

North West District News

May



Dear Friends in Christ,

As the calendar turns a page to May, my thoughts and prayers turn to the unity of the Church. This is the season of Easter. We are still celebrating the resurrection of Christ and how that miraculous event impacts our lives and the Church. The Great Fifty Days of this season end with

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR BOB GIBBS

Please join us on Sunday,
May 22, 3-5 PM at
Killearn UMC as we
celebrate our retiring D.S.
and his 40 years of
ministry.



The Killearn UMC address is 2800 Shamrock
South, Tallahassee.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

the observance of Pentecost on May 15. This day we mark the manifestation of the Holy Spirit that inspired and birthed the Church of Jesus Christ in the hearts and lives of the first disciples. That was, and continues to be, a true day of unity for the Church.

This year it is significant that Pentecost lands right in the middle of our United Methodist General Conference. I hope you have been and will continue to be in prayer for this important Conference. As you are probably aware, there are some highly emotional issues that will come before the Conference. Issues on human sexuality could be among the most contentious. These issues are important and need to be discussed and decided upon. But we also need to

Thank you to those who volunteered to serve as District At-Large Delegates. We now have all that we can take.

Here is some information regarding Annual Conf:

When? **June 16-18**

Where? Buena Vista Palace Hotel, Orlando

Schedule

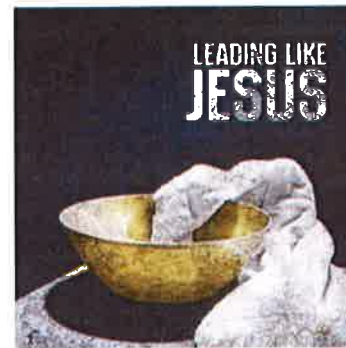
Wedn, June 15, 8 AM Registration
9-4 Pre-Conference Leadership Gatherings

Thur, June 16, 7:30 AM Registration
10 AM Clergy & Laity Sessions
1:30 Opening Plenary Session
5 PM Dinner Break
7 PM Special Speaker Rev. Bill Hybels
8:15 PM District Missional Gatherings

Fri, June 17, 8:30 AM Plenary Session
10:30 AM Service of Remembrance
11:30 AM Lunch Break/Memorial Luncheon/Retiree Luncheon
1:30 PM Plenary Session & Anniversary Celebrations
5:00 PM Dinner Break
7:30 PM An Evening of Music

Sat, June 18, 8:30 AM Plenary Session
10:00 AM Service of Licensing, Commission and Ordination
Noon Conference concludes

Please keep the Annual Conference, the attendees and those who are tasked with organizing and putting on the Annual Conference in your prayers.



remember that they are not among the basic tenets of our faith. My prayer is that the delegates to General Conference will consider these very seriously and prayerfully, and that they will be open to one another's views and be respectful of one another. The Church of Jesus Christ has debated and argued some very significant issues of faith over the centuries. In the Book of Acts the Jerusalem Council considered the very nature of the Church in its deliberations. Let us all pray for a true Pentecost experience to occur at General Conference. Let us pray for a profound unity in our denomination amid its wonderful diversity. Just as the many languages were spoken on that day in Jerusalem, there will be many languages spoken in Portland at General Conference. Yet, all

APPOINTMENT CHANGES 2016

In case you missed the recent announcement, we are pleased to announce the following appointment changes effective July 1:



Bethel UMC - Ralph Wrightstone

Calvary UMC - Bob Dehner

Carrabelle/Eastpoint UMC - Missy Tuberville

Centenary UMC - Aaron Ankeny

Chaires UMC - Bethany Douty

First UMC, Chattahoochee - Michael Kramer

Ellzey UMC - Robyn Jocelyn

Glen Julia/Greensboro UMC - Juan Hernandez

John Wesley UMC - Chris Sanders

Killearn UMC - Associates Pamela Green & Tim Willcox

First UMC, Lake City - Jim Walker

Lake Jackson UMC - Nick Quinton

Lee UMC - Jack Tilk

First UMC, Madison - Lamar Albritton

Salem UMC - Curtiss Cain

St. George Island UMC - Brian Brightly

Trinity UMC, Tallahassee - Wayne Wiatt

Wacissa UMC - Stephen Lenzo (in addition to Sardis)

understood in their own language. May this unity of understanding, love and reconciliation be the strength and the lasting legacy of this Conference.

Grace and Peace for the Journey,

Bob

We welcome those new to the District and we offer our well wishes to those leaving the District or retiring.

Please keep these pastors in your prayers as they make their transitions.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Wesley Memorial in Lake City has an opening for an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Job skills required include computer familiarity (Microsoft Office), bookkeeping/Quickbooks experience, and telephone experience. If you would like a complete job description and/or application, please contact Charlie Miller at miller@wesleymem.com or at (386) 752-9499.



CAMP CENTENARY

Centenary Camp will be having it's overnight camp **June 26- July 2, 2016** this year! It is for ages 9-16 years old.



This camp will be a blast!! Music, bible studies, games, crafts, making new friends and seeing old friends. Swimming, gaga ball, volleyball, basketball,

4-square, archery, a huge waterslide one night with glow in the dark fun! This camp is a high energy fun camp! We know your kids will LOVE it!

The cost is only \$230.00 for the week! So hurry and get them signed up; there is limited openings! If you have any questions please give Donna a call at 850-590-2743 or email her at Centenarycamp@tds.net.

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 5 | Missional Vital Signs Due |
| 9-20 | General Conference |
| 22 | D.S. Retirement Celebration |

D.S. Bob Gibb's Calendar:

- May 1, Preaching at Rocky Springs Homecoming
- May 4, DCOM Meeting @ Deer Lake UMC
- May 17, FSU Wesley Board Meeting
- May 29, Preaching at John Wesley Homecoming

SAVE THE DATES:

2016 Florida Annual Conference / June 16-18, 2016 / Buena Vista Palace Hotel, Orlando

2016 Festival of Wisdom and Grace featuring Dr. Tony Campolo and Dr. Mickey Efrid / August 1-4, 2016 / Lake Junaluska, NC