



The United Methodist Church
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April 2010

**APPOINTMENT INFORMATION
CURRENT THROUGH APRIL 5, 2010**

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

- Jay Culpepper (Carlisle)
- Vic Nixon (Pulaski Heights)
- David Prothro (Southwest District)
- Guy Whitney (North Little Rock: First)
- Jim Brooks (Pine Bluff: Lakeside)
- Don Eubanks (Paris)
- Pat Litts (Hughes)
- Betty Scull (Wesley Chapel / Philander Smith Wesley Fd. Assoc.)

Incapacity Leave

- Marcia Dodd (N.L.R., Lakewood Associate) effective April 1, 2010

Sabbatical effective at Annual Conference

- Tom Frase (Russellville First)

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!

- Steve Coburn to Springdale: First, Senior Pastor
- David Jones to Benton: First, Senior Pastor
- Scott Gallimore to Hot Springs: Piney Grove
- Davis Thompson to North Little Rock: First, Senior Pastor
- Keith Goza to Searcy: First, Senior Pastor
- Little Rock: Pulaski Heights, Senior Pastor – Britt Skarda
- Southwest District – C.E. McAdoo
- Hot Springs Village, Senior Pastor – George McCoy
- Pine Bluff: Lakeside, Senior Pastor – Pam Estes
- Hot Springs: Grand Avenue – George Rook
- Russellville: First, Senior Pastor – Roy Smith
- Conference Director – Phil Hathcock
- Central District – Dede Roberts

LAY SPEAKER TRAINING TO BE HELD
SUNDAY, APRIL 25 AND SUNDAY, MAY 2 AT MONTICELLO FIRST

The Basic and Advanced classes are ten (10) hours, with five (5) hours taught each Sunday. Registration will be at 1:30 pm on the 25th with classes starting at 2:00 pm. Supper is included both Sundays in the registration fee of \$20.00. Call the district office or visit the district website to obtain a registration form. Registration Forms must be submitted no later than April 15th to Jimmie Boyd, 1110 Wooley Road, Rison, AR 71665. Please make checks payable to Southeast District UMC.

- **The Basic Course (Preparation for Certified)** - This will prepare you to be a "Local Lay Speaker".
- **2 Advanced Courses** - This is for those who are Certified or have only had the previous Basic Course. This is a ten (10) hour course.
 - **Course 1: Sermon Preparation Class**
 - **Course 2: Lay Speakers Lead in Storytelling**
- **Youth Basic Class** - (For all youth 13 years and up).
- **Local Lay Speaker Class** - (4 hrs on April 25th or 4 hrs on May 2nd and should be taken every 3

VITAL SIGNS SEMINAR – SATURDAY, APRIL 17th!
“Catch: Attracting and Connecting Visitors”

WHEN: Saturday, April 17th, 9:30 am – 3:45pm

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

COST: \$20 person, lunch included. (5 or more, the cost is \$15 per person.)

(Registration includes meals, worship events & workshop materials)

This is a most important training event for laity and clergy! Vital Signs provides annual training for pastors and laity searching for ways to grow their congregations both spiritually and physically. The keynote speaker and workshop leaders provide hands-on and practical training that participants can implement in their local settings, regardless of size.

The keynote speaker will be Debi Nixon. Debi is the Executive Director of Adult Discipleship and Catalyst Ministry for the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, which is one of the fastest growing, most influential mainline churches in America. She currently leads the Adult Discipleship team focused on connection ministries, small groups, affinity ministry, leadership development, and missions. She is also the team leader for renewal of the church through conferencing, leadership teaching events and special initiatives. Debi is the author of *CATCH: Connecting and Attracting Visitors* and *Catch a New Life* by Abingdon Press. After lunch, each participant can attend two of the 25 workshops of their choice. Bring several laity from your church, so more workshops can be attended.

Three Ways to Register: use the brochure sent to each church and pastor; register online: www.arumc.org/register or call the district office: (870) 367-3365.

ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010
JUNE 6, 2010 - JUNE 9, 2010
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, \$95

Travel Lodge, 1204 Central Ave., 501-321-1332 (pet friendly, \$10) \$69

Howard Johnson, 400 West Grand, 501-624-4441, \$85

Red Roof Inn & Suites, 1125 E. Grand, 501-624-3321 (newly renovated) \$66

ONE TO THREE MILES FROM CONVENTION CENTER:

Comfort Inn & Suites, 3627 Central Ave., 501-623-1700, (free wireless), \$110

Comfort Suites, 320 Nash St., 501-624-3800 (breakfast incl.), \$119

Springs Hotel (Downtowner), 135 Central Ave., 501-624-5521, \$80

Best Western, 2520 Central Ave., 501-624-2531, \$90

Candlwood Suites, 3404 Central Ave., 501-624-4000 (full kitchen), \$99

FOUR MILES FROM CONVENTION CENTER:

Hampton Inn, 151 Temperance Hill Rd., 501-525-7000 (breakfast incl.), \$104



**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**DON'T FORGET
ADMINISTRATIVE
PROFESSIONALS DAY
APRIL 21st**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING 2010

April 24, 2010
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Maumelle First United Methodist Church

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.

BISHOP'S WEEK 2010

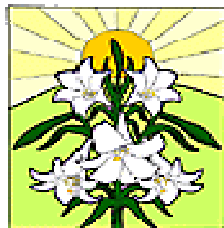
MOUNT SEQUOYAH CONFERENCE CENTER

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 23-26

This event is for all United Methodist laity, clergy and conference staff. The Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction invite ALL to attend. For complete information go to www.mountsequoyah.org and click on programs.

Watch for Registration and Brochure to follow soon

**WE WISH EVERYONE
IN THE DISTRICT
A "HAPPY EASTER"!**



**MOVER'S START UP RETREAT
May 18th-19th
Philander Smith College**

Clergy who are moving in June are required to attend the training retreat. This is to help the family adjust, make sure old church is left in good shape and prepare to start a new ministry.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

- District Leadership Team will be meeting on Tuesday, April 6th at 6:30 pm at Monticello First UMC