

THE KINGSPORT DISTRICT CHALLENGER NEWS BRIEFS

October 2012

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT CORNER

Clergy and Laity of the Kingsport District, I call your attention to these important happenings in the District this month. I know all of you have events and ministries taking place, but wanted to highlight a few printed here.

First, the newly formed Valley Parish is having their first revival around the theme of "You Will be My Witnesses". What a witness it would be for you or a group from your church in the district to attend one or all three revival services. I am encouraging all of our clergy and as many laity from the district to attend. Although I am only preaching one night and most of my nights are taken with Charge Conferences, I am planning to be a part of all three nights.

Lay Leaders and Pastors; please make sure you register now for the breakfast in your honor on the last Saturday of October. We are privileged to have Bob Lockaby come and share with us. Bob is one of the most connected lay persons in the United Methodist Church. Pastors, I have an expectation that you and your lay leader or one of your lay leadership will be in attendance. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please pass the word about Safe Sanctuary Training and the Youth Festival of Gifts and Talents.

There will be another chance to greet and welcome Bishop Taylor on November 11th at State Street UMC in Bristol, Virginia.

Blessings,
David

October Preaching Schedule:
7th-Fall Branch at 11am
14th-Holly Springs at 11am
28st-First Surgoinsville

LAY LEADER & PASTOR BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 27, 8 – 10 a.m.
Crossroads UMC

Cost: \$5/person (Golden Corral catering)

Guest Speaker: Bob Lockaby, former Holston Conference Lay Leader & member of Ooltewah UMC.
Mail check to Kingsport District, P.O. Box 894, Kingsport, TN 37662 by October 18.

*You are invited to a Welcome Reception
for*

Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor

Sunday, November 11

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

State Street UMC (300 W. Valley Dr., Bristol, VA)

This is an open invitation to anyone who has not yet had the opportunity to greet & welcome Bishop Taylor.

VALLEY PARISH REVIVAL

You Will be My Witnesses

7:00 p.m. begins with Special Music
Okolona UMC

(4215 Stanley Valley Rd., Church Hill, 37642)

October 11 Rev. Greg Fletcher
Personal Witnessing for Christ

October 12 Rev. Mike Ladd
Missional Witnessing

October 13 Rev. David Graves
The Disciple as Witness

Churches working & sharing together by making disciples in our community; showing the love of Christ; and providing opportunities to serve.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Sunday, October 28, 2-4 p.m.

Crossroads UMC

For all children & youth workers!

Please call or email the district office approximately how many will attend by Thursday, October 25.

YOUTH!!

FESTIVAL OF GIFTS & TALENTS

Sunday, October 21, 3-5 p.m.

Wheeler UMC

(2376 Hwy 75 Blountville, TN 37617 – at airport)