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BACK TO THE BASICS

Our task is always to make disciples for Jesus Christ. It is our church's mission and purpose. As you might remember, Bishop King elaborated on this topic during the opening worship service of Annual Conference by illustrating our job of "growing a Christ-like world." Lately, I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on growing a Christ-like world. During my ruminations, my daughter sat beside me and asked, "What are you thinking about Daddy?" After a few attempts to explain my thoughts resulted in her puzzled looks, I told her to think about 3 things: *when, where, and how.*

When—life is a process and we are in the process of growing. As we mature in our faith we grow. I draw strength from knowing that tomorrow will be different from today and the person I am tomorrow will be different from the person I am today.

Where—often my children will ask, "are we there yet?" For them, the where is the destination, a place. For us, it is the same. The place is to be like Christ. It is to have Christ fully formed inside of our lives.

How—it is here that the mystery of faith astounds me! God through Christ changes me from the inside out. I love Paul's analogy of "grafting" in Romans to illustrate this point. Our spirit and His Spirit become one!

Now, I realize this isn't something new for it is as basic as an introductory class to Christian theology. Yet sometimes we forget the basics because we get mired down in the tasks of ministry. How often has this happened to you? I know it has happened to me. Between the committee meetings, the worship services, the duties of personal life, and everything else tacked on, it is easy to forget the basics.

Some of the greatest spiritual experiences happen when we rekindle our faith by going back to the basics or when, where, and how. Once I do, my heart leaps with joy at the possibility of what God can do through me. It is then that I find renewed strength, vigor, and hope. After all, it is Christ in you which is the hope of glory.

Therefore, remember the basics . . . WE ARE GROWING A CHRIST-LIKE WORLD!

Grace and Peace,
Shane

August

Birthdays

6-Brenda Ford 23-Sandi Hortman
7-Wayne Anthony 26-Nancy Powell
9-Patti Buckhiester 26-Ashley Randall
10-Sharon Dunlap 31-Mark Sasser
10-Claudia Seyle

Anniversaries

5-Lynn and Howard White
8-Patty and Scott Tucker
15-Shannon and Jimmy McIlrath
17-Laine and Ashley Randall
19-Julia and Ronnie Culpepper
29-Sarah and Steve Croft
31-Myrna and Larry Roberts

District Concerns and Celebrations

Please keep in your prayers: **Jimmy Ford** is at home following a heart attack and surgery to implant two stints for blockages on July 17; **Marion Edwards** is at Wesley Woods at Emory; **Betty Gilbert** is recovering at home from surgery on July 15; and, *Andrew Barrett*, son of **Beth and Alan Barrett**, who is now home following a hospital stay.



Weyman Reives Cleveland

May 23, 1922 - July 11, 2009

Retired South Georgia Conference minister who served St. Luke (1960-1969) and served as the Columbus district superintendent (1976-1980).



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

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SGC UMW Annual Meeting-October 17, 2009, Wynnton
UMC in Columbus. For brochure go to conference website.

Autumn Adventures

An Event for Older Adults where "History Comes Alive"

September 28 - October 1 Epworth By The Sea

•Hear "The Plantation Lady"

•Meet "Color Sgt. Colin Firth" at Fort King George

•Tour Hofwyl Broadfield Plantation

•Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District

•Christ Church at Frederica •St. Simons Lighthouse Museum

•Hear a presentation on "The Wesleys in Georgia"

•Learn about the "Liberty Ships" and view an Emmy nominated film
on their history.

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TRAINING DAY

September 18, 2009
Vineville UMC

The South Georgia
Annual
Conference is
partnering with E-zekiel
web solutions for a full
day of training. Join
professional E-zekiel
trainer, Dacia Gullede,
September 18, 2009, at
Vineville UMC in

Macon, as she shows participants how to use E-zekiel to build and maintain a great web site. E-zekiel is an online software that allows you to publish a dynamic, interactive, professional-looking web site without being a programmer, without all the technical hassles, and without the expense of traditional web site development. In three 1.5-hour sessions, participants will look at the tips and tricks of the pages and panels managers, explore the management of events (calendar) and forms, and learn how to utilize the syndication manager (podcasting, blogging, etc.) as well as discuss streaming media options such as E-zekiel.tv. Early-bird registration is \$50. For more information or to register, visit www.sgaumc.org or e-mail kelly@sgaumc.com. To learn more about E-zekiel visit www.umc.e-zekiel.com.

Dublin District Sponsors Lay Speakers Courses

The Dublin District is sponsoring a Basic and an Advanced Lay Speakers Course, August 21-22. The Basic Course will be taught by Rev. Wayne McDaniel. The Advanced Course, Lay Speakers Preach, will be led by Dublin District lay leader Randel Bryan. These courses are open to anyone across the conference. For more info, and registration form, go to www.sgaumc.com

2009 Peace Conference September 20-22

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

Theme: "Building Partnerships for Peace"

Seeking to foster understanding and cooperation among the three
Abrahamic faiths as we work for peace.

Speakers:

Archbishop Elias Chacour, Archbishop, Metropolitan of the
Melkite Diocese of Akka, Haifa,
Nazareth, and all of Galilee in
Israel.

Rabbi Arthur O. Waskow, Founder and Director of Shalom
Center.

Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed, National Director of Interfaith and
Community Alliances for the Islamic
Society of North America.

Dr. Lisa Schirch, Professor of peace building at Eastern
Mennonite University in Harrisburg, VA.

Brochures, flyers and posters available. Register online at
www.lakejunaluska.com/peace.aspx

2009 Sexual Ethics Seminar for Clergy September 10—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Valdosta First UMChurch

This workshop is required every three years for person serving
under appointment by the bishop (clergy, local pastors, extension
ministers, appointed lay speakers). Cost is \$5 for lunch (collected
at the door). To register, please e-mail cpcassistant@sgaumc.com



2010 Sexual Ethics Seminars for Clergy

•February 11, 10:00a.m-4:00p.m.-EBTS

•April 27, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. - St. Paul UMC, Columbus

•September 9, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Porterfield UMC, Albany

Exploration 2009

The next Exploration is scheduled for
Dallas, TX, November 13-15, 2009.

This is a gathering for young people
(high school seniors to age 24)
considering ordained ministry in the
United Methodist Church. Registration
scholarships in the amount of \$150.00 are
available to participants who demonstrate need and meet guidelines.
For more information, scholarship form and registration, go to
www.gbhem.org Deadline is September 9, 2009.



Conference Website—www.sgaumc.org

For up to date news and info about the SGConference



St. Paul UMC
UMW Day Apart Luncheon
 . . . In the Garden of Life
Overcoming Life's Little Frustrations
Cathy Lee Phillips

Author of *Aging, Ailments, and Attitudes, Silver in the Slop and Other Surprises* and *Honey, There's A Cat In the Freezer*
 Cathy blends her background in the UMC with humor, warmth and a distinctive southern flair.

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

Lunch—12:00 noon, \$7.00

**St. Paul United Methodist Church
 Fellowship Hall**

E-Mail Newsletter

We are considering publishing our newsletter over the internet and you could have your copy delivered to your inbox on your computer. This method would save the district office the cost for the printing, mailing and preparing of our newsletter. If you want to receive your newsletter by email, contact us at cdumc@aol.com with that request.

KidzQuest Retreat - October 2-4

KidzQuest, the annual conference children's retreat, at Epworth By The Sea is intended for children in 3rd - 5th grades, this weekend retreat is high-octane, high-energy and lots of fun! This year's speaker will be Jesse Joyner who will keep us on the edge of our seats as he communicates biblical truths while performing amazing juggling stunts. Uncle Charlie returns again this year to lead us in worship, and emcee Brandon Rushin, Hey Ya, will keep us entertained with fun games and a few dance moves. More info and registration info will be available soon at www.sgaumc.org.

"Waiting For God"

A Time of Reflection and Preparation

Learning to welcome God's constant coming into the world
 A retreat for women led by Rev. Kathleen Kilbourne
 Explore how setting divine priorities in a discordant world
 will help us sing with the Christmas Angels

November 2-4, 2009

Epworth By The Sea

For details www.epworthbythesea.org or 912-638-8688

**Pathways To a
 Healthy Church Event**
Saturday, August 15
Trinity UMC
Warner Robins, GA



Pathways is a day long training event aimed at equipping local churches with practical, quality training that will help you fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. This training will offer over 40 workshops and 2 all day workshops designed to help congregations become more healthy. Make sure to mark your calendar and make plans to attend. To register, please e-mail cpcassistant@sgaumc.com

Life Changing Letters From Paul

A Study Presented by Dr. Evelyn Laycock
October 5 - 8, 2009, EBTS

Paul launched what is now the New Testament in a world not so different from ours today. He wrote to individuals and congregations sharing God's message, which is the Eternal Answer to world issues in every age. The journey through these Letters will first examine them in the light of the first century, and then compare their relevance to the present age.
 For details www.epworthbythesea.org or call 912-638-8688

"Write To Inspire"

A Spiritual/Inspirational Writing Workshop

Featuring

Cec Murphey, author of *90 Minutes in Heaven*;
 Marjorie Wentworth, Poet Laureate of South Carolina; and
 Holly McClure, author and storyteller

October 23-25, 2009, EBT

Details www.epworthbythesea.org or call 912-638-8688

Columbus District Stewardship Summary

2009 Apportionments

June 30, is the midpoint in the 2009 calendar which means 50% of our apportionments should be paid. The Columbus District has paid 38.65% of the Conference apportionments and 41.07% of the district apportionments through June 30, 2009.

2009 Evangelism

Through June 30, the Columbus District has a membership net gain of +79. Church/charges with a net gain in 2009, are:
 Asbury (+1), East Highland(+1), Midland(+16), Pierce Chapel(+28), St. Luke(+58), St. Mary's Road(+3), St. Paul(+7), St. Peter(+4), South Columbus (+18), Wesley Heights (+3), Shellman (+1), Talbotton (+1), and Woodland (+3).

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Thank you!

Thank you to the Columbus churches who participated in the Wesley Glen Peach Sales. We netted \$2,615.00 for Wesley Glen and had wonderful, delicious, fresh peaches, as well.

—Dodie MacElhannon

2009 Charge Conference Schedule

<u>August</u>			<u>October</u>			<u>November</u>		
30, Sunday	Cusseta	11:00 am	4, Sunday	Butler	9:00 am	1, Sunday	Richland	11:00 am
			4, Sunday	Howard	11:15 am	8, Sunday	Talbotton	11:00 am
<u>September</u>			4, Sunday	Marion Circuit	2:30 pm	8, Sunday	St. Mark	6:00 pm
2, Wednesday	Midland	6:00 pm	5, Monday	St. Paul	6:00 pm	9, Monday	Edgewood	6:00 pm
9, Wednesday	Cuthbert	6:30 pm	6, Tuesday	Pierce Chapel	7:00 pm	11, Wednesday	St. Luke	7:30 pm
13, Sunday	Asbury	11:00 am	7, Wednesday	Wynnton	6:00 pm	12, Thursday	South Columbus	7:00 pm
13, Sunday	Wesley Heights	6:00 pm	11, Sunday	Shellman	11:00 am	18, Wednesday	Striplin Terrace	5:45 pm
20, Sunday	Woodland	11:00 am	11, Sunday	Waverly Hall	6:30 pm			
22, Tuesday	Lumpkin	6:30 pm	18, Sunday	Georgetown	11:15 am			
23, Wednesday	Sherwood	6:30 pm	18, Sunday	Stephens Chapel	1:45 pm			
27, Sunday	Rose Hill	11:00 am	18, Sunday	East Highland	6:00 pm			
27, Sunday	Hamilton	5:30 pm	20, Tuesday	St. Mary's Road	7:00 pm			
27, Sunday	Cataula	7:30 pm	21, Wednesday	St. Peter	6:00 pm			
30, Wednesday	M.L.Harris	6:30 pm	25, Sunday	Upatoi/Box Spgs	9:00 am			
			25, Sunday	Buena Vista	11:00 am			
			25, Sunday	Midway	6:00 pm			
			28, Wednesday	Epworth	6:00 pm			

ALL UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 13-16—GAC PAUMCS Conference, EBTS
- August 15—Pathways to a Healthy Church
- August 16—Christian Education Sunday
- September 10—Sexual Ethics Workshop for Clergy
- September 20—Methodist Children's Home Day
- September 21—District Ministers' Retreat
- September 25-27—KidzQuest Retreat 1
- October 2-4—KidzQuest Retreat 2
- October 4—World Communion Day
- October 18—Vashti Day