

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

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

April 15, 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. 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.

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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 11th 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 15th (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.

Online Registration for 2010 Annual Conference

Begins April 19th. Click on the "Annual Conference" banner at www.ctcumc.org for registration and other links. The form has been streamlined this year and is divided into separate clergy and lay categories for clarity. Registering online means that upon arrival at Will Rogers Memorial Center on Monday, June 7, you may proceed directly to your seat within your district's section. Your nametag and materials will be at your table. If you do not register online, you will need to stop at the Treasurer's Office in the Silver Spur Room and fill out a registration card in order to receive your nametag and materials. You are strongly urged to register online to avoid standing in line at Annual Conference. **The deadline to register is May 16. Remember, the deadline to reserve a hotel room at the special rate is May 17.**

**BLESSED ARE YOU
who let the spirit of
teamwork shine at
all times, for its
light illumines the
dark corners of
fatigue and
discouragement
that from time to
time may creep in
upon us all.**

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 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, 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. To verify that your name and e-mail address are correct in the conference database, contact Susan Briles at 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, 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>.

Bishop Lowry Sends Downloadable Message for World Malaria Day — April 25

World Malaria Day on Sunday, April 25, is the kickoff for the UMC's "Imagine No Malaria" initiative, which also has been designated as our 2010 CTC Annual Conference offering. Our conference raised \$135,276 with the Nothing But Nets Annual Conference offering in 2007, resulting in 13,527 bed nets now providing protective coverage for families in Africa! Imagine No Malaria is the next step in the goal of ending suffering and death from this preventable disease. It

continues to include bed nets, but expands into other areas of prevention, treatment, education, and communicating life-saving information. Our conference's minimum goal with the 2010 Annual Conference offering is the equivalent of \$1 for every member of this conference — about \$164,000.

Bishop Lowry has recorded a 4:57-minute video that he is asking all pastors to show in worship on April 25.

This downloadable Imagine No Malaria video clip and script for those without a/v capability are under the "Imagine No Malaria" banner on the conference website at www.ctcumc.org.

The video is in zip format, so local churches will need to unzip and play on a computer in a media program of their choice (Quicktime, Windows, Windows Media Player, iTunes, etc.). Some churches may have a program to convert it to a DVD file.



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:

Tim Thomas—recovering from surgery
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
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)
Sara Reed, mother of Dean Reed (Stephenville FUMC)
Aldersgate Enrichment Center
Newborn triplet granddaughters of Lita Adams (Aldersgate staff member) - born prematurely

Cathy Mordecai's brother & father (Dublin FUMC/Green's Creek): Cathy's brother Robert Mordecai is doing well after defibrillator and pacemaker surgery on Wednesday, April 14. Her father Irad Cochran is having knee replacement surgery on Monday, April 19. Mr. Cochran is 92 years old and also has asthma. Please keep Cathy and her family in your prayers.

Bill & Sharon Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian): Sharon was dismissed from Brownwood Regional Medical Center on Monday, April 12.
Our sympathy & prayers are also extended to Bill & Sharon in the death of his sister Shirley Pico of Norris, IL passed away on Friday, April 9 after her battle with cancer. Please keep Bill & Sharon in your prayers.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Gary & Alice Torian (Central/Lake Brownwood) and family in the death of her mother, Dorothy Davis. A Memorial Service is being planned for a later date. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT:

George Gregory, father of Janice Gregory, medical procedures and had a fall
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 15th 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:

Joan Briggs
Mart Epiphany #16, April 16-19
Joan Tankersley

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.