

North District News



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Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

Annual Conference 2009



Kilgore Crossroads UMC and pastor Rev. Ralph Rudy were awarded the Small Membership Church of the Year at Annual Conference this year. The Radical Hospitality and Outreach Ministries Team uses the year end Vital Signs reporting to determine each years' exceptional church. All congregations in the Texas Annual Conference with 300 members or less are eligible. The team considers professions of faith, worship attendance, and missions activity to determine which churches will be recognized. Accepting the award from Carolyn Huntsman

along with DS Bill Taylor were Mrs. Pat Rudy and church member Linda Fontineau.

Rev. Michelle Hall, Wiley College chaplain in Marshall, and **Rev. Jin Jong Lee** of Korean Ministries in Texarkana were ordained as full elders at Annual Conference this year. Also, **Rev. Ed Blackstone** of Longview Trinity and Diana UMCs was commissioned as a probationary elder. Congratulations!

The district office has purchased the DVD's of the entire annual conference for loan to pastors and churches; if you would like to share the event with the rest of your congregation.

Welcome New Pastors and Families to the District!

Rev. Develous and Kaylynn Bright of Marshall Ebenezer

Rev. Meg Edmondson of St. Luke's in Kilgore

Revs. Nathan and Amy Hodge of Hallsville First UMC

Rev. Richard and Chris Ivey of Tapp, New Boston

Rev. Patrick and Cheryl Papp of Texarkana Eylau

Revs. Randy and Sandra Smith of New London/Overton

Rev. Greg and Teresa Fagan of Hubbard Chapel

Rev. Tolly and Jane Dill of Kilgore Danville

James Fleet of Lagrone's Chapel

Rev. Alison and Rusty Young of Reeves Chapel, Pittsburg

Rev. Deborah Brown of Smyrna

Many of our pastors made moves within the district and we welcome them back as well.



Joy and Concerns:

Rev Forrest Garret is due for further tests at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Rev. George Hancock is home recovering from surgery

Rev. Howdy Dawson had cornea transplant surgery

Mrs. Dorothy McCord, surviving spouse of Rev. Herschel McCord, is being treated for a heart condition.

Jane Dill, wife of Rev. Tolly Dill of Kilgore Danville UMC is experiencing back pain.

Retired pastor, Rev. Leon Grissom is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas

Rev. Steve Turner's mother, "Pinkie" came through surgery well and will enter rehab.

October 10, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Memorial Drive United Methodist Church

Hummingbird Ministry

12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX.

Location map: <http://www.mdumc.org/about/campuses.aspx>

will host a seminar for pastors, pastoral staff, and other professionals interested in learning how to effectively assist victims of **family violence** and provide for their unique spiritual and emotional needs. Christian counselor, Leslie Vernick, will help participants:

- Understand and respond to the spiritual and emotional needs of families suffering from abuse
- Become aware of the resources that exist to help
- Obtain materials to educate others in domestic violence issues
- Provide support within our faith community in dealing with this complex problem

Church Security Course set for August at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas

We must Pray, Prepare, Prevent & Prevail. Although we don't like to think about violent acts occurring within the church walls, it is something for which we must prepare. Church leaders have an obligation to church members, parishioners, and every visitor who steps inside our doors to provide a safe environment for worship. **The Inter-Faith Church Security & Intruder Awareness/Response** course will offer the option

of a 1 or 2 day seminar August 25 & 26 at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center. The course is conducted by Strategos International.

Day 1 will give you the information and tools to start up a church safety/security ministry or formalize/professionalize your existing security ministry. Topics covered range from lock down preparation, offering

transport, embezzlement prevention, and nursery security protocols among others.

Day 2 is Intruder Awareness/Response & Conflict Management and will train attendees on how to educate church security, ushers, greeters, parking attendants, and reception personnel to recognize behavioral pre-cursors to suspicious behavior. Summarized this section will instill a mindset of "SEE Something ...SAY Something".

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24/7 Prayer for Texas

Friday, June 19, 2009
Waskom City Park
7PM to 10 PM

An historic event will be initiated in the State of Texas. Commencing at 7 PM in Waskom the 24 counties of the Northeast

Texas Region will launch 24 hours /7 days a week prayer for the State of Texas. This inaugural event will start 16 weeks of prayer with will culminate on October 2 in Austin, Texas. At the end of this meeting the prayer will move to those in the 24 counties of

Northeast Texas who have volunteered to help pray for the week of June 19 thru 26. At 6 PM on June 26th prayer will move to the next region. Invite all you can to this great event. Ken Bryan NE Texas Regional Coordinator: 318.560-8078

Celebration Ministries: Woman to Woman Ministry



Monday,
July 20
6:30 PM

Kerri Crocker

Pray for a Cure for Cancer
A unique ministry battling cancer with prayers.

Hardy Memorial's Women's Ministry Chapter Summer Event will be held at Williams Memorial UMC, 4000 Moores Lane, Texarkana, Texas

Featuring Kerri Crocker, Singer and songwriter. Join us to hear Kerri's testimony of how God calls the "ordinary" to do the "extraordinary" for His glory!

RSVP 903.838-3507 Babysitting is available upon request.
www.prayforacureforcancer.com

North District Clergywomen's Lunch

Thurs., June 25, 12 PM at Olive Garden Restaurant
104 W Loop 281, Longview 75605

We welcome all area clergy women to join us for food and fellowship. Please RSVP with Rev. Rita Sims at (903)753-4825 or Rev. Allison Byerley at (903) 665-3268.

North District Youth

Sunday July 19th through Wednesday July 22nd

July 19 5Pm-7PM Winterfield, Longview 903.753-4825

July 20 5PM-7PM Williams Memorial UMC-Texarkana, 903.832-8663

July 21 5PM-7PM Tennison Memorial UMC 903.572-5341

July 22 10am-7PM Daingerfield State Park 903.645-2921
Tommy Earl Burton ND Youth Coord. 903.577-4545

Marshall Mallalieu UMC Afterschool Program a Success!



I was blessed to enjoy the company of a few of His saints and His children one day last May. Rev. Jim McCutchens, Nina Jo Hodge, Brenda Martin, Delores Butler and Joyce Rosborough gather each week to welcome the children

from school at 4:30 PM in the church's basement fellowship hall. Fifteen to twenty children from kindergarten to middle school fill the hall on Mondays and Thursdays until 6 PM. They come to enjoy a snack, help with their homework, a bible lesson, games, crafts and just enjoy each other's company. The children are rewarded for their good grades and asked to keep a personal journal to share how their day went. Some of the older chil-

dren are cheerleaders or participate on drill teams at school. The children greeted me with a hand shake and introduced themselves; some giggling and some shy but all very comfortable and happy to be there. What a gift these volunteers offer them. The children perform holiday programs for the church congregation. As an added plus, Rev. McCutchens also offers harmonica classes!



Cooperative School of Christian Mission

July 23-25, 2009

Lon Morris College
800 College Ave.
Jacksonville, TX



ational Workshops

4 Hour mini experiential workshops

Special Music

Hands-On Mission Track

Field Trip Option

Caddoan Indian Mounds & Mission de San Francisco Tejas

"Together at the Table" The table has been an important symbol for the gathered community.

Men, Women, Youth and Children

Bring your family for a faith forming vacation.

8-hour Comprehensive Expe-

Registration:

Mitzi Hiers 281.481-0005
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"Hammering Away at Home Repairs,"

Longview Winterfield UMC worked with the United Way project to repair homes of elderly, disabled and low income homeowners. Home repairs was an unmet and unmet need in Longview. Helping people improve their homes started in August of last year and United Way is working on their third home. It's one more way United Way can help people who need it right here in our community, it's a huge undertaking and more help is needed. Winterfield provided supplies and manpower to the project and more churches and volunteers are needed. For more info call 903.236-9211.

Around the District

Marshall First United Methodist Church's Society of St. Stephen is having a fan drive for the needy in our area. As you may know, the summers here are so hot and unrelenting. Many people in our area have no air conditioning or little/no ventilation. Please help us provide fans for those in need this summer. Kelly Anderson, Church Secretary 903.938-3286 office.fumcmarshall@gmail.com

FUMC Pittsburg is looking for a new church van and we could use some help. We are wanting

to go with a 25-30 passenger and our trustees want to move quickly. If you have purchased a bus recently and could recommend a dealership or bus company we would greatly appreciate your guidance and assistance in this endeavor. Kathy Wootten, 903.856-2839

The **North District** Website now has a RSS feed. To access this feature, direct your feed reader to <http://www.northdistrictumc.org/wp-rss.php> This will give you the latest post to the website delivered to your computer.

Is your church in need of Parking Lot Signs?

Handicapped	Sr. Adults
Visitors	Young Family

metal signs \$20 each regularly \$50

Each sign has the Methodist Cross & Flame. For more info contact: J. Lynn McWhorter at Decolors4@aol.com

SUMMER CAMP for North and Northwest Districts July 13-17 at Lakeview in Palestine, Texas

"*Make the Connection*" that will save your life!

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Sign up for high school summer teams at umarmy.org/conference/texas



Workshops for persons in all stages of divorce. Contact Parenting Resource Center 903.753-7800



PAUMCS
Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries
www.paumcs.org



Mission of Longview. Asbury House Child Development Center
-Dir. Pam Surles
903.758-7062



Sign up for Jr. High Summer teams!

www.bighousetx.org



Kilgore College Wesley Foundation UMC: Campus Ministry Center
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