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March 2010

Imagine Ministry Regional Meetings

As you are already aware, a group of our Conference leaders have been working over the past months to discern the direction of United Methodism in Arkansas. This effort has been titled **Imagine Ministry**.

This month a series of regional events will give us our first opportunity to hear from the **Imagine Ministry** team, and will distribute materials to help our churches prepare for the work we will do at Annual Conference.

While none of them are held in our district, three are on the outskirts, making it close to most of us.

- Pulaski Heights UMC, Sunday afternoon, March 7, 3:00 until 5:00 pm.
- Wynne, First UMC, Sunday afternoon, March 21, 3:00 until 5:00 pm.
- Camden, First UMC, **Saturday morning**, March 27, 9:00 until 11:00 am.

You may attend any one of these, but *the clergy and laity from your church should all attend the same gathering.* It's that important!

Bishop Crutchfield asks that every pastor attend, along with at least two laity. If possible, he asks that at least one of your laypersons be under the age of forty. I'm attaching the Bishop's e-mail below.

Thank you for your faithful leadership,
Dennis W. Spence

Letter from Bishop Charles Crutchfield.....

Dear Colleagues:

*You have already received information about the four regional events related to the Imagine Ministry team's work. Please communicate in the best manner you see fit to the clergy and laity of your district that **participation is important and expected**. There will be packets of information passed out at the meetings that will bear on activities at annual conference. These regional events and the "homework" from the local churches will provide extremely useful information for the remainder of the IM teams work. It is our expectation that this information will be crucial to the future shape of the church in ministry in Arkansas.*

People can attend anyone of the events, but the teams from local churches should be present at the same event.

The local church should have present the pastor and at least two laity. Hopefully, one of the laity will be under the age of 40 and will agree to lead the "homework" discussion in the local church.

Thank you for getting this out to your district.

*Faithfully,
Charles Crutchfield*

A Tight Appointment Season Underway!

The bishop and cabinet met last week to overview the appointment challenges. We have fourteen full time openings due to retirement, death, or new positions. We have twelve seminary graduates ready for full time ministry that must be placed! We also have an elder returning from a tour of duty and an elder coming off of extension ministry to go back into the local church. That totals fourteen clergy that must receive an appointment, and fourteen full time positions open in the conference! Please pray for the cabinet as we make decisions that affect careers and churches throughout Arkansas.

**SPANISH BASIC LAY SPEAKING TO BE OFFERED
AT LAKESIDE, PINE BLUFF**

A Basic Lay Speaking Course in Spanish will be held at Lakeside UMC, 1500 S. Olive, Pine Bluff, on May 28 and 29. The course will be taught by Rev. Mary Hoey and Mr. Jim Hoey, both of whom are fluent in Spanish and have been missionaries in South America. Jim has recently retired from Heifer International, where his work took him to the Spanish speaking world as well as to Africa. The course is designed to be an intensive course which will begin on Friday, May 28, 7:00-9:30 p.m.. It will resume on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

To for more information contact Karen Branton at (501) 324-8022.



Garage Sale

Date: 3-6-10
Time: 8 AM to 10 PM

UAM WESLEY FOUNDATION, UAM CAMPUS, RED BRICK BUILDING WITH GREEN ROOF, NEXT TO THE TENNIS COURTS

<p>All proceeds from the rummage sale will be used to benefit the UAM Wesley Foundation. Any items not sold will be given to the Wilson Chapel UMC mission in Warren.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean out that garage! We'll be happy to take it off your hands! • Call us if you need us to pick up donations. Wesley-870-367-5966 or Cell-870-735-6626
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**CONFIRMATION DAY
WITH THE BISHOP**

CONFIRMATION DAY with **Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield** will be Saturday, March 13th, from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at Pulaski Height United Methodist Church, 4823 Woodlawn Drive, Little Rock, AR.

**BEAR CREEK CAMP
WORK DAY**

**March 13, 2010
8:00 am until ???
Bring rakes and leaf blowers
Lunch will be provided!**



Just a reminder that on Sunday, March 14 Daylight Savings Time begins and you lose an hour of sleep !

**VITAL SIGNS
2010 WORKSHOPS**
Training for Pastors and Local Church Leaders
April 17, 2010

Please mark the date on your calendar. For more information, visit the Conference website: arumc.org.



**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Ike Mohr
- 6 Evelyn Shackelford
- 13 Dave Richards
- 13 Monty Bell
- 17 Richard Rogers
- 29 George Mitchell
- 31 David Morgan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 2010 LAY SPEAKER'S SCHOOL

- When:** Sunday, April 25, 2010 and Sunday, May 2, 2010, from 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm each Sunday
- Registration:** 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm each Sunday
- Where:** Monticello First United Methodist Church
317 South Main Street
Monticello, Arkansas
- What Courses:** **Basic Course** - Lay Speaking Course (prepares you to be a "Local Lay Speaker")
Course Time: 5 hours on April 25th and 5 hours on May 2nd
Lead by: Donna Hamilton
- Advanced Courses:** (those who are Certified or have only had prev. Basic Course)
- Course 1: *Sermon Preparation*
Course Time: 5 hours on April 25h and 5 hours on May 2nd
Lead by : TBA
- Course 2: *Lay Speakers Lead in Storytelling*
Course Time: 5 hours on April 25th and 5 hours on May 2nd
Lead by Pastor Roger Armstrong
- Youth Basic Course**
Course Time: 5 hours on April 25th and 5 hours on May 2nd
Lead by : TBA
- Local Lay Speaker** - (refresher course)
Course Time: **2:30 pm –6:30 pm** on April 25th **OR** May 2nd
Lead by: Allyne Solomon
- Cost:** \$20.00 includes materials and a meal on Sunday (meal will be served each Sunday at 5:00 pm)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All Certified Lay Speakers: You must be re-certified (10 hours) at least every 3 years! (This includes Lay Speakers serving as Lay Pastors). **Also,** a minimum of 4 hours of training for "Local Church Lay Speakers Only" every 3 years (required in order to stay on Lay Speaker list).

Lay Speaking Ministries: Lay Speaking Ministries covers much more than Pulpit Supply! We help the Pastor in Bible Studies, Children's Sermons, Chairing Church Committees, Worship, Song, Visitation and many other types of Ministry in and out of the Church. We recognize that not all Lay Speakers want to be in the Pulpit — that is okay. Please enrich your knowledge of Church Service by attending Lay Speaker School, and growing with us. Come to our classes and share your story! Please invite someone else to come! See you there!

Jimmie Boyd , Director
Southeast District Lay Speaking Ministries

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FOR REGISTRATION FORM**

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please mail before April 15, 2010, with \$20 registration fee)

Please print:

Name: _____ Church: _____ District: _____
First/Last

Address: _____
Street City/Zip

Phone: _____
Home # Office # Cell #

Email Address: _____

Position or Service in your Church: _____

Special Dietary Needs or Health Issues: _____

Please check one of the following statements:

_____ I am seeking TRAINING for the first time (or my certification lapsed) and will attend **THE ADULT BASIC COURSE**

_____ I am Certified or have previously completed only Basic Course, and I will attend an **ADVANCED COURSE**. Please circle one you wish to attend:

Course 1: Sermon Preparation OR Course 2: Lay Speakers Lead in Storytelling

_____ I will be attending the four hour **LOCAL LAY SPEAKER CLASS** (required once every 3 years to keep my Local Lay Speaker status) (2:30 pm - 6:30 pm) Which Day? _____

_____ I will be attending **BASIC YOUTH LAY SPEAKING CLASS**.

_____ Please remove my name from Lay Speaker list (hope no one checks this one)

_____ I would be willing to serve as a **Teacher/Instructor/Registrar** for one of our classes.
(PLEASE CHECK THIS ONE!)

Please send in your registration form (this form) and the \$20.00 registration fee (check payable to Southeast District UMC) before April 15, 2010 to:

**Jimmie Boyd
1110 Wooley Road
Rison, AR 71665**

If you have questions, please contact Jimmie Boyd: (870) 357-2688 or by email: jb1110@tds.net.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED:

(1) Approximate number of times served in Pulpit Supply in 2009. _____

(2) Approximate number of times serving in other positions in Lay Ministry:

SS Teacher _____, Music _____, Committee _____, Prayer Meetings _____,
Devotionals _____, visit the sick _____, other _____

(3) Please check if you would like to see a class/classes held at your church and would be willing to help organize them. _____

(4) Are you satisfied with the amount of Lay Speaker time you serve? _____

(5) How far (in miles) would you be willing to travel to serve? _____