

THE AMERICUS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009

**AMERICUS DISTRICT RALLY
CORDELE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JANUARY 18, 2009
4:00 P.M.**



**BISHOP JAMES R. KING WILL BE
OUR PREACHER FOR THE
AMERICUS DISTRICT RALLY. WE
INVITE EVERYONE IN THE
DISTRICT TO BE A PART OF THIS
GREAT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
TOGETHER.**

**MEET AT YOUR CHURCH AND COME TOGETHER
AND LET US CELEBRATE ALL THE GOOD THINGS
THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE AMERICUS
DISTRICT AS WE CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**SEE YOU AT THE RALLY!
RONNIE WILLS, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

LAY SPEAKING COURSES

**FEBRUARY 21, 2009
8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**PEAVY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
902 N. HICKORY ST. - CORDELE, GEORGIA**

**THE AMERICUS DISTRICT WILL SPONSOR BASIC AND ADVANCED LAY
SPEAKING COURSES LED BY DR. RUSS ELKINS AND REV. WAYNE
MCDANIEL. THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$10.00. THIS COVERS THE COST
OF THE MATERIALS AND MEAL.**

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND
RETURN IT TO THE AMERICUS DISTRICT OFFICE, 1602 GOFF CIRCLE,
CORDELE, GA 31015. WE WILL HAVE TO ORDER THE MATERIAL, SO
PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 1. MAKE CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO
THE AMERICUS DISTRICT WORK FUND.**

**THE TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8:30 A.M. IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO ARRIVE EARLIER, THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND DONUTS
AVAILABLE.**

**Registration for Lay Speaking Courses
February 21, 2009
Peavy UMC**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Church : _____

Circle One: Basic Course Advanced Course

Please register by February 1, 2009.

BISHOP'S DAY APART

February 10, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Harvest Church - Warner Robins, GA.

All pastors under appointment are expected to attend.

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

The Ashburn United Methodist Church is pleased to sponsor an Eastern Mediterranean Cruise called "The Steps of Paul and the Book of Revelation". This cruise is scheduled for June of 2009 and will originate in Athens, Greece and sail to Corinth, Ephesus, Tarsus, Antioch and include tours of the Galilee and Bethlehem. Imagine walking the same steps as Paul and visiting the churches he established. Please contact Mary Geoghagan at Duke's Getaways for more information and to make reservations. Mary can be reached at 229/567-0660 or 229/425-2312. You can also email her at dukesgetaways@windstream.net.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT CONSULTATIONS

Bishop King has asked that the District Superintendent meet with all pastors and PPR Committees separately during the months of January and February. A schedule for these meetings has been sent to each Pastor and PPRC Chairperson. If you have not contacted the District Office for your appointment, please do so immediately. Call Reba at 229-273-3119 to see which dates are available.

AMERICUS DISTRICT MENTOR TRAINING

Cordele First UMC - March 10, 2009
Instructor: Dr. Vance Mathis

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2008

24-26 District Office closed for Christmas

31-1/2 District Office closed for New Year

January 2009

18 Americus District Rally

26-28 Winter Camp Meeting, EBTS

February 2009

6-13 License to Preach School - EBTS

10 Bishop's Day Apart - Harvest Church, Warner Robins

17 District Pastors' Meeting - Cordele First - 10:30 a.m.

18 Day of Prayer , Appointment Process

21 Lay Speaker Training at Peavy UMC

23-25 Appointive Cabinet

26 Extended Cabinet Meeting

March 2009

10 Americus District Mentor Training

Thank You

Thanks to all of you who attended the District Christmas Luncheon at Cordele First on Saturday December 6. We are grateful to the Cordele church and the men from that church who served us so graciously as waiters. And Thanks for the great fun program of magic presented by our colleague, Mike Lyons. (The way I figure it, if he can do magic like that, his offering plates should be overflowing every week..?)

Carmin and I are very appreciative of the generous Christmas gift that you presented to us. It is our plan to match that gift and give it toward the support of a child at HUMBLE School. In this way all of us can help make a difference in the life of a child in Uganda. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We wish you, your church, and your family a wonderful Christmas season and we pray that next year will be the best year ever of your ministry. May God's richest blessings be on you all.

Ronnie and Carmin

Thanks for Your Prayers

Your prayers, calls, cards, and e-mails have meant so much to us during Howard's surgery and radiation treatments. Just hearing from you and knowing that you care has helped us tremendously through all of this. He is responding to treatments very well and hopefully his last treatment will be on December 30.

—Howard and Reba---

*We wish
each of you*

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*Blessed and Joyful
Christmas*

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Happy

New Year!