

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

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

June 10, 2010

WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT!!!

Leslie & John Byrd—Kerens/Pleasant Grove

Allen & Darlene Grant—Red Oak

Krista Ingram—1st Italy

Joel & Christi Robbins—Ovilla

Donna Ware—1st Hillsboro

Ted & Gayle Willis—Eureka/Barry

Others changing within the District:

Nancy & Jim Summers—Blooming Grove/Dresden

**Randy & Kathy Tucker—Britton & Assoc at 1st
Midlothian**

Please welcome and pray for each of these as we experience
new beginnings together.



New Elders:

David Alexander

Sheila Fiorella

Provisional Elders:

Leah Hidde-Gregory

Steve Moss

Sandralyn Pierce

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Doug & Diane Blackford

Cal & Gena Hoffman

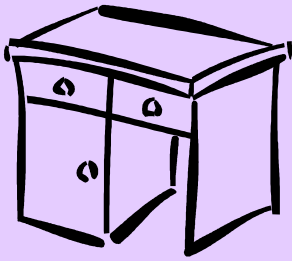
Reed & Kathy Justus

Buddy & Susan Moore

Sandralyn Pierce

David & Ann Ricker

Retirees: Tim & Cindy Thomas



THE WAY WE DO DISTRICT

AFFINITY GROUPS

Beginning this summer we are changing the way we do "district". Instead of general district meetings, we will be gathering in affinity groups based upon church and personal characteristics. I will suggest the groups and who should attend, but will leave a large part of the governance to each group. The goal is to be fruitful and to create horizontal networks inter connected with others. I will expect that every pastor participate in at least one group. As the groups passed on church characteristics gel, I hope that the groups will become for laity leaders of the church. More will be coming about this soon. Please be attentive to the news. If you have suggestions for affinity groups or other suggestions please respond.

Don

Possible Affinity Groups:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Worship Size | Women In Ministry |
| Age Levels | Part Time Pastors |
| Full Time Local Pastors | Elders |
| Supply | Provisional Elders & Deacons |
| Seminaries | What others??? |

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) 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 if you have questions or need more information.

Media Library Feature at 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.

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, 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.

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.

You know you work for the Methodist Church if...

You know that a quadrennial is not a plant.

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.

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) 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 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.

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.

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

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.

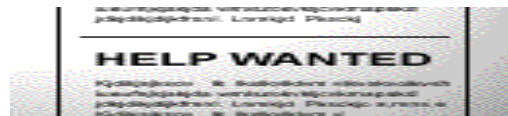
I would be very happy to sit down with pastors or staffers and help facilitate getting them set up and answer any questions they might still have. We are deeply committed to making this a successful revenue generator for your churches.

Opportunities

July 22-24, 2010 Contrast and Companionship: The Way of the Church with the World. A missional church convocation for pastors, judicatory and lay leaders. The featured speaker is Dr. George Hunsberger. For more details click [here](#).

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.

July 13-15, 2010 - Renew Retreat for clergy and their spouses is scheduled for July 13-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.



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@yahoo.com or **972-322-1383**.

Worship Leader

New Day UMC (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 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:

Dan Hippman, Rev Sandra Hippman's husband (Lakeside)
Shirley Pierce, Sandralyn Pierce's mother (Blooming Grove/Dresden)
Rev. Jan Baldwin (Ferris Heights)
Jackie Gause, Jim Gause's wife (Mansfield)

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