



News From Your District Superintendent

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11

I love this time of the year. The season of Advent is so much fun. The anticipation is not just around you, it is in you. The preparation is not just busy shopping days, but heart and life stuff. We are again getting ready for God to be incarnate. The hear, smell, touch kind of presence of God for which we long.

It is good to remind ourselves that God came to be with us as a human being. To know "who" we are and "how" we are within our human condition. "God with us" is about God understanding us for what we are within God's creation. I find it comforting to know that in Jesus, God knows me completely.

My prayer for the Advent and Christmas season is that we will realize again that we are known by God. Through the birth of a child, God has come to dwell with us, to experience us, and to know us. Know us well enough to offer us just what we need to experience the gift of life completely.

May the blessings of the incarnation invade your life anew! "O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"

Blessings,

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December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy New Year!	

Events for December:

- 1st World AIDS Day Observance
- 2nd Cluster Conference at Baldwin 1st, with Ive's Chapel, Worden
- 5th Cluster Conference at Lola Wesley with Lola Trinity and Lola Calvary/Salem
- 9th Cluster Conference at Louisburg with LaCygne/New Lancaster
- 12th Cluster Conference at Lawrence 1st, with Central, Centenary/Linwood, and Eudora
- 13th-15th Extended Cabinet with Nebraska Conference in Lincoln, NE
- 19th-Jan.2nd District Office Closed

Save these dates:

- Jan. 8th Leadership Training at Lawrence 1st West Campus. See page 3 for registration form and information.
- Jan. 11-13 Kansas Area Seminar for Professional Ministry, Registration on the KE website at www.kansaseast.org



A Workshop on Leadership: Facing Challenges

When: Saturday, January 8, 2011, 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Lawrence 1st (West Campus) 867 Highway 40, On the southwest corner of Hwy 40 and K10, take Hwy 40 (6th street) west from Lawrence. The west campus entry is on the south side of Hwy 40, approximately 0.2 miles past the K-10 overpass.

Registration Deadline: January 5, 2010

Please join us for this all district event! For more detailed information, please go to our website at www.5riversds.com, and click on District Event, then More information on this event, to see a printable flyer.

Cost is 10.00 per attendee

Registration includes: lunch and leadership training by Ron Alexander

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

**Registration Deadline
January 5th!**

District Prayer Calendar

December Birthdays

Dec.5 Humboldt-Big Creek
Rev. Debby Dick

Bud Tuxhorn 12/08

Dec.12 Melvern-Quenemo
Rev. Jim Stigall

Marcia Eaton 12/09

Dec.19 Michigan Valley
Rev. Duane Kessler

Dallas Peterson 12/21

Dec.26 Elsmore-Mildred
Pastor Connie Cox

Lane Bailey 12/22

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest. - Father Larry Lorenzoni

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake. - Anonymous



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IRS Mileage Deductions for 2011

\$.50 per mile for business miles driven. The standard rates are for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck.

The standard rate per mile driven for medical or moving purposes is \$.165 and you may claim \$.14 per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

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