

faithful, fruitful, bold

## Dusty Feet and Daily Bible Reading

BY REV. LOWERY BRANTLEY\*

Reading is fundamental. For more than forty years we have heard this slogan in the fight against illiteracy among children and youth. Reading is certainly fundamental in today's time.

Daily Bible reading is fundamental, too. Indeed, daily Bible reading for United Methodists is fundamental to the Methodist Way. In the third of the General Rules ("Attend to the ordinances of God"), daily Bible reading is one of the ways we fulfill both the spirit and letter of this rule.

Retired Bishop Rueben Job has written an inspiring book about the General Rules of Methodism: *Three Simple Rules*. Wesley's General Rules, as you may recall, are simply: (1) Do no harm. (2) Do good. (3) Attend to the ordinances of God.

To give greater clarity and relevance to the third rule, Bishop Job has paraphrased it in this manner: "Stay in love with God." When we are in love with God, we want to stay near God. We want to know more about God. We want to be with God. We want to be pleasing to God.

Karl Barth, a German theologian in the last century, described the Bible in a powerful image when he wrote: "The Word of God that comes to us through the Scriptures is the long, strong hand of God that reaches out after us. What will happen to us in the grip of this hand is none of our business. We only need to know that we are in the grip of his hand. He who knows this understands the hearts of the Bible."

Barth's words remind us that we are not to read the Bible for information only, as we might read an encyclopedia. We are to read the Bible

for inspiration – for the God-breathed, inspired word that it is. Yet inspiration is not an end unto itself in Bible reading.

Ultimately we read the Bible for transformation – the transformation of our heart and mind in the image and likeness of God. We read the Bible to discover who we are so that we may open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's power to re-create us in God's image.

Throughout his ministry with us in South Georgia Bishop Mike Watson has encouraged South Georgia United Methodists to read through the Bible each year. Bishop Watson knows the power of God's word to inform, inspire, and transform our lives through Jesus Christ.

Rabbi Yose ben Yoezer, one of the sages in the Jewish Midrash, said to his students, "Cover yourself with the dust of your rabbi's feet." In other words, follow close behind the rabbi as he walked, talked and taught. Walk close enough so as not to miss a pearl of wisdom from the rabbi's mouth.

Let dusty feet abound across the South Georgia Conference this year as we stay close to Jesus Christ as he teaches us through the Holy Bible.

God takes great delight upon those with dusty feet who eagerly seek to hear every word that comes from our Savior and Lord.

Are your feet dusty? Let's get our feet really dusty this year!

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## News in Brief

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God envisions faithful, fruitful and bold congregations and ministries passionately growing mature disciples of Jesus Christ who are living vessels of the Holy Spirit's desire and miraculous power to redeem every soul and circumstance.

## Building Arks

BY REV. LOWERY BRANTLEY\*

With the extreme drought at this time in all of the state, it does not seem that a modern day Noah will be building arks anytime soon. However, Warren Buffett's Noah Rule is still helpful.



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Buffett, as most people know, is one of the world's richest men. Known as the "Oracle of Omaha," Buffett once wrote what is

now known as the Noah Rule: "Predicting rain doesn't count; building arks does."

United Methodists know that it is very important for individuals to make a personal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and be a disciple. A great deal of what we do in the church is designed to help people make this decision.

Evangelistic services, invitational preaching, witness or testimony – these

are just some of the ways United Methodists have led people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Making the decision to follow Jesus is an essential step, I believe, but it is not sufficient in itself. Professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is not a terminal step with Christian discipleship.

Nurture of faith is an essential and on-going process that never ends. Lovett Weems, Jr. has written that while conversion was always the chief aim of preaching in the Wesleyan Movement, John Wesley was equally emphatic about the necessity of Christian nurture. Wesley wrote, "Converts without nurture are like stillborn babies. Never encourage the devil by snatching souls from him that you cannot nurture." In fact, Wesley intentionally planned his preaching points where he knew that there were adequate opportunities for nurture for those who wanted to grow in Christ.

Building arks is much harder than predicting rain. Building arks involves visioning, dreaming, preparing, and designing. Building arks is hard and sweaty work. Building arks involves risk, even pain.

Nurturing Christians in the faith and in the process of growth and maturation in their relationship with Jesus Christ is not an easy process. Just ask those who faithfully teach in Sunday School, lead in life-transforming Bible studies, serve as mentors in Confirmation, or lead in small groups, etc. Nurture also involves visioning, dreaming preparing. It also involves risk and even pain at times.

And, like in Noah's case –who built an ark before it even rained! – nurture must take place long before we begin to see any results of our labors.

Thanks be to God for all among us who are faithful, fruitful, and bold nurturers. May your numbers increase!

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## Conference seeks Congregational Specialist

The Office of Connectional Ministries is taking applications for a Congregational Specialist, a part-time position in a pilot program lasting up to twelve months.

The Congregational Specialist will have four major areas of responsibility: (1) work with Natural Church Development in two South Georgia districts, (2) assist District Superintendents in implementing Safe Sanctuaries in 2008, (3) where appropriate work with the Urban Task Force(s), and (4) assist in deploying resources for making disciples.

Ideal candidates will display strong communication and teamwork skills, and be willing to receive additional training in conflict resolution, leadership, Safe Sanctuaries and

coaching. The Congregational Specialist will work under the direction of the Director of Connectional Ministries and in conjunction with the District Superintendents where assigned.

Applicants should have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, be active in a United Methodist church for the past two years, undergo a full background check and be willing/able to travel extensively (including overnight). Ideal applicants will be teachable, open to new training, able to accept temporary employment and capable of working in multiple church settings with diverse groups.

The Congregational Specialist position is a Pilot Ministry with funding for 10 to 12 months.

Depending on outcomes, the position could become a permanent part time position, if approved by the South Georgia Conference. A stipend will be offered, plus travel and other expenses.

Resumes should be sent to Reverend Lowery M. Brantley, Director of Connectional Ministries, P.O. Box 20408, Saint Simons Island, GA 31522.

The deadline for applications is February 15, 2008. Please call Rev. Brantley at 888-266-7642 for clarifications or more information. Deployment of the Congregational Specialist will be April or May, 2008.

## Thank You to the Churches of South Georgia

BY MIRIAM HAGAN\*

January 10 was the last day for accepting payments on apportionments for 2007. In case you are not familiar with this word, United



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Methodists define “apportionments” as the portion of the conference budget that each local church is asked to pay.

Apportionments received from local churches help fund mission projects around the world, support United Methodist Colleges and Seminaries, and provide funds to help pay for children and youth camps and weekend retreats. They enable the conference to start new churches, revitalize existing churches, and begin Hispanic congregations. Our conference is able to operate the Moore Museum at Epworth By The Sea, allow for local church training events including safe sanctuary training, help support Wesley Foundation ministries on college campuses all over Georgia and assist students who are attending seminary. Apportionments also allow us to hold license to preach schools, help provide health insurance and pension benefits for our ministers, and assist in paying salaries and benefits for conference employees and the expenses related to operation of the offices. We are able to pay expenses of annual conference and reimburse persons for the expenses related to their service on conference committees.

When churches pay their apportionments we have the funds needed to fund all of the above and many other items which are not listed. By working together, churches are able to do more than any one church can do on its own.

We are not finished entering

payments into the computer, but it looks like we will receive over \$10,275,000 on conference apportionments for 2007, another \$1,165,000 on district apportionments, almost \$142,000 on special Sunday offerings, and well over \$2 million donated to Advance Mission Special projects. This does not count the over \$6,000,000 that churches have paid to us for the cost of their minister’s pensions and health insurance.

So it with a heart overflowing with gratitude that I say, “Thank You!” I am thankful for local churches who pay their apportionments each month, thankful for the churches who are able to pay them early, thankful for persons sending payments to us by overnight mail to assure the money arrives, and thankful for the persons--both ministers and lay persons--who drive to Macon on the last day bringing checks to make their church’s final payment.

I am also thankful for the many ministers and the lay persons in our local churches who support the payment of apportionments year after year by giving their money as well as making sure the checks are written to pay them. I realize that some churches are struggling financially so I am thankful that a local church is willing to have a called meeting and work extra hard to pay all they can on the apportionments. It makes me especially grateful when I realize that a church chose to pay the apportionments in full when they could have held some funds back for a special project at their local church.

I am grateful for district superintendents and their secretaries who call or write and encourage churches to pay apportionments. I am grateful that they are willing to do this even when they know that some churches do not want to pay

nor even to be reminded about paying.

I am thankful for the employees of the Administrative Services Office who arrive early and stay late as we work to receive and record correctly all of the payments from local churches. I am grateful for employees who will come in during the Christmas holidays to get the mail, count the money and deposit it into the bank. I am thankful for employees who believe in our mission projects enough to call churches so that we can tell them they are close to receiving the “three star award” for mission giving but are still in need of one more check for that missing project. I am grateful for the employees who answer questions about statistical reports and preparing W-2 forms for ministers; employees who are willing to check with Health Flex to find out why a retiree was told they did not have insurance; and an employee who will listen and answer questions about retirement and then ask if there is anything else they can do to help. I am grateful for these employees because all of this work is going on at the same time. And thankfully they still come back to work the next day!

As I count my many blessings at the beginning of a new year, I am grateful to be a part of the United Methodist Church and am fortunate enough to also get to work for and with the churches, ministers and lay persons of the South Georgia Conference.

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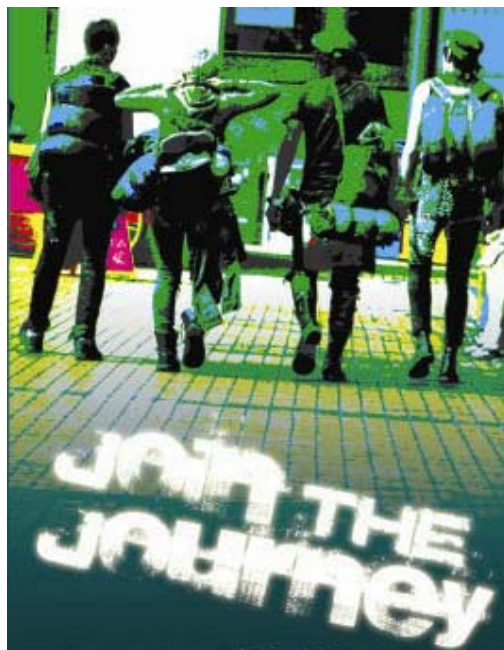
**The South Georgia Conference is looking for servant-leaders for the next quadrennium. Visit [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org) to fill out a Leadership Pool Form to declare your interest.**

## Confirmation Retreats 2008

**Retreat 1: Feb. 8-10**

**Retreat 2: Feb. 29 – March 2**

Make sure to register for one of the 2008 Confirmation Events. The first Confirmation Event will be February 8-10, 2008 and the second event will be February 29-March 2, 2008. Each year this event provides students with an experience that helps them understand the grace offered through Jesus and information about the rich heritage of the United Methodist Church. The Join the Journey Confirmation Retreat is modeled after the Claim The Name curriculum and is intended to be a supplement to the ongoing training offered by local congregations. Intended for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and above, the event has a limit of 500 participants per retreat. Cost for this weekend event is \$40 per person and includes t-shirt, meals, lodging, and program costs. Registration information can be found at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org) or contact Diane Giles at 888-266-7642.



**2007 Leadership Team**

## Applications still being accepted for summer camp counselors

Attention college students: summer camp counselors needed! If you desire a summer in ministry, Epworth By The Sea is the place for you.

As a camp counselor, you will be able to minister to hundreds of youth and children throughout the summer, while making Christian friendships with other staff members that last a lifetime. As a paid position, staff members on the Leadership Team will commit to nine weeks of service which will include serving at mid-high camps, elementary camps, as well as traveling to local churches. The summer will run from May 24 – July 26, 2008.

Begin praying now to see if this opportunity is for you. Applications are available online and interviews will be completed by February. For more detailed information please call Adam Ricker at 888-266-7642, or check out the camping section of our website [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org).

## 2008 Summer Camps

### MID HIGH CAMPS

**Mid-High Mania 1: June 9-13**

**Mid-High Mania 2: June 16-20**

Epworth By The Sea

For those entering 6th-9th grades

### ELEMENTARY CAMPS

**Elem. Camp 1: June 23-27**

**Elem. Camp 2: July 7-11**

**Elem. Camp 3: July 14-18**

Epworth By The Sea

For those entering 4th-6th grades

## *Methodist Home for Children and Youth Celebration Day*

You are invited to be a part of the Celebration Day for the Methodist Home for Children and Youth on Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on their Macon campus. The annual Celebration Day is a fun "carnival" day which provides enjoyment and proceeds for the mission of The Methodist Children's Home. Enjoy a meal (with a choice of fish or chicken) as well as a live auction, silent auction, arts & crafts store, baked goods sale, entertainment, and more. In recent years the auctions have included fur coats, hunting trips, fine jewelry, fishing excursions, and weekend getaways. You can help out by donating items for the arts and crafts store, the auction, and/or the baked goods sale. For more information, contact Elizabeth W. Hart at 478-751-2800. You can also visit [www.themethodisthome.org](http://www.themethodisthome.org) to learn more.

## One Great Hour of Sharing – March 2

You and your congregation can join United Methodists worldwide by making a special offering through One Great Hour of Sharing to support humanitarian aid through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). You can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering, your church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, will be in the lead to ease the pain.

Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps them keep their promise



that 100 percent of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project - not on home office costs.

UMCOR is a good steward of God's gifts. Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs

are channeled where they're most needed. UMCOR's specialized ministries - responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees - all assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest.

To learn more about UMCOR or to order resources to promote the offering, visit [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) or call 888-346-3862.

## UMW Embrace Background Checks for Safe Sanctuaries

The South Georgia Conference United Methodist Women (UMW) met at Epworth By The Sea, January 4-6, 2008, for the Conference Executive Committee Meeting and training on Safe Sanctuaries. The training session on Safe Sanctuaries was led by Reverend Denise Walton, Associate Director of Connectional Ministries.

As a group, the Conference UMW Executive Committee discussed the development of their Safe Sanctuaries Policy. All of the persons in attendance participate in programs and activities offered for youth. Therefore, they all have direct or indirect contact with the youth and would need to have a background check according to the Safe Sanctuaries guidelines.

At the close of the Safe Sanctuaries training, the United Methodist Women's Conference Executive Committee voted to participate as a group and complete the required background checks. It was a historical event as each person filled out a background

check request form and submitted the information to the UMW conference president, Mrs. Gloria Morgan.

In a follow-up letter to all the attendees, Mrs. Morgan stated, "Thank each of you for your concern and determination to have background checks, for your work to set up a policy and for your willingness to be accountable as we work with children and youth in the South Georgia Conference."

"I have never been so grateful to be called a United Methodist Woman," said Reverend Denise Walton. "By volunteering to get background checks the United Methodist Women are once again advocating for the needs of vulnerable children and youth."

In June 2007, the South Georgia Annual Conference adopted a conference policy on Safe Sanctuaries. Local churches within the South Georgia Annual conference must have a Safe Sanctuaries policy by December 31, 2008 with full implementation of the policy expected by January 1, 2009.

For more information about Safe Sanctuaries visit [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org).

## *Golf Tournament to be held during Annual Conference*

As part of the Day of Service during Annual Conference, a golf tournament will be held Tuesday morning, June 10, to benefit Wesley Glen, a South Georgia Conference United Methodist agency in ministry to mentally challenged adults.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. at Maple Ridge Golf Course in Columbus. The tournament format will be an "Ambrose Competition." Cost to play is \$75.00.

A registration form and more detailed information can be found on the conference website, [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org). Registration is open to the first 72 golfers. After May 1, the tournament will open to local golfers.

For questions, contact Buddy Cooper at 706-327-7419.

## *South Georgians will provide leadership at the 2008 Winter Camp Meeting*

The Winter Camp Meeting Board of Managers anticipates a wonderful 2008 Winter Camp Meeting beginning on Sunday, February 3, 2008, at Epworth By The Sea. The event will conclude on Wednesday, February 6, at noon.

Bishop Mike Watson will preach on Sunday evening as Winter Camp Meeting begins. Sharing together in both preaching and teaching will be the Reverend Hal Brady and the Reverend Joseph Roberson.

Reverend Roberson is currently serving very effectively as the Senior Pastor of South Columbus UMC in Columbus. Dr. Brady is the Senior Pastor of St. Luke UMC in Columbus and is known for his gifted leadership, preaching and teaching.

The Reverend Thad Haygood will return as the song leader. Newly assigned as Senior Pastor of Crossroads UMC in Perry, Thad will also coordinate the special music for which Winter Camp Meeting is known. Long-time favorites at Winter Camp Meeting, Russell and Jane Jacobs will be returning as organist and pianist respectively.

Chairing the Winter Camp Meeting Board is the Reverend Alan Fennell, Pastor of Doles UMC in Macon.

0.5 CEU is offered for this event. A brochure is available at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org). You can also make lodging reservations online with Epworth By The Sea, [www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org).



**Bishop Mike Watson**  
South Georgia Episcopal Leader  
Sunday Evening Preacher



**Rev. Joseph Roberson**  
Senior Pastor, South Columbus UMC  
Preacher & Bible Study Leader



**Dr. Hal Brady**  
Senior Pastor, St. Luke UMC  
Preacher & Bible Study Leader



**Rev. Thad Haygood**  
Senior Pastor, Crossroads UMC  
Song Leader

## *Two Safe Sanctuaries Training Available in 2008*

The Office of Connectional Ministries will offer two Safe Sanctuaries trainings in 2008 for congregational leaders. These trainings are intended to help prevent the abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults while they are involved in the ministries of the church.

The first workshop is set for **Saturday, January 26, 2008**, at Pittman Park UMC in Statesboro. The second workshop will be held **Saturday, February 16, 2008**, at Waycross First UMC in Waycross.

This day-long workshop is designed for pastors who are

seeking to establish a prevention plan; lay persons responsible for nurseries and day care center; staff and volunteers working with children and youth ministries; volunteers in scouting, Vacation Bible School, church camps, and ministries sponsored by several churches; and local church trustees responsible for risk management.

Mr. Adam Ricker, Rev. Denise Walton, Rev. Deborah Wight-Knight, Rev. Lowery Brantley and other members of the South Georgia Conference Safe Sanctuaries team will lead the training. All trainings will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 3



p.m. Continuing education credit will be available for clergy.

Visit [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org) for registration information. If you have questions, please contact Adam Ricker or Denise Walton at 888-266-7642.

*For more information on Safe Sanctuaries, visit [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org).*

## Older Adult Retreat

**Sponsored By: Office of Connectional Ministries**

Mark your calendars for the 2008 Older Adult Retreat, "Just As I Am – Today!" set for **April 7-9, 2008**, at Epworth By The Sea. This year's retreat promises to be a wonderful experience in fellowship, worship, and outreach and will explore the mystery of God's design to use us at every stage in life, including right now. The retreat speaker will be the Reverend Don Kea and the Bible study leader will be Evelyn Laycock. The retreat will begin on Monday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m. and will conclude Wednesday, April 9, at 1:00 p.m. An additional night's stay may be added to your retreat package for those who cannot get enough of beautiful St. Simons Island. A brochure is available at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org). For more information please contact Adam Ricker at the Connectional Ministries Office at (888) 266-7642 or by email at [adam@sgaumc.com](mailto:adam@sgaumc.com).

## Lay Speaking Academy

**Sponsored By: The Macon District**

The Macon District will host a Lay Speaking Academy **January 25-26, 2008**, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Macon. The basic lay speaker training will be led by Rev. Eddie Braswell. The advanced training, "Leading in Evangelism," will be led by Rev. Mark Addington. The event will begin on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and last until 9:30 p.m. The training will resume on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. until noon and then 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person for training materials and refreshments. Saturday lunch is on your own. Contact the Macon District Office at 478-477-6417 for more information.

## Day of Love and Justice

**Co-Sponsored By: The Conference Advocacy Team**

"Stop the Cycle of Poverty NOW! Creating a new legacy for the next generation" will be the theme for the fourth annual Day of Love and Justice at the State Capitol Building in Atlanta **February 11, 2008**. Participants will gather at 10:00 a.m. A worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a special ceremony at noon in the capitol rotunda. Bishops Watson and Davis will be the chaplains on this day of the senate and the house respectively. The focus of the day is to learn about and get involved in the legislative process concerning issues of love and justice, primarily with how this relates to children growing up in poverty. All Georgia United Methodists are encouraged to be a part of the day.

## Sexual Ethics Workshops

**Sponsored By: Commission on Pastoral Counseling**

The South Georgia Conference requires that all ministers under appointment by the Bishop take a five hour course in sexual ethics every three years, beginning June 2005. This means that by June 2008 every minister under appointment should have attended one of the workshops. To register for any of the following workshops send an e-mail to [fumcdwk@bellsouth.net](mailto:fumcdwk@bellsouth.net).

**February 14, 2008**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Epworth By The Sea  
St. Simons Island, Ga

**May 8, 2008**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
White Bluff UMC  
Savannah, Ga

**September 11, 2008**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
St. Paul UMC  
Columbus, Ga

## 2008 Peace Conference

**Sponsored By: The Southeastern Jurisdiction**

The first Peace Conference is set for **January 31 – February 2, 2008**, at Lake Junaluska and will provide a great opportunity of dialogue on finding the church's voice in a violent world. The conference will be led by some of the best minds in the church today including: Dr. Peter Storey, former Methodist Bishop in South Africa, Dr. Jan Love, Dean of Candler School of Theology, Bishop Ken Carder, former bishop and current professor at Duke Divinity School and Jim Winkler, General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society. The goal of the conference is to encourage participants to be advocates for peace, justice and to be the reconcilers that Christ wants us to be in our communities. For more information, visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/Peace.aspx](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/Peace.aspx).

## License to Preach School

**Sponsored By: Board of Ordained Ministry**

The 2008 South Georgia Conference License to Preach School will be held **February 8-15, 2008**, at Epworth By The Sea. For more information, contact Rev. Steve Meguiar at 912-234-7234.

**Spouses' Retreat**  
March 13-15, 2008

**UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat**  
March 28-30, 2008

**UMM Spring Retreat**  
April 25-27, 2008

## Conference Coordinated Calendar 2008

### January

- 24-25 Cabinet Spiritual Growth Retreat
- 25-26 Macon District Lay Speaking Academy, Macon
- 26 Safe Sanctuaries Training, Statesboro

### January-February

- 31-2 Peace Conference, Lake Junaluska

### February

- 3-6 Winter Camp Meeting, EBTS\*
- 4 Annual Conference Program Committee Meeting, EBTS\*
- 4 Appointive Cabinet Meeting, EBTS\*
- 5 Extended Cabinet Meeting, EBTS\*
- 11 Day of Love and Justice, State Capitol
- 8-10 Confirmation Retreat 1, EBTS\*
- 8-15 License to Preach School, EBTS\*
- 14 Sexual Ethics Workshop, EBTS\*
- 16 Safe Sanctuaries Training, Waycross
- 23 NRCD Meeting, Cordele
- 23 School of Mission Planning Team Meeting, Dublin
- 25-26 Natural Church Development Training, EBTS\*
- 27 Day of Prayer for the Appointive Process
- 28 Appointive Cabinet Meeting

### February-March

- 29-2 Confirmation Retreat 2, EBTS\*

### March

- 1 UMVIM Training
- 2 One Great Hour of Sharing
- 2-5 Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting
- 9 UMW Day
- 13 Appointive Cabinet Meeting
- 14-15 Extended Cabinet Meeting
- 13-15 Spouses' Retreat
- 28-30 UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat, EBTS\*

### March-April

- 31-3 Appointive Cabinet Meeting

### April

- 7-9 Older Adult Retreat, EBTS\*
- 15-16 Appointive Cabinet Review Session
- 25-27 UMM Retreat, EBTS\*
- 26 Methodist Home for Children and Youth Celebration Day

### April-May

- 23-2 General Conference, Forth Worth, TX

### May

- 8 Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting
- 9-10 Nominations Committee Meeting

- 16-17 UMW Executive Committee Meeting, Dublin
- 20 Moving Pastors Transition Workshop, Tifton
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- 27-28 Natural Church Development Training, EBTS\*

### June

- 8-11 Annual Conference, Columbus
- 9-13 Mid-High 1 Summer Camp, EBTS\*
- 16-20 Mid-High 2 Summer Camp, EBTS\*
- 18 Moving Day for Pastors
- 23-27 Elementary 1 Summer Camp, EBTS\*

### July

- 7-11 Elementary 2 Summer Camp, EBTS\*
- 14-18 Elementary 3 Summer Camp, EBTS\*
- 16-19 Jurisdictional Conference, Lake Junaluska
- 17-20 School of Christian Mission, EBTS\*
- 20-25 Summer Leadership Team Road Rules

### August

- 16 Pathways

\* Epworth By The Sea

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