



# A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

Today marks the beginning of the Church season of Lent, and Ash Wednesday. I hope you are planning on attending our Ash Wednesday Service tonight at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is one of the most solemn services of the year where we read scripture, sing, serve communion, and receive the imposition of ashes. Start Lent right by participating in this service.

Another special service this week is our **Evening Song** service in the Chapel this Sunday at 6:30 p.m. We'll pull out the old Cokesbury songbooks and sing some favorite hymns. This service is currently being held the second Sunday of each month.

The **church name tags** that you signed up for in December will be distributed beginning this Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. If your last name begins with the letters A-G you will find your name tag on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the CLC near the elevators; H-O will find theirs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor CLC also near the elevators; last names beginning with P-Z will find them on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor CLC entry area. Remember the purpose behind these name tags – we want to be hospitable to our new friends and our visitors. Please wear the name tags whenever you are at the church. You will have the opportunity to choose either a clip or a lanyard for your name tag.

Are you looking for a way to get involved at McEachern? We are looking for 15 **soccer coaches**. You do not need to know much about soccer or have any coaching or playing experience – we will train you. If you are interested in volunteering to coach contact Shaun Nguyen at 770-943-3008, ext. 5014 or [shaun@mceachernumc.org](mailto:shaun@mceachernumc.org).

The McEachern Preschool, Lunch Bunch and Mother's Morning Out programs still have availability for the Fall 2008-09 school year. Interested persons can check the church website at [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org) or contact any weekday director by e-mail or telephone for further information.

I would like to continue to encourage you to practice the spiritual disciplines beginning today for the forty days of Lent. I will be preaching on these disciplines during this season. Today read a chapter of scripture and pray. Be involved in all the services of worship, especially the special services we will provide tonight and on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Find a way to be in service to someone in the name of Christ. Talk about your faith with someone, either another Christian or a non-believer. And finally, practice the biblical minimum standard of giving ten percent of your income to God's work. Practicing these disciplines will bring us closer to the God who created us, redeems us, and sustains us.

God Bless,