

“TO MAKE  
DISCIPLES  
ACCORDING TO  
THE GREAT  
COMMANDMENT  
AND THE GREAT  
COMMISSION”

# WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

April 1, 2010

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Annual District Conference will be held on Thursday May 20th at Waxahachie FUMC beginning at 7:00pm.

Please mark you calendars and plan to attend. All clergy are expected to attend. In addition, all lay members to Annual Conference are strongly encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact the district office ASAP.

Also, don't forget...the Central Texas Conference is "going green" so **annual conference materials** will now be available online at [ctcumc.org](http://ctcumc.org). Visit the conference website to find all 2010 conference information including preliminary reports. (You may need to print this information to share with lay members who do not have access to the internet.) PLEASE make sure all contact information (including mailing addresses) is entered into dashboard for your lay members to Annual Conference. This will allow the conference office to contact lay members directly and save you time!

**HAVE A  
JOYFUL  
AND  
BLESSED  
EASTER!**



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## MEMORIAL BOOK INFORMATION—Due April 8th

**Please record the names of laity who have passed away April 1, 2009 thru March 31, 2010** in your local church dashboard. Login to the dashboard and go to **My Church's Information**. There you will see a field entitled **Deaths of Honored Members** and the date range for this past year. You must enter your names in the block alphabetically by last name (first name first).

This is part of a very moving and meaningful service at Annual Conference. If the names are not entered into the dashboard they will not appear in the worship insert.

**Please list the names in the following manner:**

**Alphabetical order by last name (but FIRST name FIRST)**

**Nick Names should be in parenthesis**

**Do not use Mr., Mrs., etc.**

**Do not include death dates**

**If you did not have any deaths enter "No deaths reported".**

## NEWS & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DON SCOTT

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S COMING?



Lent is a season of preparation & anticipation. While we may prepare in various ways the anticipation expressed is the same, victory, the victory of God over our rebellion and death. This time of preparation and victory has been a long time coming. It began with the act of rebellion eons ago. There is no use arguing the time line or details. We were and are in rebellion, but God hasn't left us there and won't!

The narrative of our scripture is the narrative of preparation, promise and victory. From creation stories, thru the Mystery of Revelation the truth rings, "God Wins!" Evil, injustice, rebellion, chaos and separation will be defeated, the schism healed. We can live with assurance, joy, peace and faith but, "Do you know what's coming?"

The way leads thru personal rejections, betrayals, trials, suffering, even death. Even Jesus agonized over what was ahead. Resurrection presupposes dying. Lent is an experience of dying to self, identifying with Jesus and anticipation of re-birth and life. All to be lived because we know what is coming, the Kingdom of God in its' fullness.

I can't give a detailed picture. Words and images in the limits of our humanity won't allow that, but we have glimpses of what it will be, moments of awareness, that, "foretaste of glory divine." We may be in the wilderness but there is a "tent of meeting" and a promised land ahead. In the meantime we are not alone, without hope or without meaning. We have rivers of living water, manna enough for the day and the very presence of God.

Yes, we know what has been, what is & what is coming!

### **BLESSED ARE YOU**

**who possesses a positive attitude displayed at all times in the presence of members, visitors, and fellow workers, for even small seeds of negativism grow into large weeds.**

### EXCELLENCE IN PREACHING

April 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> Bob Farr, the Director of Congregations Excellence for the Missouri Annual Conference, will be at FUMC Mansfield. What Bob will share learned and applied, can make a dramatic difference in your preaching and leadership of worship. Your District work funds are underwriting Bob's time with us.

I only ask that each participant pay \$7 for lunch on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be an additional registration fee for out of District participants of \$20 per person or a flat fee of \$100 for churches with 5 or more attending. Every pastor and associate pastor in our district is expected to participate.

**RSVP to the district office to reserve your place and to be included for lunch on Saturday no later than Tuesday April 6th.**

Checks for boxed lunch should be made payable to the "Waxahachie District UMC". We will be issuing CEU credits also. The complete schedule for this event can be found [here](#) .

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Click [here](#) for the brochure and registration form for "A United Methodist Studies School" on Sept 7-14, 2010.

#### **This is quality!**

If you are in need of these courses or would like a greater understanding of our Doctrine, Polity or History, I strongly recommend this opportunity. For CLM's, local pastors or candidates, these are required. Some seminaries will also accept these for credit. If you are new to Methodism or the recognition of orders track, these are essential. Please plan to attend. This is a quality event.

## PCSM Online Course @ No Charge

An Internet course on *Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct* (PCSM) is available to all clergy and to all supply pastors who are appointed to a charge in the CTC. All pastors, associates, supply pastors appointed to a charge, and other CTC clergy can now go to [www.career-marriage.org/pcsm](http://www.career-marriage.org/pcsm), click on "Login" and set up their personal PCSM access. Completing this course meets the requirement for training in preventing clergy sexual misconduct. There is no cost to clergy for this Internet course. To access the PCSM each eligible clergy needs to enter his/her name and work e-mail address as it is listed in CTC records. Clergy who encounter any technical difficulty contact Richard Hunt at [pcsm@career-marriage.org](mailto:pcsm@career-marriage.org). To verify that your name and e-mail address are correct in the conference database, contact Susan Briles at [susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org), 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622. All information a person enters through his or her personal PCSM access account is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone. At the [www.career-marriage.org/pcsm](http://www.career-marriage.org/pcsm), all the buttons at the left side of the page are freely available to anyone at any time. This enables anyone with any misconduct concerns to access appropriate help. Access to all the top tool buttons is limited to those who are eligible to participate in the PCSM course.

**IF YOU TOOK THE COURSE IN 2006, YOU ARE DUE IN 2010. THIS COURSE IS FREE THRU THE FIRST OF JUNE 2010. AFTER THAT DATE, THE COST WILL BE \$50**

[Click here](#) for a letter from Henry Radde, chairperson of the Board of Directors for the **Depression Connection Team** explaining their program that they would like to share in your local church concerning mental health issues. For more information see [this announcement](#) .

### **Mansfield 1st Hosts Invisible Children tour – April 11**

Invisible Children are on their Legacy Tour and will be screening their new video at FUMC Mansfield. Joining the Invisible Children group is Lillian, a Ugandan advocate, who was featured in their first video, "Go." Other churches are invited to bring their youth groups and friends to welcome Lillian and Invisible Children! All are invited to join them in their efforts to end war and restore northern Uganda. Don't miss out on an opportunity to impact lives in northern Uganda by hearing their story and being a part of something bigger. Resources are available at [www.firstmansfieldstudents.org](http://www.firstmansfieldstudents.org), [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com), Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=333317816275>

## "IMAGINE NO MORE MALARIA"

As UM's we have claimed the vision of eradicating this and other killer diseases. We can see the transformation this would bring among the vast and most suffering among us. **SUNDAY, April 25th** World wide UM's will begin this pilgrimage journey to a new world.

To learn more and register your event visit:  
[rethinkchurch.org/changetheworld](http://rethinkchurch.org/changetheworld).  
 Check out what others are doing on INM's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/umcImagineNoMalaria>.



Malaria claims the life of one child in Africa every 30 seconds, more than 1 million children every year. Imagine!

**Installation Service for Carol Woods**  
**April 18**

The Brownwood District Committee on Superintendency invites you to join us for the Installation Service of our new District Superintendent, Rev. Carol Woods, on Sunday, April 18, 2010, 5:00 pm, at the First United Methodist Church, 2500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Brownwood. A Welcome Reception will follow and refreshments will be served. *Please bring your welcome cards & notes for Carol and her husband Clint Morrow.*

If childcare is needed, please contact the Brownwood District Office by Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (325/646-8223, 800/646-8223 or [brownwood@ctcumc.org](mailto:brownwood@ctcumc.org).)

**Retirement Celebration**  
**for**  
**Rev. Connally & Carlene Dugger –**  
**April 24:**

The Mid-Cities Superintendency Committee Invites You to Share in A Retirement Celebration of 47 Years in Ministry - Honoring Rev. Connally & Carlene Dugger. The Celebration is Saturday, April 24, at the First United Methodist Church of Arlington, 313 N. Center Street, Arlington. The program begins at 2 pm with a reception from 2-4 pm. ***Please bring cards and notes of remembrance for Connally and Carlene.***

**Annual Conference Goes Green**

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and to reduce printing costs, Annual Conference information will be made available at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) under the heading "2010 Annual Conference" rather than by mailings this year.

This is your one stop place for hotel information, online registration, fellowship meals, award/scholarship/honors nomination information and the full agenda. Other aspects of Annual Conference, including the 2010 Preliminary Report, will be posted as they become available. You may view and download the information by clicking on the 2010 Annual Conference icon at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org). We appreciate your support

**Native American Ministries Sunday (April 18, 2010)**

Without help from Native American Ministries Sunday, Ray deZafra never would have found his way to the Third Sunday Native American Fellowship. For the first time in his life, the Potawatomi Indian feels that he belongs, not just to a tribe, but also to a community of Christians. The offering on this Special Sunday educates Native American seminarians, plants Native American churches and cultivates Native American outreach to seekers like Ray. Call (888) 346-3862 today to order envelopes and other resources so your congregation can participate in this churchwide offering. They will be sent at no cost to your church! Find more at [umcgiving.org/specialsundays](http://umcgiving.org/specialsundays).

**United Methodist Night at the Ballpark!**



On May 8th Get discounted tickets for UMC churches for the Saturday, May 8, Ranger game against the Royals. Game time is 7:05 p.m. and tickets start at \$7.50 for upper reserved and \$8 for bleachers. Get order information <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/1391>.

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**Register Now! Early Discount until April 2**

The third annual **Caring for Creation** conference April 16-18 at Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas will bring members of the faith community together to learn how they can become better caretakers of the earth. For information about workshops, schedules, leadership and fees, contact Mount Sequoyah at 800-760-8126, 479-443-4531, [pro-grams@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:programs@mountsequoyah.org) or [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org). To register on line go to <https://registration.campbrain.com/Portal/Login.aspx?H=MSCC&G=215>.

**The next Soderquist Center** - Renew Retreat for clergy and their spouses are scheduled for July 13-15 at the Inn on Lake Granbury. The retreat is completely free. The only cost is the transportation to and from the retreat, which *will not* be reimbursed. Many Central Texas clergy couples have been given the opportunity to attend. All have had a great experience. We cannot accept any repeat couples. This is the first time we have been given a summer date. We hope this time we will be able to accommodate the clergy couples whose spouses are teachers.

University United Methodist Church is hosting this year's **Large Church Initiative** conference on April 12-15 in San Antonio. This event, targeted toward UMC congregations of 350+ members theme is "Disciple-Making & Decision-Making in the Large Church." Our own Bishop Lowry will be attending and participating in on of the select groups, the Bishops' Team. " The goal for this national training event is to introduce you to leading thinkers, major speakers, cutting-edge systems for making disciples and making decisions that make disciples."

**Interfaith Church Security & Intruder Awareness/Response Seminar**, April 20 & 21 at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center. This seminar will give you the tools to start a church safety/security ministry, improve your current plan, and training for church employees (ushers, secretaries, greeters, reception, etc.) on recognizing behavioral pre-cursors or suspicious behavior. \$185 for Day 1; \$295 for both days. For details contact Marilyn at 800-760-8126, [programs@moutnsequoyah.org](mailto:programs@moutnsequoyah.org) or [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org). To register online for the seminar <http://www.intruderresponse.com/registration.html> for lodging and meals contact Mount Sequoyah.



**Pianist**

Frost United Methodist Church is seeking a pianist for their Sunday morning worship service. Please contact Rev. Leah Hidde-Gregory for more information at [pas-tor leah@yadoo.com](mailto:leah@yadoo.com) or 972-322-1383.

**Director of Children's Ministry**

First UMC of Waxahachie is accepting applications for the part-time position of Children's Ministry Coordinator. FUMC Waxahachie has many dynamic children's ministry programs that are already in place and the church is looking to expand that even more. If you have an active relationship with Christ, experience in working with children and families, and love to work with and recruit volunteers from church and community, please call 972.937.4400 or send your resume to [fumcwax.sr.pastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumcwax.sr.pastor@sbcglobal.net). FUMC-WAX is a county-seat church in Ellis County (40 min from DT FTW) with a long heritage of faith and service to the community.

**Worship Leader**

New Day UMC ([www.ndumc.com](http://www.ndumc.com)), a new church start in Mansfield, seeks a part-time worship leader for its non-traditional worship gatherings. Applicants must be able to provide voice and instrumental leadership as well as work to gather and develop a praise team. Salary is negotiable. Send your resume to Sheila Fiorella at [Sheila@newdayumc.com](mailto:Sheila@newdayumc.com) or to P.O. Box 2125, Mansfield 76063.

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

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**If you would like us  
to include your  
prayer requests or  
to share your joys in  
our weekly  
newsletter, please  
contact the District  
Office.**

### **WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT:**

Jim Summers, Nancy Summers husband  
Cindy Redmond, Rev. Michael Redmond's wife  
Rev. Jan Baldwin  
Jackie Gause (chronic illness)

### **BROWNWOOD DISTRICT:**

Jim & Terri Olney – Please continue prayers for Jim & Terri as he battles cancer & continues treatments  
Frances Copeland, mother of Vickie Chamness (wife of Joe Chamness, Ballinger FUMC/Winters FUMC)  
Lloyd Hagemeyer (retired & living in Midland)  
J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)  
Rowonna McNeely (Aldersgate Enrichment Center, Public Relations Director)  
Lisa Meek (Brownwood FUMC Assistant)  
Aldersgate Enrichment Center

Bill & Sharon Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian) – Sharon remains in ICU of Brownwood Regional Medical Center. (*She was not transferred to Abilene.*) She suffered a mild heart attack and has pneumonia plus other health issues. Bill has bronchitis. Please be in prayer for Bill & Sharon.

Gary & Alice Torian (Central/Lake Brownwood) and family:  
Alice is recovering from pneumonia.  
Dorothy Davis (Alice's mother) is out of ICU and in Room 221 of Brownwood Regional Medical Center.  
Dorothy's husband & Alice's father, Bud Davis, passed away on Saturday, March 27. A Memorial Service is planned for this Saturday, April 3, 11:00 am, at the Central United Methodist Church, Brownwood. A private burial will be held at a later date. Please be in continued prayer for the Torian and Davis families during this very difficult time.

### **FORT WORTH DISTRICT:**

Jeannie Trevino-Teddle – Breast cancer surgery  
Demetria and Sam Rodriguez (Demetria's surgery for lung cancer)  
David Griffin recovering from heart surgery  
Mike Love's Son  
Leonard Radde

### **MID-CITIES DISTRICT:**

Scott Youngblood (Trinity) – problems with his knee  
Mike Dawson (New World) – surgery on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Dallas  
Joseph Nader (Wesley Foundation) – new baby boy, James Joseph Nader born March 20<sup>th</sup>

### **WACO DISTRICT:**

Denise Blakely's Son William Bell-Blakely  
Denise Blakely's mom Evelyn Miller-Massey for healing  
Nita Newman & Family  
Greg Way

### **CONFERENCE OFFICE:**

D.J. Cowdrey  
Cindy Klinger  
Joan Tankersley  
Jerry Williams  
New Church Starts