

# North District News



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Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

**Clergy Gathering 2009** September 21-23  
Lakeview Conference Center *Registration, Mon. Sept 21 at 11 am*

All clergy persons are invited to attend; every provisional and ordained elder, deacon, associate member, part and full time local pastor. Registration begins at 11 am on Mon. Sept. 21.

Register by August 25 at Center for Clergy Excellence, 713.521-9383 or [chassey@txcumc.org](mailto:chassey@txcumc.org)

## District Clergy Quadrant Meetings to begin again on September 14

The meetings will be held each month on Mondays at 10 am. The first Monday in September is Labor Day and will be skipped. The topics for the September meetings will be: DLT & ACT groups, Charge Conferences and development of a booklist to read together.

Frist Monday: Marshall Quadrant—Summit UMC 938-0701

Second Monday: Longview Quadrant—Greggton UMC 759-3831

Third Monday: Mt. Pleasant Quadrant—St. Andrew UMC 572-6457

Fourth Quadrant: Texarkana Quadrant—Hardy Memorial 793-1116

## CHARGE CONFERENCE FORMS available online in DOVE

2009 forms can be found by clicking on your church name in Workspace. You click on files and folders, you will see Charge Conference 2009, click there and scroll down to see the forms. Click on View to open a form, then right click to print.

You may contact the district office for your charge conference date and time.

The Fund Balance Report MUST be included in your charge conference packet. This is a reporting of your church's 2008 finances.



## Find A Church [www.find-a-church.org](http://www.find-a-church.org)

The Rethink Church national advertising campaign has the potential to connect your churches to more than 280,000 visitors per month. The campaign's themes are: economic relief, job training, literacy, day care, ecology, sports programs to list a few.

Churches that have related ministries will want to quickly update their profile page. In the North District, 20% of our churches have updated their Find-A-Church listings. There are multiple ways to complete the update:

1) go online to [www.rethinkchurch.org/churchupdate](http://www.rethinkchurch.org/churchupdate) 2) visit [www.find-a-church.org](http://www.find-a-church.org). 3) request a form from the district office and fax to 615.742-5423 or mail to United Methodist Communications, FIND-A-CHURCH, P O Box 320, Nashville, TN 37202.

Please consider adding your physical address to your church website.

Many people now use a GPS system in their cars and/or online maps. Including your physical address would make it easier for them to locate you.



## Joy and Concerns:

Gerald Holder and his wife Toni have both had hospital stays in August and are home now recuperating.

Danny Wayman of Williams Memorial UMC has a new grandbaby girl, Hannah Love Schmoyer born Aug. 8

Destiny Nunn had a recent emergency visit and is home now recuperating, upper respiratory infection.

Rev. Nona Taylor, Marshall Wesley, is experiencing heart problems and recuperating at home.



Kilgore College Wesley Foundation is up and running for the fall semester in Kilgore, Texas.

Rev. Meg Edmondson, director, is greeting students daily at their location on Broadway Street. Lunches are being served on Wednesdays and if your church would like to help on any given Wednesday with a meal for the students please call 903.984-6921. Activities are planned and volunteers are welcome to assist at the student center.

### Mom to Mom Bible Study

Celebration Women's Ministry invites you to join us for the upcoming bible study titled Growing Together. This biblically based parenting program focuses on Moms of all ages....with children at home of any age. We invite you to join us for our next study:

First United Methodist Church Longview

Growing Together

Begins September 16<sup>th</sup>

Alternate Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am

Childcare is available at no cost

All are welcome

Call the church office 753-4463 to reserve

Growing Together is designed to equip, encourage and energize moms in raising children. The material grows out of the promise that as we "grow" our children, God is growing us.

See [www.momtomom.org/](http://www.momtomom.org/) and [www.longviewfumc.org](http://www.longviewfumc.org) for more information

*Clergywoman's Gathering October 5-7  
at Mt. Sequoyah Conference Center in  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org or 800.760-8126*

### Celebrating a CALL TO LAY MINISTRY February 4-6, 2010

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas

5501 Main St., Houston, Texas 77004

L:ay

Persons wanting to explore an inward call to serve in lay ministry  
Clergy persons interested in becoming more knowledgeable about facilitating lay ministry.

Sponsored by Dept. of Spiritual Care & Education, The Methodist Hospital 713.441-6297 or [dfoose@tmhs.org](mailto:dfoose@tmhs.org)

### FALL REVIVAL SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2009

"God's Grace is Sufficient for Healing Life's Hurts"

**Marshall Summit UMC** 1901 N. East End Blvd. **938-0701**

Pastor, Rev. Mario Parga

*Revival Preachers:* Shane Johnson, Develous Bright, Connie Swanson, Diane Nix and David Goodwin. Revival Services 6:30 PM  
With special music from International Concert Artist Robert Adams of Fort Worth, Roosevelt Washington & The Ebenezer Gospel Choir, Sam Page & The Summit Revival Choir. Refreshments every evening. Family Reunion luncheon 12 noon Sept. 27; Women's Luncheon 12 noon Sept. 30

### Let's Go Hiking!!!



1st hike set for 9/18 9 am-11am @Daingerfield St. Park

- Well, you won't need all this stuff, but a day pack and about 2 hours will help your ministry and your mental health tremendously, not to mention your physical health also. So, come join other clergy on our quarterly, scheduled hikes around the districts State Park system.
- Schedules will be posted on the district web page soon.

### North District Youth Rally

**Sunday, November 15 5PM—7PM at Tapp UMC in New Boston and St. Luke's UMC in Kilgore. A meal will be provided at each church and the offering will assist host church with expenses. Rev. Tommy Earl Burton, North District Youth Coordinator 903.701-7407 [tommyearlburton@gmail.com](mailto:tommyearlburton@gmail.com)**

September 29, 2009

### SEXUAL ETHICS TRAINING

8:30 a.m.—5:00 P.M. FUMC Longview

400 N. Fredonia St., Longview 75601 Receive .5 ceu credit and 6 contact hours. Register [www.txcumc.org](http://www.txcumc.org), click on **Clergy Excellence** red button on front page, lower right. Pastors must complete every 4 years. CLM required course. \$15

## Bishop Crutchfield, Arkansas Conference

Scouts Dinner Wesley Hall  
Williams Memorial UMC at 4000 Moores Lane, Texarkana  
on **September 8** at 6:30 PM

Rev. Dr. Danny Wayman, pastor 903.832-8663

## Mark your Calendar: September 19 for

### Dave Ramsey's *Total Money Makeover*

Greggton UMC

1101 Pine Tree Rd.  
Longview, TX 75604

Greggton is hosting the simulcast of Dave Ramsey's seminar LIVE, 12 PM–5 PM. Tickets are now available for \$25/person.

## Retired Clergy, Spouses & Surviving Spouses Retreat

September 29 -

October 1

Lakeview Conference Center Register: Margie or Paul  
Woodworth (936) 377-5350 [margg137@gmail.com](mailto:margg137@gmail.com)

REMINDER: Next gathering of **NORTH DISTRICT CLERYWOMEN** for **Thurs., Sept. 24** at the *Olive Garden Restaurant* in Longview at 12 noon.

Rev. Allison Byerley & Rev. Rita Sims

## Certified Lay Minister (CLM)

### Module II Training

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### Lay Speaker School for Basic & Advanced

Saturdays, September 19 and October 3

Ore City First UMC 9 am–3:30 PM

CLM Training is for **Module II** lead by Rev. Dr. Steven Diaz and Rev. Brenda Lucas. You may attend any module training to begin the process for completion as a certified lay minister; cost \$20. Basic and Advanced Lay Speaker classes will also be offered; cost \$40. Contact the district office for registration forms.

Congratulations and a big thank you to those churches that have paid 100% of **all three** of their North District Apportionments for 2009. *They are not in any particular order: For apportionment amounts and account balance call 903.794-6231 L.Nunn*

*Harris Chapel; Daniel's Chapel; Liberty City, McCary's Chapel; Ore City FUMC; Wesley McCabe; Macedonia; Red Lick; Logan's Chapel; Red Bayou; Reeves Chapel; Harmony; Douglassville; Law's Chapel; Shiloh; Longview, Trinity; Marshall, St. Mark's; Old Boston; Kilgore, Cross Roads; Avinger; Harleton; Marshall, Mallalieu; New London; Soules Chapel; Texarkana, Eylau; Hubbard Chapel; Marshall Concordia; Karnack; Jenkins; Waskom; Gilmer; Hopewell; DeKalb, FUMC; Marshall, Red Oak; LaGrone's Chapel; Atlanta, FUMC; Marshall, Wesley; Marshall Zion; Gladewater, FUMC; Kilgore, Danville; Longview, Summerfield; Hooks, FUMC; Marshall, Grange Hall; Bettie; Smithland; and Bradfield Chapel.*

*Send payments to North District UMC, 4008 Moores Lane, Texarkana, TX 75503*

## Around the District

Mrs. Jill Krone has 8 blazers for sale due to weight loss. They are Lauren Ralph Lauren blazers in silks, linens, and wool in size 22 (with the odd 24) in a wide color range. In very good condition. Asking \$25 each or best offer! Email Jill at [jill.krone@gmail.com](mailto:jill.krone@gmail.com) or call 903.473.3755 for more info.

**Wiley College** to broadcast John Wesley Daily Bible Devotions on KBWC beginning September 7, 2009. These devotions will be read by United Methodist clergy and laity. Each devotional is three minutes and will air Monday through Friday at 8:55 am. on KBWC 91.1 FM. For comments contact Melody Patterson, Dir. Of Church Relations 903.927-3391 or email [mpatterson@wileyc.edu](mailto:mpatterson@wileyc.edu)

## 911 Prayer Moment

Friday, September 11, 2009 at 12:30 PM on the Steps of the Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel at Wiley College of Marshall, Texas with students, faculty, staff and local clergy.

## REPORT DAY 2010 January 12

St. Luke's UMC of Kilgore is holding their annual **PUMPKIN PATCH** for the month of October. Their Fall Market and Family Fun Day will be set for October 17. If you are interested in renting a booth to sell your craft and gift items at the Fall Market, contact Mary Helen Craig 983-4965. Food booths are also available.

**Wesley McCabe UMC** of Longview is seeking a director for their Terrific Tuesdays Afterschool Children's Program. Interested persons, please call Rev. Virginia Wall at 903.758-8091

**Ranger Baseball Game and Mercy Me Concert**, September 19. Tickets \$25 for game and concert, hosted by Pittsburg First UMC. To reserve a seat on the van, call Youth Director Kathy Wootten 856-2839.

**Gilmer First UMC** is seeking a Part Time Church Music Director. Call the church office for a job description and/or application. 903.843-2610. 105 N. Montgomery St., Gilmer 75644  
Rev. Ken Calhoun

**Free**, in Texarkana Office: Camp Edge Starter Kit for VBS, SS Cokesbury Mat.

## The Texas Annual Conference

### The United Methodist Church

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#### Church Safety Seminar

Longview Police Department  
Longview Police Chaplains Assn.

September 24, 2009  
At Fellowship Bible Church  
4600 McCann Rd.  
Longview, TX 75606  
Cost \$10 9 am–4 PM  
RSVP at [churchsafetylongview@gmail.com](mailto:churchsafetylongview@gmail.com)

#### **Topics:**

Church Safety Awareness.  
7 Lines of Defense  
Eyes and Ears Team  
Disruptive individuals and suspicious behavior  
Protecting against sexual predators at houses of worship.

#### Conference Wide UMW

#### Fall Festival & Annual Meeting

September 25–26, 2009

“Telling our Story: Women with Many gifts Unified by Christ’s Spirit”

Lakeview Conference Center  
registration Friday 2 PM–5 PM  
Program resources  
Displays  
Hospitality  
Gift Shop

Register contact is Debra Wroblewski at 281.658-5801 or [mstex7@yahoo.com](mailto:mstex7@yahoo.com)

#### FIVE DAY ACADEMY

For

#### Spiritual Formation

November 1 –6, 2009  
*Sunday 5 PM through Friday lunch*

Lakeview Methodist Conference Center Palestine, Texas

Offers a daily rhythm designed for rest and renewal. The rhythm also includes time for worship, study, silence and solitude, prayer, spiritual friends; all within the context of Christian community. After you register, additional information will be sent regarding the daily schedule and reading recommendations. Cost: \$450 by Oct. 1; includes lodging, all meals, snacks, materials and tuition. 713.441-6297