

Newsletter

August 2005

Sanford District, United Methodist Men, In Action

(Please duplicate and distribute to the men in your church)

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendar.

UMM Leadership Meeting (Presidents & Pastors)
District UMM Fall Rally (Father / Son)
Duke Day (Conf. UMM Rally)

Aug. 14, Page Memorial, Aberdeen
Sep. 8, St Luke UMC, Sanford
Oct. 22, Duke/FSU & Men's Gathering

UMM Leadership Meeting

Will be held Sunday August 14, 2:30 to 5:30 PM at Page Memorial UMC, Aberdeen. Local Church UMM Presidents, Pastors and men's ministry leaders from each church in the Sanford and Rockingham Districts are invited and encouraged to participate. This Men's Ministry Leadership session is being sponsored and conducted by the NC Conference UMM organization and is designed to focus on how to increase men's involvement in local church ministry activities. Barry Merrill, Conf. UMM President, will introduce the Conference wide "Partners in Men's Ministry and Mission" Program. Rev. Dr. William Green will be the featured speaker on "How to get men involved in local church ministry" and we'll enjoy a roundtable discussion of other successful activities and programs designed to get men more involved that are being used throughout the Conference. There will also be a steak dinner with all the fixings, provided by the Page UMM as well as a Worship and Communion Service. There is a \$10 per person charge, which covers the meal and the program materials. Reservations should be made no later than Aug. 12th by calling Ted Thomas at 910 215 9595 or e-mail tedthomas@mindspring.com.

District UMM Father / Son Rally & Dinner

Will be held Thursday September 8th at St. Luke UMC in Sanford from 6 to 9 PM. A Chicken & BBQ dinner will be served at 6:30 at a cost of \$7 per person. Johnny Evans will be our featured speaker and we'll recognize and honor our 2005 Scholarship winners. This will be a special opportunity for Dad's and Son's or Grand Dad's and Grand Son's to gather for a special time of fellowship and entertainment. The program will conclude no later than 9 PM, guaranteed!

Johnny Evans, as many of you know, is a NC native who distinguished himself on the gridiron for NC State in the mid 1970's. He went on to the professional football ranks and finished a six-year career there in 1984. Currently Johnny is the Radio Analyst for NC State football for the Wolfpack Radio Network and is President of Evans Commercial Properties. He is also the Eastern NC Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he teaches a weekly men's Bible Study group of more than 600 men and he conducts a Friday night Bible Study for the NC State Football Team. His message is a powerful Christ centered discussion especially geared toward those of us with a responsibility to young men and boys. Don't miss this opportunity. Reservations must be made no later than September 6th. Please call Larry Wilson at 919 776 6741 or e-mail gopack59@alltel.net. **You are encouraged to bring to this Rally all the young men and teenaged boys in your church.**

National Gathering of UMM, Purdue University, (In Review)

Four men from the Sanford district ventured off to Purdue University for the 9th Gathering of United Methodist Men on July 14-17. For two of them it was their 6th trip (20 years), for the other two it was a first. All four returned, re committed to men's ministry, re-focused in their own personal walk and ministry efforts and with a new understanding of just how important our Men's ministry really is, both at home, in our churches and in our communities. Perseverance emerged as a major theme from the host of speakers. The message came from varied circumstances and experiences. Perseverance in and with one's faith, in life's challenges and opportunities, occupations, health and most importantly in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. The speakers, preachers, music, drama and workshops were all powerful, scintillating, motivating and thought provoking. Unfortunately of the 2100+ in attendance only 4 were from the Sanford District. We'll make a greater effort to increase attendance in 2009.

NC UMM Web Site

Check it out! ncumm.org.

100 Men of Influence (in review)

Last month, in this segment, you saw the following statement and question, "Jesus had the first ever men's ministry and it was a good one. Now he wants us to have a good one as well. Are you up to being the one to instigate it in your church? If not, why not?" While that was a provoking thought and a rhetorical question, one might have expected it to spur some feedback or commentary. Surprisingly it did neither.

Here then are some thoughts on how to be that instigator. These are samples of what you'll learn at the Aug. 14th UMM Leadership meeting. Begin a small group study for "men only" where a man can receive: 1) Affirmation; 2) Accountability; 3) A personal challenge to be in ministry. Embrace a vision to develop a ministry to every man in the church through every man in the church. Collect and share stories about the difference just one man can make and use them as a method of inspiration and encouragement.

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