

Adel  
Alapaha/Glory  
Antioch  
Barney  
Bemiss  
Beulah  
Brookfield  
Central  
Chula/Harding  
Clyattville  
Doerun/Funston  
Enigma  
Evelyn  
The Gathering  
Grace  
Hahira  
Herring Memorial  
Hispanic West (Berlin)  
Lake Park  
Lakeland  
Morven/Mt.Zion  
Campground  
Moultrie First  
Mt. Calvary  
Mt. Zion  
Nashville  
New Harvest  
Norman Park/Kimball  
Ocilla/Irwinville  
Omega/Leila  
Park Avenue  
Pine Level/St. Peter's  
Pinson Memorial  
Poulan  
Providence  
Quitman  
Ray City/Community  
Salem  
Shiloh  
Sparks/Lenox  
Statenville/Fargo  
Sumner/Shingler/  
Damascus/Ty Ty  
Tifton First  
Trinity  
Tyson Memorial  
Unity/Live Oak  
Valdosta First  
Week's Chapel  
Wesley Chapel  
Wright's Chapel/Naylor

### New Year a Time of New Beginnings

I know I'm old fashioned, but I keep my appointments on a paper program calendar which I get each year from United Methodist Communications in Nashville. I like the calendar because each month is laid out on an open page and can be reviewed with a glance. At the beginning of each year the calendar is neat and clean, and I transfer all of the birthdays and anniversaries and important events that I need to remember.

The calendar is one of the many reminders that the New Year is a fresh start. Last year is done and gone along with all of the mistakes and failures and successes of that year. This is a time of new beginnings. As I look at the clean new calendar I wonder what the adventures, opportunities, and experiences of the coming year will be. And, I pray that this year I will be more effective in my work, wiser in my words, better with my family and friends, and more intentional in my faith.

I hope that each of us will think of this new calendar year as a time of new beginnings: a time to improve our work habits, a time to visit those persons in our congregations we haven't seen in a while, a time to be more diligent in our sermon preparation, a time to be more positive and encouraging to the people we serve.

I hope the New Year will be for all of us a time of making fresh starts with our families: a time for more patience, a time to be more affirming of our spouses and children, a time express our gratitude and love to those we are closest to.

And, I hope the new year will be a time of new beginnings in our faith journey: a time to be more present for God to speak to us, a time to listen, a time to read God's word for the simple joy of being in the scriptures, and a time of being more committed to following God's will in our lives.

Best wishes for a Happy and Productive New Year.

*Nathan*

# 2010 Valdosta District Events



|           |   |                          |          |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|----------|
| Jan 4     | Forms go out to Pastors & SPRC  |                          |          |
| Jan 10    | Dist Trustees Meeting   | Parsonage                | 4:00 PM  |
| Jan 12    | South Sub District  | Valdosta 1 <sup>st</sup> | 10:00 AM |
| Jan 14    | North Sub District  | Tifton 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 10:00 AM |
| Jan 15    | Cabinet Information Form available Online   |                          |          |
| Jan 19    | Camp Tygart Training Event  | Pipkin Ctr               | 7:00 PM  |
| Jan 24-27 | Winter Camp Mtg   | EBTS                     |          |
| Jan 31    | Dist Comm on Superintendency  | Parsonage                | 4:00 PM  |
| Feb 4     | Pastor & SPRC Forms due in District Office<br>Cabinet Information Forms due Online<br>Statistical Report due Online |                          |          |

**FOUR FORMS ARE  
DUE BY  
FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

**Cabinet Information Form  
Due Online**

**Pastor's Report to Cabinet  
SPRC Report to Cabinet**

**Statistical Report  
Due Online**

## Camp Tygart Corporation Training Session

There will be a training event for the Camp Tygart Corporation's Board of Trustees and all Committee Chairs on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the Pipkin Center. If you are a member of this group and/or know someone who is included in this group, please be aware that attendance at this session is of utmost importance.

## Dr. Joel Dent to serve Statesboro District

Bishop James announces the appointment of Dr. Joel Dent as interim Statesboro District Superintendent effective December 1, 2009. Dr. Dent served as the Dublin District Superintendent for eight years prior to his retirement. This interim appointment was necessitated because of the death of Reverend Joseph Roberson in a traffic accident on Saturday, November 21, 2009, while returning home from a Charge Conference.

## Pastors Planning to Retire in June

Pastors planning to retire at Annual Conference need to provide notification of this intent by Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. A letter of intent should be sent to Bishop King with copies to your District Superintendent, Miriam Hagan, and Vance Mathis.

## Sexual Ethics Trainings Sessions in 2010...

Thursday - February 11, 2010, 10:00 AM

Tuesday - April 27, 2010, 9:00 AM

Thursday - September 9, 2010, 9:00 AM

Epworth by the Sea – St. Simons

St. Paul UMC – Columbus

Porterfield UMC – Albany

This workshop is required every three (3) years for any person serving under appointment by the Bishop (clergy, local pastors, extension ministers, appointed lay speakers).

Cost: \$5.00 at the door – lunch included.

To register: email [cpcassistant@sgaumc.com](mailto:cpcassistant@sgaumc.com)



# Connectional Ministries and



## Upcoming Events at Epworth by the Sea

### Warmth in Winter III “The Time of Your Life”

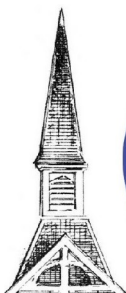
featuring **ED KILBOURNE**  
Our 3rd Annual

*Warmth in Winter Event for Older Adults*  
January 11-13, 2010

### A Prayerful Encounter With Terry Teykl

March 5 – 7, 2010

WORSHIP - TEACHING - MINISTRY  
PRAYER - FELLOWSHIP



## You're INVITED! Winter Camp Meeting 2010

January 24-27, 2010

#### Agenda

#### Christ is the One who calls!

**Bishop James R. King, Jr.:** Sun., 7:00 pm  
**Rev. Don Kea:** Mon., 10:45 am  
**Rev. Jim Trice:** Mon., 7:00 pm  
**Rev. Vance Mathis:** Tues., 10:45 am  
**Rev. Jim Rush:** Tues., 7:00 pm  
**Rev. Herchel Sheets:** Wed., 10:45 am

**Dr. William (Bill) Mallard:** Bible Teacher,  
Mon.-Wed. 9:30 am

**Mr. Jason Patton:** Director of Music  
**Ms. DeDe Singleton:** Pianist  
**Mr. George Ingram:** Organist

*Outstanding preachers, teachers, area  
choirs and musicians!*  
*We will honor all retired pastors during  
each service.*

Our guest preachers for Winter Camp Meeting 2010 heard His voice through sermons and songs as well as conversations and Bible study. They accepted God's Call and devoted their lives to Making Disciples for Jesus Christ.

John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed. Bishop James R. King, Jr., Don Kea, Jim Trice, Vance Mathis, Jim Rush and Herchel Sheets each heard the magnificent voice of God and accepted the call to ministry. They followed Christ. The circumstances of their calling are different.

We will be blessed to hear sermons from the hearts of our Episcopal Leader and outstanding retired clergy members of the United Methodist Church. We will be inspired by beautiful music from devoted choirs and talented musicians. We will study the Bible with an incredible teacher, Dr. Bill Mallard. We will enjoy Christian fellowship with old and new friends.

Come to Winter Camp Meeting. Be ready to hear the voice of God.

**Confirmation Retreats 2010 - EBTS**  
**February 26-28 and March 19-21**



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Betty Moon, wife of Rev. Bob Moon , Valdosta 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, had surgery in Macon on December 8, 2009, and is now recovering at home. Cards may be sent to Betty at 810 Tanglewood Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602.

Rev. Joseph Roberson, Statesboro District Superintendent, was involved in a fatal traffic accident on November 21, 2009. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Beverly and family at 3010 Peyton Drive, Columbus, GA 31903.



Mary Lee Duck, 100, widow of Rev. David Duck, passed away November 28, in Blairsville.

*January*

**Birthdays**

- |        |                 |        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| Jan 1  | Dan Robinson    | Jan 19 | Angela Hiers    |
| Jan 4  | John Harrington |        | Dewey Stalvey   |
| Jan 6  | Ken Morgan      | Jan 20 | Andrew Goodlett |
| Jan 8  | Annette Brooks  | Jan 23 | Keith Goodlett  |
| Jan 11 | V. L. Daughtery |        | Robin Zimmerman |
|        | Polly Pollett   | Jan 25 | Patti Minton    |
| Jan 12 | Jacki Beasley   | Jan 30 | Jessica Oliver  |
| Jan 17 | Megan Stalvey   |        |                 |

**Anniversaries**

- Jan 27 Dan & Dorris Robinson

