

Montgomery ~ Opelika District News

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Secretaries Corner

1) **Joint Clergy Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, April 11th. It will be held at Dalraida UMC from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The discussions will be led by Dr. George Mathison, Auburn UMC; Dr. Lawson Bryan, Montgomery First; Dr. Philip McVay, MTPT D.S.; and Rev. Ron Ball, MTOP D.S. The cost is \$10 which includes the speakers and lunch and you will receive .5 CEU's. Please register here @www.montgomerydistricts.com or call the office at 334-239-7329.

2) **Annual Conference** is coming up fast! Mark your calendars and let your church membership know that they are not only welcome but encouraged to attend. The worship services are very meaningful with a lot of activity, good music and fantastic preaching - especially the opening service on Sunday evening! So spread the word and plan to bring a crowd from your church. You can keep up with the growing schedule as it is confirmed either from the link on this website or from the Conference website.

ATTENTION: Delegates to Annual Conference & clergy need to be sure to mark their calendars for the Orientation and pre-registration meeting in May: Montgomery-Opelika District will have their meeting on Sunday, May 15th at 3:00PM at St. Mark UMC and Montgomery-Prattville District will have their meeting on Sunday, May 22nd at Whitfield Memorial UMC from 3:00 -5:00 pm. **This is an important meeting and you need to be there.**

Coming to Annual Conference? Not eating at the church? Not staying at Huntingdon? Don't have a child coming to the nursery? **YOU STILL MUST REGISTER FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON-LINE!** There are just a few questions you need to answer concerning meals and lodging and you can order your Journal and Clergy Directory. Take care of this now so you won't forget. If you are bringing a guest (neighbor, friend, family member, wife, child) you must register them as well, especially if you plan to eat at the church. These things are important for preparation even though they don't seem important to you. Thank you for helping us with this small detail.

Thank you all so much for getting your 2010 Year End Reports completed before Cabinet Meeting this week. We were close but got them done! Yea! Some of you pastors need to send an extra thank you to those special people that help you with this report.
Linda



Calendar

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 AM Annual Spring Camp Stew and Boston Butt Sale St. Mark UMC 02:00 PM Spring Music Festival at White Water Camp
3 06:00 PM Frazer UMC Sunday Evening Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 06:00 PM Frazer UMC Sunday Evening Service	11 09:00 AM Joint Clergy Meeting	12	13 06:00 PM The Gungor Concert ~ St James UMC Montgomery	14	15	16 09:30 AM Easter Eggstravaganza ~ Frazer UMC 10:00 AM Lay Leaders and Delegates
17 06:00 PM Changed: The Power of the Cross~ Frazer UMC 06:00 PM Frazer UMC Sunday Evening Service	18 09:00 AM Troy Wesley Foundation is holding a Charity Golf Tournament 11:45 AM Holy Week Luncheons at Trinity UMC in Opelika	19 11:45 AM Holy Week Luncheons at Trinity UMC in Opelika	20 Stations of the Cross ~ Frazer UMC 11:45 AM Holy Week Luncheons at Trinity UMC in Opelika	21 Stations of the Cross ~ Frazer UMC 11:45 AM Holy Week Luncheons at Trinity UMC in Opelika	22 Stations of the Cross ~ Frazer UMC 11:45 AM Holy Week Luncheons at Trinity UMC in Opelika 07:00 PM Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness ~ Frazer UMC	23
24 06:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service ~Frazer UMC 06:00 PM Frazer UMC Sunday Evening Service	25	26	27	28	29	30 12:00 PM Retirement Celebration at the University of Alabama Wesley Foundation

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Prayer Needs

Please Pray For Us:

Our Nation, Our Leaders, Our Churches

To submit a Prayer request Please visit our website @ www.themontgomerydistricts.com

2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

REGISTER NOW

Living The Mission

June 5-8, 2011

Frazer Memorial UMC

Montgomery, Alabama

Special Guests include:

Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr.

Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr.



Local Church Needs

Rivers Chapel UM Church 2/21/2011

Titus, Alabama

Contact: Ezekiel Crayton 334-303-0634

Need

We need an Electrician to wire our fellowship hall (1200 sq. ft.) Pastor Washington 334-399-5717

2/1/2011

Dear Fellow Pastors, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On September 28, 2010 Pentecost UMC in Camphill Alabama was completely destroyed by fire. The church did have some insurance and all claims have been paid. It is the intention of the congregation to rebuild and we are asking for your help.

The congregation of Pentecost UMC and their Pastor Rev. Bob Bachant are endeavoring to raise the additional funds needed to begin construction of our new building by asking our fellow United Methodist Churches in the Alabama W. Florida conference for your help financially. We are in need of an additional \$130,000.00 to pay for the **complete construction** of our new building. Any funds raised over this amount will go to furnish the church.

Due to the rising cost of fuel and building supplies we are respectfully asking that all donations, if possible, be made within the next 30 days. All gifts would be received with appreciation at any time. We would ask that you prayerfully consider this request. All donations should be made out to;

Pentecost UMC/Building Fund and sent to

Amanda Berry, Treasurer PUMC

290 County Rd. 38 Notasulga, Alabama 36866

I would like to thank each church in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our rebuilding effort please feel free to contact me.

With much thanks and a grateful heart,

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bob Bachant

Pastor, Pentecost UMC

Local Church Job Posting

To submit a need or answer a need send email mtptds@knology.net or fill out the short form online www.themontgomerydistricts.com Help -A—Church Page. We post these needs on the website and Facebook, to maximize the potential for your need to be known. With lift these needs in Prayer and with faith God will provide what we seek to Glorify His name.

If you would like to submit an event to be placed in the monthly newsletter, please email it to mtopds@knology.net before the 15th of each month. We would love to feature what your church is doing. Community events like bible studies, Children and Youth functions, and special Services all help people find your church. These events are posted on the district calendar with any write ups about the event. Our newsletters are online and with google keywords, your events are searchable. Thanks for all you do!

Local Church Event:

Annual Spring Camp Stew and Boston Butt Sale St. Mark UMC

Date: Saturday, April 02, 2011 **Time:** 08:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Location:** 1785 Taylor Road, Montgomery

St. Mark UMC will have their famous Annual Spring Camp Stew and Boston Butt Sale on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00 am to 12 noon at 1785 Taylor Road, Montgomery.

Camp Stew is \$7/quart; Boston Butts are \$25 for medium and \$30 for large; Smoked Turkeys are \$20. Pre-sale is recommended; day of sale purchases available as long as quantities last. Call 272-0009. Bake Sale will offer a variety of items baked by St. Mark members and parents of St. Mark's Child Development Ministry children with the proceeds to benefit the CDM supply needs. Arts & Crafts sale, Yard Sale, 2011 Recipe Calendars, booths available or donate to St. Mark's booth to benefit mission & church projects. Call 272-0009. (flyer attached) [Click here to view Flyer](#)

Spring Music Festival at White Water Camp

Date: Saturday, April 02, 2011 **Time:** 02:00 PM - **Location:** White Water Camp

Information on the Spring Music Festival at White Water Camp (flyer attached) I will be held Saturday, April 2nd beginning at 2:00 PM at White Water Camp, on Hwy 82 about 10 miles west of Prattville whitewatercamp@gmail.com [View Flyer Click Here](#)

The Gungor Concert ~ St James UMC Montgomery

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 **Time:** 06:00 PM - **Location:** St James UMC Montgomery

What: The Gungor Concert

When: April 13th at 6pm

Where: St James UMC Montgomery

Who: People of all ages who are seeking to connect with God in authentic ways.

Accolades: The writer of dove award winning "Say so", co-writer of "Friend of God"

Grammy Nominations: This past year Gungor received a Grammy nomination for song of the year & album of the year on their work "Beautiful Things." **Who they are:** They consider themselves in the narrow category of Liturgical post rock - Its Christian music far different than you've ever heard it and they are changing the face of Christian music again. **Where they've been:** In the past year they have performed at the Passion and Catalyst conferences in Atlanta and the Hillsong conference in Australia. They have also performed at Willow Creek, Saddleback, Universities and major conventions all over North America and Asia.

Where next: After the current tour they are scheduled for a European tour and have already played in numerous locations throughout Asia. **How much:** The tickets are just \$10 in advance for this incredible night of worship, bring a group from your school, church, or business and you get a free ticket with every 10 you purchase. The tickets are \$15 the day of the event. **How to get tickets:** by calling St James at 334-481-0795, emailing concerts@sjlife.com, you can also purchase tickets through itickets.com

Troy Wesley Foundation is holding a Charity Golf Tournament

Date: Monday, April 18, 2011 **Time:** 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Dear Local Church, The Troy Wesley Foundation is holding a Charity Golf Tournament to raise funds to support its outreach ministry to students, local missions and international missions. (Forms attached)

<u>Platinum Sponsor:</u> \$500 Level 3	<u>Gold Sponsor:</u> \$100 Level 2	<u>Silver Sponsor:</u> \$50 Level 1
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The Charity Golf Tournament will be held in town at the Troy Country Club on Monday, April 18, 2011. It will begin at 9:00 in the morning and end around 3:00 with an awards presentation. It is a four person scramble open to anyone. All proceeds will go to support student ministry and mission efforts. We have already had a successful international mission trip to Haiti, assisted with the local Habitat for Humanity Build and offer English as Second Language classes to local residents of Pike County.

If you are interested in supporting us please let us know which ways you would like to help. It will be tax deductible and appreciated more than you know. Thank you very much for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely, Rev. Wilbur Willis, III, Campus Minister

[Click Here to View Flyer](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)

Retirement Celebration at the University of Alabama Wesley Foundation

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2011 **Time:** 12:00 PM - 03:00 PM **Location:** 505 9th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Retirement Celebration at the University of Alabama Wesley Foundation for Rev. Ken Smith, campus minister and Mrs. Juanita Simmons. Rev. Smith served 27 years and Mrs. Simmons served 43 at the Wesley Foundation. The celebration will be held Saturday April 30 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. For more information please contact Susan Page spage@advance.ua.edu or 256-679-4927

The University of Alabama Wesley Foundation, 505 9th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

To See the newest local church events, please visit our website a www.themontgomerydistricts.com You may submit an event by email to mtpods@knology.net Please have all event email by the 15th of each month, if you would like your event to be in our newsletter



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