

Week of March 7th McFarlin Updates



In His Steps Prayer Vigil - Come pray for our church on Saturday mornings, 9:00 - 10:00 in the George Martin Chapel, located behind the Sanctuary. As we strive to follow in the steps of Jesus Christ, let us not forget the power of prayer! Saturday mornings through March 24th. *“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20.*

Have you received your *In His Steps* Every Member in Ministry booklet and Commitment Card? Pick up a packet outside any of the worship services or in the Atrium at the Ministry Connection table. Commitment Sunday is April 1st.

***In His Steps* Ministry Expo is this Sunday, March 11th, in the Atrium, 9:00 - 11:00 AM.** Come by and speak with a Ministry Representative about any of the service opportunities listed in the *In His Steps* Every Member in Ministry Service Opportunities booklet and on the Commitment Card. God has a special place of service waiting for YOU!

Week 3 Stewardship Prayer - Dear Lord, You created each of us with a purpose to fulfill. You alone know the complete picture. I pray that my eyes will be set upon you for guidance and that you will illumine me to fulfill your vision. Amen. Contemplative question: Am I bearing eternal fruit for the Lord?

Daylight Savings Time - Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour Saturday night.

This Sunday, March 11th – Rev. Dick House will preach in the 8:30 AM and 10:55 AM Sanctuary services and Rev. Randy Wade will preach in the 10:55 AM LifeLine service, both from our new Lenten Sermon Series *“In His Steps: The Cost of Following Jesus”* titled *“The Price of Bread.”*

Soup 4 Souls - The McFarlin middle school leadership team (B.A.S.I.C.) has developed a ministry designed to feed the hungry mouths of Norman. This ministry, Soup 4 Souls, consist of various baskets placed around McFarlin. The baskets are there to be FILLED with canned foods that will be donated to McFarlin's Food Pantry. To get started, we have designated the month of March as Soup 4 Souls month in order to better reach our goal of 500 cans.

McFarlin's Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 7th, 11 AM on the north lawn of the church.

Children's VBS “Lift Off” - July 15-19th from 6-8 PM. It is going to take us to new heights in our journey!

PENNIES – PENNIES – PENNIES!! Rotation Sunday School is learning to be good stewards with their time, gifts and money. We are collecting pennies and loose change to donate to the McFarlin Food Pantry. We are learning the importance of helping those in need. We will be collecting until April 1st.

From the Youth Ministry: It is not too late to donate to **Mexico Buy A Square Foot** fund to help pay for the houses and the school the group will build. The Mexico 14 team is in need of small stuffed animals, bubbles, crayons, coloring books (preferably ones with no English words), sidewalk chalk, and balls (soccer, tennis, baseball, etc.) to take with them to give away. The youth will have a **rummage sale** so start saving your “treasures”. Next Monday, March 12th, is **McFarlin Day at El Chico**. Eat at El Chico on Monday and support the youth. We have tickets to the **Hornets' game** on Tuesday, March 27th. Contact Bryan Waldenville for more information.

McFarlin's **Spring Faith in Action Workday** will be Saturday, March 31st. Children, youth and adults will gather at 8:30 that morning and perform Christian service in 3 or 4 venues in the area. The Food Bank, baking and delivering cookies to home connected members and sacking and delivering food to Meals on Wheels recipients are three projects for the morning. Sign up at the Ministry Expo in the Atrium this Sunday or outside worship on the Sundays before the 31st.

A few spots remain on the **adult mission** to Czech Republic July 6-16th. Now is the time to pray about this to discern if God is calling you to be involved. All skill levels are needed as our team works with our sister church in Litomerice northwest of Prague. There will also be a couple of days to enjoy Prague and time off to explore the historic small city where the group will work. More information is outside worship and on the website. If interested or contact George Shepherd (321-3484 X 109) or gshepherd@mcfarlinumc.org.

Walk McFarlin's **Prayer Labyrinth** each week during Lent. Enjoy this prayer walk experience Tuesdays, 3-9 PM and Wednesday mornings, 7-11 AM in Room 302. Suggestions for prayer and reflection while walking can be found as you enter the room.

Remember, **Taize Worship** happens each Tuesday during Lent from 6:30-7:10 PM in the George Martin Chapel at the back of the Sanctuary. This contemplative service in the style of Taize includes prayers, scripture, meditative songs, and quiet communion with God. It is a perfect way to break up a busy week with a few minutes of calm to re-energize your spirit. **Check out our website at www.mcfarlinumc.org for calendar dates and activities.**