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## Bartlesville District

**Re-ignite Workshop**  
 (Local Church Leaders Workshop)  
 Saturday, February 4, 2012  
**Claremore First UMC**  
**1615 N. HWY 88**  
**Claremore, OK 74017**



❖ All disciples, who are seeking to enrich their leadership skills and grow in the faith journey, are encouraged to attend. This event provides a forum to share your ideas with other individuals from churches in your district, and also to gain new insights from well-prepared and skilled workshop leaders.

## Class Opportunities

Session 1 10:40 -11:55 a.m.

### 1-1 Vacation Bible School Preview

EvaMarie Campbell

This class is directed to persons preparing /leading VBS in their local church. Come preview the wonderful activities for VBS that will lead your children to a closer walk with God, experience new songs and form bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime.

### 1-2 Workable Evangelism for All Size Churches

Bob Pierson

This class will provide strategies for reaching new people for Christ that work and have been proven in all size churches using primarily church programs and ministries as a way to positively reach new people for Christ. The class is based on Bob Pierson's book Needs-Based Evangelism. This class is directed to all church leaders.

### 1-3 Should Faith Mix with Politics?

Stan Basler

This workshop will address issues of systemic sin and explore biblically and theologically the role the church should play in forming public policy as a matter of authentic discipleship. The class is for anyone. The main points include discussion of systemic sin (corporate sin), enculturation of the church, and prophetic ministry, i.e. "Thus sayeth the Lord" to powers and principalities.

### 1-4 Hurry Up and Wait: Planning Now for Later

Karen Distefano

Planning for an event that may never happen can seem a little like getting all dressed up with nowhere to go. Having a prepared, well-organized disaster response plan in place for your church and community can help to lessen the impact of

a traumatic event that can happen at any time. The period between disasters is the perfect time to develop your church's disaster response plan and build a committed, well-trained disaster response team within your congregation.

### 1-5 The Use of Demographic Information for Your Local Church

Diana Northcutt

Looking a census data and other information to help local churches make healthy decisions for the future of their church. Preregistration will enable local churches to look at their particular data and is recommended for this class.

### 1-6 It Worked for Us Ideas/Models

Donna Heldermon

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### 1-7 "Who are THOSE People" ...and how do we minister to them.

Herb Smith

Interacting discussion on holistic and healthy approaches to addiction ministry for the whole congregation.

### 1-8 Trustees, More than just Buildings

Brenda Reed

The job of the Trustees includes managing the buildings, risk management, other legal issues, and bequests.

### 1-9 Pastor/Staff Parish Relations

George Warren

For all members of Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committees, whether newly elected or continuing. Our District Superintendent will share how appointments are made, the consultative process with pastors and churches, responsibilities over recruiting and interviewing church members that are considering ordained ministry and methods of effective supervision of staff.

### 1-10 Re-Ignite the Go-Go's, Slow-Go-s and No-Go's

Charles Herndon

Discussions on how congregations can minister to people based on mobility—rather than age—in the areas of spiritual development, health, fellowship, education, life transitions, service, intergenerational interaction, daily assistance, and National Grandparent's Day. This is directed towards anyone interested in ministry by, for, to, and with the growing numbers of older adults in our communities.

### 1-11 On To Perfection: Effective Manuscript and Non-Manuscript Preaching

Adam Shahan

Much of our continuing education as clergy and lay speakers in this conference is not coming in the area of pulpit ministry. It is imperative to continue honing this practice, which is both an art and a

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### Schedule

8:30-9 a.m. .... Registration  
 9-10:30 a.m. .... Worship  
 10:40-11:55 a.m. .... Session 1  
 Noon -1 p.m. .... Lunch  
 1-2:15 p.m. .... Youth Session 2  
 2:15-3:45 p.m. .... Youth Worship  
 1:10-2:25 p.m. .... Adult Session 2  
 2:30-3:45 p.m. .... Session 3

### Other Information

Dr. George Warren will preach. The sermon title will be "RE-Learning How to Fish—Making Disciples, not Members" (Matthew 4:18-22.) The worship service will include diverse expressions of music from our District, all focusing on God's call for us to "Go Fishing" for people and to "Make Disciples, not Members." Our special offering will shared equally with District Youth Camp Scholarships and the Conference "Single Parent Family Gathering."

spiritual gift. This course is designed to equip clergy and lay speakers with the tools to work together in groups to become better preachers for our churches. Pre-registration is encouraged. Submit a typed manuscript or a video of a homily lasting no longer than 7 minutes to ashahan@okumc.org twelve days before the workshop begins. One manuscript and one video will be used as object lessons. If your manuscript or video is selected, you will be informed five days before the workshop. Questions? Rev. Adam Shahan @ 405-517-8133.

**1-12 Congregations working with Veterans Part 1**

Joseph L. Lynch

With so many of our fellow Oklahomans being deployed with the military how can congregations

**Session 2 1:10-2:25 p.m.**

**2-1 Children and Creativity**

EvaMarie Campbell

Designed for those who work with children. Did you know that by the age of 40 we are operating on only 2% of our creativity? Children are growing their creativity—how can we help them continue to grow and develop their creativity?

**2-2 How to Share Your Faith in Our Contemporary Society**

Bob Pierson

This class gives clear understanding for sharing the faith in a very secular world, how Christians can be effective in reaching new people. It is based upon the new book, "TELL" by Bob Pierson.

**2-3 Making Disciples: In and out of Prison**

Stan Basler

The workshop will present opportunities for person to live out their faith in ministry with incarcerated persons, formerly incarcerated and their families. The class is directed to lay and clergy looking for ways to be in ministry. The three main points are that ministry is possible to families of incarcerated, with formerly incarcerated in the community and in prison ministry.

**2-4 Small Membership Congregations**

Diana Northcutt

We will look at the great things small membership churches can do. What are the key indicators for healthy small membership churches. Network with one another. What is some of the new research saying about the viability of the small membership church.

**2-5 Making a Difference: Starting a New Ministry**

Donna Heldermon

Is God calling your church to expand your ministries? Laity who see a need or feel the heart tug for making a difference and desire methods for success in beginning new ministries are welcomed.

faithfully serve those in the armed forces, their families, and the religious professionals who care for them, especially those deployed overseas? This two-part class will cover congregational and pastoral care for veterans and their families. Part 1 will cover congregational care, including acknowledging and celebrating the veteran's return; with the veteran's permission, conducting a welcome home celebration; using caring listening skills in communicating with the veteran; if needed, providing a safe place for the veteran to be able to debrief about his or her situation; taking care of the veteran's family during deployment; providing free marriage enrichment retreat for the veteran and spouse; being sensitive to and alert for signs of distress with the veteran and family members; and acquainting the veteran and family with resources available to them.

**2-6 The Communications Connection**

Sam Welch

Though our mission—to go and make disciples—remains the same today as it was for the first disciples, we live in a more broadly connected world. It is ever more challenging to make connections to effectively share our good news. This workshop will offer an interactive setting to introduce you to multiple media tools to enhance your church's ability to engage diverse communities. This class will use discussion, handouts, and video to highlight key components of effective Christian communication in our time.

**2-7 Advancing Hope Around the World: UM Missionaries & Their Ministries**

Karen Distefano

"Missionary" is one of the oldest and most honored offices of the Christian church, with origins found in Paul's writings in the New Testament. UM missionaries witness and serve in dramatically different locales and cultures and engage in a range of professions and activities. In this workshop, find out how your church can be actively involved in the work our missionaries do on our behalf. The class is great for anyone who wants to know more about how the UMC makes a difference around the world!

**2-8 Effective Financial Leadership**

Brenda Reed

Are finances running your church or is your church running the finances? This class is designed for the chairs of Finance Committees, new and old, to discuss the leadership role of the chair.

**2-9 Guiding People Into Ministry**

Shelley Daigle

This class will help pastors, PPR members, youth directors and other interested laity have

**1-13 Precious Memories: Oral Interviews and Local Church History**

Charlene Lingo

Local church historians and other laity interested in their church's history and church staff involved in maintaining official records and historical documents will benefit from this session. Information and materials about traditional programs and guidelines for preserving local church history will be provided. New this year will be a video presentation and discussion of oral interviews as a simple and yet compelling way to capture the history and heritage of your church and the "stories" of individuals who lived and helped shape its history.

conversations with people who are hearing God's call for a future in lay or ordained ministry. Did you know we have at least 17 possibilities for specific ministries in the UMC?

**2-10 Young Adult Ministries Council**

Adam Shahan

This class will be for all clergy and laity interested in knowing more about the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries and what it is doing to reach out to young adult laity and clergy across this conference. This class will provide opportunities to become involved in some of the new things that the Council will be doing beginning in 2012 to serve the needs of a larger and more diverse group of young adults.

**2-11 Congregations working with Veterans Part 2**

Joseph L. Lynch

Part 2 will cover pastoral care issues, including the emotional cycle of deployment; PTSD; traumatic brain injuries; suicide prevention; end of life issues, including bereavement and loss; chemical dependency, including self-medication, substance and alcohol abuse; domestic issues, including arguments, verbal, and physical abuse; military sexual trauma; crisis ministry; reintegration and resiliency.

**2-12 Worship Arithmetic – 1 + 1 + 1 = 7**

George Warren

George will describe how all the different parts of a worship service (hymns/praise songs, prayers, affirmations, drama, scripture, sermon, bulletin cover and room decor) need to all point to one message so that the effect of each component will build upon the last to have one clear message rather than a dozen different (and confusing) messages. The whole is definitely greater than the sum of the parts.

**Session 3 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.**

**3-1 UMW: What's It About**

Kathy Calderon

This class is for anyone interested in learning more about United Methodist Women. We will discuss who is a member and what does it mean in today's world. We will cover coming events and how they relate to the purpose.

**3-2 Next Step Evangelism for Medium Size Churches**

Rev. Ray Crawford

We will explore the dynamics involved in making disciples of Jesus Christ within the medium size church. In addition, we will discuss strategies for growing a medium size church into a large church.

**3-3 It Worked for Us: Successful Children's Programming**

Brittany Sky Stanley

We will have an open forum where we will discuss the most successful programming we have had in our children's ministry programs. I will bring my favorite ideas, and I hope you will bring yours to share as well! This class is for anyone who works with or supervises those who work with children, and are interested in bringing back new ideas for their congregations children and families.

**3-4 Web Ministry**

Dr. Charles Neff

Discover the online tools your church or ministry can tap into to harness the marketing power of the internet. Topics will include effective website design, using Facebook to connect your members, and strategic text messaging.

**3-5 Transforming Families: Making the Most of Confirmation!**

Frances Ibanez & Chris Herrin

Does your Confirmation program need a face lift? Have you given up on Confirmation altogether? Come to find out how to change your focus from just reaching youth to mentoring the entire families—from just adding members to transforming families.

**3-6 It Worked for Us Ideas/Models**

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**3-7 The Doctor Says It's Cancer**

Karen Distefano

A cancer diagnosis is a frightening experience. The individual may feel fear, uncertainty, anxiety, depression, anger, isolation and hopelessness—sometimes all at once! Family and friends, too, go through a wide range of feelings, including helplessness: we want to help, but we just don't know how. Having a cancer care ministry in your congregation can help bridge that abyss of despair and suffering. As Christians, we are called to minister to the sick. At the same time, however, we need to be very careful in how we interact with people who are experiencing a serious diagnosis.

**3-8 What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty**

George Warren

We will be exploring the book by the same name by Dr. Rubye Payne and Bill Ehlig. We will see why poor people behave in ways that seem strange to the mostly middle class folks in our churches. We will receive ways to effectively seek them out, minister to them, truly help them, and share the Gospel with them. This is the same workshop George offered last year plus additional insights from Rev. Jeff Jaynes, Director of Restore Hope Ministries in Tulsa.

**3-9 Accessibility Issues In the Local Church**

Hank Jenkins, Heather Scherer, Paula Steinbacher and Bob Barrett

Accessibility Audits are done by each local church, each year, at Charge Conference and many local churches realize (or don't) that their facilities (parking lot, entrances, bathrooms, fellowship halls, and even sanctuaries) are preventing certain people from being able to access these places. This workshop will provide stories, ideas, and resources for remedying some of the most common and easy-to-miss ways that local church buildings can become more accessible. The course will include both practical and theological ideas about the issue of accessibility.

**3-10 Our United Methodist Social Principles and Advocating for Justice**

Brian Mangan

Learning more about the Social Principles of the UMC and how you can be a voice for United Methodists through the UM-CAN network and their work to be an active voice for our state policy makers and beyond.

**3-11 United Methodist Men**

Bert Abia and District UMM Team

UM Men from our District will share some of the events we do together as a district and will also share "how to's" for starting and building an effective ministry with and by the United Methodist Men in your congregation.

**3-12 Membership Matters**

Cindy Robertson & Janelle Brammer

When members join our church the congregation promises to support newcomers in their spiritual life. This class will offer ideas for newcomer assimilation, including several ideas for Basic Christian/United Methodist Beliefs Classes perfect for new Christians or Methodists or those who have been a part of the UM Church, but who have never gone through confirmation.

**Youth Information**

Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders and tomorrow's leadership will require some very cool workshops! Bartlesville District Youth presents the coolest training ever for youth and adults! Each workshop will be a great time to learn, be, and grow.

Part one is workshops and faith journey opportunities for youth and adult youth leaders.

**Classes for youth include:**

- Games can teach?!
- Having a Relationship that is Pleasing to God
- Missions
- Labyrinth
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- A Discussion on Suicide
- Sacred Worship
- Loving Others
- Sharing Your Testimony
- Contemporary Music
- Calling to Ministry
- Youth Workers Training

Part two will be closing worship.

The cost is \$10 per youth. Registration will be done through your youth group. For questions and to register, contact Jamie Willis (918) 698-3558.