

"making disciples for the transformation of the world."

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MONTGOMERY ~ PRATTVILLE DISTRICT NEWS

THE "SEND" MISSIONAL PLAN
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The Alabama West Florida Conference is inviting every church and pastor to form teams and plan using the "SEND" model missional plan, as a guide. What is the SEND model? "SEND" is an acronym for SEEK, ENGAGE, NURTURE, and DEPLOY. This simple word helps us stay focused on our mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

SEEK comes from Matthew 6:33..."Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Seeking is a beginning point of all that happens in "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." We are to seek the hurting and lost. We are to seek new leaders who are eager to be new workers in the harvest that is plentiful in the Kingdom! (Matthew 9:37-38)

ENGAGE is about the context in which we are in mission for Jesus Christ. Large churches, small, rural, or suburbs all have a context. We are all called to follow Jesus in whatever context we find ourselves (Matthew 16:24). Every church can be "fruitful" in ministry. The fruit is not the same but every congregation can bear fruit. In all communities there are people as "sheep without a shepherd" and every church can identify ways to serve for Jesus.

NURTURE reminds us we must equip and deepen the discipleship of all the people in our church. Small groups are a great way to grow and help others grow as disciples. Every church can offer Bible studies, prayer teams, and covenant as John Wesley advocated to "watch over one another in love." As we participate in small groups we will have a better chance of abiding in Christ and being fruitful (John 15:5). Every church can abide and grow deeper in Christ.

DEPLOY is about sending people from our church building to our community. Our Bishop, Paul Leeland is challenging us to not only think about how many people are attending our churches but how many disciples are we sending out to serve our communities and world. Deploy is about moving beyond our church buildings for the transformation of the world. Our Lord does SEND us out in His name to the world (John 20:21).

I am excited about this SEND plan that is inspiring our conference to work together and form teams. In doing so we can better mobilize the United Methodist Church for mission. Is there anything more important than "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?" May God bless our planning to be fruitful for the Kingdom.

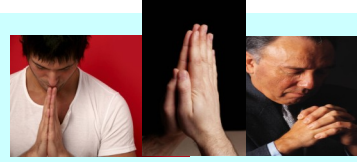
Shalom,
Philip



Fall Back Nov. 6th



District Prayer Needs



10-6-2011

From Montgomery~ Opelika We are sorry to report that Neil A. Epler, father of Rev. Dr. Neil C. Epler (Frazer Memorial UMC), passed away early this morning. Mr. Epler was from the Lakeland, FL area.

10-11-2011

Please be in Prayer for Benjamin Grady son of Pastor Fred Grady, Maplesville UMC. He has just been diagnosed with kidney cancer. Only 39 years old with two children.

10-30-2011

Please be in prayer for Rev. Mark Osgood and his family. He had two stints put in and he is in Baptist South He is the minister at Eclectic.

Church Classifieds

Gifts

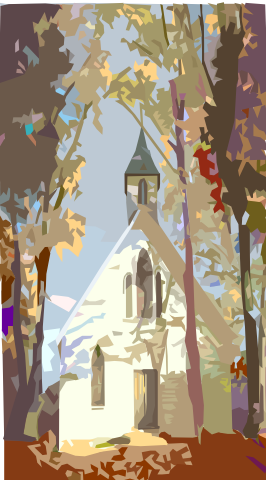
Cain's Chapel UMC has 15 automatic paper towel dispensers, 12 soap dispensers and 4 toilet paper dispensers that we would love to donate to a church that needs them. Please call Wendy at 334-569-2375 or email wendy@cainschapelumc.org.

Jobs

10-13-2011

Pierce Chapel U.M.C. at 1003 Pierce Chapel Rd. in Santuck, Al. is looking for a piano player for Sunday services. Every Sunday at 11:00a.m. and some holidays....if you have a calling to work for GOD's kingdom in music...please contact us @ 334-265-6099...

Maybe willing to talk about compensation for your time....pray about it.



Secretary's Corner



Favorite Quotes from Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen

“When we accomplish a goal, it instantly loses some of its importance and we tend to lose interest. When we write down too many goals, there is plenty to keep our subconscious mind at work.” Mark Victor Hansen.

Our Inner image of ourselves and what we want to accomplish in life helps to make us what we are meant to be.” Mark Victor Hansen

Life, nature and God always answer, ‘Yes, ‘ to you. What are you asking for?” Mark Victor Hansen

“Self-esteem does not mean feeling good all the time. Self-esteem means loving yourself even when you feel badly...even when you make a mistake. It means loving yourself even when you're depressed. It means that you accept yourself fully.” Jack Canfield

When we accomplish a goal, Don't cross it out. Instead, write ‘victory’ next to it and move on to the next one. This way, whenever you have a bad day, all you have to do is to review your victories to feel good about yourself.” Jack Canfield

“Be Passionately on purpose about your right livelihood” Mark Victor Hansen

MTPT District Conference

Start Date: Sunday, November 20, 2011

Start Time: 3:00 p.m.

End Date: Sunday, November 20, 2011

The **Montgomery-Prattville District** will have its annual District Conference on November 20, 2011 at **Capitol Heights United Methodist Church**. The conference will begin at 3:00 p.m. All pastors and leadership are urged to attend, but everyone is welcome to join us for an outstanding worship service and short business session. All are invited to stay after the worship service for refreshments and fellowship.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Time change- Fall Back 9:00 AM FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL HOSTED BY AL- DERSGATE UMC 5:00 PM BENE- FIT For Austin |
| | 6 6:00 PM CC MTPT: Robinson Springs; Millbrook First UMC 7:00 PM Com- bined Worship | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 13 6:00 PM CC MTPTWhitfield Memorial; Perry Hill; Snowden; Ft. Deposit/Oak Grove 7:00 PM com- bined Worship | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 3:00 PM MTPT District Charge Conference | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving- Offices Closed | 25 Thanksgiving- Offices Closed | 26 |
| 27 | 28 CC MTPT: Clan- ton First | 29 CC MTPT: Pratt- ville First | 30 CC MTPT: Mont- gomery First |  | | |

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