act that receives the most votes. All acts are subject for approval. For more information or to sign up, please contact Martha Joyce at marthajoyce@marykay.com.

Parenting: Elementary to the Teen Years - Join us for a parenting study applying Biblical principles to parenting starting February 2nd at 7PM in Christian Life Center room F329. This study will be led by our Executive Pastor, Rev. Cindy Blocksidge, who is also a licensed therapist. Questions? Contact Andy Shaffer at andy@mceachernumc.org or 770.943.3008.

GriefShare is a weekly support recovery group/personal study for people grieving the death of someone close. A new session will meet Wednesday evenings at 6PM. Childcare is available. For more information or to register, contact: Jenny Gibson 770-943-3008 ext. 6039 or jenny@mceachernumc.org

Growing Seasons is a weekly support group for children ages 4yrs-middle school, that are dealing with the loss of a loved one or divorce. This is a peer support group that will provide them with a safe place to talk about their loss and move towards healing. The group will begin Wednesday, January 18th, 2012 at 6PM. If you would like more information or to register, contact: Jenny Gibson 770-943-3008 ext. 6039 or jenny@mceachernumc.org

Nursery Volunteers Needed during the 11:00 Service on Sunday February 12th - All of our Nursery Staff will be at the Traditional Service to be consecrated for another year of service to our Lord and Savior and of course our parents and babies. If you are interested in serving and have had Safe Sanctuary training please contact Susan Koopman at 770-943-3008 ext 5006 or susan@mceachernumc.org.

McEachern Memorial MOPS asks, “Do you need a mothering game plan?” - Mothers of Preschoolers invites all mothers who are pregnant or have young children (birth through kindergarten). We meet on Thursday, February 2nd at 9:30AM at Oaks Hall. For more information, please contact us at 770-943-3008 ext. 1260 or visit our website at www.mceachernumc.org/mops/.

Looking for some inspiration to keep those New Year’s Resolutions? Join us for fellowship and fitness with these upcoming opportunities: **Spirit of Dance** - We strive to offer quality dance instruction in a Christian environment. Classes are offered on a weekly basis, beginning in January and continuing throughout the school year. We have wonderful teachers for children, teens, and adults. Registration is now half price. **ZUMBA** classes with certified Zumba instructor: Saturdays 10:45-11:45AM in gym, F115, or Lula Dobbs. Please contact Lisa O’Sullivan at lisa@thespiritofdance.com or call 678-522-3233.

Preschool registration dates: Monday, February 6th, Priority registration for church members Tuesday, February 7th, Priority registration for current students and/or their siblings Thursday, February 9th, Registration open to the public. **Registration will be held each day from 8:30 - 11AM in Room F151.** Enrollment forms are available in the Weekday Preschool office or via the church website.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jackie Gibbins, ext. 5018 or Jenny Gibson ext. 6039 for any Children's Ministry information or the church website at www.mceachernumc.org.

AWANA clubs meet each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30PM - TONIGHT ONLY (1/29/12) – AWANA WILL MEET IN LULA DOBBS. DROP OFF AND PICK UP WILL BE IN LULA DOBBS. Clubs for children ages 3 by September 1 through fifth graders. Registration is required. If you would like to volunteer with AWANA Clubs, please contact Jackie Gibbins.

Help the TreeHouse Kids Children's Ministry with their first mission project for 2012!

Please bring canned or non-perishable food items with you when you come to church. We will have additional food pantry boxes located on the children's hallways for donations.

Please help the Preschool and Mother's Morning Out by collecting Box Tops for Education.

Box Tops for Education can be found on many products you already buy – so there's no need to spend any additional money to make this fundraiser a success!

TreeHouse Kids Children's Ministry has a special needs class that meets every Sunday in Room C204, 2nd floor of the Education Building. We meet at both the 9:30 and 11:00 worship hours. This class is specifically designed and adapted to meet the needs of everyone children through adult. We are wheelchair accessible.

CRCT tutoring will begin Tuesday February 7th for Latino students for whom English is a second language.

Wednesdays will be for students who grew up in an English speaking household beginning February 8th. These classes will be taught by Tom Martin and will be from 6-7:30PM in the Christian Life Center room F322. For more information you can contact Tom at Braytar@gmail.com

STUDENT MINISTRY

Jason Jordan – jason@mceachernumc.org or ext. 5004 – Student Ministry Pastor
Gerad Simpson – gerad@mceachernumc.org or ext. 5010 – Student Ministry Assistant Director
Lisa Kirk – lisa@mceachernumc.org or ext. 5021 – Student Ministry Assistant Director

ELEVATION TONIGHT – Dodgeball Tournament 1PM – 9PM

All grades 6th-12th – meet at the Christian Life Center Gym

What do you want to be when you grow up? – Kathy Strawn will be leading Pathway to Success beginning in Feb. This course will evaluate your strengths and interest and help guide you to a successful career suited for you. This is open to all 9th-12th graders. Cost is \$25 per student. For more information, contact Kathy Strawn at kathy@mceachernumc.org.

Superbowl Party On-site Feb 5 – All grades will meet at Higher Ground from 5:30 – Halftime.

All students should be picked up at Halftime, or around 8:00 PM. Girls bring a 2 liter and something sweet, guys bring a 2 liter and something salty.

Upcoming Dates: Feb 5 – Superbowl parties on-site; Feb 8 – 2:42 Wednesday Evening programming; Feb 12 – H2O4K (HS), No Other Plan (MS)

Feb 15 – 2:42 Wednesday Evening programming; Feb 19 – Broken Heart Night of Worship (HS), No Napkin Night (MS)

MUSIC

All of our music programs have started back in full swing. We have groups for all ages and experience levels; which include Children's choirs, Seasonal Singers, Sanctuary choir, Mixed ensembles and Instrumental ensembles. You can join any time, we'd love to have you! For more information, contact Tanya Ghoreishi at tanya@mceachernumc.org

The Robe Fund has gotten off to a great start. From the generous donations we have received so far, we are a little more than half way there! In addition to the choir robes, we need to raise enough to provide robes for the Acolytes. Please designate your contribution for the Choir Robe Fund and place in the offering plate or send into the office, attn: Carolyn Black.

MISSIONS

A mission team will be travelling to Jihlava in the Czech Republic for a Spring Children's/ Youth Camp April 4-9, 2012. The team will participate in a Children's camp engaging in music, arts, sports and faith activities with a group of 60 children ages 5-12. For more information contact Glen Bell at glenbell@bellsouth.net.

Men of McEachern! We need your help on work teams each Saturday in February starting on February 4th to prepare our first Strategic Neighbor house in the Lancer Neighborhood for Noah's Ark Community Development. Please respond to jsjernigan@aol.com if you can help.

The Came to Believe Class will have a Luncheon on February 5th after the 11:00 services. The will be serving Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Homemade Fries and Homemade Desserts. All proceeds will go to the Car Care ministry. Please plan on joining us!

DONATIONS:

Fund	Honor	Given By
Choir Robe	Tanya Ghoreishi	Bill & Beverly Gywnn

Budget Summary January, 2012

Dec 2011	Received	Target
Jan 1	26,001	40,908
Jan 8	78,200	40,908
Jan 15	40,157	40,907
Jan 22	26,495	40,907
Jan 29		

Jan To Date 170,853 163,630

Budget Summary through December Fiscal YYD
1,056,641 1,322,756

Worship Attendance

1/22/2011

8:15.....	65
9:30.....	251
11:00.....	387
Transformations.....	122
Hispanic Service.....	67
Faith Builders.....	52
Total.....	954
Sunday School.....	571

Servants This Week

Head Ushers:

Lester Dean, Emil Sutton,
Mark Eberhard

Finance Stewards:

Jack Hardy, Lynne Vansant,
Martha Kate Goggins, Amy Dubberly,
Clinton Carlile, Ludie Edwards,
and Jean Hardy

Acolytes

9:30 AM

Leah Hearn, Greg Hearn
Cross Bearer: Hannah Bamfield

11AM

Abbey Blosser, Shannon Galloway
Cross Bearer: John Hairston

Upcoming Meetings:

Trustees - Monday, February 6th - 7PM

Finance - Tuesday, April 24th - 7PM

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30am - 4:30pm · Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm



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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29th, 2012
9:30 & 11AM

John 13:1-17

¹³Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table,* took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you* are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?' ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants* are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.



Most foot washing in Jesus' day was done without "deep meaning". What I mean is - it was not "ritualistic"; people washed the feet of others out of necessity or as an act of hospitality. But the symbolic act of Jesus washing the disciple's feet in the Upper Room was a love story, bathed in humility. This would also be his last act of service, before his death, and a model for us to humbly serve one another in love.

Blessings,

Cindy