

# Upcoming Events

## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2011:

26 Deadline for all Journal material

### SEPTEMBER 2011:

5 Labor Day - Office Closed  
 9-10 Wesleyan History and Discipline/Conyers  
 16-17 AWAKEN; Holiday Inn Express, Conyers  
 19 DBA Meeting @ District Office (11:00 AM)  
 20-23 Global Leader's Roundtable—Indianapolis,

### OCTOBER 2011:

7-8 District Men's Retreat @ Hephzibah  
 14-15 NT Elective District Extension Class/Conyers  
 10 Pastor Appreciation Sunday  
 21-22 Hephzibah Board Meeting  
 27-28 SWU Board Meeting

### NOVEMBER 2011

4-6 Southern Wives in Ministry Retreat - Exhale  
 11-12 Expository Preaching Class /Conyers  
 21 DBA Teleconference—8:00 PM  
 23-25 Thanksgiving Holidays - Office Closed

### DECEMBER 2011:

1 Birmingham Christmas Party 7:00 PM  
 2 Atlanta Christmas Party 7:00 PM  
 3 Brunswick Region Christmas Party 5:00 PM  
 24-25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Office Closed



Wesleyan History/Discipline - September 9-10

New Testament Elective - October 14-15

Expository Preaching - November 11-12

Old Testament Introduction - January 13-14

Evangelism/Church Health - February 17-18

Global/Intercultural Ministries - March 23-24

General Church History - April 13-14

Worship - May 18-19 (During DBMD)

#### To register:

Contact the District Office [office@southcoastal.org](mailto:office@southcoastal.org)  
 or visit the website: [www.southcoastal.org/ministerialinstitute](http://www.southcoastal.org/ministerialinstitute)

#### Southern Wives in Ministry Retreat

"EXHALE"

November 4-6, 2011

Flat Nock, NC

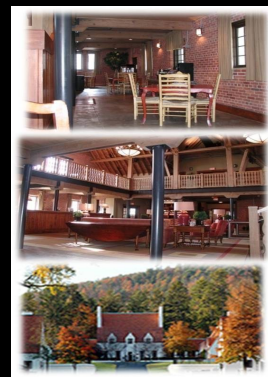


### MINISTER'S AND MATES RETREAT

JANUARY 16-18, 2012

Winshape Retreat Center

Rome, GA



SAVE THE DATE

December 1 - Birmingham  
 December 2 - Atlanta  
 December 3 - Brunswick

**Pastor's Christmas Dinner**  
 Save The Date



### David: A Man Who Refused To Throw Spears!

I never knew why, but Kenny hated me with a passion. To this day I can recall this bully who picked on me when I was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. There was nothing I could do to rectify the relationship. It was a horrible experience!

In those days I was young, frail, afraid, and picked on. Being the new kid, especially being the son of a preacher, did not help me win friends. To this day I am an incurable supporter of the underdog.

David was an underdog in King Saul's court. David had slayed Goliath and gathered the support of the people of the Kingdom. They sang "giant killer" songs. He had done it for God, Israel, and King Saul. But Saul was a mad man; filled with jealousy and anger. On one occasion, when his rage was out of control, he threw a spear at David and meant to kill him.

David could have retaliated or caused a rebellion but he did not. Instead David walked the high road.

1. He pretended he did not see the spear. He didn't make a big thing out of it. He left Saul's actions to be interpreted by others.
2. He ducked quickly. David did not try to make himself into a martyr.
3. He did not throw the spear back. He could have rightfully done so but that is not what men "after God's own heart" do. Godly men refuse to throw spears or divide the kingdom no matter how righteous or noble his cause.
4. He stayed out of the company of men who threw spears. He did not gather his forces or friends against Saul. He did not contribute to the gossip mill.
5. He kept his mouth tightly shut. He talked only to God!

How do you deal with people who throw spears? In my story it ended well over time. I confronted Kenny after one year; that was not a pleasant meeting. He still didn't become my best friend but we lived in "controlled harmony" for the rest of my time in school. I guess you could say we agreed to disagree. We stayed in the same school together. He didn't leave mad nor did I. I learned many life lessons from this experience. When you are dealing with anger and "madness" surviving is a victory. - DAB



In just a few short weeks we start **LEADER'S LIFT** around the district. These five cluster gatherings will be key to **AWAKEN** your leadership, heart, and eyes. I trust every pastor on the district will take advantage of these 6 meetings this year.



## Family Celebration 2011

### Great to be back at Auburn!

The very talented Tuscaloosa worship team led us in worship. Our speaker, Dr. Tim Elmore, delivered dynamic and life changing messages. Great teaching!



Our Missions Banquet Speaker was Jim Rice. Thursday Night's service opened with our traditional "Parade of Flags".



### Awards Luncheon



Rev. Steve Lane, Pastor of the Year



Rev. Daniel Bernate, Pastor of the Year



Rev. Joel Gorveatte, HOPE Award Recipient



Mr. Robert Norris, Layperson of the Year

### Ordination Service



Dr. Jerry Pence officiated the Ordination Service for 8 ordinands. This was an exciting year to celebrate with these men and women in the milestone of ordination.

**Candidates (pictured right):** Thomas George, Lisa Goodwin, Neil Horner, Donna Myers, Cory Lebovitz, Cami Lebovitz, Wes Pate, and Lynne Payne



Pictured Dignitaries: Dr. Dan Berry, Dr. Jerry Pence, Dr. Todd Voss, Rev. CK Chitty, and Rev. Jim and Lois Wiggins

## District News

### South Coastal District Men's Retreat



Special Speaker: Rev. Jason Berry, 12Stone Church

Worship Leader: Bradley Hodges, Tuscaloosa First



### Men's Retreat

October 7-8, 2011

Hephzibah Children's Home  
Macon, Georgia

Cost: \$50 per person (includes lodging and 3 meals)

Please contact John Vaughan to register: Cell: 205-454-0549  
Email: john.vaughan@firstwesleyan.com

### Awaken Conference



Holiday Inn Express  
Conyers, GA  
September 16-17, 2011



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Wayne Otto has planted six churches since 1994. Wayne is also actively involved in assessing, training, and coaching church planters across the country.

He will present two days of training on how to "Reboot Your Church".



### BONUS - FRIDAY EVENING

Jason Berry, 12Stone Campus Pastor will be presenting a special session on building volunteer staff.

**Special pricing for South Coastal Pastors- Contact the District Office Today!**

### Changes for Local Church Women's Ministry

New changes were instituted by the women of The Wesleyan Church at the Women's Ministry Summit this summer. Following are some of the changes available for local churches:

1. Each local church is free to continue to function as they do presently or they may choose to initiate changes.
2. Women's ministry leaders are encouraged to work with their pastor and the leaders in their church to determine what God wants to accomplish through their church this year.
3. Choose your leadership structure that will best help you accomplish your mission.
4. Women need to decide how the women's ministry can help fulfill God's mission for their church, locally, regionally, and globally.
5. Plan your ministry programs, events, activities, and opportunities for serving and giving to fulfill this mission.

Martha Blackburn, General Director, Wesleyan Women

