



# Central E-Link

*News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip  
Church Leaders of the Central Texas Conference*

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Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) by **12 noon Tuesday** in order to be e-mailed on Wednesday. Articles should be brief and include active links to websites or contact persons for details. Use this information for ministry planning, announcements, church newsletters and/or bulletins. To add a colleague or church member to *E-Link's* weekly distribution, send their addresses to [susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org).

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## News Briefs — The Conference

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

*A Thanksgiving message from your Conference Staff:  
At this time when we pause to give thanks for the blessings in our lives,  
we are grateful to be in a supportive role with the lay and clergy who are witnessing for  
Christ in congregations across our conference. We give thanks daily for you and your ministries.*

### **Consider a Year-End Gift to Glen Lake Camp**

While Thanksgiving and Advent mean an upswing in activities and giving in the local church, November and December are slow revenue months for Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. This creates a financial squeeze for the conference's incredible camping and retreat facility. Fixed expenses like debt service and utilities cannot be ignored. "Neither can they be met in a timely fashion unless caring Methodists respond with some generous financial help," according to Diane Griffin, GLC&RC Board chair. She asks the thousands of beneficiaries (past and present) of Glen Lake to consider doing three things:

- Pray for this vital ministry of the CTC.
- Promote year-round utilization of both campuses (Glen Lake and Still Water Lodge) among the decision makers in your church as well as other organizations to which you belong.
- Make a generous contribution to Glen Lake before the end of the year.

So many wonderful things are happening at Glen Lake and Still Water that fulfill our purpose for them "to promote the three-fold spiritual, mental and physical development of young persons and adults as Christians." Every contribution, large or small, will help. You can send your contribution to Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose, TX 76043.

### **Student Day Fund Scholarships & Loans - United Methodist Special Sunday, Nov. 29**

UM Student Day, one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of the denomination, furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending UM-related and other accredited colleges and universities. UM Student Day is celebrated the last Sunday of November (Nov. 29 this year). Read about this year's scholarships and

loans to CTC student recipients in the Oct. 16 *Central Link* ([http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/071000-website10-16-09\\_final\\_PPCFFP2K.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/071000-website10-16-09_final_PPCFFP2K.pdf)) and remember that **ONLY STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING CHURCHES** are eligible for the Merit Scholarships awarded each year at Annual Conference. To read more about the UM Student Day, visit <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx>.

### **Reminder: You Can Contribute to the Alignment Task Force & The 5 Practices Forums**

There are two (or more) opportunities for you to participate in helping making a difference in the future of the Conference and the ministries of our local churches. The Alignment Task Force wants your input on their work through a blog that Pat Stroman (member) and Mike Ramsdell (chair) will be posting after each meeting on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)). Also on the [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) website are the “Five Practices Forums” for the posting of topics and sharing of ideas and best practices. Your thoughts are welcome!

### **Civil Rights Road Trip (Jan. 15-18) — Dec. 4 Deadline Only 1 Week Away**

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s was a time of uncertainty and change. Young people brought much of the change about. The Civil Rights Road Trip is a weekend designed to help today’s young people connect to the radical possibilities their lives hold for the Kingdom of God. See more details and registration, visit at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) or contact Steve Heyduck at 254-715-4956, 254-750-1310, [sheyduck@MCHWaco.org](mailto:sheyduck@MCHWaco.org). On this trip, our conference youth and their adult leaders will visit several historic locations and museums including:

- Little Rock Central High School
- National Civil Rights Museum
- Birmingham Civil Rights Museum
- National Voting Rights Museum
- Edmund Pettus Bridge
- 16th Street Baptist Church Ministry

### **Join Bishop Lowry for An Evening of Compassion — Dec. 3**

Bishop Mike Lowry will share the keynote message at An Evening of Compassion at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Aldersgate UMC (2201 E. Park Row, Arlington). In addition to Bishop Lowry's message, the event will feature a prayer vigil, a video screening, and the distribution of resources for taking action. The program is sponsored by WIN - the Welcoming Immigrants Network. The event will help participants understand the struggles faced by those affected by the immigration system, and advocate for comprehensive immigration reform by the U.S. Congress.

### **Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission – Group Registration**

CTCYM 2010 information brochures were mailed recently to youth directors and/or pastors of all CTC churches. Please be on the lookout for them! Group registration forms are in the back of the brochure. They are due in the conference office with \$100 registration fee by Dec. 10 (or by Jan. 7 with an additional \$50 late fee). For more information, visit [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org).

### **New Opportunities to Support ZOE Ministry**

ZOE Ministry, a UM ministry serving vulnerable children in several African nations, recently announced two new opportunities for congregations to empower groups of orphans. One project is ZOE’s Hope For Christmas Animal Project, which allows individuals or groups to provide animals to be raised by young people in ZOE’s program. Animals are often a first step in transforming the lives of orphans and by giving through ZOE; you can directly impact a child’s ability to become self-sufficient. See details at [http://www.zoeministry.org/?page\\_id=2766](http://www.zoeministry.org/?page_id=2766). A second exciting opportunity is ZOE’s Hope Companion Program, which allows your congregation to provide financial support to empower orphans and child-led families throughout their Giving Hope Empowerment Project journey. Giving Hope equips orphans and child-led families with essential life skills such as mentoring, vocational training, income-generating activities, training in animal husbandry and farming, and HIV/AIDS education. Through the Hope Companion Program, you can choose various levels of support for a specific working group or community, during which you will have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships in that particular area. Details

at <http://www.zoeministry.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/Hope-Companions-Overview.pdf>.

### **See the World Through New Eyes (Texas Wesleyan Studies)**

Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth offers majors, minors and individual courses in Comparative Religious & Christian Studies program. Begin your journey today by calling 817-531-4914 or visiting [www.txwes.edu/religion](http://www.txwes.edu/religion).

### **Thanksgiving Offering 2009**

[http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving\\_2009\\_KZB8K4MR.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving_2009_KZB8K4MR.pdf).

### **Advent Opportunity to Learn About and Serve in Women's Health Initiative**

This Advent you are invited to participate in a unique quilting and study ministry opportunity to promote women's health worldwide. The CTC is a target conference for this campaign, especially for the new "Advent Visions of Healing and Hope" quilt project/study. The Advent study can also be done without the quilting project. If you are interested, visit [www.operationhealinghope.com](http://www.operationhealinghope.com) and click on the link for "Top 10" or contact Jennifer Bellamy at [jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:jennifer@ctcumc.org) or 817-877-5222.

### **Suicide Survivors — Open Enrollment**

Suicide Survivors is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. A new group will begin in January 2010. Groups of eight to 10 meet for two hours weekly for eight weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail [suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org](mailto:suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org).

### **Adult UMVIM Mission/Work Tour to Eastern Mexico Conference —**

#### **Deadline Is Dec. 1 for the Jan. 16-23 Trip**

Conference UM Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)-hosted mission work tour to Mexico's Eastern Conference Jan. 16-23. **Registration deadline: Dec. 1.** Contacts: Susan Luttrell (817-473-6650 ext. 204, 817-781-5875, [susanl@firstmethodistmansfield.org](mailto:susanl@firstmethodistmansfield.org)) or Jennifer Bellamy (817-877-5222, [Jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:Jennifer@ctcumc.org)).

### **Soderquist — Feb. 8-10**

The next Soderquist Retreat, free for clergy and their spouses, is scheduled for Feb. 8-10 at the Inn on Lake Granbury. The only cost is the transportation to and from the retreat, which will not be reimbursed. Many CTC clergy couples have been given the opportunity to attend; unfortunately, repeat couples cannot be accepted. For more information, contact Janet Wood at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [jan@ctcumc.org](mailto:jan@ctcumc.org).

### **BEEF UP AGAIN Singles Mission Trip to Dulac, La. — Feb. 11-15, 2010**

Contact: Chuck Graff as 817-339-5065 or [cgraff@myfumc.org](mailto:cgraff@myfumc.org) and watch for additional details soon.

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## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **Bishops Launch Churchwide Appeal to Rebuild Lives/Churches in the Philippines**

The bishops of the UMC launched an appeal to help the people of the Philippines who were hard hit in September and October by four typhoons leaving more than a thousand dead and an estimated 1.2 million people displaced. The storms had a disastrous impact on farmlands, houses and infrastructure, causing drownings, landslides and electrocutions. Their homes are gone. Crops and livestock have disappeared. They have no livelihood. Currently the country is facing a public health emergency and is struggling to fight outbreaks of infection.

The Council of Bishops approved the Churchwide Appeal for Philippines Disasters during its Nov. 2-5 fall meeting. The appeal will focus on providing humanitarian relief and support of the ministries of the UMC in the Philippines. In addition, the record setting storms and flooding affected more than 200,000 UMs in

1,372 local churches. The bishops are developing the appeal with support from the General Council on Finance & Administration, the General Board of Global Ministries and UM Communications, in partnership with the Philippines Central Conference College of Bishops. Bishops are asking annual conferences and local churches to designate a Sunday to give congregations an opportunity to participate in the churchwide appeal. Contributors can give directly through local churches. Conference treasurers will forward contributions to the GCF&A. In addition, givers can donate online at <http://umcappeal.org>. One hundred percent of every donation will go to the Churchwide Appeal for Philippines Disasters No. 818-002-PHP. For more details on this appeal, visit <http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=1wL4KnN1LtH&b=5398307&ct=7677861>.

### **Perkins School of Volunteer Youth Ministry**

#### **Jan. 9 at Arapaho UMC, Richardson, TX**

A dynamic workshop led by youth workers with more than a century of combined experience will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 (includes lunch). The faculty includes Rev. Walt Marcum, Georgia Harrison, Rod Hocutt and Joy Allen. Additional workshop and registration details are available at <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaikU6yC06hdx0ZD0fy54lBy8fChoxypLrERfhDxPpHett6j4x9onEZEEd5AUL8Ntl0DsgQx78mnjFOCx9JZ8eX5tob0FOGUSHxN1jEf1DaH7BkHS Cz9wAjSoddTwm>.

### **Perkins GBHEM Certification in Youth Ministry**

#### **Jan. 9-15 at FUMC Richardson, TX**

Get certified in youth ministry in a week of learning. Faculty: Charles Harrison, executive director, Center for Wesleyan Renewal; Rev. Diana Northcutt, director of local church youth ministries, Oklahoma Annual Conference; Dr. Andy Stoker, associate director for children, youth & camping, North Texas Annual Conference. Special this year only: Spend an afternoon with Mark DeVries, author of *Sustainable Youth Ministry*. Certification course offerings. (Register at [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaini0iY-EXLkPwNRXAbK4Lr3h9QhzHFWui7ciU14xqC3DpH4J4S8Bm443\\_6al83YLgAHJpplS6S3oLMzYP0hvP\\_Z3OIgoojbNqeEjgSa\\_NbQYed2vtLYGo4brqdReYVJKg8ZbUYxXA27vtEwnbXwomaHPDWoc5Ma5E](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaini0iY-EXLkPwNRXAbK4Lr3h9QhzHFWui7ciU14xqC3DpH4J4S8Bm443_6al83YLgAHJpplS6S3oLMzYP0hvP_Z3OIgoojbNqeEjgSa_NbQYed2vtLYGo4brqdReYVJKg8ZbUYxXA27vtEwnbXwomaHPDWoc5Ma5E)).

### **Summer Collegium Supports Small Congregations — June 23-July 1**

Summer Collegium is an all-expenses-paid nine-day project in support of small congregations. It includes small church clergy and their spouses/partners. **The deadline for postmarking applications is Dec. 15;** so interested clergy will want to check it out right away. The Summer Collegium is an ecumenical project fully funded through the Lilly Endowment and seeks to offer encouragement, education, refreshment and renewal to 25 small-church pastors each year. The dates of the Summer Collegium are June 23-July 1, 2010. Single clergy and locally ordained persons are welcome to apply. Keynote speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Alice Mann with music led by John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland. For more details, visit [www.vts.edu/education/collegium](http://www.vts.edu/education/collegium) or contact Dr. Marilyn Johns at 703-461-1760.

### **Human Relations Day Grants — Deadline Jan. 10**

Jan. 10 is the deadline to apply for a Human Relations Day Grant from the UM General Board of Church & Society. The grants are to support ministries that respond to non-violent young offenders through education, advocacy or leadership training and development. Grant funds are raised through the UMC's Human Relations Day Special Sunday each year. For more grant applications, contact Marvlyn Scott at [msscott@umc-gbcs.org](mailto:msscott@umc-gbcs.org) or 202-488-5643.

### **Congress on Evangelism 2010 — Jan. 5-8**

The 2010 Congress on Evangelism, scheduled for Jan. 5 – 8 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, can be stimulating and informative for pastors and local church evangelism chairs. The agenda and registration are available at <http://www.CongressonEvangelism.org>. Scholarships are available for clergy under 40 (first time participants who have a recommendation from their DS or bishop). Also, the registration fee is waived for full-time seminary students as well as local pastors enrolled in Course of Study.

### **Resources for World AIDS Day — Dec. 1**

UM congregations are encouraged to continue the fight against HIV/AIDS around the world by creating awareness about this deadly disease. A new brochure and a poster supporting the UM Global AIDS Fund are now available. Use and share Working Toward an AIDS-Free World brochure or poster, and support global programs engaged in advocacy, education, and prevention, health care and training in response to HIV/AIDS. **World AIDS Day is Dec. 1.** Join the fight against HIV/AIDS by using these resources on Sundays leading up to World AIDS Day. Order Working Toward an AIDS-Free World brochure (<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=817364>) for the small cost of shipping, or download the poster (<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/media/wad/wadposter09.pdf>). Look out for more HIV/AIDS resources to come and give to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, UMCOR Advance #982345.

### **Clergywoman's Gathering, "Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity"**

April 7-9, 2010, at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.). The gathering will focus on recapturing our creativity as well as offering a time of renewal, learning and fellowship with other women in ministry. CEUs will be available. Contact: Kim Ross at [spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org) or 800-760-8126. Cost varies from \$325-\$285.

### **Lenten Sermon Writing Retreat**

Jan. 11-15, Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.). Clergy and lay ministers are invited to come undertake their in-depth preparation and sermon writing for this season. Cost \$395, Commuter \$155. For more information, contact Kim Ross at 800-760-8126, [spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org), or go to [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### **Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21**

<http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>

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## **News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups**

### **UMC Singles Holiday Dinners — Nov. 27 - Dec. 18**

The UMC Singles will host Friday Night Holiday Dinners beginning Friday, Nov. 27, and continuing through Dec. 18. Dinners/activities are planned for:

Nov. 27 — meet at First UMC of Fort Worth parking lot (near the Jesus statue) for the Downtown Fort Worth Parade of Lights and then have dinner at the Pour House

Dec. 4 — meet at Fuddrucker's on Airport Freeway at 7 p.m.

Dec. 11 — meet at 7 p.m. at Mi Pueblo in North Richland Hills

Dec. 18 — meet at 7 p.m. for dinner at Mercado Juarez in North Arlington

More details are available on the UMC Singles - Tarrant Area calendar at [www.ctcumc.org/singles](http://www.ctcumc.org/singles). Come join us for fun and fellowship during the holidays. For more information on the dinners, contact Martha Hollis at [mghollis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mghollis@sbcglobal.net).

### **Tamale Sale Benefits Ministries of El Buen Samaritano**

The members of El Buen Samaritano UMC (3429 Strong Ave., Fort Worth 76105) will be selling homemade-style tamales. **The last day to order is Nov. 30 with all orders picked up on Saturday, Dec. 5,** at the church. For chicken, pork beans and combination orders, contact Celia Martinez at [buen.sam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buen.sam@sbcglobal.net) by Nov. 30. The phone number for the church is 817-534-7868.

### **Christian Theology Study at First Belton — Ongoing**

Have you wanted to learn, discuss, or respectfully debate Christian theology with members of your own denomination as well as others? First UMC in Belton is providing that opportunity at noon Tuesdays.

<http://gbgm-umc.org/fumcbeltex>

## 2010 Faith Community Leadership Summit — Feb. 16

Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth

Contact: [SharonBass@texashealth.org](mailto:SharonBass@texashealth.org)

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## Resources

### Looking for Christmas Resources?

Midnight Oil, an organization that provides resources for local churches, says in their latest e-news: “For those of us in ministry, the shininess of Christmas obscures the light of Christmas. How do we get past the trappings of tinsel tradition and tell the story of the Jesus, the light of the world? One way is through [Rediscover Christmas](http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/products/rediscover-christmas/) (<http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/products/rediscover-christmas/>), one of our most popular resources. In this layered photographic animation, the camera zooms past Santa and the gang and lands on a nativity scene in a powerful reminder of why we celebrate.

### Conference Resource Center

New resources highlighted at the Conference Resource Center this week are described below. There are always new resources; check them out! For these and more resources, contact Carol Roszell at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622.

***Marriage: Built to Last.*** Chip Ingram. 6 DVD sessions. We all want a healthy, loving marriage, but there are so many real issues that can stand in the way. 24 couples share real life stories about their honest questions and struggles as they seek to build a marriage that will last. 1: Adjusting to expectations; 2: Learning to communicate clearly; 3: Breaking down walls; 4: Resolving conflict; 5: Restoring sex and intimacy; 6: Striving for a Christ centered marriage. Includes interviews with Dave and Sharon Ramsey and Kurt and Brenda Warner. Leader’s and participant’s guide.

### Church Demographics

Church Growth & Development offers a new demographics program for churches. Check it out (and register, if interested) at <http://www.missioninsite.com/>. If you have questions, contact Vicki Eldridge at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [Vicki@ctcumc.org](mailto:Vicki@ctcumc.org).

### Crime Victims Council Information at [www.crimevictimsCouncil.org](http://www.crimevictimsCouncil.org)

The new Crime Victims Council website offers many resources. If you are a survivor who would like to share your story or pass along a word of encouragement to one of our survivors or post a picture and other information about a victim, please email [encouragement@crimevictimsCouncil.org](mailto:encouragement@crimevictimsCouncil.org).

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## Needs, Resources, Opportunities

**NOTE TO LISTERS:** Please contact Carolyn Stephens at [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

### Accountant/Bookkeeper

We are a growing Christian camping organization looking for an accountant/bookkeeper to join our team. We are searching for a self-starter who can effectively perform responsibilities with minimal supervision. Responsibilities include accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, analyses and reconciliations, general ledger, financial statement preparation, audit support and other special analyses as required. To apply, please send resume to GLCRC, P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose, TX 76043 or fax to 254-897-2423.

### **Director of Music & Worship**

Woodway First UMC (21000 Woodway Dr., Waco 76712) is accepting applications for director of music and worship until Dec. 31. Candidates should be able to provide: leadership in a spiritual ministry through music, primary oversight of all music staff, oversight and management of the music and worship programs, oversight and leadership for all worship services; serve as primary choir director for sanctuary choir; establish and lead choral and instrumental ensembles for worship and other events; arrange and schedule vocalists for worship; flexibility in worship planning and execution. An advanced music degree with at least five years experience in professional choral conducting preferred. Experience in church choral programs is preferred. This is a part-time position; salary is negotiable dependent on experience. Submit applications to Linda Smith at 254-751-0411. Contact: Search Committee Chair Danny Londenberg for more details at 254-751-0411.

### **Church Furnishings**

Central UMC of Corsicana is divesting itself of many church items, furniture, etc. On Monday, Nov. 30 other UMCs will be welcome to see what is available and purchase items — by appointment, please. Contact Bruce Carpenter at [revbcarpenter@yahoo.com](mailto:revbcarpenter@yahoo.com) or 903-654-0784. There will be a sale of items open to the public on Friday, Dec. 11.

### **Part-time Post Contemporary Music Worship Leader**

William C. Martin UMC (2621 Bedford Rd., Bedford, TX 76021) is accepting applications for a music worship leader in Martin's post contemporary worship service. Candidates should be able to provide voice and instrumental (acoustic guitar) leadership in our worship environment. Candidate will work with an established band with a post contemporary flair. Experience in Worship planning and execution with the band and minister are essential to the job. The position is part-time and salary is dependent on experience. Submit applications to Adam Pratt at [adamp@martin-methodist.org](mailto:adamp@martin-methodist.org).

### **Youth/Young Adult Ministries Director**

Christ UMC seeks applicants for the position of director of youth and young adult ministries. Job entails developing and leading all programming and outreach involving youth and young adult. The position is part-time, with a minimum of 25 hours/week. Inquiries should be directed to Vaughn Baker at [vaughn\\_baker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vaughn_baker@sbcglobal.net) or 817-613-7659.

### **Choir Robes**

First UMC Mansfield has 100 teal-colored, adult-sized choir robes to donate. The gently used robes are in great shape with double-sided stoles — one side white with embroidered UM cross and the other side purple. If interested, please contact Beth LaMee at 817-477-2287, ext. 229.

### **Hand Chimes**

The Saginaw Ringers at Saginaw UMC need to borrow or rent three octaves of hand chimes to use with their handbells for two upcoming worship services. If your church has chimes available for our use, please call Jedda Jones, director of music and creative worship, at 817-232-0390, Ext. 305 (church) or 817-267-6459 (home).

### **Contemporary Worship Leader Seeks Position**

Experienced worship leader Trey Smith, a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, seeks a position with a local church that is within a 30-min. drive from Arlington. He has led the praise band at Silver Creek UMC for about two years and the 2009 summer praise band at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. He currently leads a band outside of church that has played at several churches in the Metroplex area. Contact Trey Smith at 936-524-2378 or [dcsmitty242@hotmail.com](mailto:dcsmitty242@hotmail.com).

### **Youth Minister**

Church seeking full-time youth minister with a heart for Christ, for youth, and for the church in Midlothian (Waxahachie area). Needs education and experience in leading youth in their spiritual development, worship, understanding of ministry, and willingness to be in mission/witness to the world beyond the church walls. Must be able to lead/teach with an appreciation for mainline theological doctrines rather than

literalist or fundamentalist interpretations of scripture. Primary youth activities on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Salary: \$32,000 + housing in the church's large parsonage. Midlothian is a suburban town 10 miles south of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, near several major seminaries. Successful applicant will demonstrate a high degree of professionalism living up to standards of reliability, honesty, attitude, dress, and behavior expected by the ministerial nature of the position. Contact: Allyson Paxton at [pastorpaxton@aol.com](mailto:pastorpaxton@aol.com).

### **Full-time Director of Youth Ministries**

St. John's UMC, Georgetown, is expanding a vital youth program and needs a person who is committed to Christ; knows, loves and relates to youth; and is capable of planning and directing programs for youth and their families. Salary commensurate with education and experience \$30,000 plus. Send resume and questions to SPRC Chair, St John's UMC, 311 E. University Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

### **Part-time Choir Director**

Hico FUMC seeks a choir director for the 10:50 a.m. worship service and possibly as worship leader for a contemporary service in the planning stages. This person should have a heart for sharing the Gospel through the music ministry, must have experience directing a church choir, be confident in making decisions about weekly anthems and special music at Christmas and Easter, be available for Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning worship. Please contact SPRC Chair Buddy Teague at [fumchico@embarqmail.com](mailto:fumchico@embarqmail.com).

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