



The United Methodist Church
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April 2011

**APPOINTMENT INFORMATION
CURRENT THROUGH MARCH 28, 2011**

Retirements (Upon approval at the Clergy Session of Annual Conference)

- James L. Bacon (PL) - Center Grove
- Charles Cooper, (FE) - Trumann / Tyrnza
- Ronnie Eldridge, (PL) - Lewisville
- John Farthing (FE) - Greenbrier, First
- Denman L. Gillett (FE) - Salem, Benton
- Fred Haustein (FE) - Saint James, Little Rock
- Daryl Hines, (FL) - Foreman
- Chester Jones (FE) - South Central District
- Ed Kerr (FE) - Incapacity
- Nicholas C. Lascaro (FE) - Bull Shoals / Yellville
- Aline McCracken, (PL) - Cedar Grove / Floral
- Ralph G. Riley, (PL) - Lisbon
- Gene M. Ross, (PL) - Friendship
- Sidney Royce Savage, (AM) - Sparkman Charge
- David D. Scroggin (AM) - Wesley, Russellville
- James Scruggs, (AM) - White Memorial
- David M. Smith (PL) - Everton / Valley Springs
- Billie Jean Tate (FE) - Incapacity
- Virginia Sue Trexler (FL) - Incapacity
- Julia Beth Turner (FE) - Concord, Lonoke
- Raymond Vining (FL) - Cabot, Associate
- Edward Warren (FE) - Leslie / Marshall
- Keenan C. Williams, (FE) - Old Washington
- Billy D. Wise (PL) - Dogwood Charge

Retirements (Prior to 2011 Annual Conference)

- Don J. Hewett (PL)
- Bruce T. Howard (FE)
- Margaret Sue Kelly (FD)
- Kay Wiggins (FD)

Incapacity Leave

- Regina Gideon (FE) - Conway, First, Associate

Other

- Susan Howe - Faith, Little Rock (taking appt in Great Britain)
- Harry Cross - Grace, Rogers (appointed military chaplin)
- Judyth Ross - Bayou Meto (taking CPE program for a year)
- Dane Womack (PL) - Plummerville (going to seminary)
- Josh Allen (PL) - Cleveland / Overcup (going to seminary)

Confirmed Full Time Appointment Changes (to begin July 1)

Any additional or different full time appointments you may hear other than those confirmed by the cabinet are not helpful to repeat. Doing so can provide false and damaging expectations to pastors and churches, or even jeopardize an intended appointment by releasing information before the congregation has an opportunity to receive it from their district superintendent. Please use discretion when speculating!

- Sieg Johnson - Little Rock: Saint James, Sr. Pastor
- Jeff Weaver (FL) -- Trumann/Tyrnza
- Lynn Kilbourne (PE) -- First Conway, Associate (effective May 1)
- Donnie Hudson (FE) -- Bull Shoals/Yellville
- Steve Brizzi (FE) --Green Forest
- Bill Fish (FE) -- Prescott
- Tony Hill (FE) -- Osceola
- John Embrey (FE) -- Lakeside, Lake Village
- James Wainscott (FE) -- Murfreesboro
- Harriet Akins-Banman (FE) -- Faith, Little Rock
- Sue Howe (FE) -- extension ministry in Great Britain
- Aubrietta Jones (FE) -- Pulaski Heights, Associate

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(CONTINUED) Confirmed Full Time Appointment Changes (to begin July 1)

- Rodney Steele (FE) -- Mountain Home
- Larry Martineau (FE) -- Lonoke
- Jeff Jones (FE) -- Grace Community, Fort Smith
- Stephen Dickinson (FE) -- Sardis/Grace
- Zack Underwood (FE) -- Grace, Rogers
- DeeDee Autry (FE) -- Wesley, Russellville
- Ben Crismon (PE) -- Cabot, Associate
- Josh Ditmer (FE) -- transfer to Indiana Conference
- Danyelle Ditmer (PE) -- transfer to Indiana Conference

**DISTRICT PASTORS' MEETING
REGARDING IMAGINE MINISTRY**

On Wednesday, May 25th, **ALL SOUTHEAST DISTRICT PASTORS** are invited to meet with Kurt Boggan of the Imagine Ministry Team to ask questions and offer feedback. The actual meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff at 1:00 pm. However, all pastors are invited to a complimentary lunch at a restaurant in Pine Bluff at 11:30 am. (Restaurant to be announced at a later date). Please make your reservations to this meeting by contacting the district office so we can choose a restaurant that is large enough.

**ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011
JUNE 5, 2011 - JUNE 8, 2011
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS**

In April the pre-conference journal packets will be sent along with registration information. To get the best rates and rooms, please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. For additional housing information and options, go to www.hotsprings.org then click on "Places to Stay" and then click on "Hotels/Motels" or "Bed and Breakfast". When you call be sure and say you are with the "Methodist Conference" to obtain low rates. Below is a list of some hotels to call. You can find a complete list on the district website: www.umcsed.org (go to the calendar and click on the dates of annual conference). If you have any questions, please contact the district office.

ATTACHED TO THE CONVENTION CENTER:

Embassy Suites, 501-624-9200, \$144
Austin Hotel, 305 Malvern Avenue, 501-623-6600, \$85.00

ONE MILE OR LESS FROM CONVENTION CENTER:

Arlington Hotel & Spa, 239 Central Avenue, 800-643-1502, \$97
Travel Lodge, 1204 Central Ave., 501-321-1332, \$69 (pet friendly), \$10
Howard Johnson, 400 West Grand, 501-624-4441, \$85

ONE TO THREE MILES FROM CONVENTION CENTER:

Comfort Suites, 320 Nash St., 501-624-3800 (breakfast incl.), \$119
Springs Hotel (Downtown), 135 Central Ave., 501-624-5521, \$79.95
Best Western, 2520 Central Ave., 501-624-2531, \$119
Candlwood Suites, 3404 Central Ave., 501-624-4000 (full kitchen), \$99
Red Roof Inn & Suites, 1125 E. Grand Ave., 501-624-4441, \$59

FOUR MILES FROM CONVENTION CENTER:

Hampton Inn, 151 Temperance Hill Rd., 501-525-7000 (breakfast incl.), \$120

For more hotels and information, please visit the district website at: [umcsed.org](http://www.umcsed.org) or the conference website at: <http://www.arumc.org/ac2011>.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 L.O. Taylor
 19 Kennis Key
 24 Kirk Doering
 28 Joe Glover

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DON'T FORGET ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY APRIL 27th



VITAL SIGNS SEMINAR – SATURDAY, APRIL 16th! “How Vital is your Church?”

WHEN: Saturday, April 16th, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, 6701 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock

COST: \$15 person, lunch included.

(Registration includes meals, worship events & workshop materials)

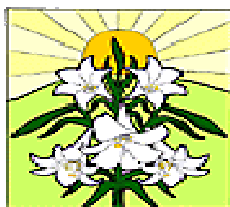
Join us for a day of worship, training and discussion centered around the vitality and effectiveness of our congregations. There will be five Imagine Ministry Workshops along with additional workshops on older adult ministry, church finances, grant writing and more.

This is a most important training event for laity and clergy! The 2011 Vital Signs event centers on Imagine Ministry. The Imagine Ministry Team has worked for more than a year to discern how United Methodists in Arkansas can do ministry in a new way. A presentation, keynote address and five workshops will involve Vital Signs participants in the Imagine Ministry process, while giving a preview of related proposals to be made at Annual Conference in June.

The keynote speaker will be Gil Rendle. Rendle serves as a consultant working with issues of change and leadership in denominations and large churches. An ordained United Methodist minister, Rendle served as senior pastor of two urban congregations in Pennsylvania for sixteen years and as a denominational consultant for The United Methodist Church for nine years. With an extensive background in organizational development, systems theory and leadership developments, Gil works with groups wrestling with denominational and congregational change. He is the author of six books, including: *Journey in the Wilderness: New Life for Mainline Churches* (Abingdon Press, 2010).

Register: Register by April 12, 2011. To register use the brochure given to each church and pastor; register online: www.arumc.org/register or call the district office: (870) 367-3365.

**WE WISH EVERYONE
IN THE DISTRICT
A “HAPPY EASTER”!**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING 2010

April 30, 2011

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

First United Methodist Church-Little Rock

For more information or to download a flyer and registration form, visit the conference website: www.arumc.org, then click on the date on the calendar, then click on link. If you have any questions, please contact the district office.