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DISCIPLES
ACCORDING TO
THE GREAT
COMMANDMENT
AND THE GREAT
COMMISSION”

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

June 24, 2010

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.

Subscribe to the Bishop's new blog!

Bishop Lowry has started a new blog site you can find at www.bishopmikelowry.com. You can subscribe via email to receive the latest writings from the Bishop by visiting this new site, clicking on "subscribe" at the top of the page, and then following the instructions to supply your email address. You may also see the latest updates on Facebook by "friending" the Bishop at www.facebook.com/bishopmikelowry.

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PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

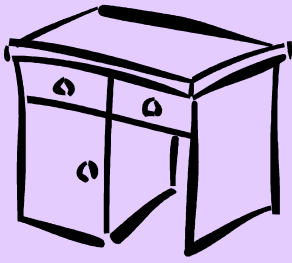
Conference Centennial Celebration October 23, 2010

Please put our Centennial Celebration on your church calendar and take special care to make sure nothing else (Lord's Acre, meetings, Etc.) is scheduled that day so that all clergy and church members are available to come celebrate. As you heard at Annual Conference, Bishop Lowry recognizes the significance of this event and expects that you will too.

The District Office will be closed on the following dates for holidays/vacations:



Tuesday, June 29th
Monday, July 5th
Thursday, July 29th—Friday, Aug 6th



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**You know you
work for the
Methodist
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You know that a
circuit rider
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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 based 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:

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

CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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 Faithwalk. 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.

Opportunities

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

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.

UPCOMING MOUNT SEQUOYAH EVENTS

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



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

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:

DJ Cowdrey, sister of Vicki Eldredge (CTC Church Growth & Development)
J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (retired & living in Dublin)
Jeanie Holston – surgery on June 21 – recovery time is 3-6 weeks
David Kerzee, father of Mike Kerzee (Coleman FUMC/Novice)
John Morrow is undergoing chemo treatments for his cancer. John is the brother of Clint Morrow, husband of Carol Woods (DS)
Jim & Terri Olney (Incapacity Leave)
Sharon Reed, wife of Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian)
Sharon Robertson (Hico FUMC/Pleasant Hill) - foot surgery on June 23 - recovery time will be 2 weeks
Nancy Suggs, wife Norman Suggs (TSU Wesley Foundation)
Klel Quesenberry (retired & living in DeLeon) – recent surgery
Laraine Waughtal's father (Bluff Dale/Morgan Mill)
Aldersgate Enrichment Center

FORT WORTH DISTRICT:

Mable Arfman, suffered a heart attack and had a heart catheterization Thursday.
Our deepest sympathies are extended to Frank Briggs and his family on the passing of his mother, Joan Briggs, on June 15.
Buddy and Claire Stegman's daughter Stephanie, hospitalized and undergoing testing.
Karen Samford and her husband Sam—Karen is undergoing dialysis 3 times a week and Sam has a rare form of cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.
Frank Briggs wife, Kris has pneumonia.
Russ Middleton, Buddy Stegman's brother in law, triple bypass surgery.
George Gregory, father of Janice Gregory, medical procedures and had a fall.
D J Cowdrey—Vicki Eldredge's sister
Jeannie Trevino-Teddlie—breast cancer surgery
Leonard Radde

MID-CITIES DISTRICT:

Jeannie Trevino-Teddlie (Perkins School of Theology) – Chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer
Beverly Tye (Asbury) – Beverly's mother

TEMPLE DISTRICT:

Mitch Eckert and his family
Hamilton Vaughn, son of Kissa and Doug Vaughn

WACO DISTRICT:

Luis Hernandez
Jerry Williams

CG & D:

Victor & Karen Pena—loss of her father and Victor has had some shoulder pain.
All New Church Starts
All pastors going to new congregations
Summer mission trips—safe travels and may lives be changed!