

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,



...and I will give you rest.”  
Matthew 11:28

# SEPTEMBER 2024



LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**MONTHLY MEN'S  
BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
8:00-9:00 AM**



**Our United Methodist Men invite men of all ages to join them for a GREAT breakfast in Oaks Hall on the 2nd Sunday of most months.**

**Join us and bring your friends too!  
Enjoy this rewarding time with  
our McEachern men.**

**Welcome our guest speaker,  
Gary MacDonald from  
Murphy-Harpst Children Center.**

**Wednesday Night Suppers**  
by Macland Presbyterian Church  
Dinner served Wednesdays at 5:15 PM  
Cost: Adults under 65 - \$5.00  
Adults 65 and over - \$4.00  
Children 5 and under - free  
Children 6 and over - \$5.00  
Families - \$15.00.  
(Menu varies weekly)  
RSVP to Nancy NO LATER THAN  
5 PM on the preceding Sunday at  
nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org!

*Wednesday  
Night  
MEAL*

## JOIN THE JOURNEY

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - MCEACHERN MEMORIAL UMC

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

Wednesdays 7:30pm / Begins Sept. 11  
Childcare Provided

### WEEKLY ENSEMBLES

#### Women's Ensemble

Tuesdays at 12:00pm / Begins Sept. 10

#### Handbell Bell Ensemble

Thursdays at 10:00am / Begins Sept. 12

#### Handbell Bell Choir

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30pm / Begins Sept. 11

#### Mixed Ensemble

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm / Begins Sept. 18

**For More Information, Contact Tanya Goreishi,  
Tanya@mceachernumc.org or 770.943.3008 ext. 5005**

## NURSERY MINISTRY

### PARENTS' TIME AWAY

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
9am - 1pm**

**Sign up once, as needed or by the Day/Week/Month/School Year  
\$30 1st Child, \$25 1st Sibling, \$20 Each Additional Child  
One-time Annual Family \$20 Fee**

**Register & Pay On-Line**

[www.mceachernumc.org/Next Generation](http://www.mceachernumc.org/Next Generation)  
[www.skoopman@mceachernumc.org](mailto:www.skoopman@mceachernumc.org)

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# FALL 2024 BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS



Do you want an abundant life that can weather any storm and give you peace in any circumstance? Small groups and studies are instrumental in helping individuals to develop and maintain vibrant Christian lives by offering godly support and spiritual growth opportunities, like ones listed below:

Are you looking for an adult *Sunday School class*? This is a great opportunity to start on the “ground floor” of a new class facilitated by Randy Hardy. Join us for this new beginning on **Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 AM!**

## ***The Call: The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul - Wednesdays, 6:30-7:25 PM - Begins September 11***

Join Rev. Craig Hutto for these interesting and historical studies that follow his sermon series. What would lead a first-century rabbi to travel thousands of miles by sea and land, to be beaten, imprisoned and ultimately beheaded for his faith? It was a call — a call to turn the world upside down. This is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings continue to shape the lives of one-third of the world's population, a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith, and whose witness defines what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, by author Adam Hamilton.

***Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom*** Following the study of Paul, Rev. Craig Hutto will continue facilitating on Wednesday evenings for another exciting study. There is a lot of talk these days about “the good life.” It's not a new topic - the book of Proverbs talked about just that. Its sayings and bits of wisdom were collected to make the lives of people just like us run a little more smoothly. *Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom* explores the biblical books, well-known verses and prevalent themes in a manner that offers various interpretations, opening the way for us to see how they apply to our modern world.

## ***Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes - Wednesdays, 6:30-7:25 PM - Begins September 11***

Calling women of all ages! Join us for this fascinating study facilitated by Jenni Gill. God can turn your messy life into a masterpiece! Every life gets messy at times. Whether it's a messy house or a messy situation, God can restore and use you. This 6-week study of some messy biblical people teaches us that God uses broken people.

***Rahab: In the Face of Rejection, Don't Judge Me: God Says I'm Qualified.*** Following the *Messy People* study, Jenni will continue facilitating on Wednesday evenings for this study of the biblical character of Rahab, a nurturing, protective and vulnerable person who suffered from self-doubt. Learn as she did, that regardless of your past, there is a place in God's plan for you. He wants to redeem you just as you are.

## ***Disciple Fast Track: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study - Wednesdays, 6:30-7:25 PM - Begins September 11***

Rev. Cindy Blocksidge will facilitate this study that will take you through the New Testament and provide a great option for busy people who seek to gain better understanding of the Bible and want to grow as disciples. More of this study will follow in 2025.

***Introduction to the Bible*** followed by ***Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service*** **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:25 PM - Begins September 11** Diane Hanse will facilitate this interesting introduction to the Bible followed by a study to help us discover our own spiritual gifts, talents, abilities, resources, individuality, dreams and experiences...all adding up to an enhanced capacity for us to serve God and neighbor.

## ***Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes - Meet & Greet Wednesday, September 4, 9:30 AM***

**Meets Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM - Study Begins September 11** Calling women of all ages! Join us for this fascinating study facilitated by Jenni Gill. God can turn your messy life into a masterpiece! Every life gets messy at times. Whether it's a messy house or a messy situation, God can restore and use you. This 6-week study of some messy biblical people teaches us that God uses broken people.

## ***Smart Money - Smart Kids - For All High School Students - Meetings Begin Sunday, September 15 at 12:45 PM***

This study by Dave Ramsey and his daughter, Rachel Cruze, teaches students the basics like working, spending, saving and giving, and then moves into more challenging issues like avoiding debt for life, paying cash for college and battling discontentment. Facilitated by Frank Neal.

## ***Community Bible Study (CBS) Begins Friday, August 9 at 10:00 AM***

*Community Bible Study* is a weekly interdenominational global ministry available to all in the community studying God's word. Women of all ages and children (ages birth to high school) are welcome to join us for our study of Matthew. For more information, contact Angie Shonkwiler at [cbscobbcountrywest22@gmail.com](mailto:cbscobbcountrywest22@gmail.com).

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 in the children's area on the first floor of the Christian Life Center as we journey through the Bible together! We are excited to have a new Bible curriculum filled with fun lessons, games, and crafts! Sunday school is programmed for Kindergarten - 5th Graders.



## WED. NIGHT KIDS CLUBS START SEPTEMBER 11

We are so excited to offer Wednesday night programming, starting September 11th, but we need faith-filled volunteers to help us provide some great programs for our children! If you would like to be part of our volunteer team and help with our children's choir from 6-6:30, children's activities from 6:30-7:15, OR be a story reader once every few weeks for our 7:15-7:35 closing program, "TreeHouse Tales," email [Lora@mceachernumc.org](mailto:Lora@mceachernumc.org) or scan the **RED QR code** to the left.

To register your child for all our great fall programs, scan the **GREEN QR code** below!

SCAN ME



Volunteers needed



If you would like to join our volunteer team, scan this QR code

or visit the church website

## FAITHOLOGY CHILDREN'S RETREAT AT CAMP GLISSON FOR 3-5TH GRADERS

This great North Georgia Conference Children's retreat September 13th-15th is always an action-packed fun time! We'll have big group worship sessions in the chapel and rotate through 6 workshops throughout the day (including a drama station, music, crafts, ziplining into the lake, and a campfire!)

Deadline to register is September 6!

Register on the Children's Page of the church website!  
[McEachernUMC.org/children](http://McEachernUMC.org/children)

## FAITH-OLOGY CHILDREN'S RETREAT



SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

Search: **McEachern Kids at MMUMC**  
or scan the QR code





# STUDENT MINISTRY

## SEPTEMBER 2024

- 1 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM
- 4 - Wednesday Night Youth, 6-8 PM
- 8 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM / Family Picnic, 12:15 PM
- 11 - Wednesday Night Youth, 6-8 PM
- 15 - Grace & Eggs, 9-10:45 AM / Financial Class 12:15 PM
- 18 - Wednesday Night Youth, 6-8 PM
- 22 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM
- 25 - No WNY (Fall Break)
- 29 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM / Financial Class 12:15 PM / Service Project #1



**RENEW: Habits of Jesus**  
4-week series that focuses on some of the habits we see Jesus live out in the Gospels. Because Jesus lived a perfect life, he set the perfect example for us on what humanity was meant to be. Following the practices of Jesus will help us live a life that more closely resembles the life of Christ. Lessons will include Time Alone With God, Reach Out To Others, Serving Together, and Make Disciples.



**Wednesday Night Youth: The Hills**  
In Matthew 5:14, Jesus says: "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." This series encourages students to understand what it means for them to be the light of the world. God created them to shine, in every single aspect of life, by the way they live the light and hope of Jesus into a world that seems chaotic and in desperate need of light.

Register for events and full details online at [www.meachernumc.org/student](http://www.meachernumc.org/student)

# SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY

## McEachern J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Luncheon

Friday, September 6 at 11:30 AM in Lula Dobbs Hall

Bring a covered dish to share and your beverage.

### SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM:

Presented by Pastor David Jones of Macland Presbyterian Church



**Cheerios:** For quite a while, MMUMC has provided boxes of Cheerios to Compton Elementary School for students who cannot afford to bring their own snacks from home. The classrooms have dispensers for the cereal. The Cheerios stock is running low, so we need your help in replenishing the supply. Please bring one or more boxes of PLAIN Cheerios (NOT Honey Nut Cheerios because of nut allergies) to our September meeting. Thanks so much for helping to continue this important mission ministry.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

October 4 - Bingo Games Benefiting Thanksgiving Food for Those in Need

November 1 - Hope Comfort Dog



December 6 - Christmas Party

### UPCOMING TRIPS:

Trip to Elijay Apple Orchards ~ Monday, October 15 ~ Departure time TBD

We will visit some of the best apple orchards in Georgia while enjoying the beautiful fall weather! We will have lunch (on your own) at one of the restaurants along our journey north!



Christmas Traditions at The Strand ~ Sunday, December 15 ~ 3:00 PM

A Christmas Tradition returns to The Strand stage for another unforgettable year of sharing the holiday spirit through sparkling song and dance! This hometown favorite holiday revue features costumed singers and dancers performing both traditional and funky Christmas favorites. A Christmas Tradition is a non-stop, high-energy spectacle that is the perfect way to put the whole family in the Christmas spirit this season! We will depart right after the worship service and have lunch (on your own) near downtown Marietta. Cost: \$32/\$42 - Discount for 10+ (TBD)



# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY



## Front Office Volunteer Opportunities

Occasionally, a volunteer is needed to answer the main church phone lines, greet members and guests in the church front office and help with mailings. Two shifts are available: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Smiling faces and cheerful voices are needed to welcome those who call or visit our church. (Training provided)

Periodically, many hands are needed to put together a mass mailing project.

For more information or if you feel led to be added to the front office and/or mass mailing volunteer list, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or 678.567.5002.

# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY

Do you have a “listening heart”? Are you searching for a way to walk beside another person through life’s difficult situations? Then prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members — called *Stephen Ministers* — to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.



Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. If you sense the Lord leading you to explore the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister, please speak with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Rev. Cindy Blocksidge - [cindy@mceachernumc.org](mailto:cindy@mceachernumc.org)  
Bill Hanse - [billhanse0905@gmail.com](mailto:billhanse0905@gmail.com) or  
Nancy Burkhardt - [nancy.folds@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy.folds@yahoo.com)



**Alcoholics Anonymous:**  
Meets in Room G-103 at the  
Care & Counseling Center  
Mondays & Thursdays at 7 AM  
and Tuesdays & Fridays at 8 PM



**Narcotics Anonymous:**  
Meets at 6:30 PM on  
Sundays and Mondays  
In Oaks Hall

# MISSIONS MINISTRY

## Opportunities To Donate And Serve In Missions!

Direct inquiries regarding Missions to Beth Green at [beth.green4@gmail.com](mailto:beth.green4@gmail.com).

*Service  
is  
Worship  
&  
Worship  
is  
Service*

*Romans 12:1*

## Let Us Be The Hands And Feet Of Jesus!

Our Missions Ministry offers many opportunities for you to not only see God at work but to also join Him and experience the blessings received from the gifts of your time and effort toward a purpose greater than yourself. Discover the thrill of becoming part of something amazing that the Lord will accomplish both in you and through you!

**Local Outreach Volunteer Opportunities:** We need you! Local Outreach is looking for volunteers to retrieve phone messages, return calls, and send applications to folks in our area who are seeking financial assistance. Training is provided! It's so easy! **Contact Beth Green at 678.772.4169.**

**Cheerios Donations:** Throughout the school year we collect **PLAIN** Cheerios for children at Compton Elementary. Please place donations in the food pantry collection bins or bring them to the church office.



# CONTACT US

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**Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

**Please visit our website for the most current information.**

**Email:** [info@mceachernumc.org](mailto:info@mceachernumc.org)

**Website:** [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org)

## **Lead Staff and Extension Numbers:**

Rev. Craig Hutto, Senior Pastor.....	X 5000
Rev. Cindy Blocksidge, Senior Associate Pastor.....	X 5012
Tanya Ghoreishi, Music & Worship Minister.....	X 5005
Moose Mosteller, Student Ministry Director.....	X 5016
Lora Parker-Gayler, Children's Ministry Director.....	X 6039
Susan Koopman, Nursery Ministry Director.....	X 5006
Shaun Nguyen, Recreation Ministry Director.....	X 5014
Sharon Ellis, Financial Director.....	X 5003
John Spain, Facilities Director.....	X 6038
Denise Ribeiro, Weekday Preschool Director.....	770.439.7110

**Contact staff members via email using their first initial and last name followed by @mceachernumc.org.**

**Come Worship With Us!**

**Traditional Worship - 11:00 AM - Sanctuary**

**Sunday School - All Age Groups - 9:30 AM**

**Note:** Articles for *The Vine* are subject to approval by the appropriate ministry staff leader. Please send requests directly to the staff leader for approval **a few days before** the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to desired edition.



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