



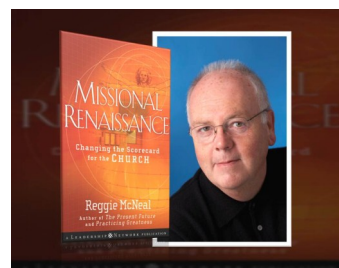
Central E-Link

News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip Church Leaders

Conference News & Updates

Reggie McNeal Speaking at Mansfield FUMC

We are but a few weeks from our annual Fall Summit. This year, the featured speaker is Reggie McNeal, a renowned expert on guiding and inspiring congregations to take on and embrace the missional mindset. If you've been keeping up with the latest ctcumc.org news postings, you'll know that Bishop Lowry and those at the Conference Service Center have put together a world-class learning experience focused on a topic that is of paramount importance if we are to succeed in our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. So join in on all the fun, Sept. 10 from 9-2 pm.



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Shifting the Focus of our churches from an inward, church-centric point of view to an outward, missional, kingdom-centric mindset can be challenging for even the most willing of congregations. Don't miss this opportunity to join this conversation with Reggie McNeal. And don't come alone; the more ears we have at the meeting the more energized and equipped hands and feet we'll have on the ground following it.

Please consider joining Bishop Lowry and your friends from around the conference for this important event and then register as soon as you can so that the conference and First UMC Mansfield can get an accurate count for meals, child care, etc. You can register by either [clicking here](#) or visiting firstmethodistmansfield.org. Click on the "Special Events" tab on the right hand side of the home page and then follow the prompts. You can also mail in your registration by [downloading the registration form](#) and mailing it in. See you there!

Please Send in Your Fall Festival Plans to CTCUMC.org

No matter what you call them – Lord's Acre Festival, Fall Festival, Harvest Festival, The Festival to Beat All Other Festivals... - the fun and fund raising activities that take place around the conference this time a year are often fabulous experiences that shouldn't be missed. As you and your local congregations get busy planning and preparing for this year's fall festivals, please send in the details (including links to your website page[s] regarding the festival) to our web team at webteam@ctcumc.org, so that they can make sure to add you to their planned promotional pages.

Take Part In:

- **Great Day of Service:** Are you interested in helping the youth and adults of our conference make a difference in the world by serving others? This team is for you! The conference-wide Great Day of Service is a one-day mission experience on April 14, 2012. Interested? Fill out [this form](#). Questions? E-mail Leanne Johnston or call 817-877-5222 ext. 19
- **Join the CTCYM Advisory & Task Force Team:** Is the Spirit calling you to be involved on a deeper level in the planning & training that goes into CTCYM? Applications are now being accepted and can be found on the CTCYM website www.ctcym.org; please return yours by Sept. 19, 2011. Thank you!
- **Area-Wide Service of Remembrance and Hope:** Come unite with others to be filled with hope for the future at St. Andrew's UMC at 4 pm, Sept. 11. For more information, contact Sheila Fiorella at 817-368-8252, Sheila@newdayumc.com, or at newdayumc on facebook.

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Take Part In Cont...

- **TELL Conference Rescheduled:** The Tell Conference, led by Dr. Bob Pierson, has been rescheduled for February 11-12, 2012. Please remove the Sept. 17 date from your calendar.
- **Frontier Church: Reaching Young Adults in Non-Traditional Ways:** Be inspired, encounter, dream and learn with Greenland Hills UMC in Dallas for their young adults seminar from 9-2 pm, Sept. 30. Several exciting speakers will be presenting, including Rev. Nadia Boltz-Weber, Rev. Danielle Shroyer and Rev. Mike Baughman. Register for \$20 at ntcchurchdevelopment.org or email deniece@ntcumc.org.
- **Passionate Worship Conference:** Join Alamo Heights UMC in San Antonio, Sept 9-10, to learn more about what passionate worship truly is. Register online at www.umcswtx.org
- **Fort Worth Crop Walk:** The Tarrant County Community of Churches in Fort Worth is raising money to support ministries to combat hunger in Tarrant County and around the world with a 5K from 1:30-4 pm, Oct. 16 at TCU's Dee J. Kelly Center. The Kick-Off Luncheon will take place at First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth at 11:30 am to 1 pm, Sept. 15. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 817-737-5554 or email melindav@tarrantareacc.org.
- **North Texas Giving Day:** United Community Centers is hosting 2011's "Get Up & Give" from 7 am to 7 pm, Sept. 15. Join them as they help support nonprofits all across North Texas. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.cftexas.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=662>
- **R.E.A.P. Program sponsored by Christian Educators Fellowship:** Renewing, Equipping, Affirming, Preparing (REAP) program takes place Sept. 16-17 at Memorial Drive UMC in Houston. Registration is now open for all pastors and laity who serve children, youth, adults, and spiritual formation ministries. For more details, visit www.ghles.org.
- **Real Life: Behind the Scenes:** FUMC Keller will host the Second Annual Women's event for women of all ages. Join us from 9- 2:30 pm on Sept. 24 for this inspirational day featuring ALY & ANDREA! Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Tickets include lunch and are available in the church Office or at FUMC Keller - Real Life: Behind the Scenes. For more information, contact robins@kellerumc.org.
- **1st Annual Golf Tournament:** On Oct. 4, Laura Edwards Christian Early Learning Center will be hosting a Golf Tournament in Waco. Registration and lunch begins at 11:30 am and Shotgun starts at 1 pm. For more information, please call Dawn Gilliland at 254-715-8961 or Corliss McBride at 254-776-4499.
- **Dinner with Charles Haley and Norm Hitzges:** Dec. 1, United Community Centers is hosting Charles Haley, five-time Superbowl Champion and National Hall of Fame Nominee, and Norm Hitzges, renowned radio host, for dinner and stories. All proceeds will benefit families and children served by United Community Centers. For more information, email dunderwood@unitedcommunitycenters.org or visit: <http://www.unitedcommunitycenters.org/events.html>



ALY & ANDREA
 Identical Twins, Unique Perspective.
 One is blind. Both have Vision.

“Opening Our New Doors”

Arborlawn UMC invites you to join us this September for our "Opening Our New Doors" celebrations.

- Community Open House — 6-8 pm, Thur. Sept. 8, Come-and-go.
- Robbie Seay Band in Concert — 7 pm, Saturday, Sept. 10. Seating is limited. Tickets: \$10 at ArborlawnUMC.org/register.
- Celebration Worship — 8:45 am, 11 am, and 11:11 am, Sunday, Sept. 11.
- A Concert of American Music — Sunday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.

Read more at ArborlawnUMC.org or call us at 817-731-0701.

Further Your Education

- **Faith UMC's Financial Peace University:** Join Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) Sept 7 at Faith UMC for food and FPU! Bring the family; activities for youth and children are also provided. For more details, call 817-838-6953 or faithumcftw@sbcglobal.net.
- **Fall Classes Available at St. Philip's UMC:**

Financial Peace University begins Sept. 18, 6-8 pm. FPU consists of a 13 week video curriculum--taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey--that incorporates small group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship.

Disciple I Bible study meets Sept. 20 at 7 pm. In 34 weeks, we will move through the entire Bible from Genesis to the Revelation of John. \$35 cost for study manual. Leaders: Dr. Dale Schultz, Don Gregory, and Dave Coughenour.

Disciple II Bible study meets at 7pm, beginning Sept. 19. This 32 week study concentrates on the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul. \$35 cost for study manual. Leader: Lee Graves.

Register online for these courses at www.stphils.us, or call the church office as 512-244-2175.
- **The Hopes and Fears of All the Years:** Class begins at 7 pm, Sept. 11 in the St. Philip's UMC chapel. Join us for an in depth look at the book of Revelations with guest speaker David Mosser. We welcome David back from Arlington FUMC.
- **Coaching Tools for Leaders:** Oct. 10-11, St. Philip's will host [Coaching Tools for Leaders](#) . This 2-day training is designed to equip pastors, ministry leaders, and church leaders with basic coaching skills that can be integrated and incorporated into their local ministry setting.

Events to Look into:

- **"Just for the Health of It":** Join Meadowbrook UMC for their Health Fair & Walk-a-thon from 8-2 pm, Sept. 10 benefitting Eastside Ministries. Registration forms are found at www.mbrookumc.org. Adults: \$15 and children under 12: \$10. For questions, call 817-534-1741.
- **Lord's Acre Fundraiser:** Poolville UMC is holding its annual fundraiser Oct. 8 at the tabernacle adjacent to the church. Supervised children's play area is available, 9-noon. Lunch will be served from 11-12:30 pm. The silent auction will be held from 9 am to 1 pm, and a live auction at 1 pm. In addition, there will be a Country Store and a Good Eats booth. Additional information will be found at www.umcpoolville.org.
- **"The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small" by Marian Wright Edelman:** Join Acton UMC from 9:30-3 pm on Sept. 10 in a workshop focusing on issues affecting our community's children. Cost is \$10 to cover lunch. Please read Edelman's book prior to the workshop, available in the church office for \$12. For more information, please email paula@actonumc.org or call 817-326-4242.
- **Weekend with Celia:** Join Acton UMC as they present Celia Whitler for the Woman 2 Woman Retreat from 8:30-3 pm on Sept. 17 for \$25. At 3 pm on Sept. 18, come worship with Celia in the Acton UMC Sanctuary. For more information, email tiffany@actonumc.org or call 817-326-4242

Attend:

- **9/11 FREE Benefit Concert:** Central UMC and Central Presbyterian Churches are combining their choirs for a concert to honor the ten year anniversary of 9/11. The concert will be at 4 pm, Sept. 11 in the sanctuary of Central UMC at 5740 Bagby Ave. in Waco. Donations will be accepted and distributed between the Waco Fire Department and the Woodway Public Safety Department. For more information, please call 254-420-2862.
- **2011 Leadership Institute:** Sept. 28-30, UMC of the Resurrection is offering you ways to energize and enhance your ministry. For more information, visit www.li.cor.org. Young adults under 25 receive a special discount of \$49.
- **Exploration 2011:** If you are 18-26 years old and are considering ordained ministry, look to join the Board of Higher Education & Ministry, Nov. 11-13 in St. Louis, Missouri. To see more, visit www.gbhem.org/exploration.
- **Petition Submissions Welcome for 2012 GC:** Now until Sept. 27, any UM individual, group, church, or conference can submit petitions for consideration by 2012 General Conference. For details, check out the conference website at www.ctcumc.org.

The 2011 Conference Gathering date and location have been set. The Gathering will be at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center on Saturday, **October 1, 2011**. As additional information and plans become available they will be posted on the [Conference Gathering page](#).



Pre-registration

Pre-registering for the Conference Gathering will assist in planning breakout space and sessions and in providing the appropriate amount of food for lunch. Child care will only be provided for those who Pre-register.

Please update your profile in the Data Base. This seems to be the hardest part of being Lay Director.

It is important to keep personal information on our database updated, so we can continue to contact you concerning new updates and vital information.

Clergy, please remind your Congregation!

Men's Walk

372– 9/22/11
21 Pilgrims
15 spaces

373– 10/6/11
21 Pilgrims
15 Spaces

Walk Schedule and Candlelight's for 2011.

(Applications and Schedules)

Walk 371- (Women)-September 8-11
Latham Springs – Candlelight Saturday, September 10, at 7:30pm

Walk 372- (men) – September 22-25
Latham Springs – Candlelight Saturday, September 24 at 7:30 pm

Walk 373- (men) – October 6-9
Glen Lake Camp – Candlelight Saturday, October 8, at 7:30 pm

Walk 374- (Women) – October 20
Glen Lake Camp – Candlelight Saturday, October 22, at 7:30 pm

Women's Walk

371– 9/8/11
36 Pilgrims
Full

374– 10/20/11
19 Pilgrims
Not yet met the minimum



Mission Messages

- **Joplin Now Open to UMVIM Teams:** For more information in regard to sending a team, please contact Johnny Miller at Johnny@oakparkmethodist.org or 254.773.3021, or Kyland Dobbins, the Mission Experience Coordinator, in the conference office at Kyland@ctcumc.org.
- **International Trip to Uruguay:** White's Chapel UMC is having their 3rd trip on Oct. 2-10 to Montevideo, Uruguay to do painting and repairs to the local Methodist Church and working at a youth/special needs school. Trip limited to 20 people, first come-first serve. For more information, contact Wayne Foster at 817-310-0097 waynefoster@verizon.net or Jeff Miller at 817-637-8996, jmiller@whiteschapelumc.com.
- **Haiti Earthquake Relief Mission:** On Jan. 12, Haiti experienced a massive earthquake that claimed over 250,000 lives. UMC has been working with the Methodist Church of Haiti to rebuild lives & property. You can help by joining:
 - Laraine Waughtal (Morgan Mill/Bluff Dale) in a 10 person UMVIM earthquake mission team Oct. 5-13. The team now has one more opening. If interested, contact Laraine: 254-595-1503 or revlaraine@yahoo.com
 - George Murphy (Salado UMC) in a 10-member relief mission team for one week on Oct. 20-28. 1 slot remains. If interested, contact George at 254-947-0601 or temeg@embarqmail.com

Board of Ministry Update

The deadline to request a Spring 2012 Interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry is quickly approaching. All requests must be received in the BOM office by September 15, 2011; no late requests will be accepted. The requirements for Spring Interviews are posted on the BOM webpage, which is a link on the Leadership page of the Central Texas Conference website. The requirements may also be found on www.pathwaystoministry.com. If you need to become a registered user on the pathways site contact Kathy Ezell at kathyezell@ctcumc.org or 682-235-1037.

Happening in the Church

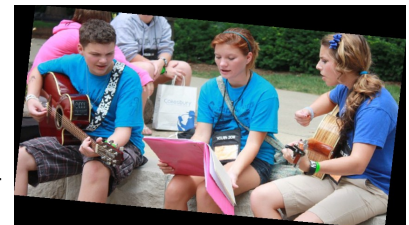
- **Hunger: The Enemy at the Table:** The workshop will be led by Rev. Lana Bradley, at the Acton UMC's youth building, from 10-1 pm on Oct. 22. Registration starts at 9:30 am. Lunch is provided. Admission is 6 canned goods (or more if you're willing) which will be donated to a local food bank. Register with MaDora Ratliff at 1-800-460-8622 or madoraratliff@ctcumc.org
- **Generous Justice:** What is justice? What does the Old Testament say about justice? What did Jesus say about justice? Why and how should we do justice? The workshop will be led by Rev. Dawne Phillips, CTC Director of Missions at Acton UMC's youth building from 9:30 am - 4 pm on Nov. 10. Registration begins at 9 am and admission is \$10 which includes coffee, tea and lunch. Register with MaDora Ratliff at 1-800-460-8622 or madoraratliff@ctcumc.org
- **Fiesta of Faith Silent Auction:** Please join Genesis UMC Sept. 11 at one of our services (8:15 or 10:30) and place your bids on the many wonderful items available in the church atrium. The auction categories are: baskets, crafts and treasures, services, kid's stuff, entertainment, etc. Winners will be announced after the 10:30 service, Sept. 11. All proceeds will go to missions. For question, please call 817-294-9258.
- **Annual Lord's Acre:** An abundance of food, fun, and fellowship will be available at Hico FUMC during their annual Lord's Acre from 9-2 pm on Oct. 1 in the Family Life Center a half block from the church at 514 W. First Street. There will be a country store, a silent auction, a live auction and a barbecue lunch. For more information, call 254-796-4539 or e-mail fumchico@embarqmail.com.

Eat and Shop

Join Grace UMC on Sept. 10 at their Pancake Breakfast from 8-10 am and their Garage and Bake Sale from 8-2 pm. For more information, call 817-731-1984 or email graceumc-fwt@att.net

• **PraiseFest 2011:** 6 Local Bands. 1 Fun-Filled Day. 1 Great Cause. Free 4 All. Join Richland Hills UMC from 11-6 pm on Sept. 10 as they come together to support N.E.E.D, an organization that provides food and emergency assistance for crisis-struck families.

Cash and canned food donations are accepted. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair, energy and appetite!



- **Bosqueville UMC's Sesquicentennial Celebration:** Join Bosqueville UMC as they celebrate 150 years of worship, fellowship and community service. Come from 2-4 pm Oct. 8 for the dedication of BUMC's Community Practice Fields, complete with video, music, refreshments and old time games. Then at 10 am, Oct. 9, join for worship, special music and a message by Rev. Don Scott. For more information, please call 254-754-8444.
- **Wednesday Night Life:** Keller FUMC presents your Mid-Week Oasis beginning Sept. 7. Dinner is 5:30-6:30 PM in the Family Life Center Gym and classes for all ages are 6:30-7:30 pm. \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Detailed class information can be found on our website at <http://kellerumc.com/wnl.html>.
- **Southern & Cowboy Gospel Music Program:** At 11 am on Sept. 10, Handley UMC is hosting The Master's Wagoneers. Refreshments will be served at noon. A "Donation" basket will be available to help support the mission work of Handle's United Methodist Women.

Resources, Needs & Opportunities For You

Helpful Links:

- [Central Texas Conference](#)
- [Infoserve](#)
- [UM Reporter Interactive](#)
- [United Methodist News Service](#)
- [UMNS on Facebook](#)
- [UMNS on Twitter](#)
- [Interpreter Magazine](#)
- [10thousanddoors.org](#)
- [Rethink Church](#)
- [UM TechShop](#)
- [UM Global Health Initiative](#)
- [God Films](#)
- [Crime Victims Council](#)
- [Grief & Divorce Support](#)
- [United Methodist Women](#)
- [General Board of Discipleship](#)

Get Connected

- **Moving On After Moving In:** Caring hearts sharing conversation over the trauma (and drama) of your recent move. Join Keller FUMC from 9:30-10:30 am on Tuesdays, starting Sept. 6 in discussions that will include: letting go gracefully, starting over with strength, and moving ahead with life. This will be an opportunity to share resources, offer support and get to know others in the Keller community. For more information, call 817-431-1332.
- **Alzheimer's Support Group:** This Keller FUMC group meets on the second Sunday of each month to offer emotional support, information and resources to caregivers, relatives and friends whose loved ones have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Our next meeting will begin 2-2:30 pm on Sept. 11 in the Hallelujah Center. Group is open to the community. For questions, call 817-431-1332
- **Depression Connection: Understanding, Help & Hope:** This support group meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8 pm in Room 4 of the Heritage Campus of Grapevine FUMC (4344 Heritage Ave.). The group is structured to include approximately 10 individuals and a licensed, trained facilitator. An educational component is included in each meeting as well. Further questions, contact Katherine Hunter at 817-481-2559 x130 or katherineh@fumcg.org.

Available

- **Alpha Resources:** The Wesley Foundation at UTA has Alpha resources available to any church who is interested. Please call The Wesley at 817-274-6282.
- **Mini Grand Piano on Sale:** John and Christi Barnes will be leaving the U.S. in January to be missionaries in Haiti. In an effort to pay their travel expenses and simplify, they are offering for sale a Baldwin Mini-Grand Piano with warranty papers (appraisal value of \$4,600) for \$3,000. If you are interested, please contact Christi at cell number 970-396-2648 or email weekextreme@hotmail.com.

Job Opportunities

A complete list of open job opportunities can be found on the "Employment Opportunities" link under the "Helpful Links" page on the www.ctcumc.org website (under "Quick Links").

Attention Listers: Please contact Amy Banta at amybanta@ctcumc.org to remove your listing when your opening has been filled

Experienced Applicant Seeking Music Position

Mark Stamper has been serving the church through music for the past 30 years as a Director of Music and Worship in Burses and as an Interim Director of Music and Worship at FUMC Fort Worth. He is now in Dallas/Fort Worth and is seeking to serve your Church through music. Please contact him at 817-723-9397 or at t3maestro@yahoo.com.

RD Seeks Half/Quarter-time Position

I am an experienced choral and handbell director, pianist (B. Mus. – Piano), Christian educator and minister of visitation. In addition, I have the God-given spiritual gift of administration and volunteer coordination. dianesmiley@sbcglobal.net; 817-375-9428

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Tarrant County Restorative Justice Center needs volunteers to help in the computer lab. Must be computer/internet savvy to assist clients in navigating the internet as they search for jobs and submit applications. Assistance with Resume preparation also needed. Volunteer opportunities available on Thursdays from 10:00AM - 2:00PM, 10-12 clients per class. To volunteer please contact Rev. Penny Yaites at 817-616-3100 or send email to gimlmak@sbcglobal.net.

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