



# A Letter From Jim

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Dear Members and Friends of McEachern,

There are three dates I want to make sure are on your calendar:

As part of our *Transformed Living* study, please mark your calendars for the Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and join our church family for our “Great Day of Service.” This is a family friendly day which focuses on ministries in our community by offering a helping hand. We will decorate lunch bags and make sandwiches for MUST, make Health Kits for Haiti, painting and cleanup at Austell First UMC and Austell Elementary School. These are just a few of many projects and we want you to join us in lending a helping hand. Our day begins with 8:00am pancake breakfast, job assignments and out of the door by 9:00am.

This week, as we read through the last part of *Treasures of the Transformed Life*, we’re headed toward another wonderfully special event: Commitment Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. That’s the day you’ll be able to commit your prayers, presence, service, and financial gifts to the church for the coming year. You should have already received a letter, commitment card, and service form in the mail. If you need additional copies please contact Kelly Axt at [Kelly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:Kelly@mceachernumc.org) or ext. 6046.

Finally, make sure to join us for our Celebration Event in the Great Room of the Christian Life Center following worship on Sunday March 28. All of our ministries will be represented, there will be a variety of foods available, and you will be able to learn more about the areas of service you are feeling called to by God. We will open the doors at 10:30 for the 8:15 and 9:30 worshippers, and at noon for those attending the 11:00 services.

What would it look like if our church spent 30 minutes praying for our mission teams as they are in the field? You have a chance to find out. Please sign up for the trip going to the Czech Republic or Children’s Camp & English Youth Camp in April. There is a sign-up board located at the Connection Point. If you can’t stop by to sign-up please contact Susan Koopman at 770-943-3008 ext. 5006 or [susan@mceachernumc.org](mailto:susan@mceachernumc.org). Cards of encouragement would also be greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, don’t forget the Twice Blessed Spring/Summer sale taking place March 18th – 20th. Volunteer and returning seller registration is going on now at [www.twice-blessed.org](http://www.twice-blessed.org). Sign up to get the best check-in times and volunteer shifts. If you didn’t like waiting in those lines last sale, make sure to volunteer. This gets you into the pre-sale when sellers and volunteers get to shop. You don’t need to be a seller to volunteer, and childcare is available at no cost for most of the volunteer shifts. Don’t want to shop? Volunteer with us anyway! We’re a fun group to work with, and the proceeds all benefit children’s ministries, both within the church and in the larger community.

God Bless,

Love God

Love Neighbor

Make Disciples

## GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

### Off-campus:

Leigh Cottage Children's Home – they are in the process of an on-going construction project and have teams come in all the time to help out. You would need to be ready to work (they have several tools but never hurts to bring more) and dress in work clothes. Lunch will be provided for any worker. Team contact – Jeff Jernigan

Cobb DFACS office – they are needing general cleanup of several rooms in their building. You would need to come ready to help clean and sanitize these rooms. Supplies that can be brought for this service include mops, mop buckets, rags, windex, Clorox wipes, Lysol cleaner. Team contact – Cindy Teate

Austell Primary School – they just need general clean up, weeding, raking, landscaping manicure of the grounds around the school. Supplies that can be brought for this service include rakes, trimmers, weed eaters, hedge clippers, gloves, etc. Team contacts – Andy Shaffer/Jenny Sauerbrun

1<sup>st</sup> UMC – Austell – they would like to have a paint job done around their nursery area. Supplies that can be brought for this service include paint brushes, trays, rags, drop cloths, etc. Team contacts – Allen Richburg/Jay Stoutenburg

### On-campus:

Car Care Ministry – they will be working that day and you can get a “hands-on” look as to what all goes on and see if you would like to become a part of this wonderful ministry. Contact for Car Care – David McCoy

Many different cleaning jobs around the church – there are many tasks that involve a few folks with dust rags, cleaning wipes, Clorox wipes, Pledge wipes, etc to just go around and help clean. There are a few closets that need to be reorganized and simply need some loving attention. There are a few rooms that need to be painted with basic paint and not too much of a “Picasso touch”. Outside area includes simply walking around the church grounds and picking up any trash as well as helping to pressure wash the playground area and playground set itself. What can you bring for any of this, besides your self? If you want to help clean, then bring any of the cleaning items listed above. If you would like to help paint, then simply bring a brush and/or rag with you. If you want to be outside, then bring a pair of gloves. The important thing is that you are there with others helping in Christian service!

MUST sandwiches – making a lot of sandwiches for MUST.....we just need you there to help put them together.

MUST bag decorations – MUST Ministries use a lot of lunch bags for various things and one thing that we are looking for children specifically to help with is simply decorating the bags. There will be plenty of bags and all materials will be there....if your child would like to come by and decorate, please have them join in the fun.

Contact for decorating – Nancy Meeden

Youth – The youth will be helping in cleaning up the area inside of Higher Ground as well as the outside area adjacent to Higher Ground. All they need to bring is a pair of gloves and a trash bag.

Christmas Jars - decorating jars that will be used to hold spare change/donations for people in need during the holiday season. Contact – Holly Gazaway

HAITI health kits – in the CLC

**BUT WAIT!!!** There is more –

We also will be taking donations (in the CLC area) for the following –

All of the following donations will be going to MUST Ministries-

Mens/Womens/Childrens clothing any sizes

Books (children/fiction/non-fiction) paperback/hardback

Shoes any sizes/any color

Blankets/Towels

-Donations also accepted for the food pantry-

