



The United Methodist Church  
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**July 2009**

## **HOW MIGHT OUR MINISTRIAL ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS (MAG) BE FORMED?**

- **Size:** No less than five or more than ten in a group (6-8 is ideal)
- **Members:** All appointed clergy (elders, deacons, associate, full time, part time, retired clergy and assigned lay speakers are eligible)
- **Frequency:** Starting in August, once a month (no less than 9 times a year)
- **Time:** Less than Two hours (an hour and a half is ideal)
- **Travel:** Less than an hour one way (30 minutes ideal)
- **Leaders:** Elders (chosen and trained by the superintendent)
- **Required?** Choosing to be a part of a group is optional. Once a group is formed and a covenant is signed by the clergy, the clergy are expected to honor the covenant for the year.

Here is a suggested list of clusters that might work:

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| <b>HELENA AREA:</b>   | <b>PINE BLUFF:<br/>GROUP ONE</b>  | <b>STUTTGART<br/>AREA:</b>   | <b>FORDYCE<br/>AREA:</b>  | <b>HAMBURG AREA:</b>  |
| Carolyn Doering<br>Kirk Doering<br>Richard Rogers<br>John Love<br>Ike Mohr<br>L.O. Taylor<br>Kennis Key<br>Monty Bell | Jim Brooks<br>David Morgan<br>Edna Morgan<br>J.J. Galloway<br>David Fleming<br>James Conn<br>Hank Wilkins<br>Bryan Diffie                         | George Rook<br>David Bush<br>Chuck Coffelt<br>Walt Lowe<br>Larry Martineau<br>Mary Welch<br>Judyth Ross  | Hammett Evans<br>Royce Savage<br>Jonah Smith<br>L.T. Marks<br>Mark Rivers<br>Travis Jackson<br>Buddy Hamner             | David Moore<br>Carol Moore<br>Russell Moore<br>Boyd Savage<br>Terrie Lynn Bunnell<br>Chryl Slocum |
| <b>BRINKLEY AREA:</b>   | <b>PINE BLUFF:<br/>GROUP TWO</b>  | <b>RISON AREA:</b>   | <b>MCGEHEE<br/>AREA:</b>  | <b>NOT SURE<br/>WHICH GROUP</b>   |
| James "Skip" French<br>Ted Edmondson<br>Bill Thompson<br>Joe Glover<br>George Crumbly<br>Donald Lewert                | Roger Armstrong<br>Mike Wilkie<br>Linda Duncan<br>George Mitchell<br>Fred Arnold<br>Jason Ferguson<br>Lee Zuehlke<br>Alicia Frye<br>Dave Richards | Jim Stone<br>Garry Wiles<br>Gary Maskell<br>Melissa Maskell<br>Charles Cauley<br>Marty Reep<br>John Kidwell<br>Don Johnson<br>Maurice Caldwell | Mary Love Loftis<br>Bart Bynum<br>Glen Pettus<br>Hardy Peacock<br>Tony Hill<br>Gene White<br>Bill Eason<br>Kavan Dodson | Bill Ferguson<br>Danny Dunlap<br>Tom Abney<br>John Shafer   |



Happy 4th  
of July!  
The District  
Office will  
be closed on  
July 3rd.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

|    |               |
|----|---------------|
| 2  | Mark Rivers   |
| 22 | Kavan Dodson  |
| 24 | David Moore   |
| 26 | Royce Savage  |
| 26 | Fred Arnold   |
| 29 | Dennis Spence |
| 30 | Carol Moore   |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## CLUSTER ADVANCED LAY SPEAKING CLASSES TO BE HELD AT STUTTGART FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Saturday, July 18, 2009, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
(lunch & morning/afternoon snacks provided)

**AND**

**Saturday, July 25, 2009, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
(morning snack provided-no lunch)

Registration Fee: \$20.00 (covers cost of book and food)

To register and for questions, please contact Nan Nelson at:

- (870) 672-7805, if no answer, leave message
- By email: [snnelson@centurytel.net](mailto:snnelson@centurytel.net)
- Leave message at FUMC Stuttgart church office, (870) 673-1131

Note: Advance Lay Speaking Classes meet for a total of 10 hours so that participants completing the course can be Certified. Advanced Lay Speaking Classes are open to persons who have completed the Basic Lay Speaking Course and those who are renewing certification.

## GRADY UNITED METHDODIST CHURCH HOMECOMING CELEBRATION!

**Sunday, July 26, 2009**

**Celebration Worship 11:00 am - Potluck Gathering After**

The preacher for this event will be Rev. Charlie Settle. Rev. Charlie Settle started out at Grady UMC at his first pastor appointment and this year was appointed as District Superintendent of the North District of the Arkansas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Bear Creek Camp Trustees Board:** Sunday, August 2nd, 3:30 pm @ Bear Creek Camp.
- **District Trustees Board:** Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. (May attend in person at the district parsonage or by conference call.) We will prepare a report to take to District Conference and review the district parsonage needs.
- **District Conference:** Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. (location not set yet) We will approve a slate of officers for the coming year and approve a 2010 Budget.



### LOCAL PASTORS - HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR COURSE OF STUDY?

**Dates for Fall Session 2009: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14**

The last day to register is August 12, 2009. Please mail your registration form to the district office no later than Friday, August 1st. For a registration form visit the Conference website at: [arumc.org](http://arumc.org) or call the district office at (870) 367-3365.

### WHATS HAPPENING AT UAM WESLEY FOUNDATION!

To find out, click on the following link to view/print a copy of their June Newsletter  
<http://umcsed.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=35810&PG=Groups&LID=&CID=27865>

### INFORMATION NEEDED

- If you are a new pastor in the district and have not done so, you need to sign up on the district website: [umcsed.org](http://umcsed.org). This information is very important because it allows us to have your most current contact information. (Please be sure and include birthday information and email)
- Also, if you are already signed on the district website, please login and review your contact information. (Please make changes so that we have your most current contact information).
- If there is anything you would like included in the newsletter that may be of interest to others in the district, please email it to us at [audrea@umcsed.org](mailto:audrea@umcsed.org)

## COUNSELING SERVICES FOR CLERGY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Provided by the Laurence E. Schmidt Center and Board of Ordained Ministry of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Cost: in 2009 only \$50 per session. This can be filed by clergy on their insurance program.

The Laurence E. Schmidt Center (LSC) will provide a monthly report to the conference on the total number of persons seen and number of sessions. **Neither the conference nor the superintendents will be shared information about who is using the service or the nature of the information.** (By law any counselor is obligated to tell the proper authorities of persons who are suicidal, homicidal, or who report current abuse of a child or elderly person.)

Here is a list of centers and numbers in and around our district:

- Southeast District:  
Amy McGhee, Monticello (870-367-9035)  
Kathy Carmical, Dermott (870-723-2142)  
Sister Judy Warmbold, Daughters of Charity Services of Arkansas, Dumas (870-382-4878)
- Central District Southwest:  
Dr. Ed McColghan, Little Rock (501-224-9262)  
Dr. John Russ, Little Rock (501-225-5058)  
Dr. Barry Wingfield, Sherwood (501-837-4486)  
Rebecca Spooner, The Laurence Schmidt Center, Little Rock (501-664-7777)
- South Central District:  
Gary Teeter, Daily Bread Counseling, Bryant (501-847-2229)  
Jim Flowers, Grace Meadow Counseling, Bryant (501-920-1901)
- Southwest District:  
Lyn Worthen, El Dorado (870-863-7177)  
Nita Cage, Camden (870-574-0591)  
Dr. Linda English, Prescott (870-230-5237)

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE SET FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH  
AT 4:00 P.M. (LOCATION NOT SET)**