

Bishop James King for the 2011 Bishop's Hour



Bishop James R. King, Jr., Episcopal leader of the South Georgia Conference, will again be visiting all nine districts this fall for the 2011 Bishop's Hour. These events are designed to be an intentional time for Bishop King to be in each district sharing with both laity and clergy.

"The purpose of the Bishop's Hour is for me to come out and be with the people, to draw close to them and to teach and to care for them," said Bishop King. He sees his role of a Bishop as continuing "to learn and to teach how to make disciples and to lead faithful and fruitful congregations using scripture, spiritual disciplines, our Wesleyan heritage, and the history and doctrines of the Church."

Each Bishop's Hour will include a time of singing followed by a teaching session. This year's teaching session will focus on disciple making.

"If we can get a picture in our minds of the Kingdom of God – as in heaven – and then how that is manifested here on earth, we will see the love of God express itself through the Church, God's instrument," Bishop King said.

Bishop King will be in Albany, at First UMC, for the Thomasville District Bishop's Hour, on Tuesday, September 13. I am looking to clergy and congregations from throughout the Thomasville District to be present for this special time with Bishop King. We want to give Bishop and Mrs. King the very best of hospitality from the Tremendous Thomasville District. We want to fill Ford Hall at Albany First UMC. To do this, we must have the cooperation and support of every pastor in the district.

There will be a light meal available, but we need to have a head count if people from your church plan to eat at the church. This meal will begin at 6:00 P.M. The cost of the meal is \$6 per person. We need to have a head count for this meal. **Pastors, please let us know by Thursday morning, September 8th the head count for the meal.** I look forward to seeing you and your people for the 2011 Bishop's Hour.

Pastors, please remember I am counting on you to get a great representation from your church to attend the Bishop's Hour.

Grace and Peace,

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CHARGE CONFERENCE FORMS should be available beginning August 1.

Your login information was included in your packet at Set-Up meeting.

For charge conference schedules: <http://www.sgaumc.com/pages/detail/485>

CLERGY LISTENING SESSIONS

August 15 & 16

Albany First UMC

August 17, 18 & 24

Thomasville District Office

August 22 & 23

Bainbridge First UMC

For complete schedules: <http://www.sgaumc.com/pages/detail/482>

PATHWAYS TO A HEALTHY CHURCH

8/20/2011

10:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The annual Pathways to a Healthy Church event is designed to equip local churches with practical, quality training that will help you fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Set for August 20 at Trinity UMC in Warner Robins, this training will offer nearly 40 workshops and 4 all-day workshops designed to help congregations become healthier. It is the prayer of the Connectional Ministries Council that those who attend this day of training will be stimulated with new ideas that will work in their ministry setting, recommitted to their role as spiritual leaders, and empowered to go forth to offer vision-driven leadership. Make plans now to bring a group from your church.

Brochure and Printable list of workshops: <http://www.sgaumc.org/events/detail/1562>

CHILDCARE: Safe Sanctuaries compliant childcare for newborn through 5th grade will be available in the nursery. Cost is \$5 per child, which includes lunch. Please indicate your childcare needs on your registration form. Please note that childcare is not available for those older than the 5th grade. Youth are welcome to attend the workshops.

SCHEDULE:

9:45 am—10:30 am	Registration
10:30 am—11:45 am	Pathway A
11:45 am—12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm— 2:00 pm	Pathway B
2:00 pm— 2:15 pm	Move to Pathway C
2:15 pm— 3:30 pm	Pathway C

Coordinator: Kelly Roberson, Kelly@sgaumc.com or 1-888-266-7642

Marriage Enrichment Opportunity for Clergy and Laity

Pathways to a Healthy Church

August 20, 2011

10:15 AM – 3:30 PM

Trinity UMC, Warner Robins

ScreamFree Marriage©:

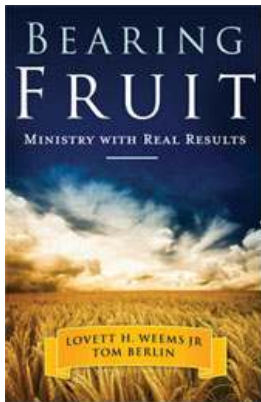
Calming Down, Growing Up, and Getting Closer

All healthy marriages struggle and need a tune-up on a regular basis. This day-long workshop explores an approach designed to help couples learn to stay calm in the face of normal marital conflicts. Spend the day alone or with your partner to learn the key to creating and enjoying a deep, lifelong connection.

Facilitated by Deborah Wight-Knight, Conference Pastoral Counselor

Cost for the event is \$20, which includes lunch. To register, visit www.sgaumc.org (look for the links to the Pathways to a Healthy Church event). For information about the event itself, contact Kelly Roberson at kelly@sgaumc.com.

A VISION FOR CHANGING LIVES



Is your ministry making a difference?
How do you evaluate the effect that you have?

Pastors, hopefully, you are reading and already seeing how this book can help impact and enrich your ministry. Remember to read this book a couple of times before our clergy meeting in September.

Bainbridge/Kolomoki

September 8th

Thomasville/Cairo

September 19th

Albany

September 27th

SEPTEMBER CLERGY MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 9:45

CAIRO FUMC REVIVAL WITH TOM LONG

OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 1, 2011

OCTOBER 30, 2011- 7PM	PSALM 19:1-9- "WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?"
OCTOBER 31, 2011- noon	COLOSSIANS 3:12-17- "KINDNESS: SIMPLE AND NOT-SO-SIMPLE"
OCTOBER 31, 2011- 7 PM	MATTHEW 6:22-23, 25:24-31- "THE GOD WE GET"
NOVEMBER 1, 2011- noon	ISAIAH 42:1-4, 55:6-9- BRUISED REEDS AND DIMLY BURNING WICKS"
NOVEMBER 1, 2011- 7 PM	GALATIANS 5:1, 13- "ROSES FOR THE WRONG WOMAN"

Clergy Sexual Ethics in Ministry Workshops

September 8, 2011– Thursday Tifton First UMC Tifton, GA 10:00 am– 4:00 pm	February 9, 2012– Thursday Epworth By The Sea St. Simons Island, GA 10:00 am– 4:00 pm	April 24, 2012– Tuesday Warner Robins First UMC Warner Robins, GA 10:00 am– 4:00 pm
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This workshop is required every (3) three years for any person serving under appointment by the bishop (clergy, local pastors, extension ministers, appointed lay speakers). Cost is \$35.00, collected at the door. Lunch is included in this price. Please make checks payable to the South Georgia Conference. To register, e-mail cpcassistant@sqaumc.com.

APPORTIONMENTS Conference 7/31/2011

	App't	YTD PD	% Paid	Bal Due
Centennial 7193	855	940.00	109.94	0.00
Bethel 7192	2,892	2,892.00	100.00	0.00
Ebenezer (Thomasville)	1,084	1,084.00	100.00	0.00
Jakin 7161	2,844	2,844.00	100.00	0.00
Oak Grove 7152	854	854.00	100.00	0.00
Spring Hill 7383	5,253	4,019.34	76.52	1,233.66
Christ (Albany) 7420	17,927	13,445.25	75.00	4,481.75
Dixie 7220	2,358	1,557.17	66.04	800.83
Camilla 7200	51,266	32,402.68	63.21	18,863.32
Damascus 7272	2,843	1,658.45	58.33	1,184.55
Brinson 7160	1,663	970.10	58.33	692.90
Centerville 7143	2,276	1,327.68	58.33	948.32
West Bainbridge 7120	1,755	1,023.76	58.33	731.24
Trinity (Albany) 7070	3,840	2,240.02	58.33	1,599.98
Branchville 7440	5,302	3,092.85	58.33	2,209.15
Cordray 7273	3,351	1,954.76	58.33	1,396.24
Cooks Union 7370	10,150	5,920.86	58.33	4,229.14
Iron City 7164	1,715	1,000.42	58.33	714.58
Morningside (Albany)	13,721	8,003.94	58.33	5,717.06
Bainbridge First 7110	89,982	52,489.57	58.33	37,492.43
Climax 7340	5,012	2,923.67	58.33	2,088.33
Putney 7390	9,746	5,685.17	58.33	4,060.83
Boston 7150	2,382	1,389.50	58.33	992.50
Milford 7271	1,233	719.25	58.33	513.75
New Lowell 7263	1,743	1,016.75	58.33	726.25
Trinity (Donalsonville) 7410	9,786	5,708.50	58.33	4,077.50
Woodland 7182	2,565	1,496.25	58.33	1,068.75
Thomasville First 7350	111,025	64,764.58	58.33	46,260.42
Porterfield 7060	279,491	163,036.40	58.33	116,454.60
Cairo First 7170	75,545	44,067.90	58.33	31,477.10
Whigham 7380	15,587	9,092.41	58.33	6,494.59
Fort Gaines 7260	10,268	5,989.66	58.33	4,278.34
Hartsfield 7320	4,075	2,377.08	58.33	1,697.92
Edison 7240	7,835	4,570.41	58.33	3,264.59

Burns Memorial 7322	7,784	4,540.66	58.33	3,243.34
Meigs 7280	3,856	2,249.33	58.33	1,606.67
Palmyra Road 7050	9,276	5,410.99	58.33	3,865.01
Metcalf 7403	3,013	1,757.58	58.33	1,255.42
Reynolds Chapel 7412	9,133	5,327.57	58.33	3,805.43
Recovery 7450	5,853	3,414.24	58.33	2,438.76
Sutton 7441	5,163	3,011.74	58.33	2,151.26
Hilton 7140	2,531	1,476.41	58.33	1,054.59
Wesley Chapel 7262	2,631	1,534.74	58.33	1,096.26
Leary 7270	3,829	2,233.56	58.33	1,595.44
Bold Springs 7180	2,074	1,209.82	58.33	864.18
Ozell 7222	1,313	765.89	58.33	547.11
Baconton 7010	4,100	2,391.47	58.33	1,708.53
Westview 7142	7,623	4,433.91	58.16	3,189.09
Avalon 7020	46,089	23,044.51	50.00	23,044.49
Bethany 7292	2,616	1,308.00	50.00	1,308.00
Calvary 7190	3,996	1,998.00	50.00	1,998.00
Faceville 7250	1,593	796.50	50.00	796.50
Friendship (Donalsonville) 7230	41,395	20,697.50	50.00	20,697.50
Hopewell (Bainbridge) 7251	2,405	1,202.50	50.00	1,202.50
Pavo 7300	5,673	2,836.50	50.00	2,836.50
Sylvania 7252	2,063	1,031.50	50.00	1,031.50
Albany First 7030	239,955	107,979.83	45.00	131,975.17
Colquitt 7210	34,158	12,871.55	37.68	21,286.45
Bluffton 7242	1,829	515.00	28.16	1,314.00
Blakely First 7130	43,915	11,588.50	26.39	32,326.50
Dawson Street 7330	21,971	5,492.75	25.00	16,478.25
Hand Memorial (Pelham) 7310	30,098	4,101.42	13.63	25,996.58
Arlington 7080	13,900	1,864.85	13.42	12,035.15
Westtown 7430	3,379	415.00	12.28	2,964.00
Morningside (Thomasville)	16,732	1,860.00	11.12	14,872.00
Friendship (Thomasville) 7183	1,246	15.00	1.20	1,231.00
Attapulcus 7090	4,695	0.00	0.00	4,695.00
Barwick 7151	1,870	0.00	0.00	1,870.00
Bethpage 7402	1,138	0.00	0.00	1,138.00
Hannatown 7091	402	0.00	0.00	402.00
Ione 7301	2,412	0.00	0.00	2,412.00
Newton 7290	1,859	0.00	0.00	1,859.00
Ochlocknee 7282	1,228	0.00	0.00	1,228.00
The Pointe UMC 7100	56,723	0.00	0.00	56,723.00
Vincent 7243	3,318	0.00	0.00	3,318.00
	\$1,413,061.00	\$691,935.20	48.97	\$721,210.80
	App't	YTD PD	% Paid	Bal Due

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING - October 22 - Porterfield UMC, Albany

No registration is required. This is a free event.

Schedule

10:30 a.m.	Section 1: Basic Safe Sanctuaries
Noon	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 p.m.	Section 2: Safe Sanctuaries Next Steps
3:00 p.m.	Staff Available for Questions/Consultations

If you are working on your local church Safe Sanctuaries Policy and need assistance and/or training, please contact Rev. Doreen Smalls at the South Georgia Conference Office of Connectional Ministries.

The office number is 888-266-7642 and Doreen's email is doreen@sgaumc.com.

APPORTIONMENTS District 7/31/2011

	App't	YTD PD	% Paid	Bal Due
Centennial 7193	128	140.80	110.00	0.00
Arlington 7080	1,505	1,512.93	100.53	0.00
Oak Grove 7152	121	121.00	100.00	0.00
Jakin 7161	337	337.00	100.00	0.00
Friendship (Cairo Ch) 7183	183	183.00	100.00	0.00
Bethel 7192	308	308.00	100.00	0.00
Ebenezer (Thomasville)	130	130.00	100.00	0.00
Westtown 7430	512	512.00	100.00	0.00
Spring Hill 7383	579	434.34	75.02	144.66
Christ (Albany) 7420	2,687	2,015.25	75.00	671.75
Westview 7142	849	515.25	60.69	333.75
Brinson 7160	166	96.84	58.34	69.16
Metcalf 7403	356	207.68	58.34	148.32
Iron City 7164	202	117.84	58.34	84.16
Trinity (Albany) 7070	500	291.68	58.34	208.32
Woodland 7182	250	145.84	58.34	104.16
Centerville 7143	253	147.59	58.34	105.41
West Bainbridge 7120	197	114.92	58.34	82.08
Edison 7240	876	511.01	58.33	364.99
Whigham 7380	1,682	981.18	58.33	700.82
Branchville 7440	593	345.92	58.33	247.08
Palmyra Road 7050	1,189	693.59	58.33	495.41
Sutton 7441	596	347.67	58.33	248.33
Trinity (Donalsonville) 7410	1,070	624.17	58.33	445.83
Reynolds Chapel 7412	1,085	632.92	58.33	452.08
Thomasville First 7350	12,536	7,312.68	58.33	5,223.32
Cairo First 7170	8,290	4,835.84	58.33	3,454.16
Bainbridge First 7110	10,088	5,884.67	58.33	4,203.33
Morningside (Albany)	1,896	1,106.00	58.33	790.00
Bold Springs 7180	252	147.00	58.33	105.00
Ozell 7222	153	89.25	58.33	63.75
Recovery 7450	651	379.75	58.33	271.25
Damascus 7272	315	183.75	58.33	131.25
Climax 7340	681	397.25	58.33	283.75
Cooks Union 7370	1,191	694.75	58.33	496.25
Porterfield 7060	33,809	19,721.91	58.33	14,087.09
Camilla 7200	5,623	3,280.07	58.33	2,342.93
Burns Memorial 7322	898	523.83	58.33	374.17
Fort Gaines 7260	1,211	706.41	58.33	504.59
Hartsfield 7320	475	277.08	58.33	197.92
Putney 7390	1,374	801.49	58.33	572.51
Wesley Chapel 7262	304	177.33	58.33	126.67
Meigs 7280	548	319.66	58.33	228.34
Baconton 7010	452	263.66	58.33	188.34
Leary 7270	437	254.91	58.33	182.09
Cordray 7273	383	223.41	58.33	159.59
Boston 7150	296	172.66	58.33	123.34
Dixie 7220	242	141.16	58.33	100.84
New Lowell 7263	209	121.91	58.33	87.09

Hilton 7140	280	163.32	58.33	116.68
Avalon 7020	5,657	2,828.50	50.00	2,828.50
Calvary 7190	443	221.50	50.00	221.50
Friendship 7230	4,813	2,406.50	50.00	2,406.50
Faceville 7250	184	92.00	50.00	92.00
Hopewell 7251	256	128.00	50.00	128.00
Sylvania 7252	247	123.50	50.00	123.50
Bethany 7292	325	162.50	50.00	162.50
Pavo 7300	693	346.50	50.00	346.50
Albany First 7030	30,779	13,895.64	45.15	16,883.36
Hand Memorial 7310	3,529	1,176.32	33.33	2,352.68
Colquitt 7210	3,723	1,112.54	29.88	2,610.46
Blakely First 7130	5,131	1,282.75	25.00	3,848.25
Dawson Street 7330	2,696	674.00	25.00	2,022.00
Morningside (Thomasville)	1,964	275.00	14.00	1,689.00
Bluffton 7242	267	30.50	11.42	236.50
Attapulcus 7090	536	0.00	0.00	536.00
Hannatown 7091	50	0.00	0.00	50.00
The Pointe UMC 7100	3,037	0.00	0.00	3,037.00
Barwick 7151	279	0.00	0.00	279.00
Vincent 7243	392	0.00	0.00	392.00
Milford 7271	148	0.00	0.00	148.00
Ochlocknee 7282	350	0.00	0.00	350.00
Newton 7290	229	0.00	0.00	229.00
Ione 7301	277	0.00	0.00	277.00
Bethpage 7402	127	0.00	0.00	127.00
	\$165,080.00	\$84,403.92	51.13	\$80,696.81
	App't	YTD PD	% Paid	Bal Due

Methodist Children's Home Sunday – September 18

Every local church in South Georgia is encouraged to receive a special Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 18 to support the ministry of The Methodist Home for Children and Youth.

Advertisement for Director of Children's Ministries

Cairo First United Methodist Church is seeking to fill the position of part-time Director of Children's Ministries, responsible for the oversight of nursery through 5th grade. All applicants should have a passion for children and desire to see them accept Christ and mature as believers.

Please forward resume' to Cairo FUMC, 318 S. Broad Street, Cairo, GA 39828, ATTN: Children's Council

Take the HealthQuotient online health risk assessment now through September 30

Save \$250 or \$500 on your 2012 medical plan deductible when you and your spouse in HealthFlex active plan both take the 2011 HealthQuotient. **You must take the HealthQuotient between August 1 and September 30 to avoid the higher 2012 deductible.** Please note, taking the HealthQuotient before August 1 will not count toward lowering your 2012 deductible. Taking the HealthQuotient in August or September allows time for your Blueprint for Wellness screening results to be confidentially imported into the HealthQuotient for your convenience.

COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

AUGUST

15-18	Clergy Listening Sessions
20	Pathways to a Healthy Church, Warner Robins, Trinity UMC
22-23	Clergy Listening Sessions
23	Vashti Trustees
27-Sept 5	Lowery's Vacation

SEPTEMBER

6	Annual Conference Program Committee, Macon
7	CC -- Meigs//Ochlocknee @ Meigs
8	Sexual Ethics Workshop @ Tifton
8	Clergy Meeting, Colquitt -- September Book Study
11	CC -- Putney, Baconton, Newton Bethany @ Bethany, Burns Memorial/ Hartsfield @ Hartsfield
13	BISHOP'S HOUR
14	Bishop King's Get Acquainted Sessions with Clergy
15	Bishop Watson Scholarship Dinner, Atlanta
16	Extended Cabinet Meeting, Macon
18	CC -- Palmyra Road, Trinity, Morningside, Hand Memorial
19	Clergy Meeting, Thomasville -- September Book Study
19	CC -- Leary @ Damascus
20	Leadership Forum, Macon
21	CC -- Fort Gaines Charge @ Fort Gaines
23	Appointive Cabinet, Macon
24	UMW District Annual Meeting @ Colquitt UMC
25	CC -- Blakely, Blakely Charge, Arlington, Edison
26	CC -- Recovery
27	Clergy Meeting @ Albany -- September Book Study, Albany City Board of Missions, Vashti Trustees
28	CC -- Camilla
29	Transitioning Pastors 90 Reunion @ Forest Hills UMC, Macon
30-Oct 2	KidzQuest, EBTS

Magnolia Manor 5K Run & Love Walk - September 10

Saturday, September 10 is the biggest fundraising event of the year for Magnolia Manor's The League of the Good Samaritan: the Magnolia Manor 5K Run & Love Walk.

The run begins at 7:30 AM and the walk at 9:00 AM.

Registration and beginning ceremonies will take place at the Clarke W. Duncan Wellness Center in Americus.

Make plans to support this event by gathering participants to walk or run, by sponsoring the event, or simply giving a donation. There will be prizes for the individuals who raise the most money and medals given to the top runners. Donations of \$100 and more will be acknowledged with "Thank You" signs along the walking route. Donations of any amount will be most helpful and greatly appreciated.

For more information concerning the Magnolia Manor 5K Run & Love Walk, please see www.magnoliamanor.com or call Andrea Walker at (229) 931-5922.

Together, our caring and sharing can make a world of difference in the life of an older adult.

The Pointe	339	380	399	355	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T'ville First UMC	1284	1292	1309	544	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
Trinity UMC (AL)	103	98	98	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity UMC	42	40	40	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vincent UMC	46	48	48	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wesley Chapel UMC	103	19	15	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1
W. Bainbridge UMC	25	22	24	12	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Westtown UMC	28	32	36	22	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Westview UMC	97	95	95	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whigham UMC	199	192	NR	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland UMC	27	27	NR	NR	No report submitted for July							
NR = No Record Available												

The Bishop B. Michael Watson Scholarship Endowment Dinner

The Bishop B. Michael Watson Scholarship Endowment Dinner is set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. The goal is to raise money for a scholarship program for undergraduate students in the North and South Georgia Conferences attending United Methodist-affiliated colleges and universities in Georgia. The evening's events will include music from ensembles from each of the eight UM schools in Georgia.

For more information on sponsorships, please contact Sheila Graham via phone at 800.811.8110 or via email at sgraham@umhef.org. For more information concerning the dinner, please contact Jamie Jenkins at 678.533.1372.

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