




Montgomery ~ Opelika District News

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Welcome to Our District

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Thank you to all the wonderful clergy that we have serving in our district! It has been a pleasure serving and working with you this last year. Annual Conference 2010 is over and the following clergy will be making a change.

Those moving within our district are:

Larry Bennett, Sr.:
from Williams chapel/
Society Hill Charge to
Hatchechubbee/Pittsview
Charge

Bob Brown:
from Rutledge/Live
Oak Charge to Goshen
Charge

Fred Grady:
from Hatchechubbee/
Pittsview Charge to Lib-
erty UMC

Tim Thompson:
from Opelika First to
Frazer Memorial

Those involving Charge changes:

Kent Cecil:
Charge changed from
Armstrong/Tuskegee First
Charge to Armstrong
UMC

Patsy Gibson:
Charge changed from
Bowen UMC to Tuskegee
First/Bowen Charge
(Charge change)

Scott Greenwood:
Charge changed from
Loachapoka/Gold Hill
Charge to Pepperell/

Loachapoka/Gold Hill
Charge

*Those that have been
working within our district
but will serve an official
appointment in our dis-
trict:*

Brad Goode: St.
James, associate

Brian Pullin:
Rutledge/Live Oak
Charge

Ben Taylor:
Bradleyton/LaPine
Charge

David Waldrop:
Williams Chapel/
Society Hill Charge

Those new to our district:

Marc Brown:
from another Confer-
ence to Notasulga UMC

Randy Woodham:
from Conference Of-
fice, Marianna/Panama
City D.S. to Opelika First

As happy as we are to have new clergy coming into our district, we must say goodbye to some old friends that will be serving in other districts. We wish them the best in their new location and our prayers go with them.

Barry Carpenter:
from Frazer Memorial
UMC to Destin UMC,
PEN

Ashley Davis:
from Troy Wesley
Foundation to Trinity

UMC, Weoka, MTPT

Hamp Kicklighter:
from Notasulga UMC
to Maplesville UMC,
MTPT

Donald Phillips
from Goshen Charge
to Pine Grove UMC, MOB

Francis Turner
from Mt. Zion to
Whitfield Memorial,
MTPT

Julius Wardley
from Tuskegee Wesley
Foundation to Texas

Jeff Wilson
from Aldersgate UMC
to Dauphin Way UMC,
MOB

Robin Wilson
from the Conference
Office, Director, Board of
Ordained Ministry to Dau-
phin Way, MOB

Special points of interest:

- Montgomery Opelika Upcoming Events
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Please Pray for Us:



Rev. Bobby S. Holladay and Family

Our Churches Our District Our Country Our Nation

You may also submit Prayer request for Clergy and Family on our website

www.themontgomerydistricts.com

C.O.R.E Team Meeting

Montgomery-Opelika District

C.O.R.E. Team Meeting

Monday, July 19th, 2010

6:30 pm

Location TBA

**Please Check out our website for updated
Information.**



Secretary's Corner

To all church secretaries, administrative assistants, and clergy!

This is an exciting time for our churches, some of you are having changes in leadership and some are just breathing a sigh of relief that Annual Conference is over. All of us are gearing up for our Charge Conference in the Fall. It will be here before you know it so start planning now.

For those of you with new clergy coming to your church, you need to remind them that there are a few forms due **now**.

First, we need new compensation forms completed and returned to the District Office. This is the 2-page documents that were in your Charge Conference packets last year; one set for each church and a composite for the charge.

Second, each clergy needs to complete a Biographical Information Form and return to the District Office

Third, each clergy needs to complete a GBPHB Contributions Agreement and send to the Fiscal Office

ALL OF THESE FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT www.themontgomerydistricts.com

For all our clergy families: We will be having a fun greeting/meeting for our clergy to meet those new to our District and to renew old friendships and to receive and discuss the Charge Conference packets. This will be sometime in August so watch for date, time & location.

Other dates already on the calendar are:

Clergy serving their first appointment in our Conference have three meetings to attend: July 19th, August 14th & 19th.

Children's Home Banquet – September 28th

Clergy Christmas Party – December 2nd

Be sure to up-date your church and your membership information on the database. You have access to correct everything related to your church except clergy records. If there is a change in the clergy information, contact me and I will take care of it for you. As always, I am here to help you, please call me whenever you need me.

Linda
334-239-7329

Thank You

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Just in case you
aren't told
enough, thanks
so much for all
you do.



Hello Health Insurance Participants: <https://secure.bcbs.com/walkingworks/> Join us for the next 12 weeks in the *WalkingWorks*® Challenge—a friendly walking competition between July 4, 2010 and September 24, 2010. To register, go to www.walkingworks.com and click on the “Sign Up” link. A screen will appear asking if you are participating in *WalkingWorks* as part of a group—click “Yes.” A drop-down menu will appear with a list of groups. Highlight BCBS of Alabama followed by Alabama West Florida Methodist, AWF Walkers and District Team name. Continuing on the same screen, fill out the registration form by typing your name, e-mail, password, age group, participation level and work zip code. Click “Submit.”

When you have sign up for *WalkingWorks*, you’ll receive a FREE pedometer and a Participant Guide with instructions for tracking the number of steps you walk each week. Once you sign up, you’ll receive weekly e-mail reminders and tips, and you’ll be able to track your personal and team progress on the Web site. For more information, contact Trish Bruner. Rev-

trishl@bellsouth.net or your district team captain. **Team captains are:** Baypines

Bouncers - Beth Price 251-239-9002

Demopolis Darers - Dunford Cole 334-627-3444

Dothan Dominators - Bob Penton 251-575-2790

Marianna Panama City Prancers - Cherie Meadows 850-231-4928

Mobile Motivators - Lynn Fincher 251-873-4721

Montgomery Opelika Optimists - Dan Pezet 334-745-2841

Montgomery Prattville Pacesetters - Olivia Poole 334-365-5977

Pensacola Pioneers - Carolyn Nelson 850-477-3145

AWF Staff Steppers - Meredyth Earnest 334-356-8014 Please watch for

more exciting information about this unique opportunity to improve your health! AND enjoy some friendly competition!

Soul Feast ~ Lake Junaluska July 18 - 22

Are you or the pastors and leaders in your District hungering for spiritual connection and growth or thirsting for a restful break? Nourish your mind, body, and soul July 18-22 in beautiful Lake Junaluska, NC at The Upper Room's spiritual formation event SOULfeast where you can fill up on fresh ideas for your spiritual life and ministry. Learn more about SOULfeast and the NEW daylong retreat, SOULfeast Saturday, July 17; register by June 11th for early bird rates. With the hope that you are having a restful summer. <http://www.lakejunaluska.com/soulfeast/>

Web-based resource provides prayers, information about gulf oil spill

United Methodist General Board of Church & Society page presents faithful response to tragedy, discussion and worship materials.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United Methodist General Board of Church & Society (GBCS) has developed a Web-based resource that addresses the “slow-motion tragedy” of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. “Gulf Coast Resources for Prayer and Action” is available at www.umc-gbcs.org/gulfcoast.

"The tragedy of the gulf oil spill lays bare our collective failure as caretakers of God's good creation," said John Hill, director of Economic & Environmental Justice at GBCS who developed the resource. "While unknown thousands of barrels of oil leak into the rich and diverse ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico, how are we as Christians called to respond?"

The resource offers diverse information intended to help you understand the tragedy that took 11 lives and is threatening shorelines and marine life, possibly as far away as the east coast of the United States.

Nearly half of all U.S. coastal wetlands — over 5 million acres — are located along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico.

WEB NEWS!

We have an exciting addition to our website this month!

Help A Church

This page is for churches in need of resources or for churches that have resources to share! Please feel free to fill out the form located on our website to submit your request. All items will be listed for one month, if your need requires longer than one month you will need to resubmit your request. Please allow up to 24 hours for your request to be processed. Thanks so much, and we hope this will be a valuable resource for sharing in our districts.

All items listed on this page will be post from churches in or around our districts, the purpose is to let churches serve each other. If you have let over VBS materials and would like to donate it, just submit your request online with detailed information, such as pick up and delivery of items, and let us help get the word out. This will be a valuable tool to help share resources. We hope it will benefit you all. Also if you are a church in need of supplies, or program materials would may post your request.

If we as districts work together to serve each other, then we will be able to share God's love with more people. We hope to post your request soon. Book mark this page and check it often, you never know what resource will be available for your Church.

Pews Needed 6/16/2010 We are so excited that the sanctuary of St. Paul UMC, Montgomery, will be getting a badly needed facelift soon! The Alabama State University Wesley Foundation has chosen this as one of their service projects and will begin work soon. They are in the process of determining what can be done and what supplies are needed. The first phase is to replace tile, paint the sanctuary, and stabilize or replace some of the pews. To aid this wonderful project, we are in need of your help. First, we are looking for pews that your church no longer needs/wants that you might donate to St. Paul . Secondly, we will be asking for financial help to purchase the materials needed. And thirdly, we are asking for your on-going prayers for this project and for this church. Please contact Rev. Shelia Smith at 334-202-3856 or justinsmon8880@yahoo.com if you can help in any way.



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