



The Pathfinder

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2015 Holston Annual Conference

The 2015 Holston Annual Conference is history. We were inspired and challenged to engage our neighbors and our communities by seeing them and getting to know them so that we may serve them in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Here are some highlights.

JULY, 2015

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JAMA Item for July

Election of General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates:
Lay - General Conference: Del Holley, Emily Ballard, Becky Hall, John Tate, Robert Lockaby, and Karen Wright. *Lay - Jurisdictional Conference:* Joyce Moore, John Eldridge, Charlotte McKee, Carolyn Kidd, Anne Travis, and Sam England.
(Alternates: John Powers, Justin Haynes)

Clergy - General Conference: David Graves, Kim Goddard, Sandra Johnson, Carol Wilson, Wil Cantrell, and Randy Frye.
Clergy - Jurisdictional Conference: Mark Flynn, Paul Seay, Dennie Hyumphreys, Eddie Fox, Jerald Russell, and Lauri Jo Cranford. (Alternates: Kristen Burkhart, Catherine Nance)

Offerings: Children in Poverty: \$205,058; Change for Children = \$54,692. So far.

2016 budget: requested - \$10,790,602; adopted a 10% cut - \$9,711,542.

Milestone celebrations:

**Memorialized* 50 deceased clergy and clergy spouses, including Ratha "Buddy" McGee and former Bishop Kern Eutsler's wife Eva.. **Retired* 26 clergy, including former JUMC pastor Ken LaDuke. **Ordained* and/or recognized the orders of 30 clergy; *licensed* 22 local pastors. **Hands on Mission response* for Liberia and Zimbabwe – requested 4,700 kits and buckets; received 9,123 valued at \$225,680. **Pocket prayer shawl response* – 10,710 (requested 1,500).

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Church Family News

Continued prayers for Bill Anderson who is recovering from being hit by a van in the WalMart parking lot, and also for Mitzi Anderson who is also healing from the trauma

Congratulations on the baptism of twins Reed Thomas and Katherine Ruth Foster, children of Tamara and Josh Foster

SAVE THE DATE

July 4 Parade, and the Evangelism Committee will be hosting a "wait for the parade" celebration on the front steps of the church starting at 9 am, with bluegrass music and lemonade. We hope to be able to welcome people and share with them about our church while we all wait together to see the 4th of July parade.

Aug 2-5 Camp Meeting
At 6 pm at Sulphur Springs Camp Shed

2015 Holston Annual Conference (continued)

Worship, Bible study and music: astounding, amazing, inspiring, moving, over-the-top.

Reports from across the Conference reminded us over and over again that the opportunities to invite and serve our neighbors are plentiful and that we, through God's churches in this part of God's world, are up to the task. The stories shared were marvelous examples of how God is at work in our midst. They were truly hallelujah moments!

Resolutions:

- Supported forming a task force to recommend policy and a plan to address clergy abuse by laypersons.
- Tabled indefinitely a petition to General Conference to revise *Book of Discipline* language regarding homosexuality.
- Agreed that planning for all conference and district events should address and publicize child care for participants.
- Did not support reducing the conference apportionment tithe from 10% to 7.5%.

Foye Webb, JUMC Lay Member

(see JUMC website for a more detailed report)

Annual Conference Offerings

	<u>JUMC</u>	<u>JC Dist</u>	<u>Holston Conf</u>
Children in Poverty - Bring It Home Holston	\$ 2,600		\$205,058
Change for Children	\$ 154.50		\$ 54,692
School and other kits Valued at	50 \$ 1,956.50	749 \$25,563	9,132 \$225,680
Prayer Shawls	118		10,710

THE JUMC COUNCIL AT WORK

At the May 24 meeting, the following items were decided . . .

- Adopted a revised Safe Sanctuary Policy re: adults, paid or volunteer, working with children and youth, including background checks
- Trustee update: lots of outside and inside projects—tree work; building new shelves; drywall, painting and ceiling repair work; church insurance coverage review and update; new copier and pest control service vendors will save about \$2000
- Finance update: annual audit completed; memorials committee formed; giving statements now being sent quarterly to all givers; year-to-date financial report through April—income: \$126,504, expenditures: \$139,160
- Evangelism Team will be on the street during the July 4th parade providing lemonade, music, pens, and invitations to come worship and serve with us
- Children's ministry is overflowing with participants, needs more space, helpers and furnishings
- Youth mission trip to Edisto Island June 6-13, with 21 youth and adults going

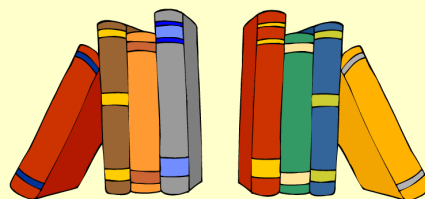
Library News

The following books have been added to our library:

In the Arms of Angels -True Stories of Heavenly Guardians, given by Elaine Cannon

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini, given by Nikki and Duncan Pont. The author was born in Afghanistan and moved to the US in 1980.

What Does the Bible Say About . . . The Ultimate A-Z Resource



Please take advantage of the library. We have lots of good books for your enjoyment. Hopefully, someone will be in the Library on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.



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Would you like to join me and walk to Bethlehem?
More details to follow!

Renee McNeas

Vacation Bible School

VBS was awesome this year! We averaged 50 children each night. The largest group was in age 3-6, with one night having 22 kids! It was fantastic to see so many children singing, smiling and jumping for Jesus!

A big "thank you" goes out to all the helpers - it takes a lot of loving workers to have a successful VBS program. We are very blessed to have so many dedicated individuals at Jonesborough United Methodist Church!!! The youth were great - lots of helpers each night!

Planning for 2016 is already in the works. Get ready to sign up - you'll enjoy the week. Please keep our growing children's program in your prayers.

*Love,
Jackie & Angie*



July Mission Emphasis

Backpacks for Jonesborough Elementary School Kindergartners

Our mission for July is to fill backpacks for 100 to 120 kindergarten students at Jonesborough Elementary School. We also would like to provide necessary teaching supplies for their teachers, as well. Approximately 66% of these students also will receive free or reduced price lunches.

Please help get the school year off to a good start for these children by filling a backpack or making a donation so that the needed supplies can be purchased. Supply lists are available in the narthex. Mark your offering envelope "K backpacks" or put that phrase in the memo line on your check.

Thank you for helping Jonesborough's kids!

JAMA Item for July Peanut Butter & Jelly



Please give generously to Jonesborough Area Ministerial Association.

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