

## Ken's Comments

As I visit in the worship services of the churches of the Oak Ridge District, I have noticed that in almost every service the Lord's Prayer is prayed as a part of worship. I wonder how often we stop to reflect on the real meaning of the prayer. Do we pray the prayer routinely and without much feeling, or do we pray the prayer with a deep sense of personal meaning, as if what we are praying has real implications for our lives and our daily living? Let me offer a few suggestions concerning the real significance of praying the prayer.

- \* We cannot say "our" if our religion has no room for other people and their needs, especially people who are different from us.
- \* We cannot say "Father" if we do not strive to live as a son or daughter of God and view other people as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- \* We cannot say "who art in heaven" if we do not believe in anything beyond the materialism of this world.
- \* We cannot say "hallowed be thy name" if we do not respect the name of God.
- \* We cannot say "thy kingdom come, thy will be done" if we are not willing to serve God here and now with heart, soul, mind and strength.
- \* We cannot say "give us this day our daily bread" if we do not really believe that God is the Giver of every good gift or if we believe that we have "earned" what we have received.
- \* We cannot say "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" if we continue to hold a grudge against someone who has hurt or wronged us.
- \* We cannot say "lead us not into temptation" if we continually choose to put ourselves in situations in which we are likely to be tempted to do something wrong.
- \* We cannot say "deliver us from evil" if we choose darkness rather than light, if we choose wrong rather than right.
- \* We cannot say "thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever" if we are not willing to give God first place in our lives.
- \* We cannot say "amen" (which means "so be it") unless we honestly mean "Come what may, we are determined, with God's help, to live out the meaning of this prayer."

## Calling All Men!

"A gathering to strengthen the faith of men" -- that's the theme behind the retreat sponsored by the United Methodist Men of Holston Conference meeting in Sevierville, Tennessee on August 15-16 at the Sevierville Events Center. Speakers include Bishop James Swanson, Reverend Allen Black and Reverend Jason Roe. Special guests include singer, Jason Crabb and comedian, Brad Stine. In addition to the worship, singing, and special entertainment, participants will have the opportunity to attend two workshops chosen from a listing of six workshops. For more detailed information about the event, including registration and lodging, go to the web site: [www.CallingAllMen.net](http://www.CallingAllMen.net). You do not have to be a member of United Methodist Men to participate in this special weekend. The event is open to all interested men of the conference. Let's have a good group of men from Oak Ridge District!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### August

1-Alice Petty (B)	18-Brad & Catherine Nance (A)
9-Sandra Hesser (B)	22-Troy Forrester (B)
11-Tammy Johnson (B)	23-Bernice Hulin (B)
11-Paul & Betty Johnston (A)	23-Jean Slagle (B)
12-Janice Atwater (B)	27-Herman & Janice Cate (A)
12-Keith Knight (B)	28-Terri Morris (B)
16-Gary & Charlotte Baker (A)	30-C.V. & Bettie Duff (A)
16-John Slater (B)	

## Joys and Concerns

### Our prayers are offered for:

- ✦ Betty Hedrick, mother of Rev. Wayne Hedrick, who recently had surgery.
- ✦ Anna Cole, (age 6), daughter of Rev. Kevin and Nancy Cole, who may have more surgery on her heart.
- ✦ Rev. Gary Fox, who was recently hospitalized.

### Sympathy and prayers are offered for:

- ✦ Rev. Kenny Faught and family, upon the death of his son, Josh Faught, who passed away on July 28.

### Oak Ridge District Ministers' Executive Committee 2008 - 2009

**President:** Rev. Catherine Nance, *Concord UMC*  
**Vice-President:** Rev. Troy Forrester, *First UMC, Oak Ridge*  
**Secretary:** Rev. John Justice, *Oliver Springs Parish*  
**Treasurer:** Barbara Hall, *District Office*

Ministers Dues are .50/1,000 salary. Dues are to be made out to "Oak Ridge District Ministers" and can be sent to the District Office.

**How is your church going to  
"Offer Them Christ"  
in 2008-2009?**

## Oak Ridge District Clergy Meeting Schedule

2008	
District Wide Clergy Meeting First UMC, Oak Ridge 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	
August 14	September 11
October 9	November 6
December 11	
2009	
January 9	February (No Meeting)
March 12	April 16
May 14	June (No Meeting)

### Gathering

Holston Conference Native American Ministries  
Team  
Presents their  
10th Annual GATHERING

September 20-21 at Coker Creek Village near Tellico Plains, TN.

Hosted by the Native American Ministries (NAM) Committee, the weekend event features a variety of workshops on Native culture, a pow wow, and spiritual enrichment sessions and concert by Grammy Award winner, Bill Miller ([www.billmiller.net](http://www.billmiller.net)).

"Join us for our tenth gathering as we explore Native American culture and spirituality. At this unique weekend event, people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds come together to honor Native American traditions. People of Native descent affirm and reconnect with their heritage while non-Natives gain understanding and respect for Native traditions."

Brochures/registration forms are available at the District Office.

## Oak Ridge District Conference

Sunday, September 14, 2008, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

First UMC, Oak Ridge

### District At-Large Nominations

Delegates for 2009 Annual Conference will be elected on Sunday, Sept. 14th at our District Conference at First UMC, OR. Nominations are to be sent to the District Office no later than August 25th. Please include the nominee's name, address, phone, email, and a paragraph explaining why this person should represent the Oak Ridge District at the 2008 Annual Conference.

### District Conference Voting Members

- Pastors
- Local Church Lay Leaders
- UMW President
- Local Church Treasurer
- UMM President
- Administrative Council/Board Chairpersons
- UMYF President
- Lay Members to Annual Conference, Local Church
- Oak Ridge District At-Large Members to 2008 Holston Annual Conference

### East Anderson County Camp Meeting A Call to Renewed Faith

The Methodist Churches of East Anderson County would like to invite all the churches of Holston Conference to our first annual camp meeting. The meeting will be held on September 21- 23 at 6:30 PM each night. The camp meeting will be located in the Underwood Pavilion of the Anderson County Fairgrounds in Clinton. Twelve churches mostly from the eastern end of the county are sponsoring this renewal event. There will be great preaching, live music and hospitality along with an opportunity for fellowship and fun. On Sunday there will be a youth orientation with Evangelist Rev. Jason Roe bringing our message and Contemporary Christian Music with a live band. On Monday and Tuesday our own Bishop James E. Swanson Sr. will inspire us by bringing a message of hope and power and a Southern Gospel group will help us to focus on Christ. This is a great opportunity for God's people to gather and we hope to see you there.

For further information, please call Saint Mark United Methodist Church at 865- 457-1520.

#### Tennessee Wesleyan College, Church Relations

Rev. Chris Dover is the new Church Relations contact at Tennessee Wesleyan College and is available to speak at your church on behalf of the College on Sunday morning/evening, Wednesday evening, and at other special events. He is willing to speak to a Sunday School class, youth group, UMW/UMM, in addition to filling your pulpit needs. Please give him a call on his cell phone at 804-241-1956 (best way to reach him), or you may call his home phone at 423-553-0090.

#### SINGLES WORKSHOP

*How To Follow Your Heart  
Without Losing Your Mind*

Concord United Methodist Church  
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2008  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Leaders: Pete and Ginny Rowlett

*Program developed by Dr. John Van Epp, author of  
How To Avoid Falling In Love With a Jerk*

Registration Fee: \$30.00

Call 865-966-6728 for more information.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST 2008

## SEPTEMBER 2008

Wed 6 - Thurs 7	<b>CABINET MEETING</b>
Thurs 14	<b>District Wide Clergy Meeting</b> (10:00 a.m., First, OR)  Program: "Faith Based Mentoring", Kelly Dagenheart, First UMC, OR "New Conference Insurance", John Tate, Holston Conference Treasurer
Fri 15-Sat 16	<b>Calling All Men</b> (see front page of newsletter)
Sun 17	<b>Bishop Swanson @ Haven's Chapel</b> UMC (3:00 p.m.)
Sun 31	<b>Bishop Swanson @ Rugby Road</b> UMC (11:00 a.m.)
Sun 31	<b>Bishop Swanson @ Memorial UMC,</b> Clinton (4:00 p.m.)

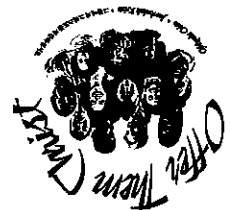
Mon 1	<b>LABOR DAY</b> (District & Conference Offices Closed)
Mon 8 - Tues 9	<b>CABINET RETREAT</b>
Thurs 11	<b>District Wide Clergy Meeting</b> (10:00 a.m., First, OR) Program: "Preaching Through the Gospels" Rev. Grady Winegar
Sun 14	<b>DISTRICT CONFERENCE</b> (First UMC, OR; 3:00 p.m.)
Wed 17 - Fri 19	<b>Holston Conference Secretaries Assoc.</b> <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b> (Pigeon Forge, TN)
Sun 21 - Tues 23	<b>East Anderson County Camp Meeting</b> (Underwood Pavilion, Anderson County Fairgrounds, Clinton)
Mon 29 - Tues 30	<b>CABINET MEETING</b>

### Annual Conference Clergy Matters

We welcome the following clergy into the  
Oak Ridge District: (left out of July Newsletter)

John Crabtree (Gayle) --- Jacksboro UMC/Caryville UMC

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