



Montgomery ~ Opelika District News

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HANDY LITTLE CHART - GOD HAS A POSITIVE ANSWER:

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GOD SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
You say: 'It's impossible'	God says: All things are possible	(Luke 18:27)
You say: 'I'm too tired'	God says: I will give you rest	(Matthew 11:28-30)
You say: 'Nobody really loves me'	God says: I love you	(John 3:1 6 & John 3:34)
You say: 'I can't go on'	God says: My grace is sufficient	(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)
You say: 'I can't figure things out'	God says: I will direct your steps	(Proverbs 3:5- 6)
You say: 'I can't do it'	God says: You can do all things	(Philippians 4:13)
You say: 'I'm not able'	God says: I am able	(II Corinthians 9:8)
You say: 'It's not worth it'	God says: It will be worth it	(Roman 8:28)
You say: 'I can't forgive my self'	God says: I Forgive you	(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
You say: 'I can't manage'	God says: I will supply all your needs	(Philippians 4:19)
You say: 'I'm afraid'	God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear	(II Timothy 1:7)
You say: 'I'm always worried and frustrated'	God says: Cast all your cares on ME	(I Peter 5:7)
You say: 'I'm not smart enough'	God says: I give you wisdom	(I Corinthians 1:30)
You say: 'I feel all alone'	God says: I will never leave you or forsake you	(Hebrews 13:5)

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Please Pray for Us:

Judd Stinson and family
Summerville UMC

The Family of
Rev. Tommy Waites

Rev. Patsy Gibson
Bowen UMC



Continue to pray for Haiti

Our Churches Our District Our Country Our Nation

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

www.themontgomerydistricts.com

Joint Clergy Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2010 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Whitfield Memorial UMC

Cost: \$10 (pay at the door) ~ earn .5 CEU credits

(RSVP by Monday, February 1st so we can prepare for lunch)

Click here to RSVP:

<http://themontgomerydistricts.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=45579&PID=665381>

Schedule

9:00 am: DS meeting with pastors with devotional time
Announcements concerning educational & missional opportunities

10:00 ~ 12:00: First session with Drs. John Ed Mathison & Karl Stegall
They will discuss the best practices surrounding stewardship, laity involvement, time management
and leadership

lunch provided by Whitfield Memorial UMC

1:00 ~ 3:00: Second session with Drs. John Ed Mathison & Karl Stegall
continue lectures with a question/answer time

3:00: Closing Worship



Lay Speaking Training

Starts: 2/19/2010

Ends: 2/20/2010

Attachment: [LaySpeakingTraining2010_S](#)

Location: Opelika First United Methodist Church, Opelika, AL

Coordinator: Elizabeth Whatley

Contact: ewhatley85@bellsouth.net

Montgomery-Opelika District Lay Speaker Training February 19 - 20, 2010
[First United Methodist Church](#), Opelika AL.

Early Response Team Training

Starts: 2/27/2010 **Ends:** 2/27/2010

Cost: \$25.00

Start Time: 9:00 a.m. **End Time:** 4:00 p.m.

Location: Hatchechubbee UMC

Coordinator: Rev. Michael Lawler

Contact: lawlergeneva@aol.com

UMCOR Early Response Team Trainings will be held at [Hatchechubbee UMC](#) on February 27, from 9-4 (CT) and at [Brundidge UMC](#) on March 27, from 9-4 (CT).

The cost is \$25 which include a Disaster Response T-Shirt, Training Certificate, and Photo ID, a police check is required before certification. Space is limited so please sign up early.

Below are instructions to assemble a health kit:

1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")

1 wash cloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz and up)

1 toothbrush (single brush only in original wrapper; no child-sized brushes)

1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 or larger, expiration date must be 6 months or longer in advance of the date of shipment to Sager Brown)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

All items should be placed inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. No money, notes, religious or political literature, or other items should be placed in the kits.

Montgomery Opelika District has four collection points for Health Kits:

- Brundidge UMC



Get to know Your District Featured Churches this Month

We want you to get to know your district. So every week we will pick one church from the district in Random order and highlight that church. Church Pictures will be featured on our website as well as our Face Book page. We will display the Church picture, it's location, pastor and general information on your church. We will send out an email the week your church will be featured. Feel free to pass the email along to your congregation.

Featured January 4, 2010



This Church is St. Paul of Union Springs

Service Times: 11:00 IST and 4th Sundays

Sunday School: 10:00AM

Pastor: Linda Tigney

Directions: Go I-85 N, Take Mitylene Exit, Turn R onto US 80 E, Turn R onto CR 85, Turn L onto AL 110, Turn slightly L onto US 82

In Union Springs, take 29N when you cross 82. Turn R onto Chunnenugge Rd. Church is on L about 2 blocks.

Featured January 11, 2010



Trinity UMC, Opelika Alabama

~A great Heritage...A greater Futuer~

Rev. Earl Ballard

Sunday Mornings @ Trinity

Traditional Worship at 8:30 AM - Sanctuary

Blended Worship at 11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship at 9:45 AM - Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School: 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM

Student Sunday School, 7th to 12th Grades - 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM -

Student Center

for more information please visit:

<http://www.tumcopelika.org>

Featured January 18, 2010

Woodland UMC

Rev. Cory Smith

4428 Wallahatchie Road

Pike Road AL

Phone: (334) 272-7230

Service Times: 8:15 a.m. Early, 9:30 a.m. Contemporary; and 10:30 a.m. Traditional CT

Other Worship Times: Wednesday - Weekly (Sept-May) 6:00pm - Meal 6:00pm UMYF 6:30pm - Adult Bible Study

Sunday School Times: 9:30am & 10:30am CT

Email: office@woodlandontheweb.org

Website: <http://www.woodlandontheweb.org>





Clergy Day Apart with Bishop Leeland

This event is hosted by the:
[Marianna/Panama City district](#)

Starts: 3/8/2010

Ends: 3/8/2010

Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: St. James UMC, Montgomery, AL

CLERGY DAY APART

Bishop Leeland looks forward to spending time with you on Monday, March 8, 2010.

This year's Clergy Day Apart will begin at 9:30 a.m. at St. James UMC, Montgomery.

Bishop Will Willimon will be the teaching pastor for the day.

Lunch will be \$7.00. (Registration fee)

All clergy serving appointments are expected to attend.

Alpha Ministry Training

This event is hosted by the:
[Montgomery - Opelika district](#)

Starts: 3/13/2010 **Ends:** 3/13/2010

Cost: \$35.00

Location: First UMC, Montgomery

Coordinator: Linda

Contact: mtopds@knology.net

Sign up now to attend the training event hosted
by the Montgomery-Opelika and Montgomery-Prattville Districts
SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MONTGOMERY
\$25 fee if you pre-register ~ \$35 fee at the door

This is for everyone, clergy or laity, that may be interested in having the Alpha program at your church. More information will be available soon.



Secretary's Corner

Happy New Year! We had a wonderful training session in January and we're looking forward to wonderful time of working together. Thank you for all you do to help your clergy and me do the work assigned to us.

Hopefully you (or your pastor) has completed the Local Church Year End Statistical Report for your church and submitted it online. If you are having trouble getting this completed this is a good time to call me – 334-239-7329.

It's also time to up-date your leadership for your church on the database. If you do not have your username and password or if you have problems up-dating your information, call me at 334-239-7329.

You take care of both the Year End Report and your leadership up-date on the Conference website at www.awfumc.org. Click on the blue button to the right at "church login" and enter your username and password. If you have not done this before, call me. I have a few tips that might be helpful and save you and me some time and frustration.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

Monday, February 8th – First Joint Clergy Meeting at Whitfield UMC, Montgomery at 9:00 am. Remind your clergy that they must have their reservation in the week before and that this is a convenient way to earn CEU credits.

Saturday, March 13th – Alpha Ministry Training at First UMC, Montgomery. This will be led by the Alpha Ministry representatives and be the perfect opportunity for anyone in your church to have the training at a reduced rate.

Monday, April 26th – Second Joint Clergy Meeting at Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery at 9:00 am. Remind your clergy that they must have their reservation in the week before and that this is a convenient way to earn CEU credits.

June 6th – 9th – Annual Conference 2010 - It is time to be sure your delegates are on the database and that their information is correct. We are preparing to send information to them and it would be helpful if you would check on their info.

Now for something special for you! We are planning a day for you to meet and enjoy a morning of fellowship with other secretary's, administrative assistants and office volunteers. We plan to have some goodies to blow our diets, some good information and lots of encouragement. Let me know if a particular day will be best for you – maybe a Tuesday or Thursday???? I'll wait to hear from you but it will be some time in March or April, we hope.

At your service,
Linda



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Conference at a Glance

Conf Board of Ordained Ministry	2/1/2010
Clergy Retirement Seminar	2/2/2010
PEN District Conference	2/4/2010
CFA Meeting	2/4/2010
SPR Training	2/4/2010
Spirituality & The Art Series - Presented by Hinton Rural Life Center	2/5/2010
2010 Curriculum Workshop	2/6/2010
Conference CORE Team Meeting	2/6/2010
Every Member In Ministry	2/6/2010
Clergy Meeting	2/8/2010
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Children's Directors Gathering	2/11/2010
Conference Board of Trustees	2/11/2010
Faith Book Scrapbooking Retreat - Presented by Hinton Rural Life Center	2/12/2010
Homecoming Celebration	2/14/2010
Direct Billing Meeting	2/16/2010
PCCT Meeting	2/19/2010
Chocolate Boutique Women's Re-	2/19/2010
Lay Speaking Training	2/19/2010
Academy For Ministry With Children	2/19/2010
UMCOR Basic Early Response Class	2/20/2010
The Small Membership Church: Keys To Effective Ministry (A Hin-	2/22/2010
What's Cookin' At Blue Lake? Herbs	2/23/2010
Children's Ministry Forum 2010	2/23/2010
Tapestry: Weaving Threads of	2/26/2010
Becoming 360 degree Disciples	2/26/2010
Early Response Team Training	2/27/2010