

# West District News

## DISTRICT CHARGE CONFERENCE

All clergy and laity are invited to attend this year's District Charge Conference.

JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AT 4 PM  
MILLICAN UMC  
22029 KATHY FLEMING RD, MILLICAN, TX

This is a vital connectional meeting in which the yearly reports and business pertaining to the district are discussed and voted upon.

All clergy of the district and local church major officers (lay leaders, church council chairs, finance chairs, SPRC chairs, and trustee chairs) are voting members. We encourage each church to have a good representation of leaders at the District Charge Conference.



## CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 11, 2018  
4 PM

### CHRIST UMC

4201 STATE HWY 6 SOUTH  
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77845

The schedule included lists when each church needs to turn in all their paper work. Make sure you pay close attention to the dates. You do not want your reports to be late.

Web page for all documents needed: <https://txcumc.sharefile.com/Authentication/Login>

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# TURNER LECTURE SERIES

Presents

DR. JOHN A. (JACK) BECK  
Biblical Scholar and Holy Land Guide

“How God Uses Geography To Tell God’s Story”

September 9 & 10  
FUMC Huntsville Sanctuary & Community Life Center

Sunday Worship | 8:30 , 9:45 & 11 AM  
Sunday Evening | 6:30 PM  
Monday Evening | 6:30 PM

## THE GATHERING

The Gathering is an annual retreat/conference for clergy all over the Texas Annual Conference. This year it will be held at Lakeview Conference Center.

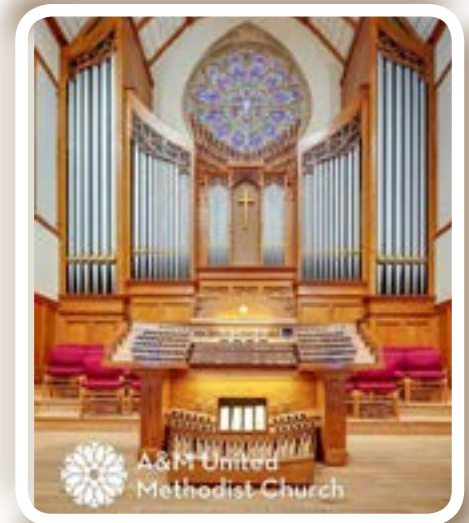
September 17-18, 2018  
12 pm

## A&M UMC Presents

You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday, September 16 at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary for the dedication service of the new pipe organ at A&M United Methodist Church, Peragallo Opus 751, featuring world-renowned organist Ken Cowan.

There will be time to meet the artist, enjoy refreshments, and view the organ up-close after the service.

You can learn more and hear Mr. Cowan’s playing at [www.organistkencowan.com](http://www.organistkencowan.com)



Millican  
UMC

175 YEARS OF SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Join **Millican United Methodist Church's 175th Anniversary** of sharing God's love!

Sunday, September 9, 2018  
9:30am worship service with Bishop Scott Jones preaching  
Brunch to follow service in Fleming Hall

Questions? Contact Rev. Heather Leyland [hleyland38@gmail.com](mailto:hleyland38@gmail.com)

Visit our website [millicanumc.com](http://millicanumc.com) or find us on [Facebook](#).

# Good News From the West District

## Gause UMC

July 2017 was the retirement of our long time Pastor, Kenneth Byrd. For seven months there was a rotation of preachers, courtesy of Christ UMC, College Station and our District Superintendent, Rev. Wanda Bess. The outcome was the appointment of Rev. Kyle McNeely as our new pastor in February 2018.

Anytime a church is assigned a new pastor, there are many changes. We changed the way the church operated and how it was organized. We are thankful to Pastor Byrd for creating and sustaining such a solid and dedicated church during his years here. He built a strong base, and we are trying to leverage that strong church into becoming even stronger and position GUMC for its place in the future.



We are blessed to have a vibrant congregation, almost all of whom are actively engaged in the operation of the church! Here is a list of what we have all accomplished by working together to enhance God's Kingdom - and it is just the first half of the year!

- We have welcomed 7 new members into the church.
- Established the traditional Methodist committee system for the church structure.
- Conducted committee trainings.
- Paid 100% of our apportionments to the UMC in January.
- Had numerous people serving as Lay Readers.
- Vision Team established recommendations for long-term goals.
- New front doors constructed and installed on front of Sanctuary thanks to Keith McBee.
- Began regular children's sermons.
- Conducted a new Maundy Thursday service this year.
- Additional people have volunteered to help with children during church.
- Revised our church budget and established a new budget format aligned with committees.
- Began a new Bible Study conducted each Sunday afternoon with an average of 15 participants.
- Pastor Kyle taught a multi-week Methodism class.
- Prayed over and distributed 15 prayer blankets.
- Martha Hann volunteered to be our song leader and has worked hard in that position.
- Pastor Kyle and Dan Fischer represented GUMC at the Texas Conference Annual Conference.
- Much work has been done in the development of our long-term strategy and the goals necessary to meet those strategies.
- Streamlined many of the office processes and have begun organizing the office, files, and associated activities.
- The Secretary position has been created and filled and much more.

We are in strong financial condition and are blessed to be in such a position.

It is most gratifying to see so many people involved in the activities and to have people offering to help in different ways when they see something needing to be done. The church is active and well positioned to continue improving and to grow in the future.

Dan Fisher  
Chair, Church Council

## Table Talks with Bishop Jones

Thank you to Bishop Jones for the wonderfully productive talks he gave to both the Clergy and Laity for the West District. We appreciate the time you took out of your busy schedule to come and share your wisdom.



## Enchilada Dinner AT TEMPLO UMC

Templo del Espiritu Santo UMC is having their annual enchilada dinner! What better way to start off that Saturday morning than with some mouth watering homemade enchiladas?

November 10th, 2018  
11 am - 3 pm  
Templo UMC  
3715 Elaine Drive  
Bryan, TX 77802



The plates include 3 enchiladas with a side of rice & beans for only \$9!  
Tea included when dining in.

For more information contact  
Carmen Sleek at 979-375-0872

## FUMC HUNTSVILLE Holy Land Trip

This is a spiritual pilgrimage and study trip to walk in the steps of Jesus and experience the land of the Bible! We are traveling with a program through Jerusalem University College ([www.juc.edu](http://www.juc.edu)) with renown teacher and author Dr. John A (Jack) Beck.

March 24-April 7, 2019. Optional extension to Jordan returns on April 10.

All are invited to participate.

**A \$215 deposit and application is due by September 25th to secure your spot on the trip!**



Indicate your interest ASAP by emailing Pastor Daniel - [daniel@huntsvillefumc.org](mailto:daniel@huntsvillefumc.org)

## Fall Vendor Event AT TEMPLO UMC

Saturday, October 6, 2018

10 am - 4 pm

3715 Elaine Drive, Bryan, TX 77808

Food | Crafts | Odds & Ends

For more information 979-220-9425

## Hymn Sing 2018

Hymn Sing was a great success this year! Thank you to **Christ UMC** for hosting and for all the churches who participated. The generous donations will be going to camp scholarships.



## Retired Clergy & Spouses Retreat

The 2018 Retired Clergy and Spouses Retreat will be held October 2-4, 2018 at Lakeview. Join us for food, fun, food, relaxing, visiting, singing, visiting, more visiting and lots of good things

For more information visit: <https://www.txcumc.org/newsdetail/retired-clergy-and-spouses-retreat-october-2-4-2018-11648869>





**PURPOSE**

The Tour de TAC is a chance to have fun, get some good exercise, and to learn more about what our conference is doing to reach new people for Christ and how the Office of New Faith Communities wants to help you connect with new people in your mission field.

Please join the office of New Faith Communities for the **Connectional Meetings**

- Nov. 6, 2018 • 10 AM • Brenham FUMC
- Nov. 6, 2018 • 7 PM • District Office
- Nov. 7, 2018 • 3 PM • Huntsville UMC

**Volunteers are needed for both days for various tasks.**

Riders contact Sam Cutrone Jr. @ 979-571-9469

Volunteers please email: [aumcbryan@gmail.com](mailto:aumcbryan@gmail.com) please put Tour de TAC Volunteer in the subject line.

Thanks and we look forward to a great ride.

**BIKE RIDES**

Tuesday

November 6, 2018

Sign In: 11:30 A.M.

Leave: 12:00 P.M. – Brenham to Christ UMC College Station (43 mi)

Wednesday

November 7, 2018

Sign In: 7:30 A.M.

Leave: 8:00 A.M. – Lowes, College Station to FUMC Huntsville (50 mi)

You don't have to attend the meeting if you ride, nor do you have to ride to attend the meeting. You may be asking, "How can I help?" Glad you asked. You can contact Sam Cutrone Jr. with your inquires.

**APPORTIONMENTS PAID IN FULL**

*Thank You!*



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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • A&M UMC                    | • Dobbin Pleasant Grove UMC | • Marquez UMC                   |
| • Anderson First UMC         | • Evans Chapel UMC          | • McKenzie UMC                  |
| • Bays Chapel UMC            | • Farris Chapel UMC         | • Millican UMC                  |
| • Bedias UMC                 | • Flynn UMC                 | • Normangee First UMC           |
| • Bellville UMC              | • Franklin UMC              | • Paige UMC                     |
| • Bethlehem UMC              | • Friendship UMC            | • Pleasant Retreat UMC          |
| • Blue UMC                   | • Gause UMC                 | • Richards UMC                  |
| • Bremond Grace UMC          | • Giddings First UMC        | • Shiro UMC                     |
| • Bremond St. James UMC      | • Hempstead First UMC       | • Somerville First UMC          |
| • Brenham Pleasant Grove UMC | • Iola Zion UMC             | • St. John's UMC                |
| • Cameron First UMC          | • Kosse UMC                 | • Templo Del Espiritu Santo UMC |
| • Cedar Springs UMC          | • Lee Chapel UMC            | • Two Mile UMC                  |
| • Centerville First UMC      | • Leona UMC                 | • Wesley UMC                    |
| • Chappel Hill UMC           | • Lexington UMC             | • Wheelock UMC                  |
| • Christ UMC                 | • Lynn Grove UMC            | • Yarborough UMC                |
| • College Station First UMC  | • Majors Chapel UMC         |                                 |
| • Cooks Point UMC            | • Marlin First UMC          |                                 |

# CHRISMAN UMC WAS REBUILT



The construction of the new church building is near completion. Therefore, the consecration service (first service to bless the new building and acknowledge God's provision) is scheduled for September 9th at 9 AM.

The Homecoming celebration usually scheduled for the first Sunday of May is now scheduled for October 7th at 10:30 AM at the church (lunch will be provided).

The completed church building is approximately 1450 square feet and will seat 40 - 50 people and includes handicap access to the building and restroom facilities. A complete kitchen is also included in the new building.

Let us join together in worship and thanksgiving for the strong and faithful men and women who founded this church 178 years ago, and for those who have kept it alive and strong through the years.

We would love for you to join us and Pastor Roy Dillard for both the Consecration Service and Homecoming Service to rejoice in God's blessings for you, the Yellow Prairie Community and the Chriesman Church!

God Bless You,  
Chriesman UMC Board of Directors

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## ACTIVATE CONFERENCE



### Expanding Missional Outreach

"Exceptional learning for churches desiring to create a clean vision and understanding of God's will and call to mission and outreach."

Part 1 / The Mission of God: A Biblical and Theological Foundation for Mission

Part 2 / The World God Loves: A Global Perspective on Mission

Part 3 / On Mission with God: Practical Strategies for Mission

### PART 4 / A MISSION ACTION PATHWAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

#### "CAST THE VISION" ACTS 1:8

1. Empower your outreach through prayer
2. Develop a GO Plan
3. Help your people go on mission with God
4. Form Kingdom partnerships
5. Host a high impact mission celebration
6. Fund your outreach by faith

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

8:30 am - 2 pm

Christ UMC

4201 State Hwy 6 South  
College Station, TX 77845

WHO  
IS  
INVITED?

Pastors, associates, retired clergy serving appointments, CLMS, full/part time clergy, church leaders and attendees, mission and outreach teams and coordinators.

RSVP by October 5, 2018 - [Register](#) your church leaders to attend the Activate Conference or call the District Office at 979-690-5627 / [dkeim@txcumc.org](mailto:dkeim@txcumc.org) / [aandrade@txcumc.org](mailto:aandrade@txcumc.org)



# West District Calendar

Your guide for events in the West District.

**Sept 3, 2018 All Day**

**Labor Day / Office Closed**

**Sept 9, 2018 9:30 am**

175th yr celebration of  
Millican UMC

**Sept 9, 2018 9:00 am**

Chriesman UMC  
Consecration Service

**Sept 9 & 10, 2018**

Turner Lecture Series @  
Huntsville UMC

**Sept 16, 2018 5 pm**

Organ Dedication  
@ A&M UMC

**Sept 17-18, 2018 12 pm**

The Gathering @ Lakeview

**Sept 20, 2018 6 pm**

District Leadership Team  
Meeting @ District Office

**Sept 30, 2018 4 PM**

District Charge  
Conference @ Millican  
UMC

**Oct 2-4, 2018 12 pm**

Retired Clergy & Spouses  
Retreat @ Lakeview

**Oct 7, 2018 10:30 am**

Chriesman Homecoming

**Oct 13, 2018 8 am**

District Wide Activate  
Conference @ Christ UMC

**Oct 23-24, 2018**

DCOM Attending  
Conference Board of  
Ministry (BOM)  
Meeting @ Lakeview

**Nov 6, 2018 10 am**

Tour de TAC @ Brenham  
UMC

**Nov 6, 2018 7 pm**

Tour de TAC @ District  
Office

**Nov 7, 2018 3 pm**

Tour de TAC @ Huntsville  
UMC

**Nov 11, 2018 4 pm**

Church Charge  
Conference @ Christ UMC

**Nov 12-14, 2018**

**District Office Closed**

**Nov 15, 2018 10 am**

CLT/DLT Training @ FUMC  
Livingston

**Dec 7, 2018 5:30 pm**

Clergy Christmas Party  
Location TBD

The West District Office  
of the United Methodist Church  
4205 State Highway 6 South  
College Station, TX

Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Bryan, TX  
Permit No. 55

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## FUMC HUNTSVILLE JOB OPENINGS

### ***Business Manager***

Overview: FUMC Huntsville is seeking a full time Business Manager who will be responsible for completing routine functions required to maintain the day to day operation of the church. In order to assist the Business Manager in his/her efforts, a list of important tasks is provided.

Requirements: BA Degree in Accounting or similar field. Minimum five years experience in financial management and accounting skills. Demonstrated experience with automated accounting systems. Experience in the use of computer programs for accounting, word processing, database, budget and payroll.

Schedule: This is a full-time position, a minimum of forty (40) hours per week. Business hours are 8:30-5:30 PM with an hour lunch break from 12:30-1:30 PM.

If interested, you can go to  
<http://west-district.org/classifieds.html>  
for more detailed information about the position.

### ***Director of Youth Ministry***

Overview: The primary responsibilities of the Director of Youth Ministries is to lead the youth and young adults of First United Methodist Church of Huntsville to grow in their understanding of God and the Christian faith, grow the youth ministry program deeper and wider, engaging more youth and increasing its impact in the community.

General Duties: The Director's duties include implementation and coordination of a comprehensive and sustainable Youth Ministry program that follows the church safe sanctuary policy and that provides youth (and families with children) opportunities to Gather, Grow and Go. The Director shall attend all staff meetings, retreats and other leadership gatherings as requested. The Director shall be proactive in follow up with students and families in pastoral care issues and be on the front lines of the community, involved in schools and other areas where students and their families are. The Director shall spend document at 5-10 hours/week involved directly with students at the high school, middle school, college or extracurricular activities.

Schedule: This is a full-time position, a minimum of forty (40) hours per week.