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*Vibrant, growing congregations changing lives and reshaping futures for Jesus Christ*

## “It’s the building that’s burning, not the church”

Fire damages First UMC San Augustine sanctuary, not their spirits

By Eleanor L. Colvin  
TAC Director of Communications

“There are blessings in this somewhere and this congregation will find them,” said the Rev. Sara Barberee, who was inside San Augustine First UMC when it caught fire on Ash Wednesday.

Church member Barbara Horne told the pastor that she smelled smoke. By the time the two made it to the 100-year-old sanctuary, the room was full of smoke. After the flames, which started in the attic, came through the ceiling, Barberee said she knew she couldn’t go back to the sanctuary to salvage any more treasured items, like the historic Bible she was holding.

“My heart was breaking for this congregation,” she said. “So many of them had gathered outside, and I knew they were seeing their parents and grandparents and all those generations who worshipped there, and thinking, maybe it’ll never happen again.”

As she moved among the church members and townspeople – praying, hugging and listening – Barberee reminded them: “It’s the building that’s burning, not the church. We are the church.”

### Community’s church

Immediately, the community turned out to support the church that had supported the community from this location since 1909.

“This is a small town – I’ll bet there were 300 to 400 people out there,” she said. “Not just to watch, but to hold people’s hands and to comfort them.”

The conversations of the firefighters were another thing that revealed how important the church is to the community at large. “We cannot lose this building” and



Ash-adorned Rev. Sara Barberee and parishner Barbara Horne watch firefighters battle the blaze at San Augustine First UMC.



“Don’t break the windows,” were among the things that firefighters

**Smoke pours out of San Augustine First UMC on Ash Wednesday. Seven area fire departments worked more than six hours to extinguish the blaze**

were overheard saying. More than seven fire departments and 16 trucks were on the scene, from around 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Barberee added that people used humor to comfort one another: “Isn’t this taking Ash Wednesday too far?” and “We won’t have to look for ashes next year,” were among the jokes. And, since the fire broke out in the attic over the pulpit and chancel, some wondered if there had been “too much fire and brimstone preaching.”

The spirit of the people was among the things that stood out to Bishop Janice Riggle Huie on the day of the fire. As she stood with Rev. Barberee in the acrid-smelling sanctuary amid charred and wet wood, the signs of disaster were there – mixed in with signs of hope.

“I expected to find a grieving people, and I did,” Huie said. “Bishops do disasters – fires, tornadoes, floods...and it’s not unusual to find an angry people... What I found most of all in San Augustine was a grateful people. Grateful no one was hurt. Thankful the windows survived. And, thankful they will have enough to repair the building.”

### Celebration Sunday

Within three hours of the fire, Barberee



said, she had three offers of worship space for her 200 members. Instead, worshippers filled the San Augustine First fellowship hall with praise.

“We had an amazing church service Sunday,” said Barberee, who gave all credit to the moving of the Holy Spirit. “It was the first time the congregation had been all together in one place. It was an opportunity to grieve together and to thank God that the building stands and the tradition stands. As one of the members said: And are we yet alive!”

“There we were with our projects and LCD screens and using antique silver communion wear. It was truly a sense of stretching our hands back to the past, and into the future. I felt the presence of that great cloud of witnesses,” Barberee said through tears.

Church trustees will meet with insurance adjusters this week to estimate the damages. The fire department is still investigating the cause of the fire. Although, the cause is inconclusive, the effect is certain: “We’ve made a vow that we’re not just building for this generation,” Barberee said, “but for another 100 years.”



The mission of the Texas Annual Conference is to equip congregations to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world to the glory of God.

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## Local pastor receives outstanding 'community leadership award'

By Earlene Leverett  
First UMC Prairie View

The Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel was built and dedicated in February, 1986 under the leadership of its second Dean, Rev. W. Van Johnson. This beautiful worship center seats over 300 people, and while it is very much a part of the life of Prairie View A&M University, the chapel is an integral part of the community.

It is not funded by the school. Rather, it is funded and maintained through the fundraising efforts of the *Minister's Conference*, an event held annually.

Rev. Wilmer R. Bonner, Pastor of First UMC, Prairie View, was among five pastors that received outstanding leader-

ship awards during the Fifty-First Annual Ministers' Conference. Pastor Bonner's efforts to connect with other Christian churches in finding new ways of living out the gospel of Jesus Christ is one of the many ways he demonstrates his commitment to building 'ecumenical community,' a primary focus of The Johnson-Phillips All Faith Chapel.

"The needs of the greater community often extend beyond denominational and religious boundaries. Pain and suffering know not race or religion, but it does provide the impetus for dialogue and collaboration among people of all races and religions, all faiths, and even those persons with no faith, on issues where there is shared concern. First Church seeks

every opportunity to build community, whether it's working with The All Faiths Chapel, and other local churches," says Bonner.

"We address the social, economic, and spiritual needs of the community, including the college community; extending invitations for shared fellowship opportunities, providing special programs that involve participants from throughout the community, or providing a venue for Christian, Orthodox Christian, Buddhists, Hindu, and Muslim women to come together and share their bonds of devotion to sisterhood, we believe that the world is our neighbor, and we strive to model our belief."

The two-day conference was held in the Willie Albert



Rev. Bonner (right) makes a presentation to a partner church in Ghana.

Tempton Memorial Student Center on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. One of its main objectives was to cultivate and prepare individuals for the ministry and enhance Christian leadership within local churches and the larger faith community.

## First UMC Navasota and Tomball UMC provide more than support after Ike

Connectional ministry and mission at its best

By Sherry Hulon  
First UMC Navasota

For many people Hurricane Ike is a thing of the past, but for those who suffered indirect hit, it will not be forgotten any time soon. Central UMC Galveston sustained heavy damage inside and out. A response team from Navasota and another team from Gladewater UMC spent three days helping to tear out sheetrock, remove damaged carpeting, and many other tasks in order to make the church habitable again.

Already a small membership church, due to the devastation of the hurricane, half of the members of Central UMC in Galveston had to relocate permanently.

The Early Response Team from Navasota spent time at the church after the hurricane, and while there discovered that the foot pedals on the pipe organ had been submerged in the storm surge.

During a conversation with

Sylvia Dorman, the pastor's wife, it was revealed that the organ had not been used for a while. The church had not heard live music during a worship service for quite some time. CD recordings of the songs in the Methodist Hymnal are used by the congregation.

The lack of live music sparked the idea of presenting a musical program for this historic church. The first Sunday in February, some members of FUMC Navasota and Tomball UMC, along with their Chancel Choirs, and a Handbell quartet (also from FUMC Navasota) traveled to Central UMC to present a musical program for the congregation.

Though the number of people in attendance was small, the spirit of God was felt by all. The musical presentation was appreciated by everyone. If one judges by the church's response to the worship service, then the spirit of God is indeed, alive and well in Galveston!



Top Photo: Member of the Chancel choir from FUMC Navasota prepare to sing.

Bottom Photo: The choir perform with the Handbell quartet during the worship service.



# 30 Years of service in extension ministry

## Pastor finds his niche in pastoral care

By Brant Mills  
Web Content Manager

*This article is part of a series offering a snapshot of the extension ministries of the Texas Annual Conference. Please watch the conference website and Cross Connection for future articles.*

Rev. Ray Pinard, Director of Pastoral Care at Edgewater Methodist Retirement Community in Galveston, was ordained in 1966 and has served Methodist Retirement Communities in the Texas Annual Conference for 30 years.

Methodist Retirement Communities (MRC) began as one independent living facility in Galveston in 1962, when property was given to the United Methodist Church in memory of W. L. Moody, Jr. Today, the MRC network includes six properties throughout East Texas. They are located in Galveston, Huntsville, Bryan, La Porte, Lufkin, and Texarkana. Together, they serve 1,700 people a day.

Rev. Pinard says prior to his work with MRC, he had been working in ministry for 12 years in South America in areas that included teaching, clinics, and savings and loans co-ops.

“Vivian and I were involved in missionary work before we came back to Texas, and were looking for more of an outreach ministry. They needed someone in pastoral care and development. I was doing that for the first 15 years... I was on the road all the time helping to develop retirement communities throughout the conference. When our main offices moved to The Woodlands in 1987, I was asked to become the full time Director of Pastoral Care. I’ve seen the organization grow and been a part of that.”

Each retirement community

now has their own local board of directors.

### Pastoral Care

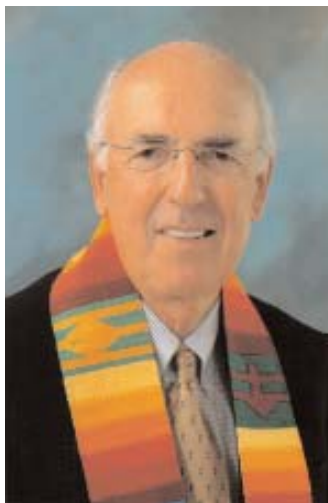
Adding that the Pastoral Care office is involved in many aspects of the “life enriching programs” they offer their residents, Pinard also emphasized meeting residents’ needs. “I make myself available. I like to think of it as the role of Andrew – of introducing people . . . being the bus driver or the van driver... being there when people are in need of a little assistance to continue what they’ve always enjoyed doing and they just need some ancillary support. We’re interested in the wholeness of a person - spiritual, physical, and psychological. I think there’s a lot of grace in aging and some people do it very well. I’m just happy for the opportunity to be here and to be a listener.”

Daily activities include meeting with residents who have lost a loved one or are struggling through Ike’s effects. Pinard also works closely with family members who share concerns with their relatives who live in the facility.

“We do a lot of counseling with family members. Last year, we had 38 funerals. That’s another big part of our ministry. Our specialty is with elderly people, meals on wheels, homebound, and handicapped people, but we try to attend to needs of all ages of families who come that request our services.”

In addition to pastoral care and counseling they offer church services and ceremonies. “I go back and forth between the retirement home and [Moody Memorial First UMC.]”

“I have two services I do on Sunday [at the retirement home] and one service in Spanish at the church. A lot of our people here are from other



Rev. Ray Pinard

parts of the country and don’t have a local church, so we become their church. We primarily have memorial services, but we have weddings too, because of the medical school and Coast Guard. A lot of people don’t have a church and our chapel holds around 100 people. It’s very diverse.”

Pinard noted his role in building bridges between Edgewater and the community at large. “We try to be a retirement community without walls so different service organizations can make use of our facilities. We have a very important Meals-on-Wheels program we promote from the retirement home. We make sure we have the funding and that the program is up and going. Even after [hurricane Ike] we were able to get the funding to keep the program going. Our health care facility is still down, but independent living is up and running.”

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He also said that the connectionalism of United Methodism enables Methodist Retirement Communities in their ministry. “The connectional system and how we are able to do so much for people of all ages is the beauty of our

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## Preserving the past while building the future

### The Texas United Methodist Historical Society

By Thelma Jones  
Editor, Cross Connection

The annual meeting of the Texas United Methodist Historical Society (TUMHS) will be held March 27-28 at Kessler UMC in Dallas, Texas.

“This is an organization devoted to the preservation and interpretation of the history of United Methodism and its predecessor branches in Texas,” says William Hardt,

“The 2009 annual meeting of the TUMHS will provide an excellent opportunity to examine the lessons history can provide about leadership at Methodist institutions,” says Hardt. The keynote speaker for the 2-day event is Dr. Ted Campbell, and Bishop John Wesley Hardt will lead one of the Saturday sessions. Both have connections to the Texas Annual Conference.

This year’s event will focus on the future leadership

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William Hardt  
Chair, Commission on Archives and History

chair of the Commission on Archives and History in the Texas Annual Conference.

The Commission on Archives and History is a local branch of TUMHS. Its mission is to preserve the official records of the Texas Annual Conference; to assist local churches preserve their own historical records and to provide a ministry of education and interpretation about the history of the Texas Annual Conference.

The membership of TUMHS is made up of individuals from the Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Central Texas, Southwest Texas, New Mexico, Rio Grande and Oklahoma Indian Mission annual conferences. The Texas Annual Conference is well represented in the organization. Hardt serves as its current president, the past president was Rev. Ken Goodell, a retired pastor in the Conference and Dr. Faulk Landrum serves as chair of the Publications Committee.

of the United Methodist Church. The topic for Dr. Campbell’s keynote address is, *Southern Methodist University and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ* and Bishop Hardt’s topic is, *Revivals and Recruitment for Church Vocation*.

### Special Award

The Kate Warnick Award is presented annually to local churches with the best published local histories. Mrs. Warnick was a librarian at the Bridwell Library at Perkins School of Theology for many years. While serving in that position she helped dozens of local church historians research their church histories. The award named in her honor is given to churches to encourage them to publish their histories.

Recent Texas Conference winners are Jacksonville First UMC and St. Paul’s UMC of Houston.



# “With a thankful heart” Texas Annual Conference

By Dr. Elijah Stansell  
Conference Treasurer

There is no other way to begin this expression of gratitude other than with a heartfelt **Thank You.**

The year of 2008 provided the Texas Annual Conference with storms, which are continuously challenging our existence. It has been said that

God's faithful and trusting followers stand tall in the midst of storms.

You have demonstrated through your shared gifts how committed you are to our connectional ministry. Each congregation is to be commended.

The following list represents congregations who sacrificially were able to fulfill their shared ministry obligation **100%. The**

**fiscal office is appreciative of everyone who contributed to the best of their ability.**

Albert Outler shares the theology of a Wesleyan Spirit that “all of us have been blessed beyond our deservings or gratitude.” So be encouraged in 2009 as we all strive to help one another manage in trying times.

**God Bless All of You!**

## CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT

**DR. JACK R. SHELTON - DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

TOTAL CHURCHES: 48

100% PAID: 37

Atascocita, Atascocita UMC  
Cleveland, First UMC  
Coldspring, Coldspring UMC  
Coldspring, Mt. Zion UMC  
Conroe, First UMC  
Conroe, Metropolitan UMC  
Cypress, Cypress UMC  
Cypress, Good Shepherd UMC  
Hempstead, St. Thomas UMC  
Hockley, Macedonia UMC  
Houston, Cornerstone UMC  
Houston, Foundry UMC  
Houston, John Wesley UMC  
Houston, Lakewood UMC  
Huffman, Lake Houston UMC  
Humble, First UMC  
Huntsville, Phelps UMC  
Huntsville, Pleasant Grove UMC  
Kingwood, Kingwood UMC  
Kingwood, Strawbridge UMC  
Magnolia, Wildwood UMC  
Montgomery, Montgomery UMC  
New Waverly, New Waverly UMC  
Point Blank, Paul Horton UMC  
Prairie View, First UMC  
Shepherd, Shepherd UMC  
Splendor, Countryside UMC  
Spring, Faith UMC  
Spring, Faithbridge UMC  
Spring, Klein UMC  
The Woodlands, Christ Church UMC  
Tomball, Rosehill UMC  
Tomball, Tomball UMC  
Waller, First UMC  
Waller, New Hope UMC  
Willis, First UMC  
Willis, Thomas Chapel UMC

Rev. Andy Noel  
Rev. Carl Edward Lundberg  
Rev. J. Larry Smith  
Rev. Lou Ann Franklin  
Rev. Jerry Neff  
Rev. Willie Sears  
Rev. Jerome Brimmage  
Rev. William H. Haygood Jr.  
Rev. Robert Alexander Jr.  
Rev. Evelyn J. Cox  
Dr. David W. Meadows  
Rev. Godfrey Hubert  
Rev. James William Foster  
Dr. C. Chappell Temple  
Rev. Walter Charles Jordan  
Dr. E. B. Beasley  
Rev. Jeanetta Brewster  
Rev. Elizabeth Palmer  
Rev. Jim Welch  
Rev. Jim Reiter  
Rev. Brenda Moore  
Rev. Sam I. Smith  
Rev. Jeanetta Brewster  
Rev. Mariann Wallace  
Rev. Wilmer R. Bonner  
TBS  
Rev. Gregory Smith  
Rev. Harry B. Vein  
Dr. E. Kenneth Werlein  
Dr. Mark H. Young  
Dr. Daniel T. Hannon  
Rev. Kay G. Johnson  
Dr. Richard L. White  
TBS  
Rev. Evelyn J. Cox  
Rev. Jeffrey Gantz  
Rev. Elizabeth Palmer

## CENTRAL SOUTH DISTRICT

**REV. LAWRENCE YOUNG-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

TOTAL CHURCHES: 70

100% PAID: 38

Galena Park, Galena Park UMC  
Houston, Alameda UMC  
Houston, Asbury UMC  
Houston, Calvary UMC  
Houston, Chapelwood UMC  
Houston, Covenant of Faith UMC  
Houston, Crestmont Park UMC  
Houston, Disciples UMC  
Houston, Durkee UMC  
Houston, Ebenezer UMC  
Houston, Fair Haven UMC  
Houston, Fairbanks UMC  
Houston, First UMC  
Houston, Gethsemane UMC  
Houston, Grace UMC (Heights)  
Houston, Grace UMC (Lockwood)  
Houston, Hillcrest UMC

Rev. Patrick N. Smith Sr.  
Rev. Fran Fogar  
Rev. Robert Jackson  
Rev. Audrey L. Mitchell  
Dr. James F. Jackson Jr.  
Rev. Luther Walker  
Rev. Curley H. Laster  
Rev. Howard Turnley  
Rev. Rex Carleton  
Dr. Francis E. W. Guidry  
Rev. Richard D. Laster  
Rev. David G. Poterfield  
Dr. Stephen Wende  
Dr. Thomas J. Pace III  
Rev. Harvey Hill Johnson III  
Rev. Rose Marie Veal  
Mr. Roger Dunlop

Houston, Holy Trinity UMC  
Houston, Love UMC  
Houston, Mt. Vernon UMC  
Houston, Norris Chapel UMC  
Houston, Pleasantville UMC  
Houston, Riverside UMC  
Houston, St. Andrew's UMC  
Houston, St. Luke's UMC  
Houston, St. Mark's UMC (Patterson)  
Houston, St. Mark's UMC (Pecore)  
Houston, St. Paul's UMC  
Houston, St. Philip's UMC  
Houston, St. Stephen's UMC  
Houston, Terrace UMC  
Houston, Trinity East UMC  
Houston, Trinity UMC  
Houston, Vida Nueva UMC  
Houston, Wesley UMC  
Houston, West University UMC  
Houston, Westchase UMC  
Houston, Westminster UMC

## EAST DISTRICT

**DR. JERRY PENNINGTON-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

TOTAL CHURCHES: 111

100% PAID: 104

Alto, A. Frank Smith UMC  
Alto, Cold Springs UMC  
Alto, Lynches Chapel UMC  
Beckville, Beckville UMC  
Beckville, Rockhill UMC  
Brookeland, Brookland UMC  
Burkeville, Burkeville UMC  
Carthage, Allison Chapel UMC  
Carthage, Deadwood UMC  
Carthage, Ebenezer UMC  
Carthage, First UMC  
Carthage, Galloway UMC  
Carthage, Murvaul UMC  
Carthage, Pisgah UMC  
Carthage, Rehobeth UMC  
Carthage, St. Andrews UMC  
Center, Campiti UMC  
Center, First UMC  
Center, Paxton UMC  
Center, Short UMC  
Center, St. Mark UMC  
Chester, Cade Memorial UMC  
Chireno, Chireno UMC  
Corrigan, First UMC  
Corrigan, Mt. Vernon UMC  
Crockett, Center Hill UMC  
Crockett, New Energy UMC  
Cushing, Cushing UMC  
Cushing, Lilbert UMC  
Diboll, Diboll UMC  
Garrison, Caledonia UMC  
Garrison, Concord UMC  
Garrison, Garrison UMC  
Goodrich, Goodrich UMC  
Goodrich, Pleasant Hill UMC  
Grapeland, First UMC  
Grapeland, Liberty Hill UMC

Rev. Joe Cortinas  
Rev. Vincent Harris  
Dr. Lewis L. Jackson Sr.  
Rev. Shirley Allen-Jenkins  
Rev. Minnie Bingham Baxter  
Rev. Marilyn White  
Rev. Andrew Nunley III  
Dr. Thomas J. Pace III  
Rev. Gregory Johnson  
Rev. Marilyn Meeker-Williams  
Dr. L. James Bankston  
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Rev. Cramer Davis Johnson  
Dr. Allison Cambre  
Rev. Bryan Keith Dalco  
Dr. Robert McGee  
Rev. Augustine Guzman  
Rev. Joseph Wilson  
Rev. Mark B. Woodward  
Dr. Michael Franklin Varro  
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Rev. Richard Dobbins  
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Rev. Kimberly Gayle Hagedorn  
Dr. J.B. Morris  
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Barbie Strauss  
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Rev. Wade Harman  
Rev. Paul Thomasson  
Rev. K. Mervin Scott  
Rev. Nick Perry  
Rev. Wade Harman  
Rev. Jack McMahon  
Rev. Nick Perry  
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Rev. Gregory A. Megill  
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Rev. Carla Reed  
Rev. Billy Ray Freeman  
Rev. Shirley Brown  
Rev. H. Farrar Bentley  
Rev. Francine Meyer  
Rev. Robert E. Twine  
Rev. James White  
Rev. Richard Gillet  
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Rev. Tom Ramsey  
Rev. Jean Ferraro  
Rev. Pamela K. Howard  
Dr. Sandra Jackson  
Rev. William Ernest Denham III  
Rev. Pinckney Love

Grapeland, Percilla UMC  
Groveton, First UMC  
Hemphill, First UMC  
Hemphill, Milam UMC  
Henderson, Bethel UMC  
Henderson, Blossom Hill UMC  
Henderson, Carlisle UMC  
Henderson, Church Hill UMC  
Henderson, First UMC  
Henderson, Goodsprings UMC  
Henderson, Oak Hill UMC  
Henderson, Oakland UMC  
Henderson, Pine Hill UMC  
Henderson, St. Paul's UMC  
Huntington, Huntington UMC  
Jasper, Circuit Memorial UMC  
Jasper, Curtis UMC  
Jasper, First UMC  
Jasper, Homer UMC  
Joaquin, First UMC  
Laneville, Laneville UMC  
Latexo, Latexo UMC  
Livingston, First UMC  
Livington, St. Luke's UMC  
Lovelady, Alexander UMC  
Lovelady, Anderson Chapel UMC  
Lovelady, First UMC  
Lovelady, Pleasant Hill UMC  
Lovelady, White Rock UMC  
Lufkin, Abundant Life UMC  
Lufkin, Bethlehem UMC  
Lufkin, Burke UMC  
Lufkin, First UMC  
Lufkin, Homer UMC  
Lufkin, Keltys UMC  
Lufkin, Ryan Chapel UMC  
Lufkin, St. Paul's UMC  
Milam, Liberty Springs UMC  
Moscow, Moscow UMC  
Moscow, Shiloh UMC  
Mt. Enterprise, Mt. Enterprise  
Nacogdoches, Bonita UMC  
Nacogdoches, Fairview UMC  
Nacogdoches, First UMC  
Nacogdoches, Melrose UMC  
Nacogdoches, Perritte Memorial  
Nacogdoches, Simpson Campground  
Nogalious Prairie, Prairie View  
Onalaska, Onalaska UMC  
Panola, Mt. Zion UMC  
Pineland, Pineland UMC  
Reklaw, Reklaw UMC  
Riverside, Riverside UMC  
Sam Rayburn, Lake Rayburn UMC  
San Augustine, First UMC  
San Augustine, McMahan Chapel  
Shelbyville, Shelbyville UMC  
Stockman UMC  
Tatum, Tatum UMC  
Tenaha First UMC  
Timpson, Timpson UMC  
Trinity, First UMC  
Troup, Henry's Chapel UMC  
Wells, Falvey Memorial UMC  
Woods UMC  
Woodville, Woodville UMC  
Zavalla, Shady Chapel UMC

Rev. Pinckney Love  
Rev. Ben Bagley  
Rev. Gary Leinhart  
Rev. Ronald Young  
Rev. Dime Manning  
Rev. Matthew Thomasson  
Rev. David P. Goodwin  
Rev. Gloria Jennings  
Dr. Ricky Joe Ricks  
Rev. Dime Manning  
Rev. Gloria Jennings  
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Rev. Sara Barbaree  
Rev. Karen Jones  
Rev. Carla Reed  
Rev. James Bradley  
Rev. Shannon Hahn  
Rev. James Bradley  
Rev. Jean Ferraro  
Rev. Jeffery McDonald  
Rev. David P. Goodwin  
Rev. Joseph Beran  
Rev. James Bradley  
Rev. Thomas Andrew Willaims  
Rev. Ross Douglass Hyde

## NORTH DISTRICT

**REV. WILLIAM (BILL) TAYLOR-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

TOTAL CHURCHES: 104

100% PAID: 84

Atlanta, First UMC  
Atlanta, Law's Chapel UMC  
Avinger, Avinger UMC  
Avinger, Mims Chapel UMC  
Daingerfield, First UMC  
Daingerfield, Jenkins UMC  
DeKalb, First UMC  
DeKalb, Hubbard Chapel UMC  
Diana, Diana UMC  
Diana, Smyrna UMC

Rev. Alex Lupo  
Rev. Dale Vickers  
Rev. Brian Allen Waddell  
Rev. Richard Lee Dowden  
Rev. Jeffrey Scott Stull  
Rev. Gerald Holder  
Rev. Tony Eugene Hoefner  
Rev. Tony Eugene Hoefner  
Rev. Edward Blackstone  
Rev. Eric Stewart



# Apportionments for 2009

Douglasville, Douglasville UMC  
 Douglasville, Union Chapel UMC  
 Gilmer, Bettie UMC  
 Gilmer, First UMC  
 Gilmer, Harmony UMC  
 Gilmer, Soules Chapel UMC  
 Gilmer, Union Ridge UMC  
 Glimmer, Hopewell UMC  
 Hallsville, First UMC  
 Hallsville, Noonday UMC  
 Harleton, Harleton UMC  
 Hughes Springs, Bethlehem UMC  
 Hughes Springs, Bradfield Chape  
 Hughes Springs, Harris Chapel U  
 Jefferson, Connors Goodwill UMC  
 Jefferson, First UMC  
 Jefferson, Lewis Chapel UMC  
 Jefferson, Logan's Chapel UMC  
 Jefferson, Shiloh UMC  
 Jefferson, St. Paul UMC  
 Karnack, Karnack UMC  
 Kilgore, St. Luke's UMC  
 Kilgore, Crossroads UMC  
 Kilgore, Danville UMC  
 Kilgore, McCary's Chapel UMC  
 Laird Hill, Laird Hill UMC  
 Linden, Linden UMC  
 Lone Star, Lone Star UMC  
 Longview, First UMC  
 Longview, Greggton UMC  
 Longview, Summerfield UMC  
 Longview, Trinity UMC  
 Longview, Wesley McCabe UMC  
 Longview, Winterfield UMC  
 Marietta, Cornett UMC  
 Marshall, Ebenezer UMC  
 Marshall, First UMC  
 Marshall, Grange Hall UMC  
 Marshall, Macedonia UMC  
 Marshall, Mallalieu UMC  
 Marshall, St. Mark's UMC  
 Marshall, Summit UMC  
 Marshall, Wesley UMC  
 Marshall, Zion UMC  
 Maud, Maud UMC  
 Mount Pleasant, Bridges Chapel  
 Mount Pleasant, Greenhill UMC  
 Mt. Pleasant, Tension Memorial  
 Naples, First UMC  
 Nash, Chapelwood UMC  
 New Boston, Daniel's Chapel UMC  
 New Boston, Red Bayou UMC  
 New Boston, Tapp UMC  
 New London, New London UMC  
 Old Boston, Old Boston UMC  
 Ore City, Cedar Grove UMC  
 Ore City, Ore City UMC  
 Overton, Pirtle UMC  
 Pittsburg, First UMC  
 Pittsburg, North Avenue UMC  
 Pittsburg, Reeves Chapel UMC  
 Queen City, Bethel UMC TBS  
 Queen City, First UMC  
 Red Lick, First UMC  
 Scottsville, Mission UMC  
 Smithland, Smithland UMC  
 Texarkana, Buchanan UMC  
 Texarkana, Eylau UMC  
 Texarkana, First UMC  
 Texarkana, South Texarkana UMC  
 Texarkana, St. Luke's UMC  
 Texarkana, St. Paul's UMC  
 Texarkana, Williams Memorial UMC  
 Waskom, First UMC

Rev. David Martin Avis  
 Rev. David Martin Avis  
 Rev. Jerry Turner  
 Rev. Kenneth Stephen Calhoun  
 Rev. Jerry Turner  
 Rev. Timothy Ruland  
 Ms. Glenda Mendoza  
 Mr. Douglas Green  
 Rev. Jeffrey Hastings  
 Rev. Jackie Herring  
 Rev. Curtis Jennings  
 Rev. George M. Hancock  
 Rev. Gerald Holder  
 Rev. Brian Allen Waddell  
 Mrs. Doris Humble  
 Rev. Allison Byerley  
 Dr. Winston McCowan  
 Dr. Winston McCowan  
 Rev. Dale Vickers  
 Dr. Winston McCowan  
 Rev. Chapman W. Huff  
 Rev. Darwood Galloway  
 Rev. Ralph Rudy  
 Rev. Wayne Welborn  
 Rev. Charlotte Austin  
 Rev. Dudley Joseph Plaisance  
 Rev. Mark Douglas McClanahan  
 Rev. Charles Schoon  
 Dr. V. Partick Sparks  
 Dr. Jonathan Bynum  
 Rev. Brad Nelson (Deceased)  
 Rev. Edward Blackstone  
 Rev. Virginia Wall  
 Rev. Rita Sims  
 Rev. Ralph Hale  
 Rev. Maggie Phillips Young  
 Rev. Joel D. McMahon III  
 Rev. Brooks Taylor  
 Rev. Mary Evans Tension  
 Rev. F.F. Jim McCutchens  
 Rev. Brenda Caron Lucas  
 Rev. Mario Parga  
 Rev. Nona Taylor  
 Rev. Joseph Parrish  
 Rev. William Francis Lanigan  
 Dr. Steven Cruz Diaz  
 Dr. Steven Cruz Diaz  
 Rev. Charles Matthew Huffman  
 Rev. Michael Lynn Fraley  
 Rev. Danny Carter  
 Rev. John R. Barfield  
 Rev. John R. Barfield  
 Rev. Gary Bagley  
 Rev. Janet Blackburn  
 Rev. William Francis Lanigan  
 Rev. Mary Evans Tension  
 Rev. Doug Smith  
 Rev. Dudley Joseph Plaisance  
 Dr. Richard Heyduck  
 Rev. Pinelopa Ann Fields  
 Rev. Tommy Earl Burton  
 Rev. Milton Glass  
 Rev. John Burchell  
 Rev. Dudley Childs  
 Rev. Jackie Herring  
 Rev. Allison Byerley  
 Rev. Carroll Thomas Myrick  
 Dr. Anthony Cecil  
 Rev. Forrest Scott Garrett  
 Rev. Helen Frazier  
 Rev. Heidi Kathleen Cain  
 TBS - Rev. Milton Glass  
 Dr. Danny Wayman  
 Rev. Harold M. Coburn

Athens, Crescent Heights UMC  
 Athens, Cross Roads UMC  
 Athens, First UMC  
 Athens, Wesley UMC  
 Ben Wheeler, Ben Wheeler UMC  
 Ben Wheeler, Sexton Chapel UMC  
 Big Sandy, Big Sandy UMC  
 Brownsboro, Brownsboro UMC  
 Brownsboro, Edom UMC  
 Brownsboro, New Hope UMC  
 Buffalo, Lanely UMC  
 Buffalo, Stewart Memorial UMC  
 Bullard, First UMC  
 Bullard, Mt. Selman UMC  
 Canton, Colfax UMC  
 Canton, First UMC  
 Canton, Holly Springs UMC  
 Canton, Moore UMC  
 Canton, Oakland UMC  
 Canton, Wallace UMC  
 Chandler, First UMC  
 Chandler, Lake Palestine UMC  
 Dew, Dew UMC  
 Dialville, Dialville UMC  
 Edgewood, Cheatham Mem. UMC  
 Elkhart, First UMC  
 Emory, Emory UMC  
 Eustace, Eustace UMC  
 Fairfield, First UMC  
 Fairfield, Jones Chapel UMC  
 Flint, Flint UMC  
 Flint, Noonday UMC  
 Frankston, First UMC  
 Frankston, Mt. Vernon UMC  
 Fruitvale, Fruitvale UMC  
 Golden, Golden UMC  
 Grand Saline, Grand Saline UMC  
 Hawkins, Bethlehem UMC  
 Hawkins, Center UMC  
 Hawkins, First UMC  
 Jacksonville, Antioch UMC  
 Jacksonville, Cove Springs UMC  
 Jacksonville, Earle's Chapel UM  
 Jacksonville, First UMC  
 Jacksonville, New Community UMC  
 Jacksonville, Pierce's Chapel UMC  
 Jacksonville, St. John's UMC  
 Kemp, Cedar Creek Lake UMC  
 LaRue, LaRue UMC  
 Lindale, Lindale UMC  
 Lindale, Mt. Sylvan UMC  
 Lindale, Union Chapel UMC  
 Mabank, Payne Springs UMC  
 Malakoff, First UMC  
 Mineola, First UMC  
 Mineola, Hainesville UMC  
 Mineola, Johnsons Chapel UMC  
 Mineola, Smith Chapel UMC  
 Murchison, Murchison UMC  
 Neches, Neches UMC  
 New Summerfield, New Summerfiel  
 Oakwood, Oakwood UMC  
 Oakwood, Union UMC  
 Palestine, Brushy Creek UMC  
 Palestine, Fields Chapel UMC  
 Palestine, First UMC  
 Palestine, Grace UMC  
 Palestine, St. Paul's UMC  
 Palestine, Union UMC  
 Palestine, Westwood UMC  
 Point, Point UMC  
 Quitman, Brock's Chapel UMC  
 Quitman, Liberty UMC  
 Quitman, Quitman UMC  
 Rusk, Adams Chapel UMC  
 Rusk, Bethel UMC  
 Rusk, First UMC  
 Slocum, Slocum UMC  
 Springfield, Springfield UMC  
 Teague, First UMC  
 Teague, St. James UMC  
 Teague, Titus UMC  
 Trinidad, Trinidad UMC

Rev. Richard Palmer  
 Dr. William Newcomb  
 Rev. John Logan Matkin  
 Rev. Richard Palmer  
 Rev. David Johnson  
 Rev. Russell Hall  
 Rev. David Russell  
 Rev. Gary White  
 Rev. Russell Hall  
 Rev. Richard Prather  
 Rev. Jesse R. Haynes  
 Rev. Kevin Thomas Gilmore  
 Dr. Randy Fitzgerald  
 Rev. Dan Middleton  
 Rev. Roland Alsobrook  
 Dr. James Nathan Hodge  
 Rev. Roland Alsobrook  
 Rev. Bartley S. Reddoch  
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 Rev. Bartley S. Reddoch  
 Dr. Russell Munch  
 Rev. Richard Prather  
 Rev. Kevin Thomas Gilmore  
 Rev. Ray Prince  
 Rev. Michael Bedevian  
 Rev. Lynn L. Willhite  
 Rev. Kelly Krone  
 Rev. Jerry Williams  
 Rev. Timothy Paul Kethley  
 Rev. Elnora Nunnally  
 Rev. Christi Conway  
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 Rev. Douglas Howell  
 Rev. Larry Krohn  
 Rev. David Musslewhite  
 Rev. Jim Pickens  
 Rev. Dan L. Gilliam  
 Rev. David Daviss  
 Rev. David Daviss  
 Rev. David Hicks  
 Rev. Dale Jamerson  
 Rev. Dan Middleton  
 Rev. Dale Jamerson  
 Rev. Kevin King  
 Rev. David Daviss  
 Rev. Patrick Papp  
 Rev. Patrick Papp  
 Rev. Charles A. Weber IV  
 Rev. Larry Dunn  
 Rev. Charles Wayne Flowers  
 Rev. Fred Worthen  
 Rev. David Musslewhite  
 Rev. David W. Diller  
 Rev. Charles Edward Kimble  
 Rev. Danny Danheim  
 Rev. Jim Pickens  
 Rev. Clara Jean Gilbert  
 Rev. Jim Pickens  
 Rev. Anna Hayes  
 Rev. David R. Blackmon  
 Rev. Ray Prince  
 Rev. Jesse R. Haynes  
 Rev. Benny Reynolds  
 Rev. Larry Krohn  
 Rev. David R. Blackmon  
 Rev. Bruce Hay  
 Dr. B. Thomas Haygood  
 Rev. Benny Reynolds  
 Rev. Glenn Taylor  
 Rev. Scott Moore  
 Rev. Douglas Walker  
 Rev. Linda McCollough  
 Rev. Kenneth Archer  
 Rev. Kenneth Archer  
 Rev. Charles Nunnally  
 Rev. Charles Nunnally  
 Rev. Michael E. Caldwell  
 Rev. Lynn L. Willhite  
 Rev. Glenn Taylor  
 Rev. Jeffrey Allen Powers  
 Rev. Joseph-Joshua Fields  
 Rev. Joseph-Joshua Fields  
 Rev. Jimmy L. Steele

Troup, Troup UMC  
 Tyler, Asbury UMC  
 Tyler, Bascom UMC  
 Tyler, Fairwood UMC  
 Tyler, Lanes Chapel UMC  
 Tyler, Liberty Hill UMC  
 Tyler, Marvin UMC  
 Tyler, Pleasant Retreat UMC  
 Tyler, Pollard Memorial UMC  
 Tyler, St. Paul UMC  
 Tyler, Swan-Wood Springs UMC  
 Whitehouse, Walnut Grove UMC  
 Whitehouse, Whitehouse UMC  
 Wills Point, Russell Memorial U  
 Winona, Winona UMC

Rev. Michael W. Cline  
 Rev. Karen Moriss Jones  
 Rev. Robert G. Waldman  
 Rev. Rickey Glenn Tate  
 Rev. Lou Gary Thomas  
 Rev. Fred Worthen  
 Dr. John Robbins  
 Rev. James Ray McMillan  
 Rev. Robert Fisher  
 Rev. Ward N. Livingston  
 Rev. Marion Burgess  
 Rev. Michael W. Cline  
 Rev. Charles L. Bratz Jr.  
 Rev. Ray Lamar Reed  
 Rev. Leslie Daly

## SOUTH DISTRICT DR. DON WADDELETON-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TOTAL CHURCHES: 57 100% PAID: 43

Alvin, First UMC  
 Angleton, First UMC  
 Angleton, Haven Chapel UMC  
 Angleton, St. Joseph UMC  
 Angleton, Ward Chapel UMC  
 Baytown, Cedar Bayou UMC  
 Baytown, St. Emily's UMC  
 Baytown, St. Mark's UMC  
 Baytown, St. Paul's UMC  
 Channelview, Old River Terrace  
 Clute, Wesley First UMC  
 Crosby, First UMC  
 Dayton, First UMC  
 Dickinson, Faith UMC  
 Dickinson, First UMC  
 Freeport, First UMC  
 Freeport, Oyster Creek UMC  
 Friendswood, Friendswood UMC  
 Galveston, Central UMC  
 Galveston, Crockett Place UMC  
 Galveston, Moody Memorial UMC  
 Galveston, St. Paul's UMC  
 Galveston, Wesley Tabernacle UM  
 Highlands, Highlands UMC  
 Hitchcock, First UMC  
 Hitchcock, Wilbur Chapel UMC  
 Houston, Clear Lake UMC  
 Houston, Cokesbury UMC  
 Lake Jackson, Chapelwood UMC  
 Lake Jackson, First UMC  
 LaPorte, First UMC  
 League City, Bay Harbour UMC  
 League City, League City UMC  
 Pasadena, Golden Acres UMC  
 Pasadena, Parkwood UMC  
 Pasadena, Sunset UMC  
 Pearland, First UMC  
 Pearland, Hope Church UMC  
 Santa Fe, Aldersgate UMC  
 Texas City, First UMC  
 Texas City, Galilee UMC  
 Texas City, Grace UMC  
 Texas City, St. John's UMC

Rev. Eric Ryburn  
 Rev. Robert Dale Sinclair  
 Rev. Jesse Trotter  
 Rev. Jesse Trotter  
 Rev. Jesse Trotter  
 Rev. Thomas Edward Lyles Jr.  
 Rev. Howard Wayne Bell  
 Rev. Michael Proctor  
 Rev. Polly Standing  
 Rev. Clayton Whitaker  
 Dr. Arturo V. Parra  
 Dr. Barbara Gail Harrelson  
 Rev. Jon Gordon Stouffer  
 Rev. E. Lorraine Brown  
 Rev. John E. Reasons  
 Dr. James Keith Broyles  
 Dr. James Keith Broyles  
 Rev. James A. Bass  
 Rev. James C. Dorman  
 Rev. Mike Selzer  
 Rev. Bert Bagley  
 Rev. Carolyn E. Robinson  
 Rev. Henry Fred Hynson  
 Rev. Sharon Monroe Sabom  
 Dr. Michael Deaton  
 Rev. Charles Monette  
 Rev. Anthony Vinson  
 Rev. Sandra W. Smith  
 Dr. George Wesley Welborn  
 Rev. Charles G. Geller  
 Rev. Kelly L. Sullivan  
 Rev. John Newsome  
 Rev. William E. Jenkins  
 Rev. Jack Womack  
 Rev. Royce George Scott  
 Rev. Winston R. Goens, Jr.  
 Rev. Keith Whitaker  
 Rev. Thaddeus Eastland  
 Rev. William G. Webb  
 Rev. D. Fred Willis  
 Rev. Carolyn E. Robinson  
 Rev. John Bell Cullen III  
 Rev. Deborah Kareen Proctor

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT - 100% PAID DR. RICHARD BURNHAM-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TOTAL CHURCHES: 57 100% PAID 54

Anahuac, First UMC  
 Anahuac, St. James UMC  
 Anahuac, St. Paul UMC  
 Batson, Batson UMC  
 Beaumont, First Korean UMC  
 Beaumont, First UMC  
 Beaumont, Forest Park UMC  
 Beaumont, McCabe Roberts UMC  
 Beaumont, St. James UMC  
 Beaumont, St. Luke UMC  
 Beaumont, St. Paul UMC  
 Beaumont, Trinity UMC  
 Beaumont, Wesley UMC

Rev. Randy Carrion  
 Rev. Mary Shotlow  
 Rev. Mary Shotlow  
 Rev. Gideon Watson  
 Rev. Do Ung Lee  
 Dr. Frank Alegria  
 Dr. Carla Badgett Shield  
 Rev. Wanda J. Bass  
 Rev. Carlos Randle Phillips  
 Rev. Michael D. Liedy  
 Rev. Ruby Nelson  
 Rev. Robert C. Shield  
 Rev. Robert Besser

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT -100% PAID REV. NICK SHOLARS-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TOTAL CHURCHES: 104 100% PAID: 101

Alba, Alba UMC  
 Arp, Arp UMC  
 Athens, Carroll Springs UMC

Rev. Kelly Krone  
 Rev. David Banks  
 Rev. Matt Smith



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Bridge City, St. Paul UMC  
Buna, First UMC  
Call, Call UMC  
China, China UMC  
Daisetta, Daisetta UMC  
Daisetta, Devers UMC  
Deweyville, Deweyville UMC  
Fannett, Faith UMC  
Groves, First UMC  
Hardin, Hardin UMC  
High Island, St. Matthew's UMC  
Kirbyville, Watson Chapel UMC  
Kountze, First UMC  
Kountze, Warren UMC  
Liberty, Faith UMC  
Liberty, South Liberty UMC  
Lumberton, Woodcrest UMC  
Magnolia Springs  
Nederland, First UMC  
Nederland, Wesley UMC  
Newton, Newton UMC  
Orange, Faith UMC  
Orange, First UMC  
Orange, Mauriceville UMC  
Orange, Salem UMC  
Orange, Wesley UMC  
Port Arthur, Aldersgate Trinity  
Port Arthur, Barnes Mem. UMC  
Port Arthur, First UMC  
Port Arthur, St. John UMC  
Port Arthur, St. Paul UMC  
Port Arthur, Temple UMC  
Port Neches, First UMC  
Sabine Pass, Sabine Pass UMC  
Silsbee, First UMC  
Sour Lake, Sour Lake UMC  
Spurger, Spurger UMC  
Vidor, First UMC  
Wallisville, Middleton Memorial  
Wildwood, Village Mills UMC  
Winnie, First UMC

## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT REV. GAIL FORD SMITH-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TOTAL CHURCHES: 49 100% PAID: 45

Bay City, First UMC  
Bay City, Markham UMC  
Bay City, St. Paul's UMC  
Boling, First UMC  
Brazoria, First UMC  
Brookshire, First UMC  
East Bernard, First UMC  
Fulshear, First UMC  
Houston, Ashford UMC  
Houston, First Filipino America  
Houston, Jones Memorial UMC  
Houston, Memorial Drive UMC  
Houston, Trinity UMC (Barker-Cy)  
Katy, First UMC  
Katy, Grace Fellowship UMC  
Katy, Holy Covenant UMC  
Katy, St. Peter's UMC  
Kendleton, Newman Chapel UMC  
Lissie, First UMC  
Matagorda, First UMC  
Missouri City, Covenant Glen UMC  
Missouri City, First UMC  
Needville, First UMC  
Orchard, First UMC  
Pattison, Pattison UMC  
Pearland, Shepherd of the Heart  
Richmond, Faith UMC  
Richmond, Mt. Vernon UMC  
Richmond, St. John's UMC  
Rosenberg, First UMC  
Rosenberg, St. Luke's UMC  
San Felipe, San Felipe UMC  
San Felipe, Wesley Chapel UMC  
Sealy, Coles Chapel UMC  
Sealy, First UMC  
Sugar Land, Christ UMC  
Sugar Land, First UMC  
Sweeny, First UMC  
Sweeny, Grace UMC  
Sweeny, Neuzion UMC  
Van Vleck, First UMC  
Wallis, First UMC  
West Columbia, Columbia UMC  
Wharton, First UMC  
Wharton, Thompson Chapel UMC

Rev. David Neal Green  
Rev. James Byron Jones  
Rev. Ray Nelson  
Rev. Gregory Edwards  
Rev. Clinton Jordan (TBS)  
Rev. Clinton Jordan  
Rev. Douglas Caldwell  
Rev. Matthew Todd Thomas  
Rev. Alan Neil Van Hooser  
Rev. Gideon Watson  
Rev. J. Martin Boddie  
Rev. Ray Nelson  
Rev. William E. Jobe Jr.  
Rev. William E. Jobe Jr.  
Rev. Jay Barnes  
Rev. Robert Fosburgh (TBS)  
Rev. Rick Sitton  
Rev. Victoria Simons  
Rev. Malcolm Monroe  
Rev. Kevin Rydell Otto  
Rev. Joseph Walter Miller  
Rev. Kevin M. Kissel  
Rev. Tom Stephenson  
Rev. Douglas Caldwell  
Rev. Carolyn McCall  
Rev. Randy Branch  
Rev. Joy M. Richards  
Rev. Jefferson English (TBS)  
Rev. Christina Hale  
Rev. Kitty Key  
Rev. Patricia Ann Wells  
Rev. Jesse Brannen  
Rev. Peter Cammarano  
Rev. Kitty Key  
Rev. Danny Clyde Darby  
Rev. Gregory Ray Edwards  
Rev. Victoria Simons  
Rev. Mark Matthew Pedersen  
Rev. Randy Carrion  
Rev. James E. McConnell  
Rev. Tom W. Crowe

Rev. Christopher Wade Harrison  
Rev. Tom Morgan  
Rev. Tom Morgan  
Rev. Brian J. Krumnow  
Rev. Greg Oberg  
Rev. Dortha Dumas  
Rev. Michael G. Holcomb  
Rev. Capri Garretson Grimes  
Rev. David Meeker-Williams  
Rev. Regino M. Dancel  
Rev. Kenneth Levingston  
Dr. Charles B. Simmons  
Rev. Salvador E. Ramirez  
Rev. Marlin Fenn  
Rev. James E. Leggett  
Rev. Jay Kevin Jackson  
Rev. Dan L. Miller  
Rev. Albert Reed  
Rev. Janice Kerlee  
Rev. Pauline Harvey  
Dr. Robert Childress  
Dr. Lynne A. Settlemyre  
Dr. James Thomas Bain  
Dr. James Thomas Bain  
Rev. Herb Stallknecht  
Rev. Wayne Calder  
Rev. Roy James  
Rev. Vastine Watson Jr.  
Rev. David Luckert  
Rev. John Black  
Rev. Diana Creeks  
Rev. Douglas Laws  
Rev. Steffon Arrington  
Rev. Steffon Arrington  
Rev. John R. Tyler  
Rev. Morris Matthis  
Rev. W. Martin Nicholas  
Rev. Sherry Crenshaw  
Rev. Paul D. Duncan  
Rev. Paul D. Duncan  
Rev. Brian J. Krumnow  
Rev. Charles R. Walters  
Rev. Gregory H. Rogers  
Rev. Polly Standing  
Rev. Albert Reed

## WEST DISTRICT - 100% PAID REV. JOSEPH W. FORT-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TOTAL CHURCHES: 86 100% PAID: 82

Anderson, Anderson UMC  
Anderson, McKenzie Chapel UMC  
Anderson, Yarborough Chapel UMC  
Bedias, Bedias UMC  
Bellville, Bellville UMC  
Bremond, Grace UMC  
Brenham, First UMC  
Brenham, Mt. Zion UMC  
Brenham, Pleasant Grove UMC  
Brenham, Richard Grove UMC  
Bryan, Alexander UMC  
Bryan, First UMC  
Bryan, Lee Chapel UMC  
Bryan, Wesley UMC  
Caldwell, Cooks Point UMC  
Caldwell, First UMC  
Calvert, Chapel Hill UMC  
Calvert, Sneed Memorial UMC  
Calvert, St. James UMC  
Calvert, St. Paul UMC  
Cameron, First UMC  
Cedar Springs, Cedar Springs UMC  
Centerville, First UMC  
Centerville, Hopewell UMC  
Chappell Hill, Chappell Hill UMC  
Chilton, St. Paul UMC  
Chriesman, Chriesman UMC  
College Station, A&M UMC  
College Station, Aldersgate UMC  
College Station, Christ UMC  
Dobbin, Lee Tabernacle UMC  
Fairfield, Leona UMC  
Flynn, Flynn UMC  
Franklin, Franklin UMC  
Gause, Gause UMC  
Giddings, First UMC  
Golinda, Major's Chapel UMC  
Hearne, Grace UMC  
Hempstead, Bethlehem UMC  
Hempstead, First UMC  
Huntsville, Farris Chapel UMC  
Huntsville, First UMC  
Huntsville, St. James UMC  
Huntsville, St. Luke UMC  
Huntsville, St. Paul's UMC  
Huntsville, Wesley UMC  
Iola, Zion UMC  
Jewett, First UMC  
Jewett, St. Matthew UMC  
Kosse, Kosse UMC  
Leona, Hillary Chapel UMC  
Leona, Tanyard UMC  
Leona, Two Mile UMC  
Lexington, Blue UMC  
Lexington, Lexington UMC  
Lott, Lott UMC  
Madisonville, First UMC  
Marlin, Davis Chapel UMC  
Marlin, First UMC  
Marlin, Circuit UMC  
Marquez, Donie Memorial UMC  
Marquez, Marquez UMC  
Maysfield, Maysfield UMC  
Milano, Liberty UMC  
Milano, Milano UMC  
Millican, Millican UMC  
Navasota, First UMC  
Navasota, Lynn Grove UMC  
Navasota, Pleasant Grove UMC  
Navasota, Stoneham UMC  
Normagee, First UMC  
Normagee, Evans  
Paige, Paige UMC  
Reagan, Regan UMC  
Richards, Bay Chapel UMC  
Richards, Richards UMC  
Rockdale, St. John's UMC  
Somerville, First UMC  
Stonehamville, Stonehamville UMC  
Thorndale, Friendship UMC  
Thorndale, Pleasant Retreat UMC  
Wheelock, Wheelock UMC

Rev. Mac Vaughn  
Rev. Hopie Solomon  
Rev. Hopie Solomon  
Rev. Gary Westbrook  
Dr. Robert Stutes  
Rev. Jeff Dungan  
Rev. Dale Chance  
Rev. Cecil P. McDowell  
Rev. Cecil P. McDowell  
Rev. Cecil P. McDowell  
Rev. Samuel Charles Cutrone Jr.  
Rev. Merle Matthews Idom, Jr.  
Rev. Floyd J. Polk  
Rev. Samuel Charles Cutrone Jr.  
Rev. Karen Ann Williams  
Rev. Todd Eric Jordan  
Rev. Otis Greenwood  
Rev. Gene Bixler  
Rev. Otis Greenwood  
Rev. Otis Greenwood  
Rev. Chris W. Norton  
Rev. Thomas Q. Robbins  
Rev. Afzaal Firdous  
Rev. Alma Boudreax  
Rev. Paul J. Behrens-Lopez  
Rev. Leo Green  
Rev. Roy Dillard  
Rev. Kip R. Gilts  
Dr. Bruce Wood  
Rev. Jerry House Jr.  
Rev. Sandra Jones  
Rev. Jim Crawford  
Rev. Daniel R. Barrett  
Rev. Lindsey T. Smith Jr.  
Rev. Kenneth Roy Byrd  
Dr. Timothy Philip Edwards  
Rev. Ethelene Green  
Rev. Kenneth Roy Byrd  
Rev. Jeanne Kabamba Kiboko  
Rev. Bonnie L. Osteen  
Rev. Wes Reagan  
Rev. Scott Dornbush  
Rev. Conrell Lockett III  
Rev. Conrell Lockett III  
Rev. Rick Nance  
Rev. Kevin D. Young  
Rev. Ruby Sosa  
Rev. Rich Cromwell  
Rev. Alma Boudreax  
Rev. John Montgomery, Jr.  
Rev. Connie Blackshear  
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Rev. Linda O'Neal  
Rev. Linda O'Neal  
Rev. John Montgomery, Jr.  
Rev. George Wilson  
Rev. Leo Green  
Rev. Thomas Q. Robbins  
Rev. Leo Green  
Rev. Rich Cromwell  
Rev. Michael Hunter  
Rev. Chris W. Norton  
Rev. Roy Dillard  
Rev. Roy Dillard  
Rev. Peggy Ann Hines  
Rev. Mac Vaughn  
Rev. Bonnie L. Osteen  
Rev. Sandra Jones  
Rev. Roger Goldsmith  
Rev. Daniel R. Barrett  
Rev. Jim Crawford  
Dr. Timothy Philip Edwards  
Rev. John Montgomery, Jr.  
Rev. C. Franklin Cowley  
Rev. C. Franklin Cowley  
Rev. John E. Warren  
Rev. Tim Bruegger  
Rev. Sandra Jones  
Rev. David Persons  
Rev. David Persons  
Rev. Calvin Woods

## 30 years in extension ministry

Pastor finds his niche in pastoral care

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work, and having a retirement community to be the based here in Galveston is a tremendous blessing. One of the things that stands out is the support of MRC from our board of directors and the president of our organization."

Through Partners in Mission, Rev. Pinard has been going to Bolivia for the past 12 years with medical teams and to El Salvador and Costa Rica to help to coordinate teams through their local church and the conference.

On one mission trip to El Salvador they found a 14-year-old boy in the street who was badly burned. "The local pastor explained his situation and we were able to

get him a plane ticket. He had to have oral surgery because he couldn't open his mouth. He has no lips."

Pinard credited Methodist Retirement Communities alongside the local church, the District Superintendents, Partners in Mission, Methodist Hospital and The Shriner's Burn Hospital for all working together to help care for the victim.

"Our connectional system has made this all possible. It is a blessing to minister in this kind of environment."

For additional information on Methodist Retirement Communities or to contact Rev. Pinard, visit their website at <http://www.mrcaff.org>.

## Prayer crosses - a new mission for First UMC in Center, Texas

Prayer ministry offer comfort to soldiers

By Rev. Steve Thomas  
First UMC, Center Texas

Twice I have stood silently on the downtown square in Center, Texas holding my American flag as a funeral procession slowly drove by with the body of a fallen soldier.

The congregation wanted to do something for the soldiers, and with God's help, decided to provide hope and support through their faith.

The Prayer Ministry has created small wooden crosses for our military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The cross is hollow in the bottom and inside is a small piece of paper with the name of the recipient and the date when First UMC prayed for their safe return home. The paper is held in place with a small plug.

"God gave me the idea after I went out behind our house and stood in the

woods praying to him about what I could do for our service people," says Thomaas.

Each Sunday service, the church will have a special prayer for the soldier. Then we mail the cross to them with a note in the box that thanks them for their service along with our prayers that this cross will keep them safe and give hope and comfort to their families.



The prayer cross created by the Prayer Ministry of First UMC, Center, Texas.



# Safety Nets

By Kayla Slimp  
The Bryan-College  
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For most of us, mosquitoes are pesky creatures that come out on humid summer nights.

The insects have infected dozens of area residents in recent years with West Nile, a disease that's killed several people locally.

Three Brazos Valley resi-

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**Rev. Todd Jordan**  
First UMC Caldwell

dents recently saw up close the harm caused by the flying creatures in Africa, where more than 1 million people die from malaria carried by mosquitoes each year.

Linda Marr of College Station, Steve May of Bryan and Todd Jordan of Caldwell made the journey with 32 other Methodists from Texas to Cote d’Ivoire, commonly known as the Ivory Coast, to deliver 785,000 insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

The 10-day trip in November involved 35 people who helped 800 volunteers distribute the nets to 3,000 sites over five days. The volunteers set up three stations that the locals went to.

The first station gave children a capsule of Vitamin A and a de-worming pill. At the second, doctors and nurses vaccinated children against measles.

At the third station, the children and their families were handed the lifesaving nets. As soon as the children reached the third station, Marr said, their faces lit up and they stopped crying, while the mothers gratefully accepted the gifts.

“They were so excited,” Jordan said. “To say elated would be an understatement.

They were excited to receive a net because they knew what that meant. It meant that their children would be protected from malaria.”

Jordan said that a significantly larger number came to the stations when the nets were handed out than they had in the past when only the measles vaccine had been given.

“People do feel an ominous fear of malaria. It was more

important to them than the measles vaccine,” he said.

Malaria is the leading cause of death of children in Africa, according to officials with Nothing But Nets.

One net can protect four people for up to four years. After four years, the insecticide wears off, and the net is half as effective. Most malaria-ridden mosquitoes bite at night, so the nets are set up over beds.

The volunteers from Texas showed the Ivoirians how to use their nets as well as distributing them.

“People told us that God had sent us to their country,” Marr said. “They were very appreciative. They lose children a lot to malaria.”

The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church pledged to raise \$1 million in June 2007 to purchase mosquito nets through Nothing But Nets.

This organization partners with the United Methodist Church, NBA Cares, the United Nations Foundation, Sports Illustrated, the UN Refugee Agency and the Measles Initiative, among other partners.

Jordan is the pastor of First UMC in Caldwell, Texas. May is a member of First UMC in Bryan, Texas and Marr is a

member of A&M UMC in College Station, Texas.

First UMC Caldwell raised \$2,200. First UMC Bryan raised \$6,500 and A&M UMC raised \$13,000.

Each traveler also had to pay \$3,000 for the trip. May’s church had fundraisers for his trip, and he received enough donations to pay for all of his travel expenses and his shots.

Marr’s church matched the \$1,500 she paid out of pocket, and Jordan’s way was paid for by the West District of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The villagers showed much generosity and love toward the Texans, May said. They clapped when the volunteers arrived and invited them to eat in their homes.

“We were treated like royalty. They fed us what was equivalent to our Thanksgiving meal every meal. We always had the seat of honor in every home, and they made sure we ate before they did,” May said.

The group stayed in a hotel in Abidjan, the largest city in the country. Jordan compared this area to the slums of Houston. Every day, they commuted 90 minutes to villages in the rain forests, where people live in mud or grass huts with thatched roofs.

The mosquito nets cost \$10 a piece, but most people at risk for malaria live on less than \$1 a day and cannot afford a net, according to the Nothing But Nets Web site. Cote d’Ivoire still needs 6 million nets, Marr said.

May said he will never forget the trip and dreams of what each life saved could turn out to be.

“I’ve been changed because of it, and I hope I never go back to how I was,” he said.

Jordan was impressed with the efficiency and effectiveness of all the organizations involved.

“I see God’s hand working in these organizations, and I see it affecting lives and God at work,” he said. “I saw a lot of joy, laughter and tears and that gave me a lot of hope.”



**Top: Linda Marr of A&M UMC in College Station administers life-saving medicines to the children of Cote d’Ivoire.**

**Bottom: An Ivoirian mother heads home in the village of Bassam to hang a mosquito net that can save her baby's life.**

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<http://www.theeagle.com/lifestyles/Safety-nets>.

*It is an example of how local media continues to spotlight members of the Texas Annual Conference net delivery team.*

*To invite a team member in your area to share their experiences with your ministry, contact the Center for Missional Excellence at 713 -521-9383 or [sbromme@txcumc.org](mailto:sbromme@txcumc.org).*



## Spotlight on Local Church Ministries

### Pre-registration for Annual Conference 2009

March 4 2009 begins pre-registration of clergy, clergy spouses and lay delegates. Everyone will receive an e-mail with information containing registration instructions.

If you do not receive instructions, check with your district office has your current e-mail address correct.

The deadline for pre-registration is May 14 at 12 noon (central time)

### Fellowship Opportunities

**United Methodist Women To Sponsor 2009 Lenten Study**  
Women, men, and families are invited to the 2009 Lenten Study, "Come to the Cross" by John Indermark and presented by Bible Study University and Seminarian Instructor, Liz Vondy at the First UMC, Houston Westchase Campus.

Sessions will be held March 4, 11, 18, 25 and concluding April 1. The registration fee is \$8. Contact persons are Charlotte Newton, at 281-980-1918, Celainew@aol.com or Jane Thompson, at 832-264-9001 at Bob.jane.3214@comcast.net.

**St. Luke's UMC Introduces Improvisation: Jazz Worship**  
March 1 through April 5 each Sunday, St. Luke's UMC will offer a new style of worship service, combining the less formal style of jazz music and casual dress with traditional elements of worship.

Improvisation will feature rotating ensembles of jazz musicians including Rob Landes, Joey Love and Taylor Davis. More

information is available on line at [www.stlukesmethodist.org](http://www.stlukesmethodist.org).

### Texas Annual Conference To Host 'Astros Baseball Night'

The last two years have been such a success that the Texas Annual Conference decided to do it again!

There will be 1,000 Field Box seats available on a first come, first serve basis.

Each ticket is \$21.50; there will be no special seating selection, however, districts will have the option to be seated together if all tickets are purchased at the same time.

Contact your district office for tickets. Deadline is March 15.

### St. Paul's UMC Lenten Recital Series presents UH Concert Women's Chorus

The St. Paul's Chamber Music Society's annual Lenten Recital Series presents the University of Houston Moores School Concert Women's Chorus, directed by Richard Robbins. The recital will be at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in the St. Paul's UMC sanctuary, 5501 Main at Binz/Bissonnet.

Robbins earned a Bachelor of Music Education in Choral Music Education from the Florida State University, and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Houston. Presently, he is completing doctoral studies in conducting and musicology.

Additional recitals in the 2009 series will be at 12:15 on Thursdays through April 2 and will include concert artists Robert Brownlee, piano; Betsy Brownlee, harp; and Giovanni Antipolo, piano.

**Generational Healing Service**  
Struggles, depression, financial burdens, addictions, divorce...have you ever noticed that many of your trials seem to

be similar to ones your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, struggle with? What could possibly create these problems? Unrepentant sin can leave a spiritual weakness in a family that keeps generations of family members from God's best.

Discover how to detect family sin patterns, learn God's remedy, and how to break the curse and set your family free.

Freedom and Healing Ministry invites you to attend a *Generational Healing Service* on Thursday, April 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Worship Center at Grace Fellowship UMC, 2655 S. Mason Rd. Katy, Texas 77450.

This will be a private and safe environment between you and God. No child care provided. Sign up at Prayer Kiosk beginning Sunday, March 8. Contact Pam AlSheikh at 281-346 0555 or alsheikh67@comcast.net.

### Living Last Supper at First UMC Houston

First UMC Houston, located at 1320 Main Street, Houston, Texas presents, *Living Last Supper*, Thursday, April 9, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The service will include music and monologues by each of the 12 disciples and participation by the Sanctuary choir.

Participants in attendance will share in the Passover table with the disciples.

The event is free to the public. No photos, please.

For more information, contact Linda Calvert at 832-668-1816 or lcalvert@fmhouston.com.

### Annual Conference Accommodations at the Cramer Center

The Cramer United Methodist Retreat Center has rooms available for those attending Texas Annual Conference 2009.

Guests must register before May 10 using the on-line registration form found on the web site: [www.CramerCenter.org](http://www.CramerCenter.org).

Contact Nanette Radke, Property Manager at 281-350-1355 or [NERadke@CramerCenter.org](mailto:NERadke@CramerCenter.org) for details.

### Learning Opportunities

#### First UMC Bullard Offers Marriage Seminar

April 24-25, 2009 is the date for, *Improving Communication in your marriage* seminar.

The workshop will focus on strengthening your relationship with practical insights. Discover how to gain intimacy in your relationship and overcome the barriers to communication.

The cost is \$40 per person (lunch is provided). For more information, contact the church at 903-894-6762.

#### A New Church for a New Day 42nd Annual Meeting for BMCR – March 25-27

The meeting will focus on congregational development. The program will focus on new church development, congregational transformation, revitalization, and sharing ministry models that reach new people for Jesus Christ.

The fact that there are different challenges for different churches will be examined and the reality that historical Black congregations are being closed and/or merging with other churches. Many existing congregations lack the human and financial resources to develop and maintain effective ministries in the communities. For additional information, go to [www.bmcrcumc.org](http://www.bmcrcumc.org).

#### Pet Therapy Workshop

Paws 4 Love/hphp (Delta Society Pet Partners) is hosting

a pet therapy workshop March 7, in the Liberty, Texas area.

The workshop entitled, "Pet Therapy 101" is designed to introduce handlers to Delta Society Pet Partner program and to the programs offered by Paws 4 Love/hphp, a Delta Society affiliate.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. The \$50 registration fee includes the Delta Society Student Home Study manual and shipping expense.

For more information and registration, visit the website at [www.paws4lovehphp.com](http://www.paws4lovehphp.com).

#### Mt. Sequoyah Offers Three Conferences in 2009

Coming early in 2009, Mt. Sequoyah will host the following events:

Small Church Leadership Institute, March 9-13 – A conference to equip laity and clergy with the knowledge and skills for leading their small attendance church into the future.

Caring for Creation Conference, March 27-29 – A conference designed to educate, network and inspire faith communities to initiate, develop and sustain stewardship programs that will protect and celebrate God's creation.

**Do you have information about your church or ministry you would like to share with others?**

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