



The Pastor's Connexion

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Pastor's Thoughts....

As I get older, time seems to flow more quickly. When I was young, it seemed like an eternity each between birthdays and Christmas. It was really only 365 days. Now, though, it seems like a lot less time between events. At choir practice, we measure times in the number of rehearsals left before the Cantata (10 for those choir members that are counting). Ten weeks, 70 days sounds like a long time. But for choir members, it will be here before we know it.

I also look at my children. It seems as if only yesterday, David was Daniel's size. That was over seven years ago. Time for them seems to drag on. They want to know when Christmas is coming. I am already realizing that in 9 years, David will be in college.

As I look at my calendar, I realize that, especially at this time of the year, things get hectic. I have to carefully balance time with the church and time with the family. I have to remind myself of the priorities that I have set for myself. God gets first place in my life. My family comes next. My church comes third. Sure, some weeks and months it is hard to balance these three. All of them are making their unique demands upon my life. Each of them-God, family and church- realize that at times, they won't always get front and center time with me, but over all, I try to strike the balance.

I hope that you can help me strike the correct balance between these three in my life and I will try to help you strike a balance between them in your life.

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Carol Parris Memorial Service is Tomorrow

The family of Carol Parris will remember and celebrate her life on Saturday October 7, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at the Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church. All friends of the family are invited to attend this special memorial celebration.

I'll Be in Knoxville for Continuing Education This Sunday

The Annual Conference is sponsoring a seminar on Natural Church Growth this coming Sunday in Knoxville. The workshop begins at 3:30 p.m. Unfortunately, for me to attend, I will have to miss the worship services this Sunday. In my place, Dr. Thomas Conley will be preaching. Please come out and support him with your presence and your prayers.

Don't Forget our Wonderful Wednesday Dinner on October 11th

We will gather in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. for a Wonderful Wednesday meal on October 11th. Our [menu can be found online](#). I want to remind you that these meals are fundraisers for the Conference Fair Share. The net proceeds from the meal go to help pay our Conference Fair Share. The Fair Share is the United Methodist way of getting 37,000 United Methodist Churches working together to do ministry around the world. It is very important for us to meet our Fair Share obligation. So we encourage you to attend the meal and to be generous in your offering. It will go for a good cause.



Happening This Week!

Sunday October 8, 2006

9:30 a.m.—Macedonia UMC Worship
11:00 a.m.—Virginia Avenue UMC Worship

Monday October 9, 2006

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

6:30 p.m. – Secrets of a Great Marriage

Tuesday October 10, 2006

6:00 p.m. – Alpha Group
7:00 p.m. – Ewilda Whitenack UMW Circle

Wednesday October 11, 2006

6:00 p.m. – Wonderful Wednesday Meal
6:45 p.m. – World Religions Study: Hinduism
7:30 p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday October 12, 2006

7:00 p.m. – McGuire/Warden-Gill UMC Circle Meeting
7:30 p.m. – Macedonia UMW meeting

Sunday October 15, 2006

9:30 a.m.—Macedonia UMC Worship
11:00 a.m.—Virginia Avenue UMC Worship
4:00 p.m. – Virginia Ave UMW World Thank Service
6:00 p.m. – Virginia Ave Administrative Board

Monday October 16, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Council on Ministries meeting

Tuesday October 17, 2006

6:00 p.m. – Alpha Group Meeting

Wednesday October 18, 2006

6:00 p.m. – World Religions – Buddhism
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Why Not Attend the “Secrets to a Great Marriage” Video Seminar?

On Monday night October 9th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., we will have a video seminar on the Secrets to a Great Marriage. I encourage all couples to attend this event. If you have been married only a short time or a long time, it doesn't matter. Why not come and perhaps learn something new or share something that has worked for you.

Have You Checked the Following Web Sites:

(Please note: Neither I, nor the church, are responsible for the content of all these sites.)

[Virginia Avenue UMC Web Page](#)

[Holston Annual Conference](#)

[The Official United Methodist Church Web Site](#)

[Our Church Online Calendar](#)

[The Pastor's Blog](#)