

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

# WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

April 22 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.

**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.***

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### **CALLING ALL PASTORS: APRIL 29TH— 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.

## 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BLESSED ARE YOU  
who risks creatively  
changing things for  
the better, for  
initiative on behalf  
of the Lord is more  
to be desired than  
the wings of angels.**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Click on the "Annual Conference" banner at [www.ctcumc.org](http://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.**

### **Annual Conference Tellers Needed**

The Waxahachie District needs 2 lay people to serve as tellers at annual Conference. The deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please email [waxahachie@ctcumc.org](mailto:waxahachie@ctcumc.org) or call 972-937-8891 if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

June 8th, 2010—**CTC United Methodist Women's Annual Conference Luncheon**. Click [here](#) for a flyer with more details!

### **Kick Off Annual Conference with a Friendship Dinner**

The annual Hispanic Ministries *Cena de Amistad* (Friendship Dinner) will be Sunday, June 6 from 5:30-7 pm in the Justin Youth Building at First UMC Fort Worth. Come have a wonderful catered meal, live entertainment, and celebrate. Then just walk across the parking lot to opening worship. [Click here for the flyer and registration](#). Registration is due by June 1, 2010.

### **Youth Mission Celebration & Commissioning**

Join youth groups from around the conference for an afternoon picnic celebrating Youth in Mission and Commissioning Service during the opening worship of Annual Conference 2010. When: June 6; Where: Picnic @ Trinity Park, University Exit, Fort Worth, Commissioning @ FUMC Fort Worth; What time: Picnic @ 4:30pm Service @ 7pm; How much: FREE (Includes Dinner & Music!). Please use [this form](#) to register your group by May 24. Bring blankets, frisbees, other things to make a picnic fun. Wear a t-shirt from a past mission trip or that represents your church. Yes, t-shirts will be ok to wear to the service!! Remember - ALL youth groups are invited that will be participating in some form of mission/service this summer. It is NOT limited to those participating in CTCYM.

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!](#)

## 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>.

## World Malaria Day — This Sunday, 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](http://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.



# Opportunities

**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.

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.

The Music Ministry of FUMC Waxahachie presents...**JOYFUL, JOYFUL**—Handbell Concert on Sunday May 2, 2010 beginning at 6:00pm. FUMC Waxahachie is located at 505 W. Marvin St. Waxahachie TX. 972-937-4400



#### **Director of Youth Ministries**

First UM Church, Red Oak, TX is seeking an enthusiastic youth director. The position is half time and will require working with jr. and sr. high youth. Requirements: experience in youth ministry preferred, excellent communication and relationship building skills and excellent references. Needs to have a good understanding of Methodist Doctrine and be a mature spiritual leader with a heart for youth and their families. Be able to plan/coordinate activities for 7 - 12 graders, including weekly bible study, Sunday school, youth meetings, fundraisers, and annual mission trip. Additional ministry opportunities available depending on gifts and graces. Contact church office at **972-617-9100** for an application. Start date is mid May, 2010.

#### **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 [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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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  
Cindy Redmond, Rev. Michael Redmond's wife  
Rev. Jan Baldwin  
Jackie Gause (chronic illness)

### **BROWNWOOD DISTRICT:**

Irada Cochran, father of Cathy Mordecai (Dublin FUMC/Green's Creek) - knee replacement surgery on Monday, April 19  
DJ Cowdrey, sister of Vicki Eldredge (Church Growth & Development)  
Sally Fleming (Comanche FUMC/Gustine)  
J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (Retired, living in Dublin)  
Jim & Terri Olney - Please continue prayers for Jim & Terri as he battles cancer & continues treatments  
Sharon Reed, wife of Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian)  
Sara Reed, mother of Dean Reed (Stephenville FUMC)  
Klel Quesenberry (Retired, living in DeLeon) - surgery pending  
Rowonna McNeely (Aldersgate Enrichment Center, Public Relations Director)  
Newborn triplet granddaughters of Iita Adams (Aldersgate staff member) - born prematurely  
Aldersgate Enrichment Center

### **FORT WORTH DISTRICT:**

George Gregory, father of Janice Gregory, medical procedures and had a fall.  
Frank Briggs mother Joan Briggs, 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)  
Jeannie Trevino-Teddle (Perkins School of Theology) - Breast cancer surgery  
Sidney Roberts - recuperating from surgery

### **WACO DISTRICT:**

Marion Rice (mother of Denise Rogers) - heading to M.D. Anderson Wednesday to hear what Good News God has to say to this cancer.  
Lynn Blummenstetter on the death of her mother Arla Collier in Tampa, Florida  
Jennifer Brockmeier's Uncle, Bill Bennett  
Dawn Gillilands Dad Rev. C.D. "Red" Williams  
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.