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*From Our District Superintendent...*



**THE CHOICE IS IN YOUR HANDS**

The 2008 General Conference has come and gone. The thirty-eighth session of the Louisiana Annual Conference Session is now history. Now we find ourselves looking forward to Jurisdictional Conference in Dallas July 16-19 where, along with other jurisdictional business, three bishops will be elected. Yet, for those of us in Louisiana, we have been richly blessed with the assurance that Bishop William W. and Mrs. Kay Hutchinson will be returning to us for four more years. What a joy.

We gathered as a district family at Northwood UMC, Lafayette for the Annual Clergy/Family Picnic held Saturday, June 28. It was indeed a time of fun, food and fellowship. Grilled rib eye steaks and chicken breasts with all the trimmings were the order of the day as we shared a sumptuous meal together. District clergy and their families shared in a wonderful time of fellowship. We welcomed four new clergy families to the district and we recognized several changes within the district.

**-We Welcome To Our District Family-**

Don and Ann Ross from Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Alexandria to First United Methodist Church, Houma;

Donnie and April Wilkinson from St. Andrews and Oak Ridge United Methodist Churches to First United Methodist, Thibodaux;

Stephen and Marny Fife from Henning Memorial United Methodist Church, Sulphur (Associate) to Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette (Associate).

Gaynell and Connie Simon, who presently serve St. James United Methodist Church, Convent, in the Baton Rouge District, have also been appointed to serve St. Peter United Methodist Church, Donaldsonville

**-Changes Made Within The District-**

Sonya Lars, who pastored Lutcher Chapel United Methodist Church asked that she not be given an appointment this year in order to concentrate on completing her theological studies at Asbury Seminary. As a result, Lutcher Chapel has been placed with St. James United Methodist Church, Belle Rose forming the St. James-Lutcher Chapel Charge with Elva Jacobs as pastor.

We welcome to our District Ministry Team Mrs. Joyce Henson as our new Communication Advisor. Mrs. Henson is a member of Covenant United Methodist Church, Lafayette.

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## Thank You

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The Acadiana District Daughenbaugh-Matheny Scholarship Committee sincerely thank the churches who gave donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Acadiana District contributed \$2,000 to the LA Conference D-M Scholarship Fund because of your generosity. Twenty scholarships were awarded in LA Conference and three of the students are from Acadiana District. They are Betsy Carpenter and Sara Carpenter from Patterson UMC and Sarah Duet of FUMC in Houma. These young ladies are students at Centenary College in Shreveport.

### Mission to Cambodia — December 1-12, 2008

The team will work with the Methodist Mission Center based in Phnom Phen and will lead an event for children and be involved in a construction project. They will worship with Cambodia Methodist congregations. The team stays in American hotels and travels in air-conditioned vehicles. Interested? Contact Rev. Jack O'Dell at [pastor@thewellumc.com](mailto:pastor@thewellumc.com). More info at: [www.thewellumc.com](http://www.thewellumc.com).



Extra special thanks to Derrick Equipment for donating the rib eye steaks, which were enjoyed by the clergy families at the District Clergy Picnic on June 28. Thanks also, to Rev. Wayne Howington and the Northwood members who prepared and served the great meal and extended gracious hospitality to all.

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— *From Our District Superintendent...*

Each year we become a stronger district family and the 2008-2009 conference year offers us a wonderful opportunity to continue in ministry together.

The story is told of a boy who one day tried to trick an old and wise man. According to the story, the boy approaches the wise man with a bird in his hand. His trick plan was to ask the old man if the bird was dead or alive. If the old man answered the bird was alive, the boy had planned to crush the bird in his hands. And if the old man had answered the bird was dead, the boy had planned to open his hands and let the bird fly away. The boy had fixed it so that no matter how the old man answered, the boy would be able to prove him wrong.

However, when the boy asked the old man if the bird was dead or alive, the old man gave evidence of his wisdom. He simply said, "Son, the choice is in your hands. As you choose, so will it be. It's up to you."

These are inspiring word that can challenge us as a District Family. We find ourselves at the beginning of a new conference year, and in the middle of a calendar year. On this journey in ministry together we too make choices. We can continue to be a strong and committed district as we choose to make the good choices.

I want to commend those of you who have already paid your 2008 conference and district apportionments in full. I also commend those of you who continue each

year to pay your apportionments monthly. I celebrate with each of you.

At the same time, some of our churches have paid little or have made no payments on their apportionments. I strongly encourage you to begin now addressing this matter. The longer you wait, the more difficult it will be to take care of your commitment in full. I'm counting on each of you to have both your district and conference apportionments paid in full by the end of December, 2008.

Deuteronomy 30:19 says, "I call Heaven and earth to witness this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendents may live."

I believe the song writer says it well. "Though the load gets heavy, you're never left alone to bear it all. Just ask for strength and keep on toiling, though the tear drops fall. You have the joy of this assurance, the Heavenly Father will always answer prayers. And He knows, yes, He knows, just how much you can bear."

**Thanks be to such an awesome God who does all things well!**

Have a good summer.

*Roger D. Lathan*



## District and Conference Apportionment Payments - June 30, 2008

	DISTRICT				CONFERENCE			
	Dist. Amt.	Amt. Paid	Balance	% Paid	Conf Amt	Amt Paid	Balance	% Paid
Abbeville-	2,088	1,000.00	1,088.00	48%	15,233	8,144.00	7,089.00	53%
Pecan Island	0			—	0			—
Baldwin, Trinity-	990	0.00	0.00	0%	7,221	3,454.00	3,767.00	48%
Mt. Zion	224	224.00	0.00	100%	1,633	500.00	1,133.00	31%
Belle Rose, St. James	879	0.00	0.00	0%	6,412	560.00	5,852.00	9%
Berwick	1,003	853.00	150.00	85%	7,317	4,002.00	3,315.00	55%
Briggs-	421	200.00	221.00	48%	3,071	1,424.20	1,646.80	46%
Fitzgerald-	164	0.00	0.00	0%	1,191	297.75	893.25	25%
Mt. Zion	130	0.00	0.00	0%	949	500.00	449.00	53%
Donaldsonville, First-	267	267.00	0.00	100%	1,945	0.00	1,945.00	0%
Lutcher	263	0.00	0.00	0%	1,916	489.00	1,427.00	26%
St Peter	373	373.00	0.00	100%	2,721	0.00	2,721.00	0%
Dulac, Clanton Chapel	239	0.00	0.00	0%	1,743	1,743.00	0.00	100%
Franklin, First-	2,216	1,107.98	1,108.02	50%	16,170	8,088.00	8,082.00	50%
Jeanerette, McGowen	260	0.00	0.00	0%	1,901	1,079.00	822.00	57%
Houma, Bayou Blue	1,436	1,436.00	0.00	100%	10,478	3,149.00	7,329.00	30%
Houma, First	8,170	2,608.00	5,562.00	32%	59,616	6,841.00	52,775.00	11%
Mt. Vernon	427	0.00	0.00	0%	3,117	100.00	3,017.00	3%
Wesley-	335	344.00	+9.00	103%	2,443	610.75	1,832.25	25%
Vacherie	33	33.00	0.00	100%	241	132.00	109.00	55%
Jeanerette, St. Paul-	813	813.00	0.00	100%	5,932	5,932.00	0.00	100%
Franklin, Asbury	518	518.00	0.00	100%	3,783	3,783.00	0.00	100%
Jeanerette, St. Peter-	966	966.00	0.00	100%	7,050	3,500.00	3,550.00	50%
Mallalieu	898	0.00	0.00	0%	6,556	0.00	6,556.00	0%
Lafayette: Asbury	20,257	12,154.20	8,102.80	60%	147,804	88,682.40	59,121.60	60%
Covenant	6,058	3,303.00	2,755.00	55%	44,206	24,519.00	19,687.00	55%
First	4,628	3,239.60	1,388.40	70%	33,769	20,261.40	13,507.60	60%
Mallelieu Immanuel	1,146	0.00	0.00	0%	8,360	325.00	8,035.00	4%
Northwood	3,078	616.00	2,462.00	20%	22,457	4,492.00	17,965.00	20%
Lettsworth, Scott Chapel	65	0.00	0.00	0%	471	471.00	0.00	100%
Lottie, Wiley-	232	0.00	0.00	0%	1,693	0.00	1,693.00	0%
Green Chapel	174	0.00	0.00	0%	1,273	800.00	473.00	63%
Lutcher Chapel	455	0.00	0.00	0%	3,318	1,414.00	1,904.00	43%
Lydia	436	0.00	0.00	0%	3,178	1,077.00	2,101.00	34%
Maringouin, St. Peter-	782	782.00	0.00	100%	5,706	0.00	5,706.00	0%
Maringouin, Shiloh	228	0.00	0.00	0%	1,664	200.00	1,464.00	12%
Mathews, Memorial	1,182	1,182.00	0.00	100%	8,626	5,163.00	3,463.00	60%
Melville-	277	0.00	277.00	0%	2,025	2,025.00	0.00	100%
Palmetto	293	293.00	0.00	100%	2,137	2,137.00	0.00	100%
Morgan City, Pharr Chapel	2,842	1,800.00	1,042.00	63%	20,737	12,442.20	8,294.80	60%
Walmsley-	446	0.00	0.00	0%	3,256	994.13	2,261.87	31%
Mason	388	388.00	0.00	100%	2,835	1,417.51	1,417.49	50%
Mt Vernon	427	0.00	0.00	0%	3,117	1,306.80	1,810.20	42%
Napoleonville, Welsey-	344	0.00	0.00	0%	2,511	2,511.00	0.00	100%
Woodlawn	385	0.00	0.00	0%	2,810	0.00	2,810.00	0%
New Iberia, First	8,138	4,884.00	3,254.00	60%	59,380	35,628.00	23,752.00	60%
St. James	365	0.00	365.00	0%	2,660	2,236.00	424.00	84%
Opelousas, LA Memorial	3,256	1,356.69	1,899.31	42%	23,759	12,613.00	11,146.00	53%
St. Mark	1,182	0.00	0.00	0%	8,626	4,360.00	4,266.00	51%
Patterson	946	600.00	346.00	63%	6,900	3,899.00	3,001.00	57%
Plaquemine, First	1,418	0.00	0.00	0%	10,347	4,347.00	6,000.00	42%
Grand River	408	0.00	0.00	0%	2,975	0.00	2,975.00	0%
Hurst-	543	300.00	243.00	55%	3,963	1,980.00	1,983.00	50%
St. Luke	91	0.00	0.00	0%	669	0.00	669.00	0%
Port Barre-	353	353.00	0.00	100%	2,575	1,682.00	893.00	65%
Krotz Springs-	156	0.00	0.00	0%	1,139	0.00	1,139.00	0%
Lottie, Wilson Memorial	141	0.00	0.00	0%	1,026	770.00	256.00	75%
Rosedale-	545	545.00	0.00	100%	3,981	2,172.00	1,809.00	55%
FUMC New Roads	642	642.00	0.00	100%	4,688	2,351.00	2,337.00	50%
Rosedale, Hartzell	336	0.00	0.00	0%	2,450	1,225.00	1,225.00	50%
Thibodaux, Calvary-	1,011	0.00	0.00	0%	7,378	1,475.60	5,902.40	20%
Magnolia	541	0.00	0.00	0%	3,949	0.00	3,949.00	0%
First	2,871	1,764.00	1,107.00	61%	20,951	12,570.60	8,380.40	60%
Waxia, St. Paul	196	196.00	0.00	100%	1,427	1,427.00	0.00	100%
Youngsville, Faith Community	706	353.00	0.00	50%	5,149	2,580.00	2,569.00	50%

# CONFERENCE & DISTRICT Calendar of Events

## July

- 7-11 JYMO  
8-9 Cabinet Meetings, Baton Rouge  
16-19 Jurisdictional Conference, Dallas, Texas  
22 Conference UMW Executive Committee, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
23-26 Conference UMW School of Missions, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
31-Aug 3 Cursillo #124, Wesley Center, Woodworth

## August

- 2 Children's Ministry Conference, Wesley Center, Woodworth 9am-3pm  
24 Christian Education Sunday  
26 DCOM Training, Wesley Center, Woodworth 10am-3pm  
26 Local Pastors' Fall Interviews, Wesley Center, Woodworth 3-5pm

## September

- 6 Fall Convo, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
7 Ministry Sunday  
14 Retired Ministers' Home Sunday  
14 UMM Day  
14-15 Division of Deacons & Diaconal Ministers' Retreat, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
15-17 Division of Elders' Retreat, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
19-20 UMW Annual Meeting, FUMC Lake Charles  
23 LA Methodist Children's Home Breakfast - Awareness Event, Heymann Center,  
Lafayette 7:30 - 8:45am  
23-25 Leadership & Effective Management Conference, FUMC Shreveport

## October

- 9-12 Cursillo #125, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
11 UMW District Elected Leaders' Training, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
11 Acadiana District "Safe Sanctuary" Training, Asbury, Lafayette, 10 am - 3 pm  
18-19 Discerning the Call, Wesley Center, Woodworth, 9am on 18<sup>th</sup> - noon on 19<sup>th</sup>  
19 Laity Sunday

## November

- 7-8 Jr High Retreat (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades) #1, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
11-15 UMCOR Basic Training Academy, Sager Brown, Baldwin  
21-22 W.T. Handy Convocation, New Orleans

## December

- 4-7 Cursillo #126, Wesley Center, Woodworth  
13 **DISTRICT CHRISTMAS GATHERING, FUMC New Iberia**

