



WHAT'S NEXT?

The promise for the North Carolina East District for 2010 is from the promise of God to Joshua, 'I will give you every place where you set your foot' *Joshua 1:5 NIV*. These are some of the places the NC East District feels called to go this year.

Victory Mountain Camp

The next few months will see major advances for the camp and its ministry among us. On March 26, a mission team from the Aurora, IL Christian School will be arriving for their 38th Annual 'Mission Impossible'. Led by Becky Bell's dad Doug Sievers, 150 alumni and high school seniors will be putting a new porch on the Lodge, painting the Lodge exterior, replacing the Lodge windows, stacking logs on 2 new Heritage Hill cabins, painting the Fox, Deer, Squirrel and Bear cabins and the bathhouse, park cutting the area between the Lodge and the lake, and doing various plumbing and electrical repairs. The new air conditioning and heat for the Lodge has been installed, and the Lodge entryway is scheduled for a much needed facelift.



General Superintendent's Tour of NC East

Dr. Tom Armiger will be touring the District April 19-21, meeting with the pastors. There will be five different meetings taking place, designed to be a 'listening' opportunity for the General Superintendent to hear the heart of our pastors. Times and locations will be announced in the near future. Every pastor should make every effort to take advantage of this rare opportunity.



'Growing Pastors Advanced Leadership Training' events

On January 25 and 26, the pastors are scheduled to meet at Goldsboro and Asheboro Neighbors Grove for a challenging time led by Pastor Josh LeRoy, founder of The Bridge Project, on the subject, 'Divided by Faith'. The 'listening tour' with



Dr. Tom Armiger will serve as the training event in April. On May 17 and 18,

Pastor Kerry Willis and his Nazarene pastor brothers Bill and Steven are scheduled to be with us. They will share their perspective on dynamic local church leadership.

District Ministry Teams

District Superintendent Dan LeRoy is now in the process of recruiting the leaders and building the teams that will take the District ministries to the local churches to the next level. The following teams will be ready by this summer:

- Church Planting Team**
- Church Health Team**
- Global Partnerships Team**
- Spiritual Formation Team**
- Victory Mountain Camp Team**
- Ministerial Development Team**
- Leadership Development Team**

District Conference

This year's Annual District Conference will be back at the beautiful facilities of Durham *newhope*, Wednesday and Thursday, July 14 and 15. We will be holding the Ordination Service and the Annual Awards Celebration, along with a Memorial Service, on Wednesday evening this year, with elections and reports on Thursday. Future plans are to offer leadership training for local church leaders during the conference as well, hopefully in place by 2011.

Camp Meeting

Pastor Kerry Willis is back with us for Camp Meeting this summer, Sunday through Thursday, July 18 through 22, at our favorite camp meeting place, Thomasville Mt. Zion.



Derek the elf

Christmas in Carolina

The NC East District always gets the Christmas season started off with the annual Christmas Banquet. This year 275 ministers and DBA members and their families enjoyed a delicious meal of Chicken Cordon Bleu, French style green beans and a variety of desserts.

Santa showed up and gave the little ones stuffed teddy bears, while the older children got a Santa hat.

David and Becky Surrett, and their friend Zachary Wilson provided us with a Christmas trumpet and keyboard concert. David also led us in our traditional carol sing. All except for Feliz Navidad.



Grandma Gail was all smiles

The banquet has become a time of joyful fellowship with a warm family feeling as we welcome the children to our Christmas table.

In the spirit of generosity, the NC East family gave a spontaneous love offering for Ruby Hobbs, who is in her nineties and, for the first time, was not able to attend the banquet this year due to poor health.



The Kelleys enjoyed the evening together



Asheboro Brower's Christmas Program

Christmas broke out all over the place in our local churches as well. Over 1,500 people attended Christmas Sunday services and 2,000 people came to the Christmas Eve Communion Service at Durham newhope.

Kernersville Cristiana saw 15 persons give their hearts to the Lord on Christmas Sunday.

The house was packed full at Asheboro Foster Street on Christmas Sunday morning, with people standing, not able to get a seat.



Christmas Program at Asheboro Foster Street

Greensboro Christ presented, 'He Came for Me'



NC East District Leadership Team

Dan and Cynthia LeRoy LOWER RIGHT

Ernest and Susan Mullins LOWER LEFT

James and Amy Spaugh UPPER CENTER

Bill and Brenda Reeves UPPER LEFT

Darrell and Naomi Scruggs UPPER RIGHT

It is our great joy and privilege to serve you, and we look forward to a wonderful new year together!



Angels gathered around the tree at Goldsboro

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

On Saturday, November 8, around 75 Wesleyans from Bagley Swamp, Thomasville Mt. Zion and Asheboro Foster Street joined forces to work with The Bridge Project to help ‘make Jesus famous’ in the East Side neighborhood of Asheboro.



They completely repainted the Community Center gym, and stripped and rewaxed the gym floor. They also repainted the basketball goals.



They repainted the Community Center classrooms in bright, primary colors, where The Bridge Project tutors children and the Boys and Girls Club holds classes.

They also did yard work for a number of the elderly neighborhood residents.

One team completely rebuilt the back porch of one of the elderly women.



The Bridge Project is led by Pastor Josh LeRoy. The Mt. Zion team was led by Pastors Luke Jackson, Ken Klein and Jason Craver. The Bagley swamp team was led by Pastor James Spagh.



Kernersville Wesleyan held a special communion service on Sunday evening, January 3. That night, they told the story of the Last Supper as men from the congregation restaged Leonardo Da Vinci’s classic painting of the event. Phil Hulen is senior pastor.



Love Chapel Hill saw a couple of firsts take place in the life of this young congregation in December. On

Sunday, December 6, they held their first baptism in the chilly waters of Morgan Creek. And on Sunday, December 27, they held their first baby dedication. Matt LeRoy is the lead pastor.

Vintage Church has seen nearly 90 people come to Christ in the year and a half they have been underway.. In September they moved from South Guilford Middle School to Randleman High School. They have doubled in attendance and have become a regional church, drawing people from three surrounding counties. Saying it is an ‘absolute God thing,’ Pastor Matt Smith speculates, ‘If the new year brings the same favor as 2009, we are in store for great things.’

Asheboro Crestview received two new members on November 22. Pictured are Dean Marshall on the left and Richard Hopple on the right, with Pastor David Rollins.



MORE LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Siler City First recently honored longtime member, Aline Loman with a special day. She has faithfully served the church for over 40 years. Her son, Pastor Jeff Loman, was the speaker for the celebration. Family members, friends and District representatives came to surprise her on her special day. Eddie McClure is the senior pastor.



Santa Billy

Tabor City Old Zion's pastor, Billy Roy, had the honor of being chosen to portray Santa Claus in the

town's Christmas parade this year. His tootsie roll pop throwing technique apparently went a long way in helping him land the job.

Burlington First took the church outside the walls one Sunday this Fall, holding worship in the city park. 83 attended. The children



re-enacted the story of Jesus calming the storm. Several unchurched folks have connected with the fellowship as a result of the outreach.

New Members at Salisbury Trinity



New Members at Rose Hill Bethel



WELCOME!

Ellis Branson LeRoy was born at 4:00 am, Friday morning, November 20. He weighed 6 lbs, 2 oz., and was 19" long. He was welcomed by his dad and mom, Josh and Laura LeRoy, and his little sister Anna Grace. Dan and Cynthia LeRoy are the proud grandparents.

Hallie Rachelle Bell is the baby daughter of Jared and Becky Bell. She was born Wednesday evening, December 16, and weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz.. Jared is youth pastor at Kernersville.



Our Sympathies

Annie Christene Parks Simmons

age 74, died on November 25.

She was the wife of Pastor George Simmons, Seagrove Trinity.



Pastor Marlin C. Johnson

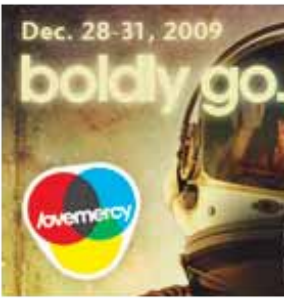
age 61 of Forest City, died on Wednesday, December 30. He was the pastor of the Trinity Wesleyan Church in Forest City, NC West District. Marlin was raised in the Burlington First church and his first pastorate was at Liberty Mt. Olivet. He was the son-in-law of Pastor Don and Evelyn Dawalt.

Juanita Whitley

wife of Pastor Byron Whitley, a minister in the former Kernersville District prior to realignment, passed away December 19. Her funeral was at the Kannapolis Bethel Wesleyan Church.

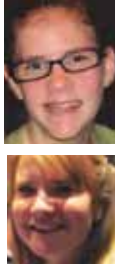
*North Carolina East District
of The Wesleyan Church*

*Home District of Corncake Inlet
near Bald Head Island*



LoveMercy Charlotte '09

NC East Was There!





NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT of THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

New Cabin Dedicated

The 'Preacher Denny' Heritage Hill cabin was dedicated in honor of Pastor Jim and Rachele Denny at the 'Old Fashioned Camp Meeting Day' on October 24. Pastor Jim was the longtime chairman of the Youth Camp Board and an original member of the Youth Camp Committee. It was a great day with a wonderful crowd.



April 16 -18
Girls 6-12th Grade
Victory Mountain Camp
\$75 per person



The **NOT FOR SALE** Human Trafficking group and the Underground Church Network, have designated Sunday, February 21, as **FREEDOM SUNDAY**.

On this day, they are asking local churches to pray for the estimated 27 million slaves in the world today. Local churches may access materials and information for distribution at www.freedomsunday.org or www.notforsalecampaign.org

MISSION NEWS

MISSION TRIPS

Pastor Tim Jordan and Larry Poole from Asheboro Foster Street were part of a medical team that was in Guatemala, November 8-15. The purpose of the trip was to give medical and spiritual help to those in need. Tim and Larry have been going to Central America for several years now. This year part of their medicine was kept by Guatemalan Customs which hampered their efforts to help people in need. The team traveled up to 8000 feet above sea level to some of the villages. The people of these villages were very poor and could not afford basic medical care.



*Jonathan Lewis,
Global Partners
District Director*

The team treated various ailments from pain, infections, hypertension and diabetes. There was also an opportunity to share the plan



of salvation. On Monday the team was in the village of New Town and saw 308 patients. On Tuesday they were in the village of Choacorrall and treated 266 patients. On Wednesday they saw 276 patients in the village of St.Bartholomew. Thursday they treated 326 patients in the village of Avacado. And Friday they saw 503 patients in the village of Zaragoza. 63 people prayed to receive Christ, and a total of 1679 patients were treated medically.

MISSION RALLIES

Area Mission Rallies are currently being planned for the Spring for the Asheboro and Burlington Regions.

ASHEBORO AREA CRUSADE

Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church hosted an area crusade sponsored by local Wesleyan churches and others. Evangelist Kenny Greenway was the speaker. Crowds averaged over 300 for each service. Along with the spiritual blessings received, the crusade was able to give \$2000 to the Christians United Outreach Center in Asheboro.

DISTRICT STUFF

District Calendar

January

Sanctity of Life Sunday	24
Growing Pastors Advanced Leadership Training, Down East Area	25
Growing Pastors Advanced Leadership Training, Piedmont Area	26
E&CG Board meeting, Chapel Hill	28
DBA Meeting, Chapel Hill	30

February

Heart of Ministries Offering month	
DBMD Ordination Council meeting, Chapel Hill	4
Nominating Committee Meeting, District Office, 10am	16
Ash Wednesday	17
Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting, 7pm, Victory Mountain Camp	18

March

Camp Meeting Board Meeting, District Office, 10am	11
Wesleyan Women Coastal Retreat, Myrtle Beach	26-27
Last Sunday for Pastoral Call Voting	28

April

DBMD Ordination Council Meeting	1
EASTER Sunday	4
Legacy Luncheon (Senior Ministers and Spouses), 12noon	15
Girls Radiant Retreat at Victory Mountain Camp	16-18
DBA Meeting	17
General Superintendent's Listening Tour	19-22
E&CG Retreat	23-24
District Golf Tournament	26

Pastor Dan's Schedule

Thomasville Mt. Zion	February 7
Denton	February 14
Kernersville	February 21
Reidsville Covington Memorial	February 28
Seagrove Why Not	March 7
Robbins First	March 14
Albemarle	March 21
Asheboro Sawyersville	March 28
Durham A Place of Hope	April 11
Kernersville (Dr. Tom Armiger)	April 18
Asheboro Rushwood Park	April 25

THE GATHERING

WESLEYAN MINISTRY CONFERENCE

January 4-7, 2011
The Hyatt reGENCY
Jacksonville, FL

www.wesleyan.org/gathering

Local Church Revival Services

Asheboro Sawyersville, March 10-14, Ed Lindsey
Thomasville Mt. Zion, Family Life Revival, March 21-22
Troy, March 21-24, Ben Hurley
Asheboro Rushwood Park, March 21-26, Jesse Garmon
Archdale, March 28-April 1, Larry Segers
Hillsborough, April 18-21, Kenny Greenway

North Carolina East District of The Wesleyan Church

NUMBERS THAT COUNT REPORT

December 2009

CHURCH:	Assessment			AM Worship Nov./Dec.	Pastor
	Due to Date	Paid to Date	Amount Behind		
Albemarle	9254.00	9254.00	.00	NR	Doug Beadle
Archdale	4230.00	4230.00	.00	43	Alvin Wooters
Asheboro Browsers	6153.00	4293.00	1860.00	95	Ed Lindsey
Asheboro Central (D)	.00	.00	.00	27	Larry Johnson
Asheboro Crestview	5173.00	5173.00	.00	69	David Rollins
Asheboro First	5579.00	4782.00	797.00	55	Mark Beane
Asheboro Foster St.	19831.00	5666.00	14165.00	372	Charles Moses
Asheboro High Pine	9527.00	9527.00	.00	130	Wyatt Hoogkamp
Asheboro Neighbors Grove	10913.00	10914.00	.00	94	Doug Dennis
Asheboro Rushwood Park	19530.00	2250.00	17280.00	180	Ron Hamilton
Asheboro Sawyersville	8512.00	8512.00	.00	124	Darrell Rabon
Burlington First	6629.00	6629.00	.00	62	Stephen Saunders
Chapel Hill Love Chapel Hill (D)	.00	906.00	.00	58	Matt LeRoy
Denton	16919.00	6600.00	10319.00	255	Charlie Collins
Denton Hoovers Grove	2709.00	2709.00	.00	27	George Sheppard
Durham A Place of Hope(D)	.00	.00	.00	7	Fred Young
Durham newhope	17836.00	17836.00	.00	1396	Benji Kelley
Eden Dan River	9569.00	10094.00	.00	138	Tim Butcher
Eden de la Trinidad (D)	357.00	357.00	.00	76	Leoncino Rios
Eden First	5992.00	4281.00	1711.00	67	Lewis Brandon
Eden Merriman Street	2548.00	1972.00	576.00	NR	Don Ledbetter
Eden Trinity	18557.00	5302.00	13275.00	203	Wayne Johnson
Fayetteville Faith	6328.00	2712.00	3616.00	NR	Wayne Chandler
Franklinville	1890.00	2180.00	.00	27	Wayne Byrd
Garner New Life	11088.00	.00	11088.00	70	Gary Tesh
Gibsonville Brown	13384.00	9560.00	3824.00	215	Larry Pope
Gold Hill	11053.00	11463.00	.00	148	Harold Bumby
Gold Hill St. Paul	1561.00	1561.00	.00	19	Roland Smith
Goldsboro	7525.00	6432.00	1093.00	88	Al Thompson
Graham First	2835.00	2893.00	.00	35	Wayne Howard
Greensboro Christ	18410.00	18410.00	.00	136	Jonathan Lewis
Greensboro de los Valles (D)	.00	.00	.00	65	Cristobal Vasquez
Greensboro Vintage (D)	.00	.00	.00	85	Matt Smith
Greenville First (D)	1519.00	.00	1519.00	49	Todd McDonald
Harkers Island	6853.00	4895.00	1958.00	100	Clinton Nelson
Hertford Bagley Swamp	11571.00	11571.00	.00	132	James Spangh
High Falls	1876.00	1072.00	804.00	35	Roger Riffe
High Point First	83958.00	83958.00	.00	776	Rick Kavanaugh
High Point Lao (M)	.00	.00	.00		Inthava Inthisane
Hillsborough	8050.00	13807.00	.00	69	Odell Link
Jamestown PoderYSalvacion (D)	35.00	120.00	.00	85	Maikal Hoyos
Kernersville	28532.00	28532.00	.00	355	Phil Hulén
Kernersville Cristiana	1841.00	16.00	1825.00	82	Fermin Bocanegra
Liberty Friendly	1645.00	1645.00	.00	20	Danny Thomas
Liberty Mt. Olivet	2527.00	2083.00	444.00	44	Nathan Smith
Liberty Pleasant Union	1708.00	1983.00	.00	18	Mark Klass
Mebane (D)	154.00	.00	154.00	NR	Rodney Purcell
Oak Ridge Cross Gate	2527.00	2527.00	.00	20	Kelly Goudy
Ramseur	13440.00	13440.00	.00	184	Kevin Stumbo
Ramseur Kildee	1911.00	1911.00	.00	54	Mark Wilburn
Randleman First	12642.00	12642.00	.00	94	Don Hurlburt
Reidsville Covington Mem.	36134.00	36992.00	.00	472	Ralph Clayton
Robbins First	5859.00	5861.00	.00	73	Wilson Harris
Rose Hill Bethel	4739.00	4879.00	.00	81	Tim Mateer
Salisbury Trinity	27321.00	27321.00	.00	243	Randy Addison
Sanford First	5656.00	5656.00	.00	60	Larry Moore
Seagrove Mt. Zion	1946.00	1878.00	68.00	67	Andrew Hurlburt
Seagrove Trinity	3059.00	3059.00	.00	NR	George Simmons
Seagrove Why Not	3241.00	1500.00	1741.00	30	Ron Terry
Siler City First	6867.00	6407.00	460.00	72	Eddie McClure
Siler City Pleasant Grove (A)	.00	.00	.00	NR	Noah Albarez
Snow Camp Bethlehem	1358.00	1746.00	.00	31	Roger Coburn
Snow Camp Victory Chapel	1435.00	300.00	1135.00	26	Raeford Brim
Sophia Mt. Olive	4095.00	1400.00	2695.00	50	Garland McDowell
Staley	1554.00	1370.00	184.00	24	Alvin Brooks
Tabor City Old Zion	8967.00	9142.80	.00	125	Billy Roy
Thomasville Holly Hill	9149.00	9864.00	.00	117	Mark Mullins
Thomasville Mt. Zion	63357.00	63357.00	.00	794	Keith Carroll
Thomasville New Hope (D)	868.00	.00	868.00	38	Eddie Hawkins
Troy	5698.00	5698.00	.00	87	James Brewer
Troy Callicutt	4207.00	4218.00	.00	53	Bob Freeman
Troy First	20083.00	14345.00	5738.00	178	Jeff Ray
Wilmington Crosswinds (D)	.00	.00	.00	NR	Chris Vernon
Wilmington First	2807.00	.00	2807.00	23	David Lord
Wilmington North Pointe	10311.00	7400.00	2911.00	119	Jeff Loman
WinstonSalem El Aposento (D)	1932.00	1656.00	276.00	100	Tomas Manchego
TOTALS	666029.00	571454.80	105191.00		

(D) Developing; (A) Affiliate; (M) Mission (NR) No Report

—Bill Reeves, Treasurer

The Back Page

Is What You're Fighting For Worth Dying For?



In October, Assistant District Superintendent Ernest Mullins and wife, Susan, were invited by Senator

Elizabeth Dole to be her guests on the John Hanford Memorial Flight to Washington, DC, in memory of her brother.

The memorial flights are arranged for veterans of World War II to fly to the

nation's capital to see the war monument erected in their



Ernest and Susan

honor. The Honor Flight Network has raised the funds to take over 30,000 WWII veterans to see the monument to date.

105 veterans and their guardians from the Salisbury area made the trip along with the Doles and the



Mullinses. Also on the flight was John Hanford's wife, Bunny Chisholm Hanford, who attended the

Asheboro Neighbors Grove church as a child.

World War II veterans are a dying breed, literally. They are passing on at a rate of 1,000 per day. They are the ones who have lived to this day

North Carolina East District of The Wesleyan Church

Home District of more US military personnel than

any other District in The Wesleyan Church



to tell about it — if you can get them to.

416,800 military men and women from the United States gave their lives in World War II. That is an astounding number. But it is estimated that somewhere around 70 million people — 70 million — were fatalities as a result of hostilities in World War II.

Why?

The documentary, 'Band of Brothers', tells the story of 'Easy' Company's heroic exploits. The 101st Airborne had parachuted into Normandy on D-Day and had fought all over the European Theater.

As the war was drawing to a close, they were part of the occupying force sent into Germany. They met little resistance as they advanced into enemy territory.

They found themselves occupying the German town of Landsberg.

Their uneventful occupation was soon interrupted by a disturbing discovery. In the woods outside of Landsberg, the United States Army paratroopers came face to face with the ugliness of human depravity.

They found a concentration camp.

The walking dead behind the barbed-wire fences were not criminals. They were civilians incarcerated by the German armed forces because of

their ethnicity — Jews, Poles and Gypsies.

The title of the episode in the story is, 'Why We Fight.'

I want to be careful not to trivialize the sacrifice of those who died and the trauma of those who put their lives at risk.



Alvin York

I gratefully heed the words of Congressional Medal of Honor winner, WWI veteran, Alvin York, 'This isn't for buying and selling.' (He was a former Wesleyan, by the way.)

I just have to wonder how much we put others' eternal future in peril when we disengage from the good fight — the one that is fought not

against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities and darkness and spiritual wickedness — to engage in some of the petty stuff we allow ourselves to get entangled in?

Is what you're fighting for worth dying for?

For the sake of the kingdom and its honor, let's fight the good fight, and refuse to be

drawn into the carnal skirmishes that shame us and cast a poor light on our Savior.

Let's always remember who the enemy is and let's take the fight to him. Not each other.

— Pastor Dan

