



# NEWSLETTER COLUMBUS DISTRICT

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| 1-Steve Hammonds  | 15-Dan Smith        |
| 2-Carol Cox       | 21-Paula Sasser     |
| 2-Alice Robertson | 25-Cheryll Cottrell |
| 9-Donna Harper    | 28-Patty Tucker     |
| 11-Becky MacMinn  | 29-Marsha Emery     |
| 12-Bill Willis    | 30-Margaret Curtis  |
| 13-Rick Dunbar    |                     |

## Anniversaries

- 7-Paula and Mark Sasser
- 19-Brenda and Jimmy Ford

## Magnolia Manor

Mother's Day offering in support of the League of the Good Samaritan

## May 10

Remember, you may designate your gift as a memorial or honorarium for a loved one—honoring loved ones while blessing others with your giving.

## All Upcoming Events

### May

- 10-Magnolia Manor Sunday
- 12-Moving Pastor Transition Workshop
- 13-Moving Pastor Transition Workshop
- 16-District Ministers' Farewell Gathering
- 17-Peace With Justice Sunday
- 24-Retirement Reception, St. Luke
- 31-Pre-Conference Orientation, St. Luke

### June

- 7-10-2009 Annual Conference Session
- 17-Moving Day

### July

- 16-19-UMW Conference School of Missions
- 27-30-Georgia Pastors' School

### August

- 15-Pathways to a Healthy Church

## Columbus Ministers' Farewell Event

To say goodbye to those in transition.

May 16, 6:00 p.m.

Rose Hill United Methodist Church  
Barbecue - \$5.00 adults - no cost for children  
moving families are guests of the district

## Retirement Reception for

Julia and Ronnie Culpepper

May 24, 2009

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Luke UMC Ministry Center

Pre-Conference Orientation Sunday, May 31, 3:30 p.m. at St. Luke UMC

## Annual Conference 2009:

Information regarding the 2009 session of the South Georgia Annual Conference, meeting **June 7-10** in **Columbus**, has been posted to the conference website, [www.sgaumc.org/ac2009](http://www.sgaumc.org/ac2009). The Book of Recommendations and Reports can also be accessed online. The Special Offering this year will support the Central Conference Pension Initiative. Local churches are asked to collect an offering prior to Annual Conference and it will be collected at the opening worship session.



- Info regarding Constitutional Amendments
- List of Hotels
- Important Deadlines
- Day of Service Information
- Childcare information

## District Celebrations and Concerns

*Our sympathy* to **Michael Finn** on the death of his grandfather, *Franklin Finn*, on April 10. Funeral service was April 13, in Waycross.

*Our sympathy* to **Alice and Richard Robertson** on the death of Alice's grandson, *Joshua Kelly*, on April 16, at Hospice House in Columbus. Funeral service was April 20, in Columbus.

*Our sympathy* to **Bishop Richard C. Looney** (Resident Bishop in SG 1988-2000) and family on the death of his wife, *Carolyn*, on April 21, 2009, in Tennessee. Funeral service was April 24 at the Broad Street UMC in Cleveland, TN. There will be a SG Memorial Service on May 16, 11:00 a.m. at Mulberry Street UMC in Macon. Condolences may be sent to Bishop Looney at Garden Plaza Box 202, 3500 Keith St., NW, Cleveland, TN 37312. [Richardclooney@aol.com](mailto:Richardclooney@aol.com)

*Please keep in your prayers: Andrew Barrett.* son of **Alan and Beth Barrett.**



## Herbert L. MaGill

September 2, 1927 - April 16, 2009

Retired, South Georgia United Methodist Conference

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

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

### 2009 Sexual Ethics Seminar for Clergy

• September 10-Valdosta First, 9:00am-3:00pm

## Summer Camps EBTS

### Mid High Camps - 2009

Mid-High Mania 1: June 8-12

Mid-High Mania 2: June 15-19

For those entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades

Counselors provided

Cost: \$225

### Elementary Camps - 2009

Elementary Camp 1: June 22-26

Elementary Camp 2: July 6-10

Elementary Camp 3: July 13-17

For those entering 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades

Counselors provided

Cost: \$225

## 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 church leaders for ministry. Make sure to mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

## Autumn Adventures

*An Event for Older Adults where "History Comes Alive"*

September 28 - October 1, 2009

### Epworth By The Sea St. Simons Island, Georgia

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

Visit Fort Frederica and learn to play colonial games such as farkle and fox and geese

Hear a presentation on "The Wesleys in Georgia"

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

## Conference News

The Conference Communications Office needs your help to make the transition from the Wesleyan Christian Advocate to the South Georgia Advocate. They invite all individuals, churches, and institutions to send news and high resolution photos (300dpi) and other items of importance to [advocate@sgaumc.com](mailto:advocate@sgaumc.com)

New and renewed subscriptions can be mailed along with checks payable to the South Georgia Advocate, P. O. Box 660275, Dallas, TX 7526-0275. Subscriptions can also be made with a credit card by calling 1-877-465-1685. A one year subscription is \$25 or \$23 for subscribers 65 and older.

## HealthFlex/WebMD PIN Numbers

Each person who participates in HealthFlex should have received or will be receiving a letter containing important information about maintaining secure access to tools on the HealthFlex/WebMD website.

Your PIN number has to be entered only one time but it needs to be done. Your username and password have not been changed. Spouses who participate in HealthFlex should receive a separate letter with their own PIN.

Once you have entered it you will then be able to access your personal health data online, refill prescriptions with Medco, order a new HealthFlex ID card if you misplace yours, and make your elections during the annual enrollment period in the Fall.

## Virgin Health Miles Update

In order for participants to earn any of the incentives from HealthFlex you must be enrolled in Virgin Health Miles. The SG Administration Services Office has mailed information about enrolling to all clergy and lay participants. This year active participants can earn up to \$425, and retired participants can earn up to \$300. Even persons who have difficulty walking can still participate. For questions or to sign up, Contact Bob Shell at 800-535-4224

## Georgia Pastors' School

July 27-30, 2009

### Epworth By The Sea

*This year's focus will be on the facets of worship*

Guest preacher: Dr. Tom Long

Faculty: Dr. Don Saliers, Dr. Lisa Allen, Rev. David Wood, and Mrs. Ginger Wyrick



## Hispanic Rally

Over 550 attended Hispanic Rally March 29, at St. Luke UMC in Columbus.

## THE COLUMBUS DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PASTOR'S</u>	<u>CONF APP</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>% PAID</u>	<u>DIST APP</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>%PAID</u>
Sharon	Ken Carpenter	306.00	306.00	100.00%	9.00	9.00	100.00%
Bigham Chapel	Dan MacMinn	3,689.00	1,933.00	52.40%	422.00	211.02	50.00%
Tazewell	John Homer	5,008.00	1,836.00	36.66%	577.00	275.00	47.66%
Box Springs	Chip Grantham	2,210.00	666.00	30.12%	452.00	0.00	0.00%
Pierce Chapel	Howard White	61,723.00	18,517.00	30.00%	6,468.00	1,940.40	30.00%
Sardis	Lowell Layman	899.00	262.00	29.14%	149.00	0.00	0.00%
Shellman	Sharon Loyley	7,475.00	1,971.00	26.37%	1,528.00	254.66	16.67%
Striplin Terrace	Marsha Emery	27,942.00	7,302.00	26.13%	3,627.00	1,307.00	36.04%
Butler	Michael Finn	16,254.00	4,144.00	25.49%	2,694.00	651.00	25.00%
St. Peter	John Stephens	43,003.00	10,751.00	25.00%	5,090.00	1,272.52	25.00%
Buena Vista	Jimmy Ford	15,226.00	3,807.00	25.00%	2,468.00	617.00	25.00%
Midway	Paul Buckhiester	11,066.00	2,767.00	25.00%	1,669.00	417.25	25.00%
St. Luke	Hal Brady	410,287.00	102,575.00	25.00%	29,729.00	7,432.25	25.00%
Sherwood	Stephanie Smith	14,345.00	3,586.00	25.00%	1,264.00	316.00	25.00%
South Columbus	Joseph Roberson	50,588.00	12,647.00	25.00%	6,350.00	1,587.50	25.00%
Wesley Heights	Sandy Boulineau	9,405.00	2,351.00	25.00%	1,129.00	282.25	25.00%
Wynnton	Mike Ricker	128,761.00	32,190.00	25.00%	12,884.00	3,221.00	25.00%
Cusseta	Dan Smith	4,636.00	1,159.00	25.00%	857.00	214.25	25.00%
Marvin	Dan Smith	730.00	183.00	25.00%	86.00	21.50	25.00%
Georgetown	Ken Carpenter	5,021.00	1,255.00	25.00%	758.00	189.50	25.00%
Union-Georgetown	Ken Carpenter	2,564.00	641.00	25.00%	296.00	74.00	25.00%
Cataula	Dan MacMinn	6,524.00	1,631.00	25.00%	1,144.00	286.00	25.00%
Howard	Mark Sasser	5,339.00	1,335.00	25.00%	911.00	227.75	25.00%
Union-Howard	Mark Sasser	3,923.00	981.00	25.00%	648.00	162.00	25.00%
Charing	Mark Sasser	929.00	232.00	25.00%	174.00	43.50	25.00%
Mauk	Mark Sasser	663.00	166.00	25.00%	148.00	37.00	25.00%
Pine Level	Mark Sasser	784.00	196.00	25.00%	170.00	42.50	25.00%
Wesley	Mark Sasser	1,243.00	311.00	25.00%	214.00	53.50	25.00%
Providence	Lowell Layman	83.00	21.00	25.00%	20.00	5.00	25.00%
Wesley Chapel	Lowell Layman	1,197.00	299.00	25.00%	228.00	57.00	25.00%
Bethel	John Homer	783.00	196.00	25.00%	155.00	38.75	25.00%
Brantley	John Homer	3,311.00	828.00	25.00%	523.00	130.75	25.00%
Midland	Mark Magoni	41,460.00	10,365.00	25.00%	3,779.00	944.75	25.00%
Waverly Hall	Scott Hagan	10,986.00	2,747.00	25.00%	1,896.00	474.00	25.00%
Ellerslie	Scott Hagan	6,834.00	1,709.00	25.00%	944.00	236.00	25.00%
Matthew Chapel	Mike Hammond	845.00	211.00	25.00%	172.00	43.00	25.00%
M. L. Harris	Earl James	19,391.00	4,848.00	25.00%	2,988.00	747.00	25.00%
Stephens Chapel	Pat Burns	944.00	236.00	25.00%	96.00	24.00	25.00%
Upatoi	Chip Grantham	26,825.00	6,706.00	25.00%	3,433.00	858.25	25.00%
Edgewood	Roy White	35,934.00	7,672.00	21.35%	4,849.00	484.90	10.00%
Evan's Chapel	Mike Hammond	4,398.00	856.00	19.47%	648.00	0.00	0.00%
Talbotton	James Emery	5,016.00	900.00	17.94%	1,319.00	300.00	22.74%
St. Mark	Ashley Randall	118,532.00	21,252.00	17.93%	8,787.00	1,900.42	21.63%
Hamilton	Alan Barrett	14,806.00	2,468.00	16.67%	2,188.00	366.00	16.73%
Olive Branch	James Emery	3,526.00	588.00	16.67%	543.00	90.50	16.67%
St. Paul	Buddy Cooper	181,902.00	30,317.00	16.67%	15,447.00	2,574.50	16.67%
East Highland	Dan Gates	18,726.00	2,355.00	12.58%	2,608.00	645.00	24.73%
Richland	Joey Cannon	11,606.00	967.00	8.33%	2,075.00	172.91	8.33%
Cuthbert	Martin Loyley	19,509.00	1,626.00	8.33%	2,935.00	232.69	7.93%
Lumpkin	Lowell Layman	11,863.00	600.00	5.06%	1,755.00	0.00	0.00%
Rose Hill	Lamar Harper	15,023.00	740.00	4.92%	2,168.00	542.00	25.00%
Epworth	Ron Smith	50,821.00	2,072.25	4.08%	5,133.00	427.75	8.33%
Asbury	Wayne Anthony	18,865.00	123.00	0.65%	2,219.00	2,219.00	100.00%
St. Mary's Road	Gerald Goodman	50,005.00	0.00	0.00%	4,132.00	0.00	0.00%
Union-Marion Circuit	John Homer	8,290.00	0.00	0.00%	1,105.00	0.00	0.00%
Trinity	Sharon Loyley	1,652.00	0.00	0.00%	302.00	0.00	0.00%
Collinsworth-Corinth	James Emery	1,528.00	0.00	0.00%	264.00	0.00	0.00%
Woodland	Mike Hammond	1,381.00	0.00	0.00%	491.00	0.00	0.00%
Sardis	Mike Hammond	1,267.00	0.00	0.00%	257.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,527,852.00</b>	<b>\$316,395.69</b>	<b>20.71</b>	<b>\$155,284.00</b>	<b>\$34,659.52</b>	<b>22.32%</b>

THE COLUMBUS DISTRICT EVANGELISM REPORT THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

CHURCH	**Avg. AMWS Attd YTD	*Mem. 1/09	POF	Other	Tot Rec'd	Tot Rem'd	Curr Mem	±
Buena Vista	37	151	0	2	2	0	153	+2
Butler	60	227	0	0	0	1	226	-1
Asbury	75	154	0	1	1	0	155	+1
East Highland	87	178	2	1	3	1	180	+2
Edgewood	135	421	0	0	0	3	418	-3
Epworth	198	566	1	1	2	3	565	-1
Midland	161	413	3	1	4	1	416	+3
Midway	39	99	0	0	0	2	97	-2
M. L. Harris	87	194	0	0	0	0	194	0
Pierce Chapel	455	715	4	10	14	5	724	+9
Rose Hill	50	115	0	2	2	2	115	0
St. Luke	905	3,360	56	21	77	28	3,409	+49
St. Mark	416	1,233	4	8	12	9	1,236	+3
St. Mary's Road	170	594	0	3	3	0	597	+3
St. Paul	504	1,852	2	4	6	11	1,847	-5
St. Peter	207	429	2	7	9	3	435	+6
Sherwood	60	174	0	0	0	1	173	-1
South Columbus	400	691	2	17	19	4	706	+15
Stephen's Chapel	10	15	0	0	0	0	15	0
Striplin Terrace	114	255	2	0	2	5	252	-3
Upatoi/Box Springs	138	322	0	0	0	7	315	-7
Wesley Heights	29	47	1	1	2	0	49	+2
Wynnton	402	1,450	1	0	1	14	1,437	-13
Cusseta	52	81	0	0	0	1	80	-1
Cuthbert	42	225	0	0	0	4	221	-4
Georgetown	39	78	0	0	0	0	78	0
Hamilton	55	150	0	0	0	4	146	-4
Bigham's Chapel*	50	177	0	0	0	0	177	0
Howard*	140	165	0	0	0	0	165	0
Lumpkin	48	164	0	0	0	0	164	0
Marion Circuit	170	295	0	0	0	0	295	0
Richland	60	178	0	0	0	0	178	0
Shellman	43	98	0	0	0	0	98	0
Talbotton	68	85	1	2	3	0	88	+3
Waverly Hall	117	286	1	3	4	4	286	0
Woodland	75	113	0	0	0	0	113	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>15,750</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>15,803</b>	<b>+53</b>



Please call the district office, 706-561-4541, with information about clergy and/or clergy family members who are graduating.

\*Total membership figures your church/charge reported on the 2008 Statistical Reports. \*\*Average Sunday Morning Worship Attendance