

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

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Dec 16, 2010

Frost UMC is in need of acolyte smocks and/or robes. If you have any that you don't use anymore, please contact Leah Hidde-Gregory at pastor_leah@yahoo.com or by phone at 903-682-2721.

Apportionments Recalculated

From Conference Treasurer Rev. Harvey Ozmer: As promised, the approval of "The Exodus Project" (conference alignment) will have an immediate financial impact on every local church. Reducing the number of district superintendents from 7 to 5 in June 2011 lowers the 2011 apportionment fund #2 by \$145,894. We have recalculated and reduced that apportionment based upon the decimal. Every district office has been notified and given a list of their churches' new lower apportionment amounts. We have requested that the district offices communicate this information to their churches. You may also find the updated apportionment pages on the conference website on the District Stewards page.

2010 Apportionment Payment Dates:

Dec 17, 2010—Last Day to **MAIL** apportionment payments.

Jan 4, 2011—Last Day for **ONLINE** apportionment payments.

Jan 5, 2011—Last Day to **HAND DELIVER** apportionment payments.

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO MAIL APPORTIONMENT PAYMENTS!!!

DISTRICT OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The district office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 27th thru Thursday December 30th. In keeping with our regular office hours, we will also be closed on Friday December 31st. We will resume regular office hours on Monday, January 3rd.

Don and Clara will have limited access to emails during this time. Should you have an urgent need, please contact Don by phone at 817-455-3032.

2011 EVENTS

Courage & Renewal – North Texas (CRNT) is hosting a 2011 – 2012 Courage to Lead® Retreat Series for Clergy and Congregational Leaders. The purpose of this retreat series is for church leaders to convene to rejuvenate, learn ways to sustain vocational energy and discover concrete approaches to spiritual formation. The CTL® Retreat Series consists of a total of five overnight retreats held at Still Water Lodge in Glen Rose, Texas. The retreat topics and dates are below:

Winter, Death and Dormancy 3 day/ 2 nights	January 10 – 12, 2011
Spring, Paradox and Growth 2 day/ 1 night	May 23 – 24, 2011
Summer, Abundance in Life and Work 2 day/ 1 night	August 22 – 23, 2011
Fall, Seeds of True Self 2 day/ 1 night	November 7 – 8, 2011
Final, Harvesting Our Learning 3 day/ 2 nights	January 9 – 11, 2012

Cost: \$1,300

Registration Deadline: December 13, 2010

This series is made possible through our **partnership with the Center for Courage & Renewal** and made affordable because of **funding from the Lily Endowment.**

For more information and to register, please visit our website, www.couragenorthtexas.org or contact Natè Hearne at nhearne@couragenorthtexas.org or 817.882.8222

2011 Clergy Day Apart: Yearning for Spring – Feb. 1-2

The 2011 Clergy Time Apart features Dr. Elaine A. Health, the McCreless associate professor of Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology and director of the Center for Missional Wisdom at SMU, who will lead 3 sessions as keynote speaker as well as preach at the closing worship service. Several CTC clergy will lead various workshops. The time apart will be held Feb. 1-2 at Summers Mill Retreat & Conference Center (1991 Stagecoach Road/IH 35 N) in Salado, with free time on Tuesday evening to relax, share, fellowship and community building. Accommodations are for single room, double room, clergy couple and commuter rate. This event is open to all ordained, commissioned and/or licensed and appointed clergy. See [attached brochure](#) and online registration, or click on the "Clergy Growth Opportunities" banner in the lower **right quadrant of the conference website (www.ctcumc.org).**

Mission InSite Training

First Hurst has offered to host a Mission Insite Training on **February 3rd, 2011.** Mission Insite is the program provided by Church Growth & Development to help you see what is coming to your part of the world. It is a great missional tool and full of possibilities! **Training will start at 9am and end by 11am.** You will be glad you took the time!

Also keep in mind this doesn't have to be the pastor; it could be an administrative assistant, a trustee, a mission chair or anyone who wants to help your church plan for the future. Feel free to invite anyone you feel would be an asset to you! Bring a laptop if you want --they will go thru some things hands on --First Hurst has wireless available. Handouts will be made also be made available.

Additionally, Mission Insite is now allowing all churches to plot their members for free! Contact Vicki Eldredge if you are interested!

RSVP to Vicki Eldredge at Vicki@ctcumc.org to confirm your attendance.

Small Church Leadership Institute

March 20-24, 2011 at Mount Sequoya Conference Center. Program is designed to equip laity and pastors with the knowledge and skills for leading their small attendance church into the future. Fee is \$299 per person. Limited number of \$100 scholarships are available. Apply early! Lodging reservations and more details are available on the attached flyer or by visiting their website at www.mountsequoya.org





Desert Streams Retreat
 Bishop Mike Lowry, Presenter
 “January 6—7:00 pm to January 8—3:00 pm
 Still Water Retreat Center * Glen Rose, Texas
 \$185.50 per person—\$40 per day

This retreat, at the beginning of the year, offers a time to breathe, to be still, to experience community, and to be awakened anew to the reality of God’s presence. Through various experiences of prayer and the reflections and teachings of Bishop Lowry, new perspectives for a new year of service and witness, healing and empowerment will merge. You’re invited to the experience. Click [here](#) for more details and the registration form.

You’re Invited!

I’m hosting a meeting on Wednesday, January 5th at noon at Arlington Heights UMC to visit about the trip I will be hosting to England this summer. A light lunch will be served, and we’ll conclude by 1:30 pm.

Jolynn and I would like to invite you to join us for nine incredible days exploring John Wesley’s England. I have become even more certain that it is vital that we better understand the Wesleyan way of faith development so that we might more effectively become the church that God calls us to be in the 21st century. The trip departs Dallas/Fort Worth on July 13, 2011. The basic price of the tour is \$2,698 plus the usual tips, taxes, etc.

If you have any questions, contact Dr. Scott Youngblood, who is serving as the project coordinator, at 817.274.1345 or office@trinityarlington.org. You may also go online to view the details on the trip by going to www.eo.travelwithus.com/find_trip. The tour number is HE11; code is 071311L.

RSVP to yngbld0223@yahoo.com so that we might have a head count for lunch.
 -Bishop Mike Lowry



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FROM THE DESK OF REV DON SCOTT...

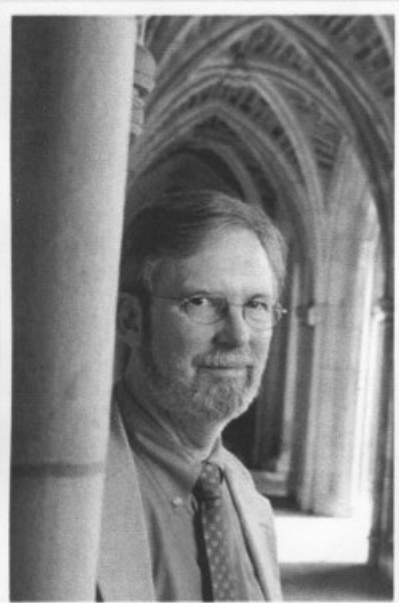
This is an important opportunity for your consideration. I feel so strongly about the value of this seminar that I will be attending it myself!

**THE KYLE LAKE CENTER
FOR EFFECTIVE PREACHING
AT GEORGE W. TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PROUDLY PRESENTS:**

**THE 2011 WINTER PASTORS' SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 10-12, 2011**

**FEATURING:
DR. RICHARD B. HAYS**

DEAN AND GEORGE WASHINGTON IVEY
PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT AT DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL



Thursday - February 10th

5:30pm - 6:45pm - Annual Truett Homecoming Dinner
7:00pm - 9:00pm - First Plenary Session

Friday - February 11th

9:00am - 11:00 - Second Plenary Session
12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch & Dialogue
1:30pm - 3:00pm - Third Plenary Session
5:30pm - 6:45pm - Banquet
7:00pm - 9:00pm - Fourth Plenary Session

Saturday - February 12th

9:00am - 11:00am - Final Plenary Session

Registration Fees

If received by November 11th: **\$35.00**

If received by January 20th: **\$40.00**

After January 20th: **\$50.00**

Make checks payable to "**Truett Seminary**" and mail to:

ATTN: The Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching,

George W. Truett Theological Seminary, One Bear Place #97126, Waco, Texas, 76798-7126

OPENINGS:

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**.

Part Time Nursery Worker

First UMC of Grandview seeks applicants for their family-oriented congregation that has a vision of reaching and ministering beyond its walls as part of the Kingdom of God. A **part-time nursery worker** position during worship requires a love of children and residence in the Grandview area. Please send resume for this position to **office@gvmethodist.org**.

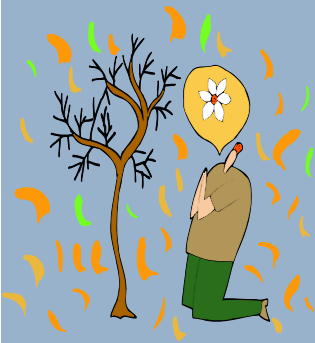
Organist

First UMC Itasca seeks someone to play their 1904 Hilgreen-Lane pipe organ. It is complete and original and has been refurbished to a "reasonable" state of operation. Please contact Tom Wood at **254-462-4364**.

Parent's Day Out Director

First UMC of Red Oak seeks a director for Parent's Day Out Programs. To manage all aspects of school year and summer programs. 24 hour work week. Prefer certified Day Care Director with Degree or some college hours in Child Development and Business or minimum of 2 years Experience in Day Care and some management experience. For information contact Pastor Allen Grant **972-617-9100** or email Lynne Grandstaff, Chair of PDO Advisory Board **hulyn_herself@yahoo.com** to request job description and application.





JOYS & CONCERNS

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT:

Doyle Allen (St. Andrew's) - home fire
Laura Abbott (Ft Worth District Assistant) - chemotherapy treatments
Cindy Redmond, wife of Michael Redmond (Dawson/Tehuacana)
Rev. Jan Baldwin (Ferris Heights) - ongoing health issues
Jackie Gause, wife of Jim Gause (Mansfield) - ongoing health issues.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT:

Sally Fleming (Comanche First/Gustine) - health issues
J.W. & Sibyl Hodges (Retired & living in Dublin)
Lee Ann McClatchy, wife of Pat McClatchy (Retired)
Jim & Terri Olney (Incapacity Leave) - Jim is undergoing chemo treatments.
Bill Reed (St. Paul, Breckenridge/Eolian) in the death of his niece Judy.
David Teel, Laraine Waughtal's father (Bluff Dale/Morgan Mill)
Claire, daughter of Carol Woods (Brownwood DS) - pregnancy complications
Laura Abbott & family (FW District Assistant) - undergoing cancer treatments
DJ Cowdrey, sister of Vicki Eldredge (CTC CG&D)
Aldersgate Enrichment Center

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of David Crumley (Associate of Aldersgate Enrichment Center). David passed away on Monday, December 13. A graveside service will be held (today) Thursday, December 16, 2 pm, at the Eastlawn Memorial Park in Early. Arrangements are with Blaylock Funeral Home, Brownwood. *Please also remember in your time of prayer, David's close friends & family - the Aldersgate Associates and Staff.*

FT WORTH DISTRICT:

John Williams, retired clergy, went to the hospital Sunday evening. He has pneumonia and will be at Harris Southwest for a few days.
Laura Abbott and her family, District Assistant
DJ Cowdrey—Vicki Eldredge's sister

MID CITIES DISTRICT:

Laura Abbott (District Administrator-FW district)

TEMPLE DISTRICT:

Doye Carroll - Rankin Koch's Sister-in-law
Laura Abbott, Fort Worth District Administrator
St. Paul, Georgetown, Church and Congregation
Ann Marie Dayton, St. Philip's, Round Rock

WACO DISTRICT:

Family of Denise Roger with the loss of her mom Marion Rice
Dolores Blocker -Heath concerns -Mother of Alicia Hines Kelly.
Laura Abbott

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT:

Sympathies to the family of Don Kelley (Retired), on the death of his mother. Services were last Saturday.

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your joys in our weekly
newsletter, please
contact the District
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