



Ministry Opportunities offered in our district [IS HE CALLING YOU?](#)

### Certified Lay Minister Module III Training

October 14 and 15 at Williams Memorial UMC, Texarkana  
Attendees must have completed Advance Lay Speaker's School within the past three years. You may begin at any Module I, II and III training. Contact the district office in Longview for more information and a registration form. 903.758-7003

### Lay Speaker School Basic and Advanced Classes

October 8 and 9 Lakeview Baptist Retreat Center, Lone Star TX Contact Director, Teresa Fagan at [teresaonamission@aol.com](mailto:teresaonamission@aol.com) for more information and a registration form.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Step-father of Rev. Preston Greenwaldt, Mr. James Haas from New Mexico passed away from a lengthy illness July 25.

Michael Holder, nephew of Gerald Holder passed away in a motorcycle accident on July 20.

Retired pastor Rev. Walter Langham was hospitalized recently to install a stint to open an artery to his heart.

The uncle of Rev. Keith Swatzel, passed away in Conroe, Texas.

Rev. John Barfield's sister, Bonnie Cannon passed away July 7.



Renewing Equipping Affirming Preparing

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few  
Matthew 9:37

Friday & Saturday, September 16 & 17, 2011

Memorial Drive UMC, Houston, Texas

Christian education training for those who serve in children, youth, adult and spiritual ministries. Register online at [www.ghles.org](http://www.ghles.org).

Send questions to [reap2011@gmail.com](mailto:reap2011@gmail.com)

### North District Youth Groups are invited to join the North Louisiana Ignite 2011

Splash Kingdom, Shreveport, LA. August 20 11 am to 7 PM Youth 7th—12 th Grade There must be one adult counselor (21 yrs of age or older) for every ten youth, with a minimum of 2 adults per church.

Registration fee: \$25 & a non-perishable food item per person Cost includes a t-shirt and programming. Registration deadline is Midnight, August 12 Registeronline at [www.la-umc.org/youth](http://www.la-umc.org/youth)

We will worship together, meet new friends, fun activities, music, play great group games, eat lunch and grow in our relationship with God.



Discipleship Devotion Discipline

### 150th Sanctuary Anniversary Celebration

August 14, 2011 10:30 a.m. 300 E. Houston

The members of **First United Methodist Church of Marshall**, Texas celebrates the sesquicentennial anniversary of its Sanctuary August 14, 2011. Among the activities planned for this important date are a special service commemorating both the Church's history and that of the denomination's founder, John Wesley. There will be a luncheon following the service.

The Sanctuary, which seated 800, was not only a place of worship during the Civil War, it served as a legislative hall for the Missouri government in exile, important meetings of the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederacy, as well as a storage place for Quartermaster and Commissary Departments. Worship in the sanctuary was held over kegs of ammunition, hats, gloves, boots and saddles stored in the basement - all grown or manufactured in Harrison County and guarded by two Boys in Gray.

The church building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, A Civil War Historic Palce with State Significance, A Registered Texas Historic Landmark and the U.S. Department of Interior Historical American Building Survey.



Texas Annual Conference clergy and lay employees who attend a **Day of Wellness** in 2011 (or have done so any time previously) will receive a credit toward the 2012 Grop Health Benefits (GHB) deductible increase so that your deductible remains at the 2011 amount. Next Day of Wellness is Nov. 11 at FUMC Beaumont. Register at: <http://www.txcumc.org/pages/detail/1253>

**Rukang Chikomb** will be returning as one of our General Board of Global Missions missionary pilots in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He will be visiting the Texas Conference the week of August 21. If your church is interested in meeting and hearing his story, please contact Noel Denison at [noel-denison@att.net](mailto:noel-denison@att.net)

**Electronic Recycling Drive** set for July 29 at the Longview Computer Center at 2161 Gilmer Rd from 8 am to 6 PM. Sponsored by Systems Technology Solutions Electronic Recycling of Jacksonville, Texas. The drive benefits the House of Hope in Longview; a faith based safe house for women and children. More information call Amy Hertel at 903.295-8324

**Director of Contemporary Arts and Communications**  
Longview First UMC is seeking a director for large downtown church, worshiping 650 in 3 services. Submit resume, cover letter in pdf format & (if available) video sample or digital

link of worship leading and/or managed website to [truevine319@gmail.com](mailto:truevine319@gmail.com)

If you would like to showcase your local church mission at the upcoming North District **Mission Forum** on October 1, contact Anna Rohde in the district office, Longview location 758-7003. A display with information and photos if available is all that is needed.

If you haven't picked up your **Safe Sanctuary Training DVD**, contact Anna Rohde at 903-758-7003.




November 11-13, 2011 in St. Louis, MO

The purpose of Exploration 2011 is to help young adults between the ages of 18 and 26 discern a call into ordained ministry. Exploration provides the resources for you to move towards making a decision about the next phase of your life. All 13 theological schools will have booths so you can talk with them about scholarship options, curriculum, and which school may be the best fit for your academic and vocational interests.

Registration scholarships will be available. Event registration will open this summer at [www.qbhem.org/exploration](http://www.qbhem.org/exploration)

-on behalf of the 2011 Exploration Design Team-  
**General Board of Higher Education and Ministry**

**FALL F.E.S.T**  
*Faith Empowered Sisters Together*



*Saturday, October 1, 2011 10 am to 3 PM*

*Speakers: Jeannette Clift George and Rev. Michelle Hall*

*The Foundry UMC 8340 Jones Rd. Houston, TX 77065*

*Ticket: \$25*  
*Contact: Jennifer McDaniel, [regisr@CelebrationMinistries.org](mailto:regisr@CelebrationMinistries.org)*

Beginning in September, Monday Morning Clergy Quadrant Meetings with the DS will be offered at 10:00 a.m. in this order:  
**1st Monday: Marshall/Wiley College** **2nd Monday: Longview/Greggton** **3rd Monday: Mt. Pleasant/First Pittsburg** **4th Monday: Texarkana/Hardy Memorial**. No meetings on fifth Mondays.

**CHANGE THE WORLD DAY 2011**

Marshall St. Marks 54 people attended the picnic for children in their backpack program they sponsor at two local schools... Ore City FUMC holds year round meals and stocks a food pantry to end alleviate hunger... Tennison Memorial built a wheelchair ramp, had Soup Kitchen Celebration, Community Food Drive & Workday in Clothes Closet... Greenhill and Bridges Chapel held a community Souper Sunday to increase awareness of world hunger... Winterfield held a community hands on mission for shut ins and impoverished people to complete small home repairs and yard work... Elysian Fields Bethel prepared and served breakfast at Newgate for 90 people... Jefferson First Open their Saturday food pantry including fresh produce and meats... Gilmer First hosted a food drive for Tri-County Assistance and took an offering for their rent and utility assistance program... Pittsburg First the children in their after school program made appreciation gifts for their school teachers, youth lead a walk-a-thon to raise funds to buy shoes for needy children, church also hosted an International Dinner and invited county residents from diverse cultures to bring a dish from their home culture to share... North District Youth collected canned goods for the Society of St. Stephens Food Pantry at Williams Memorial in Texarkana... Many more worked and shared God's love in the Month of May. Praise God for the spirit that flowed throughout.

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### GREAT WALL OF GREGGTON IS RAISED AGAIN!!

During a severe rainstorm in July the sanctuary wall was struck by lightning and the all the bricks fell to the ground. Work has begun to repair the damage. The church has rallied together to cover the huge deductible and work will be finished soon. Praise the Lord for the much needed rain and also for the faith and commitment of this wonderful church.



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April 12—15, 2012  
30th Annual Conference  
Richmond, Virginia  
Topics of Workshops :  
Does Your Church Have a Prayer: Are you in Maintenance or Mission?  
How to Recruit and Keep Volunteers  
History of Methodism in Virginia  
The United Methodist General Conference 2012  
Hands on Mission Project: Stop Hunger Now

A Stitch in Time...  
Sign up Today, Seamstresses needed to sew items for the Cote d'Ivoire project. Fabric is free and the items will be sold at our Mission Forum. Contact Shirley Broome at 713.521-9383 or [sbroome@txcumc.org](mailto:sbroome@txcumc.org)



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