

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

# WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

April 8, 2010

## RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER...

**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!

### **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 [umcgiv-inq.org/specialsundays](http://umcgiv-inq.org/specialsundays).

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### **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

### **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.***

## NEWS & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DON SCOTT

### SECOND MILE GIVING!

In this difficult time, thank you for your response to others needs. As I read the March report of giving for the District, I was grateful for your generosity to special needs like Haiti and continuing support for our ongoing projects. Year to date, the District has given \$36,105. Thanks be to God!

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.

### 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 as the Central Texas Conference "goes green"!

**BLESSED ARE YOU  
who see your  
assigned duties as  
a unique ministry  
in the Kingdom of  
God, for those  
who are  
dependable in  
learning &  
diligently applying  
their craft bring  
joy to the  
household of faith.**

### CALLING ALL PASTORS: IT IS TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL GLEN LAKE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT!!

This year the proceeds from the tournament are more crucial than ever and will be used to offset the summer camp program including scholarships. Please consider the following ways you can support this vital ministry.

1. Pray for Glen Lake and its ministries
2. Play in the tournament and bring a team from your church. Remember, pastors play free when bringing a team from their church.
3. If you can not attend or don't play gold, play as a phantom golfer.
4. Ask your church to consider sponsoring a hole at the tournament.

I know very well the "outside" demands for time and money that come across your desk each week. I hope and pray that you will make Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center a priority in your schedule and in your budget (personal and church). Why? Because GLC&RC belongs to you and your church. It is most likely the place the children, youth and adults of your church will come at least once during the next few months. It is a place that we have opened to you as pastors and to your staff to come for a private retreat during the week at very little cost. Glen Lake Camp is your place. Please help support it with your prayers, your presence, and yep, with your money! Here is a link to the website golf page containing a registration form: [www.glenlake.org/golf](http://www.glenlake.org/golf) Thank you.

## 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](#) .

### 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>.

## "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>.



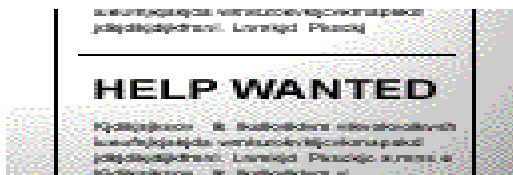
Malaria claims the life of one child in Africa every 30 seconds, more than 1 million children every year. Imagine!

**Register Now!**

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.

**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 [pastor leah@yahoo.com](mailto:leah@yahoo.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

### **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)

Sally Fleming (Comanche FUMC/Gustine) sustained a knee injury in a recent fall  
J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)

### **Rowonna McNeely (Aldersgate Enrichment Center, Public Relations Director)**

Lisa Meek (Brownwood FUMC Assistant)

*Julie Worcester and family (Fisherman's Chapel) in the recent loss of her grandmother Oma Jackson*

Aldersgate Enrichment Center

Newborn triplet granddaughters of Lita Adams (Aldersgate staff member) - born prematurely (28 weeks) last Thursday morning at 2:00 am at Cook's Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth. The combined weight of the baby girls was less than 8 lbs. All are stable but very fragile. God is watching over them. Please keep these little ones and their family in your prayers.

### **Updates:**

Gary & Alice Torian (Central/Lake Brownwood): Alice's mother, Dorothy Davis, is still critical and is in Room 211 of Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Bill & Sharon Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian): Sharon has shown some improvement and has been moved to Room 207 of Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Bill has bronchitis.

### **FORT WORTH DISTRICT:**

George Gregory, father of Janice Gregory, medical procedures and had a fall this week.

Frank Briggs Mother Joan Griggs, deteriorating health issues

Lori Conner, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Jeannie Trevino-Teddle – Breast cancer surgery

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

Jeannie Trevino-Teddle (Perkins School of Theology) – Breast cancer surgery

### **WACO DISTRICT:**

Denise Blakely's Son William Bell-Blakely

Denise Blakely's mom Evelyn Miller-Massey for healing

Nita Newman & Family

Greg Way

Rebecca Hulls mom Betty Ness

Jennifer Brockmeier's Uncle, Bill Bennett

Dawn Gillilands Dad Rev. C.D. "Red" Williams

Gay Johnson, wife of Don Johnson

Mike Long has thrown his back out and is in considerable pain.

### **CONFERENCE OFFICE:**

George Gregory

Jean Massieu Academy

Joan Tankersley

Jerry Williams

### **CHURCH GROWTH:**

LifePoint/Crossroads Merger

New Day to find a place to rent

Share Program that we keep receiving new pledges!

New Church Starts

Miners & their families in West Virginia

DJ Cowdrey—Vicki's sister

Conference Staff & Leadership

Joy

That we have been invited into so many churches and please pray we are invited into more to "share" the SHARE program.

Rockbridge is doing GREAT!

The Hispanic ministry at Grapevine is doing wonderful things & has plans to expand.

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