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**February 2010**

### **2009 Shared Ministries Apportionment Payout (Final)**

I want to thank everyone who worked hard in our district to help us meet our shared ministry obligations. The churches in our district fulfilled 93% of their portion of the shared ministries. Of the 105 churches, all but nine paid 100%. Only three did not pay at all. We have a great district. Of the nine districts, only three had a higher percentage payout, even though we are economically disadvantaged. The conference received 90% of the budget apportioned to the churches.

### **Appointment Matters!**

Yes, our appointments do matter. It is that time of the year when clergy and churches consult with the superintendents about gifts, abilities, needs, and effectiveness. It is a time when rumors are half way around the world before the truth can get its pants on. A few thoughts as we near March Madness:

- The bishop and cabinet do not see themselves as “clergy agents” who find jobs for clergy. We see ourselves increasingly as “matchmakers” for the kingdom. We do not represent the pastor or the church, yet we want the best for both. Naturally, we strongly desire with God’s help to put pastors and churches together with the right chemistry to “share Christ, grow disciples, and heal hurts.”
- If you are generally happy with your appointments from year to year, you are likely to be happy the next one as well. Conversely, if you have generally been unhappy with your appointments...
- If your hobby is the Kitchen Cabinet, and you like to speculate on appointments, remember that you are playing with matches. People sometimes get burned with rumors. On the cabinet we are very aware that careers and families and congregations are at stake. Do not call someone and tell them you heard they might be going to First Church Big Town. It only sets them up for a huge let down. If they are going, I am sure that will let you know as soon as they can, without your prompting!

### **M.A.G. Meetings Up and Runnings**

Six of the nine Ministry Accountability Groups have already been meeting! The other three plan to meet soon. I am grateful to David Bush, Monty Bell, Fred Arnold, David Fleming, Russell Moore, and Tony Hill for reporting that they have already met. And I want to thank Bill Eason, Skip French, and Hammett Evans for accepting the challenge to lead a group as well. The early reports indicate that this fellowship is meeting a need in a district where it is easy to become isolated.

LOCAL PASTORS MEETING IN FEBRUARY WITH  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY

**THURSDAY., FEBRUARY 4TH  
BRINKLEY 1ST**

3:00 Joe Glover  
3:25 Ted Edmondson  
3:50 Ike Mohr  
4:15 L.O. Taylor  
4:40 Richard Rogers  
5:05 John Love  
5:30 Kennis Key  
5:55 Judyth Ross

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH  
PINE BLUFF: GOOD FAITH CARR**

3:00 Judyth Ross  
3:25 Alicia Frye  
3:50 Bill Ferguson  
4:15 George Mitchell  
4:40 Linda Duncan  
5:05 James Conn  
5:30 Supper Break  
5:55 David Morgan  
6:20 Mary Welch  
6:45 George Crumbly  
7:10 Jason Ferguson

**GRAND AVENUE UMY**  
*Proudly presents the*



*Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.*

***No Admission for the event!!!!***

*Love Offering will be taken.*

*7<sup>th</sup> and Grand Stuttgart, AR*

*870-673-6317 or*

*870-672-3119*

*For more information*

## LAITY CONVOCATION 2010

**St. James UMC, 321 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas  
February 13, 2010 from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Who should attend:** Individuals serving as Lay Leaders, Certified Lay Speakers or any lay member of the annual conference interested in the conversation about the Wesleyan model of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

- The United Methodist Way
- How we can regain the passion for our founders
- Reconnection with our Wesleyan core values
- Reawaken our hearts for ministry with the poor
- The revitalization of the United Methodist Church in Arkansas

**Registration:** is \$10.00 for an individual; \$5.00 each for five or more individuals attending from the same church. Registration includes meals, worship and workshop materials. Free childcare is available with advance registration. **Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 9th.**

**To register online or to download a registration form visit [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org), under events click on Laity Convocation 2010.** If not registering online, please complete one registration form for each individual attending and send one payment for churches with multiple attendees. Mail registration and payment to: Arkansas Conference, Attn: Convocation Registration, 2 Trudie Kibbe Reed Drive, Little Rock, AR 72202.

### Year End Reports

Thanks to all Churches for their diligence in sending in their end of the year reports by the deadline imposed by the Annual Conference. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

## **VALENTINE DAY SPECIAL MARRIAGE RETREAT IN BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS**

You are invited to attend a Marriage Retreat at the Courtyard by Marriot in Bentonville, Arkansas, on February 12-14, 2010. Being together on Valentine's Day will be a special treat that will create wonderful memories for years to come. Topics covered include marriage in today's world, God's desire for marriage, spousal communication, listening and expressing and accepting feelings. This ministry has touched the lives of thousands of married couples locally and around the globe. The weekend will be led by a team from Marriage Encounter-United Methodist which is recognized by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. Now is the time to register to assure a place on the weekend. You can register at [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org) or by contacting Karen or Phil Gier at (479) 876-5371 or [plgier@yahoo.com](mailto:plgier@yahoo.com) for more information. Do it now!

**2010 VERITAS  
(Conference Youth Event)**

**Date: February 26 - February 28**

**Time: 5:30 pm - 11:30 am**

**Location: Hot Springs Convention Center**

Veritas 2010, an event sponsored by the Arkansas Conference and the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries (ACCYM), is open to all youth entering grades 7-12 for the upcoming school year.

To register online go to [www.arumc.org/register](http://www.arumc.org/register). To print a registration form and medical release forms go to [www.arumc.org/veritas](http://www.arumc.org/veritas). For more information, contact Michelle Moore (501) 329-3801 or [mmoore@conwayfumc.org](mailto:mmoore@conwayfumc.org).

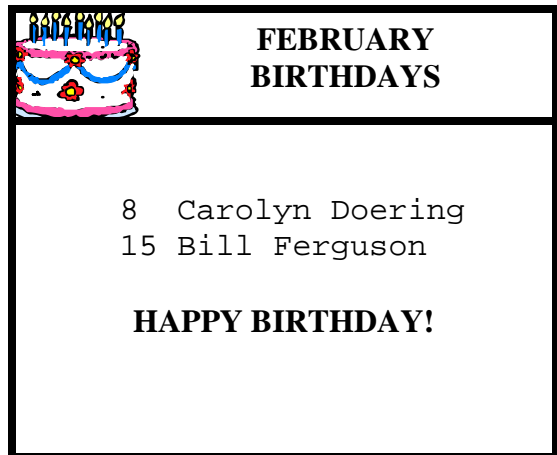
Registration: \$35.00 if your registration is received by February 1 and \$55 if your registration is received after February 1.

**ARKANSAS COURSE OF STUDY AT  
HENDRIX COLLEGE  
Spring 2010 Session**

Registration deadline: Must be in our office no later than February 8th.

Dates: March 13, April 10, May 8

Registration Fee: \$50.00 (paid by District)



**2010 SMALL CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
March 8-12, 2010  
Mt. Sequoyah Conference Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas**

For more information and to register online click on the following link:  
[Small Church Leadership Institute Flyer and Registration](#)

**CONFIRMATION DAY WITH THE  
BISHOP**

**CONFIRMATION DAY with Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield** will be Saturday, March 13, 2010.

