

"Sun is Shining." Summer Series!

August 2025!!

Message from the Pastor

We just wrapped up our sermon series on the character of God in the Bible! He is a *creating, holy, faithful, loving, and sovereign God*. Prior to this, we explored a long-running series centered on the Red Letters—the direct words of Jesus.

To walk with Jesus, we must truly know Him. And to share Him, we must be in relationship with Him. During the month of August, we're continuing to build that foundation, drawing deeply from the Red Letters and the lessons found in Jesus' own words to become **ROOTED IN FAITH!**

Jesus spent most of His time speaking about five core principles that shape what it means to follow Him:

- 1) Being Jesus constantly emphasized the value of presence over performance. Before He calls us to work for Him, He invites us simply to be with Him. Our effectiveness in serving flows from our intimacy in relationship with Him.
- **2) Forgiving** Jesus is all about grace. Many of us wrestle with receiving God's forgiveness, forgiving ourselves, or extending it to others. To represent Jesus well, we must understand His grace deeply—and be generous in giving it away.
- **3) Serving** Once we've experienced His presence and forgiveness, our hearts overflow with the desire to serve. Whether it's loving our neighbors, helping the vulnerable, or showing compassion, service becomes a response to all He's done for us.
- **4) Giving** Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of Heaven—and money—more than almost any other topic. Through His words, we discover that stinginess has no place in discipleship. His followers



are known for radical generosity.

5) Going – In His final words recorded in the Gospels and Acts, Jesus charges us to go. Not just to be His hands and feet, but His mouthpiece—boldly proclaiming the Good News that His sacrifice and forgiveness are for everyone.

Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, Going. These five principles are the heartbeats of a Jesus follower. And this August, we continue laying that foundation as we walk more closely with Him and share His love with the world.

The Gospel was true then, and it's true now. I love being on this journey with each and every one of you! You all keep me on fire for Jesus!

Event Information

Fall Celebration October 5th- Right after our service!

Fall Celebration - You're Invited! We can hardly believe it's already time to plan our Fall Celebration! It's been one incredible year since we launched "Rooted in Faith," and we've witnessed God moving in amazing ways at McKendree. Let's come together to celebrate all HE has done!!

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family!

Join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness and look forward to what He has in store for us. Each of you is what makes McKendree so special! Last year we were blessed with former pastors, members, and many quests!

More details coming soon, but start spreading the word now! When?

Sunday, Oct 5, 2025, 10:45 AM



We will start confirmation class in September for students in 6th-12th grade!

We will hold confirmation classes starting in September. Please email us if you have a child interested in being part of this program. We will then work on dates and times that work best for the group. We will finish in time to celebrate in the New Year! The commitment will involve meeting twice a month.

What is a Confirmation Class?

Process:

The process of preparing for confirmation involves classes twice a month, a service project, and spiritual exercises and studies to help individuals deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and their own relationship with God.

What does it mean?

Membership in McKendree:

Through confirmation class, a person becomes a professing member of McKendree Methodist Church. This means they are fully integrated into the life of the church, with the rights and responsibilities of membership, including voting and participation in church activities.

Event Information

Ready to sing? Come and join the Choir! All levels welcome.

Our first practice will be Wednesday, August 20th at 5:30 PM - At this practice we will focus on basics, find our voice ranges, practice some easy music and discuss some upcoming seasonal pieces we might feel comfortable singing.

When?

Wednesday, Aug 20, 2025, 05:30 PM



Important Dates in August

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- ART class: every Tuesday from 1 to 3 PM
- CARE: the second Monday of the month
- Story Time: each Wednesday starting July 2nd at 10:30 AM
- August 13th & 20th: Thursday Night Bible Study ON Wednesday for two weeks!
- August 17th: Admin Council Meeting after Church
- August 24th- Part II of the Gospeler come hear members of our Bible study share what they learned from our last Bible study!

Peek Ahead to September

- Fall Sermon Series Kickoff When: Sunday, September 7
- Blessings of the Backpacks September 7th



McKendree Church Preschool!!!!

New Facebook Page!

Check out and share the new McKendree Preschool Facebook Page (Thank you Ivey)!



Preschool update!

After lots of planning, support from the church, a passionate preschool board, and, most importantly, prayers, preschool is returning to McKendree!

This is such a blessing, and I am beyond excited about all the little lives that will once again be impacted at McKendree. Kings Grant blessed this community for 50 years! Here's to year one of McKendree Church Preschool getting started in the fall for hopefully another 50 years!

Please continue to be in prayer for families that will hopefully fill the spots we have available, but more importantly, for how God can move in their lives. I also know this will have a positive impact on our church, as kids often bring their parents to Christ and church.

Welcome Wonders Summer Camp! Was a huge success!!Thanks to all!



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Most Sunday's we have Sunday School following our service at 10:45. (All are welcome)! Wee Worship (Our littlest members)
Tweens (6-12th graders) Adult for the rest of us! Rooted In Faith-Deep Roots in KW!

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Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday nights at 6:30 PM!

Weekly Update for our Bible/Book Study!

Come Join us on Thursday Nights! For a 7 part Series Red Letter

Challenge!

Remember, anyone can come any week. It is designed for people to be able to come and go! See you on Thursday (except next two weeks)!

We will meet on Wednesday August 13th & 20th and then return back to Thursdays!



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