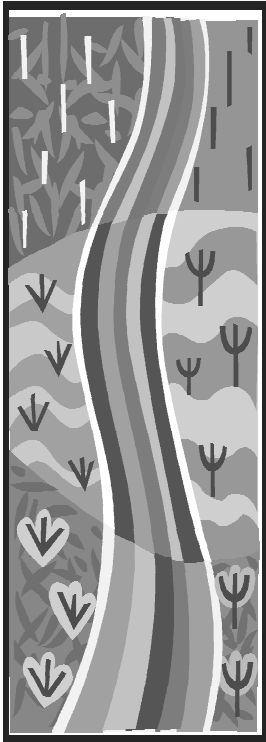


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# Living Water

**Learn more about Bishop Scott Jones at [www.extremecenter.com](http://www.extremecenter.com)**

Scott Jameson Jones currently serves as the resident bishop of the Kansas Area of the United Methodist Church.

He was born in 1954 in Nashville, Tennessee and was raised in Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana and Colorado. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver, Colorado, the University of Kansas (B.A. in Philosophy, with highest honors and departmental honors, Phi Beta Kappa), and Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University (Master of Theology, with high honors). In May of 1992 he received a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Southern Methodist University. His dissertation research was focused on Wesley Studies and the History of Biblical Interpretation.

From 1986 to 1997 he served as pastor of three congregations: the United Methodist churches in Prosper, Howe and Commerce, Texas. In 2003-2004 he served as interim pastor at Stonebridge UMC in McKinney, Texas. From 1997 to 2004 he served on the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. There he taught courses in Evangelism, History of Christianity, United Methodist Studies and Wesley Studies. He was the Director of the Center for the Advanced Study and Practice of Evangelism at SMU and was awarded the rank of associate professor with tenure in 2003.

Scott was ordained deacon in the Kansas East Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1978 and ordained elder in 1987 in the North Texas Conference. On July 16, 2004 he was elected a bishop and consecrated on July 17, 2004 at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. He was assigned to serve as the resident bishop of the Kansas Area as of September 1, 2004.

In 1996, 2000 and 2004 he was a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church. In 2000 he served as vice-chair of the General Conference Legislative Committee on Faith and Order. For four years he chaired the Equipping Disciples Team for the North Texas Annual Conference where he participated in the development of Bring a Friend Sunday and Home for Christmas. From 1997 to 2006 he served as a member of the International Joint Commission for Dialogue Between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council. For two years he served as Spiritual Director of the Dallas Emmaus Community. From 1997 to 2004 he served on the Board of Directors of the SMU Wesley Foundation, being vice-chair for the last 5 years of that term.

His most recent books are *The Future of the United Methodist Church: 7 Vision Pathways* (2010), *Staying at the Table: The Gift of Unity for United Methodists* (2008), *United Methodist Doctrine: The Extreme Center* (2002) and *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor: A Theology of Discipleship and Witness* (2003), all from Abingdon Press. His previous books are *John Wesley's Conception and Use of Scripture* and

## Schedule of Events

- Nov. 8-9  
Extended and Appointive Cabinet ~ DS in Wichita
  - Nov. 13th  
Safe and Sacred Training  
at Welda UMC 2 p.m.  
Please download and fill out paperwork.
  - Nov. 14th  
District Leadership Team Meeting at Ottawa 1st UMC
  - Nov. 15th  
Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. to Noon. Ottawa 1st UMC
  - Nov. 15th  
Sexual Ethics Training  
1:00—4:30 p.m.  
Ottawa 1st UMC
  - Nov. 18th-19th  
Bishop's Round-Up at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds.
  - Nov. 21st-27th  
Thanksgiving Holiday and Marvé Vacation  
District Office Closed
- Please Mark Your Calendars**
- Dec. 15th  
Clergy and PPR Committee Appointive Recommendations due in the District Office
  - Jan. 7th, 2012  
Leadership Training Event with Bill Selby  
"Non-Anxious Leaders in Anxious Times."

# November 2011

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

### District Prayer Calendar

Nov.6	Wellsville Rev. Lane Bailey
Nov.13	Pleasanton-Prescott Pastor Gary DeMott
Nov.20	Paola Rev. Jim Hopwood
Nov.27	Richmond Rev. Jerrald Harnden

### Clergy Birthdays

Nov. 1st	Kathy Symes
Nov. 1st	Nancy Swope
Nov. 6th	Tom Brady
Nov. 12th	Ira DeSpain
Nov. 15th	Leslie Jackson
Nov. 17th	Paul Babcock
Nov. 23rd	Dennis Ackerman
Nov. 25th	Gene McIntosh
Nov. 28th	Connie Cox

**Continued from pg. 1** Gathered Into One: The World Methodist Conference Speaks. He was co-author of Wesley and the Quadrilateral: Renewing the Conversation. He has been named associate editor of volumes 5 and 6 in the Bicentennial Edition of The Works of John Wesley, the scholarly edition of Wesley's Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament..

Scott is married to Mary Lou Reece, who is president of Reece Construction Company. They have three children.  
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## ***Restorative Justice and The United Methodist Church***

On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Lyndon United Methodist Women had a mission study to learn about restorative justice. Their guest speaker was Stan Basler, J.D., and Director of Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries at the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Basler began by giving historical reference to explain how the current systems came into being. He used the terms Retributive Justice as compared to Restorative Justice.

Motivated by his belief that we need to discern God's will concerning the Judicial System; Basler has chosen to embrace Restorative Justice as one means towards that.

He said a good beginning place for advocacy is found in Micah 6:8. (NKJV)

He has shown you, O man, what is good;

And what does the Lord require of you,

But to do justly,

To love mercy,

And to walk humbly with your God?

Where there is a problem with dialog, we can all talk about "what is good." "It's a place to start," said Basler.

Restorative Justice was modeled in the afternoon by a simulation of how it might be provided.

A volunteer group were asked to play parts of a youth offender, his grandmother, a business owner the victim and his wife. They were given the background information about the offender, his home life, the victim, his wife and both of their situations in the community.

The mediator, played by Basler, helped them come to a place of beginning resolution to the problems at hand; (destroyed business equipment, cost to replace it, hurting and disadvantaged youth, peer pressure, not much financial resources for payback.)

A deal was mediated with the goal being the victim would be restored to wholeness (financial) as well as the offender being resolved fully for his crime both by the victim and his community once he completed the agreement. It was mutually worked out by all involved and would be monitored until it was satisfied.

You can find out more on Stan Basler and Restorative Justice at: <http://www.cuttingedgelaw.com/video/rev-stan-basler-faithful-determination-toward-justice>.



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A simulation was acted out by participants of the seminar and mediated by Basler to promote further understanding of Restorative Justice.

Stan Basler, J.D., and the Director of Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries at the Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Church. Speaks to Lyndon UMW and friends.

