

Praying



MINISTERS' CONVOCATION

February 27 – March 1, 2023
Music Road Resort & Convention Center
Pigeon Forge, TN

Schedule

(Note: all events take place in Quartet Ballroom—Dobro, Harp, Ukelele)

Monday, February 27, 2023

- 2:00 p.m. Registration begins
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome and Announcements
Worship and Communion
Preaching ~ Barbara L. Peacock
Desert Prayers MATTHEW 14:13-21
Music ~ Justin Haynes & the
Middlebrook Pike UMC Worship Team
- 8:30 Registration Resumes
Convention Center Lobby

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
(included w/room reservation)
- 9:00 a.m. Devotional ~ Willie Kitchens & Jeff Seay
- 9:15 a.m. Plenary ~ Luther E. Smith, Jr.
When Prayer is a Hazard
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Plenary ~ Barbara L. Peacock
Praying Together: Created to Commune
- Noon Lunch break
- 1:45 p.m. Devotional ~ Willie Kitchens & Jeff Seay
- 2:00 p.m. "TED" talks on prayer/discussions
~ Sharon Bowers, Beth Tipton,
Eric Rieger, and Susan Arnold
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Plenary ~ Luther E. Smith, Jr.
Phases of Contemplative Praying
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner and Free time
- 7:00 p.m. AT Chaplain Commissioning
Offering for Second Harvest Food Bank
Worship
Music ~ King's Cadence
- 8:15 p.m. Reception in hotel
Immediately after worship -
in hotel lobby & breakfast room

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
(included w/room reservation)
- 8:15 a.m. Devotional ~ Willie Kitchens & Jeff Seay
- 8:30 a.m. Plenary ~ Barbara L. Peacock
Praying Together: Created to Commune
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Plenary ~ Luther E. Smith, Jr.
Unending Prayer
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Closing Worship and Communion
Preacher and Celebrant
~ Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett
Music ~ Bryan Underwood

CEUs

2.0 CEUs given for full participation
and receipt of evaluation form.

Medical Emergency

If you have a medical emergency, call 911.

The nearest hospital is:

LeConte Medical Center

742 Middle Creek Road • Sevierville, TN 37862
865-446-7000

Take Henderson Chapel Road to left on the Parkway/441.
Go 1.7 mi. to right on Collier Road, then go 1.5 mi. to left
on Veteran's Blvd. Go 1.1 mi. to right on Blanton Road,
then 0.4 mi. to left on Middle Creek Road.



Child Care

The Holston Foundation is generously underwriting the cost of child care again this year, so there will be NO COST to families. We will be using the large family suite at Music Road Hotel on the first floor. First Sevierville staff will again be providing our child care service. Snacks and lunch will be available for the little ones. You can pick up a child care schedule at registration.



Plenary Speakers



Barbara L. Peacock

Dr. Barbara L. Peacock is the author of the award-winning book *Soul Care in African American Practice*. She also wrote *Psalm 119 Scriptural Journal* and *Called to Teach* (Acronym C.A.L.L.E.D. means Commissioned As Leaders, Learners, Educations and Disciples). She is passionate about the disciplines

of prayer, spiritual direction (soul care), lectio, and visio divina. In 2013 she founded Barbara L. Peacock Ministries. This ministry is committed to providing safe spaces for encounters with God.

Previously Dr. Peacock served as Minister of Discipleship and Prayer at The Park Church, Charlotte, NC. Her 14 years of servant leadership included oversight of numerous ministries. As a result of such experiences, her praying, preaching, teaching, facilitating, counseling, coaching, spiritual directing and mentoring are enriched. Barbara's passion for soul care and seeing lives transformed is evident in her ministry.

Some of the boards Dr. Peacock has served on are: ECO (Energy Committed To Offenders), Charlotte Awake, Women in Ministry International, MACEA (Mid-Atlantic Christian Education Association) and In His Presence Global Ministry. She has also served as Christian Education Director for American Baptist Churches of the South and Chaplain for the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association). Currently she serves with For Charlotte Prayer, Vision 2020 Prayer and Fashion and Compassion.

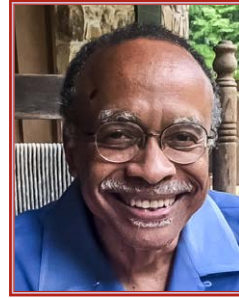
Dr. Peacock's enjoys traveling, writing, exercising, eating good food and playing games like Scrabble, Every Word and Sudoku. She has been married to her husband Gilbert for 42 years.

Special Offering Recipient

Our offering this year during Tuesday night worship will go to Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest's programs are set up to reach every demographic in every corner of East Tennessee. From programs specific to children and seniors, to programs specializing in meeting families' needs, no one is forgotten if they are experiencing hunger.



Second Harvest volunteers package food for distribution



Luther E. Smith, Jr.

Luther E. Smith, Jr., Ph.D. is Professor Emeritus of Church and Community, Candler School of Theology of Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia), where he served on the faculty for thirty-five years. While at Emory University, Dr. Smith served as President of the University Senate, President of the

University's Faculty Council, and as Candler's Associate Dean for Faculty Development. The title of his teaching position reflects his commitment to social transformation as an expression of religious conviction.

He writes and speaks extensively on issues of church and society, congregational renewal, interfaith cooperation, Christian spirituality, and the thought of Howard Thurman. In addition to speaking to academic, religious, and civic audiences throughout the United States, he has lectured in England, South Korea, Hong Kong, India, Canada, Ireland, Poland, and Germany.

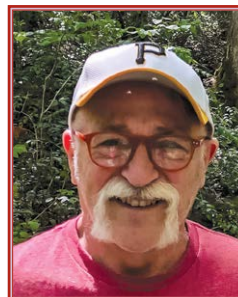
Dr. Smith helped to found the International Community School that has as its mission educational excellence for children who have experienced the traumas of war and violence. He is also a cofounder of the Interfaith Children's Movement (Georgia) that educates, mobilizes, and networks faith communities in being advocates for all children, and has served on its board since 2001. He currently serves as the Coordinator for the Pan-Methodist Campaign for Children in Poverty that mobilizes the churches and theological schools of six Methodist denominations to be active in service to and advocacy for children in poverty.

He is an ordained minister of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He lives in Stone Mountain, Georgia, where he is married to Helen Pearson Smith. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Appalachian Trail Chaplains

The 2023 Holston Conference Appalachian Trail Chaplains are Al Boyes and Christopher Halliburton. Al enjoys hiking in our Smoky Mountains while Christopher enjoys hiking the Ozark mountains in Arkansas.

We are so pleased to commission these two intrepid hikers as Appalachian Trail Chaplains this year.

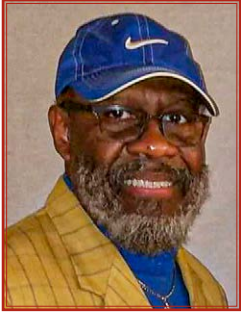


Al Boyes



Christopher Halliburton

Music



Willie Kitchens

Willie David Kitchens, Jr., fell in love with music at an early age. At age seven, Kitchens began singing at community churches with his sisters and his father, Willie Kitchens, Sr., who taught his son to play guitar when he was ten.

He serves as minister of music to the Bethlehem-Wiley United Methodist Church.

Middlebrook Pike UMC Worship Team



This group, led by Justin Haynes, serves as the Contemporary Worship leaders at Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN.



Bryan Underwood

Bryan Underwood serves as Pianist at Voices of the Mountains and Director of Music and Worship Arts at First United Methodist Church, Marion, Virginia. Bryan is also Staff Pianist at Emory & Henry College

Bryan has served as Organist/ Accompanist at Holston's Annual

Conference for many years.

King's Cadence - Gospel Quartet Music



East Tennessee's most versatile gospel quartet shares their love of Jesus Christ through song! Presenting you gospel, a cappella, and inspirational music!

Registration

Name _____

Preferred name for name tag: _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Charge _____ District _____

I PLAN TO ATTEND in person on-line

CHILD CARE I need child care during Convocation.

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

PROGRAM REGISTRATION FEE

Early Bird Registration (by Jan. 27) \$ 95.00 per person

Regular Program Fee (Jan. 28-Feb. 19) \$115.00 per person

Late Registration (Feb. 20-27) \$125.00 per person

\$ _____ Program Fee Paid Early Bird Regular Late

PREFERRED: Register On-Line at
convocation.holston.org

or Make check payable to HOLSTON CONFERENCE

Send completed form and check to:

Holston Conference UMC

Attn: Wesley Leadership Institute

P.O. Box 850, Alcoa, TN 37701-0850

Phone: 865/293-4135 (leave message)

Check Number _____

If you wish to pay for your registration with a credit card, you must register on-line. (Paypal account not needed to register.)

Note: Cancellation must be made

by February 22, 2023, to receive a refund.

Room reservations are separate and made directly with Music Road Resort.

See hotel registration details below.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

To reserve your hotel room for Convocation 2023:

Call 1-800-429-7700

**Name: Holston Conference Convocation
Group ID: 11554**

One night deposit required at time of reservation.

Rooms starting at \$109.00 per night plus tax
(Sunday through Wednesday nights only)

