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ACCORDING TO  
THE GREAT  
COMMANDMENT  
AND THE GREAT  
COMMISSION”

# WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

June 3, 2010

## RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER...



### **Preparing to Receive a New Pastor**

In the Lewis Center for Church Leadership's *Leading Ideas* online newsletter Dr. Robert Crossmam says, "Welcoming a new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the groundwork for a healthy and vital relationship and for the development of stable, long-term ministries together." The following suggestions from 50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor ([http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428\\_article2.html](http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html))

will help your congregation receive a new pastor with a spirit of openness and hospitality

### LAST MINUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- **WIRELESS AVAILABILITY:** Will Rogers Memorial Center has wireless capability in the meeting room, but there is a cost of \$10 per day. To access, open your Internet connection and follow the log in instructions. Be prepared to give your credit card information.
- **TWEETS:** If you will be Tweeting during Annual Conference this year, please use the Hash Tag #ctac2010. And if you are new to Twitter, here are just a few members of the Central Texas Conference that you might like to follow... @ethan\_7, @steveheyduck, @joyful28, @amandajsargent, and @CarlyAPayne.

**REGISTRATION:** Members of Annual Conference who did not pre-register online will need to register on Monday, June 7, in the Silver Spur Room at Will Rogers Memorial Center. You may still participate in the Sunday and Monday morning worship and business at First UMC, Fort Worth, but will need to register during the lunch break on Monday prior to the business session at 2 p.m.

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## 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BLESSED ARE YOU  
whose smile and  
pleasant disposition  
are known  
throughout the  
church, for a “no”  
spoken in courtesy  
is better than a  
“yes” spoken in  
contempt.**

### **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. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

CTC Ministers Spouses Organization invites you to: **2010 Annual Conference Spouses Luncheon** on **June 7, 2010 12:15pm** Luncheon will be held at First UMC, Fort Worth at Wesley Hall. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Reservation Deadline: May 25

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

### **Annual Conference to Collect Cleaning Buckets**

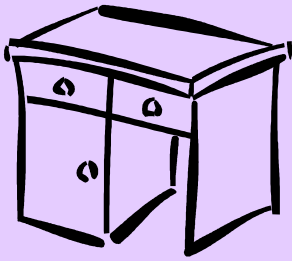
UMCOR sent relief aid to the Mississippi Annual Conference responding to needs there after multiple tornadoes swept through 17 counties on April 23. Severe weather again struck the southeast last weekend when thunderstorms, flooding and high winds believed to be tornadoes raged through Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky on Saturday and Sunday, causing widespread destruction. You can help! Please collect Cleaning Buckets and bring them with you to drop off at Annual Conference's Opening Worship. Click [here](#) to learn how you can help provide these material resources.

### **Printing of Preliminary Reports**

Clergy, please make sure that your lay members to Annual Conference have the ability to print out the Preliminary Report from the Conference website. If they do not, please print it for them. The district office will make a few copies available at District conference!

### **E.O. Complimentary Lunch Monday at Annual Conference**

Join Dr. Scott Youngblood and Paula Cole for a complimentary lunch Monday, June 7 at Blue Mesa Grill, 1600 S. University, less than 10 minutes from Will Rogers to learn about Educational Opportunities, a travel ministry founded by UM Clergy Dr. Bill Ridgeway. Since 1974, over 350,000 passengers have traveled with EO on Christian Cruises, Tours and Holy Land tours. R.S.V.P. to [yngbld0223@Yahoo.com](mailto:yngbld0223@Yahoo.com)



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**You know you  
work for the  
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You realize that  
the book of  
Discipline is not a  
guide to getting  
your child to  
behave!

Dear Rev. Scott,

Greetings to you. I want to invite you to participate in a leadership class in family systems theory I will again be leading beginning this fall. For more than sixteen years, I have been conducting leadership groups for clergy and other leaders based on the ideas of the late Edwin Friedman who pioneered in the application of Bowen Family Systems Theory to leadership. The purpose of these classes is for clergy of all faiths and denominations to learn how the concepts of family emotional process can be applied to all aspects of their work. Hundreds of clergy from fourteen denominations and two faith traditions throughout the south have participated in these classes.

Here is what The Rev. Mike Cave, pastor at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in San Antonio, has to say about the class: **"In my 15 years of active parish ministry, I have participated in Dr. Doug Hester's 'Family Systems' class for 13. The classes have helped not only my pastor-parish relationships, but my family relationships as well. Plus, I feel I've grown both as a person and as a pastor. Most exciting is that I find myself thinking more systematically about the church, my family, and all my relationships. I recommend the class for all."**

This fall, I will again be leading groups across Texas and Arkansas. Each class is a mix of theory presentation, as well as family of origin and work systems presentations. For more information about the classes, as well as the schedules, meeting places, and comments from class participants please go to my website at: [www.ministryleadershipconcepts.com](http://www.ministryleadershipconcepts.com)

You can register online for the classes at the website. I hope you will consider being in one of these classes.

Rev. Doug Hester, D.Min.  
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#### **CTC Accepting Online Payments**

Churches are able to make secure, electronic payments for apportionments, insurance, pension, and cafeteria plan. From the conference webpage ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) click on "Administration," then "Apportionments," then "Online Payments." Paying online is an easy 1-2-3-step process. Contact David Stinson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, or [david@ctcumc.org](mailto:david@ctcumc.org) if you have questions or need more information.

#### **Media Library Feature at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)**

The Media Library for audio, video and still photos is the latest feature to be added to the conference website. Local churches and other ministry organizations are invited to share their stories/images. Click on the "Media Library" menu item on the right side of the page and follow the instructions. It would be best to keep the video clips relatively short and to be judicious about the number of photos from a single event. We ask that all material be consistent with UM values.

#### **Glen Lake Reaches Out**

The cabins at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center are in need of new curtains. If you or your local church would like to adopt a cabin, provide the curtains, or wish more specific information, please contact Ellen Bauman at [ellen@glenlake.org](mailto:ellen@glenlake.org).

#### **Check Out Facebook Page for Leaders in Adult Ministries/Discipleship**

Leaders of adult ministries/adult discipleship in CTC churches will want to take advantage of the new Facebook page for all who would like to be connected for support, resources, etc. Check out [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), then the group CTC Adult Ministries/Adult Discipleship. Join the Facebook group and the face-to-face meetings every quarter or so. Look for future information, or contact Karen Granderson at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [Karen@ctcumc.org](mailto:Karen@ctcumc.org).

## Church Growth & Development

### **From the Office of Church Growth & Development-**

Thank you to the churches who have so graciously let Gary & I come and speak to your congregations. We appreciate it so very much!! You have truly been a blessing to us and we pray you will be examples to others of how to support Church Growth. Please continue to talk about Church Growth and encourage your members to be shareholders as part of their Faith-walk. Thank you to those we have visited and those we will visit soon!

Together we can make a difference!

Gary & Vicki

### **Can you give us a few minutes?**

Who we are: Gary Lindley, Director of Church Growth & Development – Vicki Eldredge, Administrative Assistant

About us: Dedicated to church growth. Willingness to drive. A strong desire to talk (to others).

Our commitment: Gain 2,010 more shareholders to help us offer Christ to the many in need.

Our desire: We would love to come to your church on the Sunday of your choice to talk about the SHARES Program and Church Growth and Development. We are filling in our fall calendars and would love to come sometime to offer your congregations the opportunity.

Our hope: To give every member of our conference the chance to have a SHARE in starting a new church!

How: Call Vicki at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622 or email at [vicki@ctcumc.org](mailto:vicki@ctcumc.org).

### **Church Growth & Development Accepting Online Payments**

Churches and individuals are able to make secure, electronic payments for Shares. From the conference webpage ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) click on "Administration," then "Apportionments," then "Online Payments." Go down to "Other" payments (you can type in Church Growth). Paying online is an easy 1-2-3-step process. Contact David Stinson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, or [david@ctcumc.org](mailto:david@ctcumc.org) if you need more information.

## Remaining 2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah

### *June 27-29: Addiction Conference*

This conference equips clergy and congregations with community resources and response for families, congregations, and community. CEU credit will be given for attending this conference. Contact Cindy Sloan at SPSARV for details about scholarships at 866-444-3330. Register at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### *Oct. 18-22: Leaves of Gold*

This retreat features worship, fellowship, workshops, tours, laughter, learning and fun during the turning of the leaves to gold at Mount Sequoyah! Bishop Richard Wilke will be the featured worship leader. Register online by Oct. 10 at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### *Oct. 25-28: Autumn Time*

Autumn Time is a wonderful experience featuring worship, praise, fellowship, laughter and fun! Workshops include centering prayer, spiritual journaling, exercise, nutrition workshop, military workshop, tour of the AR Air Museum. Register online by Oct. 15 at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org)

### **A NOTE FROM JEFF BISHOP of America's Best Coffee Reserve:**

The process for setting up accounts in our system is relatively simple to do, however it is not at all apparent from the current state of things in our website. My sense is that this could be a hindrance to folks who want to take advantage of our coffees and fundraising opportunities. We're working on streamlining the process online, but we're not quite there yet. In short, I believe that we will need to walk people through the process with the tools as they are.

I would be very happy to sit down with pastors or staffers and help facilitate getting them set up and answer any questions they might still have. We are deeply committed to making this a successful revenue generator for your churches.

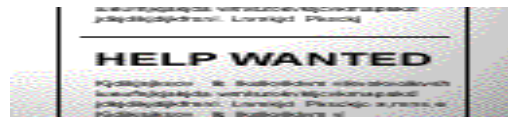
Contact Jeff at (817)891-1987 or by email at [jbishop738@gmail.com](mailto:jbishop738@gmail.com)

# Opportunities

Oct 25-27, 2010 at Stillwater Retreat Center in Glen Rose. The Sower's Bag...A Sermon Writing Retreat based on the Readings for the Advent Season, Christmas Eve/Day. Fill your sermon writing bag with useful seeds as you prepare yourself and your sermons for the Advent Season. **Contact the District office for scholarship information.** Click [here](#) for more information and registration forms.

**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.

If any pastors or other leaders are interested in learning more about how to use technology for ministry, you might be interested in the free webinars that Cheryl Hemmerle at UCom does every Tues. morning at 10am Central time. If you can't make it at 10am, all the past and current topics are archived and you can view one at your own convenience. For more information [including the list of archived topics] and/or to sign up go to [www.umcom.org/webinars](http://www.umcom.org/webinars)



### **Pianist**

Lakeside UMC, a beautiful church on the north side of the Richland-Chambers Reservoir in the quiet little town of Saint Elmo seeks a piano player for Sunday morning worship and choir rehearsal. Hours are about 8:00 until noon. The pianist will work with the choir director to present congregational and choir music to the congregation. The pianist must be able to sight-read new material and follow the instructions of the director. If interested, please call Rev. Sandra Hippman at 903-599-3080 or Bill Brunson at 903-599-4035.

### **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 [pas-tor leah@yadoo.com](mailto:leah@yadoo.com) or **972-322-1383**.

### **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  
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### **WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT:**

Dan Hippman, Rev Sandra Hippman's husband  
Cindy Redmond, Rev. Michael Redmond's wife  
Rev. Jan Baldwin  
Jackie Gause

### **BROWNWOOD DISTRICT:**

Sharon Bell (Gorman FUMC/Dublin, Laurel St.) – diabetic complications  
Irad Cochran, father of Cathy Mordecai (Dublin FUMC/Green's Creek)  
DJ Cowdrey, sister of Vicki Eldredge (CTC Church Growth & Development)  
John Morrow is undergoing chemo treatments for his cancer. John is the brother of Clint Morrow, husband of Carol Woods (DS).  
J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)  
Jim & Terri Olney –chemo treatments continue for Jim  
Sharon Reed, wife of Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian)  
Sara Reed, mother of Dean Reed (Stephenville FUMC)  
Nancy Suggs, wife Norman Suggs (TSU Wesley Foundation)- Nancy's broken arm is healing nicely  
Kiel Quesenberry (retired & living in DeLeon)  
Aldersgate Enrichment Center – Your prayers bring many blessings & continue to be very much appreciated!

Please remember in your time of prayer John & Linda Seth (Blanket/Mullin) & family in the recent death of their son Jonathon Seth. Jonathon passed away suddenly at his home in Ohio. He also leaves behind a wife and young son. A Memorial Service is planned for a later date.

### **FORT WORTH DISTRICT:**

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Kevin Brown, proud parents of twins Lauren Faith Brown and Bryson Reid Brown, born May 30. Grandma, Mary Gean Cope, is praising God and taking care of grandchildren.  
Rev Mary Fortner celebrate the graduation of her daughter Katie Fortner from Oklahoma City University on May 8, She earned a BS in Business.  
Osvaldo Benitez, recovering from gall bladder surgery.  
Susan and Tim Bruster's granddaughter, Alice Caroline Pepper, born May 13 to their daughter Saran and husband Stephen Pepper.  
Russ Middleton, Buddy Stegman's brother in law, triple bypass surgery.  
George Gregory, father of Janice Gregory, medical procedure and had a fall.  
Frank Briggs's mother Joan Briggs, deteriorating health issues  
DJ Cowdrey – Vicki Eldredge's sister  
Jeannie Trevino-Teddlie – break cancer surgery  
Leonard Radde

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

Scott Youngblood (Trinity) – problems with his knee  
Mike Dawson (New World)  
Jeannie Trevino-Teddlie (Perkins School of Theology) – Breast cancer surgery  
Sidney Roberts – recuperating from surgery

### **TEMPLE DISTRICT:**

Jack Riley, Bartlett—health concerns

### **WACO DISTRICT:**

Marion Rice (mother of Denise Rogers)  
Jennifer Brockmeier's Uncle, Bill Bennett  
Dawn Gillilands Dad Rev. C.D. "Red" Williams  
Robert Moran– facing Back Surgery

### **CTC OFFICES:**

Luis Hernandez  
Jerry Williams