

GIC Workshops – Friday, February 26
Morning Session – 9-11 AM
Afternoon Session 2-4PM

40 Years of Miracles on the Mountain

Workshop Leader: Tayna Rains

Workshop Leader Bio: Tayna Rains is a lifelong member of Upper Sand Mountain Parish as a member of one of its local churches. Tayna came to be employed at USMP in October 2007, as the Ministry Center Coordinator, after having spent ten years in the counseling field working with mental illness and substance abuse. She became the Director in December 2008, becoming the first lay person to serve in this role. She is actively involved in local government, serving in her second term as Council Member in Dutton, where they have twice been given state awards for municipal achievement. Tayna has an 8 year old daughter, Claudessa, who is a 3rd grader at Dutton Elementary School.

Description: 2009 was a celebration of 40 years of the work that Upper Sand Mountain Parish has been doing to help take care of the people in a 1,000 square mile area of Jackson and DeKalb Counties. As we look back to what we have accomplished and forward to what we hope to be able to do, we know miracles are at work on the mountain. We will talk about new programs (Manna on the Mountain, Peace with Justice Grant program, and others) that have been initiated to help address systemic root causes of poverty and injustice.

Time: Friday Morning

Celebrating Missions- Near and Far

Workshop Leader: Saji Lukos

Workshop Leader Bio: Saji has a Master's degree in business and a Master of Divinity (missions) from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. Although Saji started as an accountant by choice, the irresistible will of God has transformed him into a servant and witness of the Gospel. Saji and his wife Moni responded to God's call for reaching Indians in India and worldwide by founding *Reaching Indian Ministries International* (RIMI) in the USA and *Mission India* (MI) in India.

Description: Saji will be addressing various aspects of his life and ministry such as; his personal encounter with God, transformation of his family from darkness to light, surrendering his personal ambitions and goals for God's call, the vision of RIMI, impact of RIMI in India and beyond, and finally challenging people to get involved in missions-thinking and doing missions locally and globally.

Time: Friday Morning

Fasting That God Honors

Workshop Leader: Phillip List

Workshop Leader Bio: Having lived 25 years, in Africa seeing among its people in times of famine, political unrest, or in economic prosperity, Philip List longs to see community transformations that affect "redemption and lift" on earth and promote values of life eternal.

Isaiah 58 will provide us a framework for Godly estimation of how His people could bring transformation to communities in disarray and we'll practice praying God's desires into human conditions.

Description: Let's re-evaluate together how God inspired believers could be relevant in current community crises, economic collapse, and social unrest. What kinds of changes will delight God to be honored with His favor?

Time: Friday Morning

God Loves His People

Workshop Leader: Dr. Francisco Roman Cruz Barrientos

Workshop Leader Bio: Dr. Cruz was born in the capital city of Tegucigalpa and was saved when he was 9 years old. Since that time he has been in the church of God in Honduras. 25 years ago God called Dr. Cruz and his family to serve Him as a medical doctor. In obedience to that call, Dr. Cruz and his family have been helping the poorest of his people as well as ministering to the church of God and their families. Currently, the Cruz's are dedicating time in developing an education project for those are living without opportunity.

Description: As Christians, one of the first demonstrations of being born again is to have the love of God. Prayer needs to become part of the lives of all believers. We commit ourselves know our God better and to fulfill this goal is through prayer and His Word. When we give our life to God we start a new life and our daily challenge is to grow up in the knowledge of the will of the Lord. Our first priority as Christian is talk with God. When we do this, we walk daily giving others the love we have received from God.

Time: Friday Morning

The Gospel through Radio

Workshop Leader: Thom Ewing

Workshop Leader Bio: Thom Ewing came to the Tennessee Valley in 2002 to begin the full power WAY-FM radio station as general manager. Previously he worked in public TV and radio, Christian TV and radio and other radio stations with various formats. Thom and his wife, Sue, live in Madison. They have a son, Jesse and a daughter, Amy and son-in-law, Evan

Description: Learn about WAY-FM, a contemporary Christian radio station that impacts our community's youth culture through radio, internet, local concerts and outreaches dedicated to resulting in changed lives.

Time: Friday Morning

Healing Prayer

Workshop Leader: Marjie Burger

Workshop Leader Bio: Marjie is the National Prayer Coordinator for Aldersgate Renewal Ministries. She teaches across the nation challenging the Body of Christ to seek greater intimacy with God through personal and corporate prayer. Her passion has led her to create numerous resources for individuals and churches. She is the author of **Lord, Teach us to Pray.**

Description: "Ministering Healing to the Whole Person" Learn more about God's desire to see the body of Christ healed in body, soul and spirit. Experience tools that will enable you to pray effectively for others.

Time: Friday Morning

How Can We Have Passionate Disciples in the Church?

Workshop Leaders: Robin Waldrop and Kym Williams

Workshop Leader Bios: *Robin* has a B.S. Degree in Business Management from the University of Alabama. Robin was in Sales and Marketing for over 20 years before she felt called to serve in the Member Life Ministry at Asbury. She combines this experience working passionately with people with the Member Development Life to help people take action and reach out.

Kym Williams has taken her skills and knowledge as a home school teacher to respond to the will of God as a Membership Coordinator serving new members. Because God has given her opportunities in recent years to share global mission experiences, this has helped her to have a passion for the lost both in the church and outside the church. Because of this, she seeks to be a witness to visitors and members in every venue the ministry has to offer.

Description: This workshop will look at ways to help members be Disciples and follow Jesus by taking action. All of us have a longing to make a difference in the lives of others. This workshop

will begin with active ways we demonstrate to new members and visitors about the vision of Asbury...Jesus, Prayer, Mission. Jesus teaches us the best way to express our love for God is by serving God by serving others. The workshop will then provide ideas to encourage members to continue their walk with Jesus by serving in ministry and missions throughout the year.

Time: Friday Morning

International Missions Forum

Workshop Leaders: Various Mission Partners working outside the United States

Description: You are invited to hear testimonies and learn about what God is doing through these mission agencies and individuals. This workshop will inspire and encourage you and your church to be the hands of Feet of Jesus outside the United States. You will have opportunity to meet these ministry leaders and learn how you can join them on mission with God.

Ministries include: His Hands Mission in Honduras, Voice of Liberty - Costa Rica, One Heart Ministry in Indonesia and Wycliffe Bible Translators

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Let's Go Visit Jesus

Workshop Leaders: Carlos Cunningham, John Ryberg and Mike Einhorn

Workshop Leaders Bios: Carlos is the leader of Voz de Libertad (Voice of Liberty) ministry based in Costa Rica. John serves as Associate Pastor at Asbury UMC and Mike Einhorn is the lay leader of prison ministry at Asbury.

Description: This is a "how to" workshop designed to help you answer Jesus' call to visit him in prison. (Matthew 25) You will learn about working in prison locally and internationally. Topics to be taught include, helping your church to get started in prison ministry, partnering with the Communities of Faith Network and the Alabama Department of Corrections, developing a partnership with international prison missionaries, and how to take a short term mission team to work in the prisons internationally. The workshop will conclude with a question and answer time.

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Local Missions Forum 1

Workshop Leaders: Various Mission Partners working in the United States

Description: You are invited to hear testimonies and learn about what God is doing through these mission agencies and individuals. This workshop will inspire and encourage you and your church to be the hands of Feet of Jesus in your neighborhood and beyond. Among the many things you will take away from this workshop, you will learn first-hand how to start a food pantry or a camp for kids in your neighborhood.

Ministries include: Asbury Community Thrift Store, Asbury Food Pantry, I AM Sports Camp, Jehovah Jireh (305 8th Street Group Home).

Time: Friday Morning

Preparing for Biblical Ministry in a Godless Society

Workshop Leader: Dr. Darwin (Doc) Overholt

Workshop Leader Bio: Doc has been teaching and preaching God's word for more than 43 years. God has called Doc to be the pastor of three Churches, administrator of a youth ministry and the director of two Rescue missions in that time period. Doc has a BS from Houghton College, a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry Degree from Trinity theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana.

Description: Godly Leadership deals with Biblical principles that move us towards a holy character which manifests itself in holy living and teaching. God is more interested in our "being" than in our "doing." My hope is that this course will help us be "more like the Master."

Time: Friday Morning

Serving to Empower

Workshop Leader: Dr. Florence Muindi

Workshop Leader Bio: Dr. Florence Muindi has served as a medical missionary since 1989, working extensively throughout Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan. Florence is married to Festus and they have two teenage boys, Jay and Kyalo. She is the founder and President of Life in Abundance International, a non-profit religious organization committed to bringing health to the poor through the local church.

Description: Explore the biblical, missiological and practical aspects of serving the world's poorest communities in a transformational way. This workshop will enlighten the participants toward an emerging mission strategy; to empower the local churches to meet the physical as well as spiritual needs of their neighbors. Come and learn the new paradigm of missiology: empowerment.

Time: Friday Morning AND Saturday Afternoon

The United Methodist Children's Home: Mission Opportunities

Workshop Leader: Kristen Webb

Workshop Leader Bio: Kristen is employed by United Methodist Children's Home for 3 years and currently serves as Northern Regional Director. She has 10 years of experience in Child Welfare. Kristen has been a member of First UMC of Pace for 18 years.

Description: Come learn more about the United Methodist Children's Home: its mission, ministry. Allow God to inspire you as Kristen shares ways you can serve.

Time: Friday Morning

Personal Prayer Retreat

Workshop Leader: Jan Niel

Workshop Leader Bio: Jan Niel serves as the Prayer Ministries Director at Frazer UMC and has been on staff in that capacity since 1996. In 1987, the Lord called Jan to a ministry of intercessory prayer and has allowed her to conduct prayer seminars in churches throughout the country. She has also been involved in the coordination of regional and community prayer events. Jan serves on the board of the Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship which is a community based multi-denominational ministry designed to promote unity in her city. The desire of Jan's heart is to teach God's people to pray according to the biblical principles He has given us.

Description: Often our busy lives and ministries cause us to lose clear focus and purpose. Learn how to refocus and reconnect with the Lord through a Personal Prayer Retreat. It is as simple as having a willing heart, a private place and uninterrupted time. This session will give you practical ways to plan your Prayer Retreat and allow you to actually experience a brief period of retreat within the workshop itself.

Time: Friday Morning AND Saturday Afternoon

The Jewish People – God's Key to Worldwide Missions

Workshop Leader: David Brickner

Workshop Leader Bio: David is Executive Director of Jews for Jesus. A fifth-generation Jewish believer in Jesus, he has appeared on secular television and radio programs to make the case for Jews believing in Jesus, including the internationally syndicated program *Larry King Live*. He is the author of four books, including his latest, *Christ in the Feast of Pentecost*. David holds an M.A., in Missiology, with concentration in Jewish Evangelism/Judaic Studies, from the Fuller School of World Mission in Pasadena, CA. He also earned a diploma in Jewish and Modern and Israel Studies from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL, and a B.A. in Judaica with a minor in music from Northeastern Illinois University in conjunction with Spertus College of Judaica.

Description: Learn how to witness to Jewish people.

Time: Friday Morning AND Friday Afternoon

Jesus' Plan for Global Outreach

Workshop Leader: Stan Self

Workshop Leader Bio: After thirty-seven years in management with BellSouth, Stan took early retirement to join the staff of The Mission Society. He currently serves in the Ministry Operations division of The Mission Society as Senior Director of Church Ministry. His duties include directing the church mobilization efforts to assist local churches to be strategically engaged in reaching the world for Christ. Additionally, Stan oversees missionary itineration and the Missions Representative program.

Description: If Jesus had a plan for your local church to engage in global outreach, what would it be? Interestingly, he has such a plan and it will work in your church. This workshop will help you discover the basic elements of this plan, how you can make it your own, and how you can begin the process of engaging your entire congregation in reaching your community, nation, and world.

Time: Friday Morning AND Saturday Afternoon

Crossing Cultural Barriers with the Gospel

Workshop Leader: Dr. Darrell Whiteman

Workshop Leader Bio: Dr. Whiteman is the Resident Missiologist at the Mission Society. Dr. Whiteman served as a missionary for nine years and a professor for twenty-one years before joining The Mission Society. He combines his experience in the field and the classroom to develop curriculum of theological and missiological training for national church leaders that does not rely on formal seminary training.

Description: Communicating the Gospel from one person to another in our own culture is often a challenge. How do we tell people about Jesus in ways that will make sense to them when their culture and worldview are so different from ours? This workshop begins by looking at the Incarnation as a biblical model for cross-cultural ministry and then gives practical guidance on how to communicate the Good News so that it is truly good and not bad or irrelevant news to people who are culturally different from us.

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Description: A prevailing temptation in the local church is to substitute busyness for the priority of seeking the presence of Jesus. The work of the church is kingdom work to the extent that the Body of Christ is rooted and grounded in loving communion with God. This is the most important priority of the spiritual leadership within the church.

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Developing a Mission-Minded Children's Ministry

Workshop Leader: Julie Durling

Workshop Leader Bio: Julie Durling is the Director of Children's Ministries at Asbury United Methodist Church. Julie oversees a ministry of over a thousand children and a team of 350 volunteers. Her passion is to encourage children to be conformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Julie has ministered to children since the age of 14 when she trained to be a kindergarten

Sunday School Teacher at her local Methodist church in Sunderland, England. Julie has ministered to children in Kenya, Costa Rica, India, China and Indonesia. Before coming to the USA, Julie was a trainer for the Methodist Church in the London area where she trained both children's and youth workers. Julie is married to Russ, who leads Asbury's Healing Prayer Ministry and they have 2 grown children, Sarah and Mark.

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Discipleship and the Advancement of the Gospel in Peru

Workshop Leader: Arthur Ivey

Workshop Leader Bio: Arthur is a registered professional engineer and worked in the engineering profession for 20 years prior to being called to Peru. Mary Alice is a teacher and homemaker. Both left their practices in 2000 to respond to God's call to minister in Peru. They have been serving in Peru since that time with The Mission Society as Field Coordinators for the work in Peru. The ministry is varied and includes: discipleship, children's ministries, leadership development, short term team coordination, and evangelism.

Description: We will present discipleship and children's ministries and how they are functioning within the varied cultures and language groups in Peru to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in accordance with the Matthew 28:18-20. We will discuss differences and similarities in the methods used and what might be considered traditional methodologies. We will also like to look at the idea of "common ground" and how this concept functions within our ministry here with reference to Acts 15.

Time: Friday Afternoon

Evangelism and Mission

Workshop Leader: John Bailey

Workshop Leader Bio: John Bailey has been serving in the mission office at Asbury since 2005. He currently serves the Lord at Asbury United Methodist Church as the Director of Missions. John and his wife Laurel have two children. As one of the lost sheep who was found, John knows the Father's passion for the lost first hand. The Father has given John the passion to see the captives set free, the blind eyes opened and the brokenhearted healed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Description: What is the relationship between Mission and Evangelism? Can the two be separated? Should the two be separate ministries? Is meeting the spiritual needs of those we are sent to serve superior to meeting the physical needs? What do we mean when we talk about "holistic mission?" Let's discuss these and related issues together and seek God's perspective on the relationship between Mission and Evangelism.

Time: Friday Afternoon

Finding God's Vision for Your Life

Workshop Leader: Wes Griffin

Workshop Leader Bio: Wes and Joy Griffin, co-founders of the International Leadership Institute (ILI), accelerate the spread of the Gospel by training leaders and changing lives around the world. Each year, more than 300 conferences equip over 10,000 leaders with advanced training in leadership, evangelism, and multiplication. Alumni serve on the cutting edge of evangelism in more than 50 nations speaking more than 200 languages. Wes and Joy are joined in ministry by their teenage children, Hannah and Caleb.

Description: God has a plan for each of us. This plan is revealed through discovering God's vision for your life. Wes Griffin will use his personal experience to help you discern God's call on

your life. He will also provide practical instructions to help you move forward into the future that God has for you.

Time: Friday Afternoon

The Incarnational Model - Reflecting the Image and Likeness of God to Those around Us

Workshop Leader: Terry and Karla Smith

Workshop Leader Bio: Terry and Karla Smith have served for over 23 years with Wycliffe Bible translators among the Quechua Panao people of Peru. Their work has focused on translating the New Testament in the Quechua Panao language. In fall of 2010 the Quechua New Testament will be dedicated. Terry and Karla have lived incarnationally among the Quechua and have endured many trials for their work of bringing God's word to this neglected people.

Description: Based on the books of Hebrews and John, we will look at examples from the prophets of old to Jesus to our world today where God has revealed His heart and has exposed the human heart. Terry and Karla will pull examples from over twenty years experience living incarnationally among the Quechua Panao people in Peru and will encourage us to see God's heart and to have our hearts exposed through the Holy Spirit.

Time: Friday Afternoon AND Saturday Morning

Benevolence Ministry Workshop

Workshop Leaders: Gayla Kidd, Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP); Larry and Deborah Ward, Inside-Out Ministries, Inc. (IOM)

Workshop Leaders Bios: *Gayla* was born in Winston County Alabama and returned to her roots twenty-five years ago having grown up in South Florida. Gayla is an alumnus of Wesleyan College. She has been involved with non-profit work for over thirty years with much of that time spent working with domestic violence and child abuse. *Larry and Deborah* grew up in Hartselle, Alabama and moved to Madison in 1988 with their two daughters, Alyson and Amy. They have been involved with the community through various activities and leadership roles. They have partnered with several churches and organizations to reach out in the community for years. Now they are serving the community through the newly established compassion, relief and outreach ministry they founded in January of 2008.

Description: This workshop will highlight HAP and IOM. HAP has been in existence for seven years, having started with seven churches and now has 70 partner churches. HAP serves persons in Huntsville city and Madison County with financial needs such as rent, utilities, etc. as well as job referrals, counseling referrals and finding home churches for those not presently attending a church. IOM. is dedicated to serving people in Madison city and Western Madison County with basic needs, but also offering hope for lasting change through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Time: Friday Afternoon

Nudge Evangelism

Workshop Leader: Leonard Sweet

Workshop Leader Bio: Currently occupying the E. Stanley Jones Chair of Evangelism, Leonard served from 1995 to 2001 as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Theological School at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. He is also a Visiting Distinguished Professor at George Fox University in Portland, Oregon, and President Emeritus of United Theological Seminary. He is a weekly contributor to the online preaching resource, *sermons.com* and is the author of more than two hundred articles, 1200 published sermons and almost forty books.

Description: Pay attention – every bush is burning.

Times: Friday Afternoon

Poverty: Why Should Christians Care?

Workshop Leader: Rev. Tom Duley

Workshop Leader Bio: The Rev. Tom Duley is an ordained Elder of the North Alabama Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He serves as the Executive Director of Urban Ministry Inc. in Birmingham, AL. Rev. Duley has a long history of working in the area of missions and social justice both within congregational settings and outside them.

Description: This workshop will look at the issue of poverty from a social and Biblical perspective. Participants will have a better understanding of why poverty exists, and what the personal and social costs of poverty are. Participants will also come to better understand Jesus' teachings on poverty and why His followers are called to a life of involvement with those who are poor.

Times: Friday Afternoon AND Saturday Morning

Praying for a Person of Peace

Workshop Leader: Moises Vega

Workshop Leader Bio: Moises Vega serves with e3 Partners as the National Director of Panama. Moises has served in Panama since 1996. Moises has worked with two people groups, the Ngobe or Guaymi and the Nasso or Teribe People, as well as with Latin Churches. The work has expanded to Costa Rica and El Salvador, a work based in 2 Timothy 2:2. Since 1996 more than 1000 precious brothers and sisters from U.S. have joined with Panamanian churches. Together they have seen more than 14,600 souls go from darkness to Light.

Description: Moises will explore the Lord's instructions, based on Luke 10:5-7, as he sends His disciples out to be His witnesses in the world. A key component that Moises will explore is the principle of binding the enemy as we go forth to be His witnesses.

Times: Friday Afternoon

The Problems Facing Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Kenya

Workshop Leader: Pastor Julius Mbaya Makathimo

Workshop Leader Bio: Pastor Julius is District Superintendent, Komarock Circuit, Nairobi Synod, Methodist Church in Kenya and Pastor of Ngong Methodist Church

Description: Quest for Happiness Ministry hopes to establish a center where children can receive food, counseling, caring and guidance on a daily basis in the Kamarock neighborhood of Nairobi, Kenya. Pastor Julius will share the vision of this ministry to provide for the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of these orphans in Kenya.

Time: Friday Afternoon

Rekindling our First Love

Workshop Leader: Terry Teykl

Workshop Leader Bio: Terry Teykl's warm, humorous style makes him one of the most sought after speakers and seminar leaders in the country. Terry pastored local churches for 28 years. In 1987, God spoke to Terry and told him to "build the church in prayer." Since that time he has been teaching churches across the country how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit.

Description: Based on a study of the book of Ephesians, Terry will teach us how to pray for others and yourself to return to your first love for Jesus.

Time: Friday Afternoon

The Role of Prayer in Mission

Workshop Leader: Marcos Wittig

Workshop Leader Bio: Marcos Wittig was born into a missionary home in the country of Colombia. In 1976 he graduated from Asbury College with a B.A. in Education, and considered that God was calling him into missions. Then, after spending a year in Spain working in street evangelism, he entered Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in order to better prepare himself for

mission work. While at Trinity, he founded a Hispanic church in Chicago, and after graduating in 1982 with a M.Div., he continued to pastor the church. In 1984, he joined OMS International with the call to teach at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia in Medellin. This he has done since 1986, teaching mostly in the area of Missions and Evangelism. Marcos also has founded a sports ministry and has been involved in various church planting projects. He has three grown children and two grandchildren.

Description: From start to finish in the mission of Christ, according to the Gospels, prayer is the key. This workshop will illustrate this fact through a study of Scripture, and will also look closely at the question: "What is intercession and why is it important, biblically, for the missionary task?" Our workshop leader, Marcos Wittig, will guide us through this study, also adding examples and fascinating stories of the role of prayer in mission history.

Time: Friday Afternoon

Prayer, Praise and Worship at the Storehouse

Description: Spend 90 minutes in prayer and worship at the Storehouse.

Friday Time: Vans will leave Friday at 9 AM and return at 11AM and then leave again at 2 PM and return at 4PM.

Developing a Mission Minded Youth Ministry

Workshop Leader: Peter Dahlin

Workshop Leader Bio: Peter serves as the Director of Fathom Ministries, the youth ministry at Asbury United Methodist Church. Peter and his wife, Rhonda have two children, Pierson and Sydney. Peter has established a culture in Fathom where serving is a core value. Peter believes his students have many gifts and talents given by God and he and his team create an environment where youth can use those talents and abilities for the glory of God.

Description: Children and youth who participate in God's mission may have their life changed forever. Learn how to structure short-term mission trips to accommodate, and protect, children and youth while allowing them to reach out to others.

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Morning Session 9-11 AM

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Bible Scripture Praises, Exaltation, and Intercession

Workshop Leader: Mike and Mary Wagner

Workshop Leader Bio: Mike and Mary Wagner are representatives of e3 Partners. They labor faithfully to build teams of churches in the work of equipping, evangelizing and establishing the local church, using innovative tools developed within their mission organization, including the Evangecube.

Description: This workshop will look at the prayer of praise and exaltation as well as prayers of intercession. Mike and Mary will pull from Scripture and years of experience as sold-out disciples of Jesus Christ.

Time: Saturday Morning

The Changing Face of Mission in the 21st Century

Workshop Leader: Rev. Matt Lacey

Workshop Leader Bio: Rev. Matt Lacey is the Director of Mission and Advocacy for the North Alabama Conference of the UMC. He graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in 2005 with a degree of Religion, and from Candler School of Theology at Emory in 2008 with a Masters of Divinity. During his time at both BSC and Emory, Matt extensively studied nonviolent strategies and Christian missions.

Description: The workshop is meant to explore the new challenges and possibilities that have risen as the church has moved into the 21st century. Many of the places we are visiting now, in the mission field, already have established churches and ministries; how do we interact with them? It will also seek to engage how we, as Christians and United Methodists, should approach evangelism in this more-connected and changing world.

Time: Saturday Morning

Created to Commune With God

Workshop Leader: Bess Russell

Workshop Leader Bio: Bess Russell is a RN serving with the Mission Society in the Upper West Region of Ghana, W. Africa. She, her husband, Rev. John Russell, and two children work along side the Ghana Methodist Church evangelizing and discipling the people groups in and around the Regional Capital, Wa. They host medical/evangelical work teams from Asbury UMC and have assisted the local church societies in planting churches, constructing new worship buildings, supporting church leaders in their areas of ministry, as well as offering medical care in villages that are either too far from a clinic or cannot afford healthcare.

Description: Come hear testimonies of "yes", "no", and "wait" answers to prayers on and off the mission field of northern Ghana. Be encouraged by examples of obedience in response to God's instructions given during times of intimate communion with our Heavenly Father. And be blessed by scripture that emphasizes God's desire to have an intimate relationship with Him through prayer.

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Getting on the Mission Field, from Called to Sent

Workshop Leaders:

The Tatum Family and the Loggins Family

Workshop Leader Bios: Bryan and Beth Tatum are serving the Lord as missionaries to orphans in Costa Rica with the Mission Society. Gary and Suzanne Loggins are preparing to leave very soon for the mission field in Honduras where they will serve in a medical ministry and evangelistic ministry with the Church of God World Missions.

Description: Learn the details of the process of getting on the mission field in a long-term, cross-cultural setting. Hear first hand accounts from two families who are in the process now. Be inspired by testimonies of God's provision for those who have said, "Here am I, send me."

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Holiness unto The Lord

Worship Leader: Leonard Sweet

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Description: Learn why clean hearts and dirty hands go together.

Time: Saturday Morning

How Jesus Would Serve Our At-risk Youth and Families

Workshop Leader: Melvin Allen

Workshop Leader Bio: Melvin Grew up in Harvest, AL and graduated from Jacksonville State University with a BS in Social Work. Melvin Retired in 2008 from Boys & Girls Clubs of America after 20 years of service. He is currently serving as Director and Founder of Battlefield Ministries, Inc. He is married to Sylvia for 24 years, and has two adult children and 3 adopted children.

Description: Battlefield Ministries, Inc. is attempting to become a full service ministry within one of Madison County's most high risk areas. The facility has 13,000 sf. with a computer lab, Education room, gymnasium/skating rink, games room, cafeteria, Thrift Store and produce shed. Services offered are: Academy for Pre-k3 thru 1st grade, After-school and summer camp, GED, Bible Study and worship, Senior Center and Gardening. Our Motto: "Leading individuals to Christ, the Conqueror."

Time: Saturday Morning

The Incarnational Model - Reflecting the Image and Likeness of God to Those around Us

Workshop Leader: Terry and Karla Smith

Workshop Leader Bio: Terry and Karla Smith have served for over 23 years with Wycliffe Bible translators among the Quechua Panao people of Peru. Their work has focused on translating the New Testament in the Quechua Panao language. In fall of 2010 the Quechua New Testament

will be dedicated. Terry and Karla have lived incarnationally among the Quechua and have endured many trials for their work of bringing God's word to this neglected people.

Description: Based on the books of Hebrews and John, we will look at examples from the prophets of old to Jesus to our world today where God has revealed His heart and has exposed the human heart. Terry and Karla will pull examples from over twenty years experience living incarnationally among the Quechua Pano people in Peru and will encourage us to see God's heart and to have our hearts exposed through the Holy Spirit.

Times: Friday Afternoon AND Saturday Morning

The "Most Wanted" List – How to Pray for the Lost

Workshop Leader: Terry Teykl

Workshop Leader Bio: Terry Teykl's warm, humorous style makes him one of the most sought after speakers and seminar leaders in the country. Terry pastored local churches for 28 years. In 1987, God spoke to Terry and told him to "build the church in prayer." Since that time he has been teaching churches across the country how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit.

Description: Terry will teach us how to develop a passion in our hearts for those who don't know Jesus. You will learn how to pray for the lost and hear amazing stories of how your prayers can move God's heart for those who are far from Him.

Time: Saturday Morning

Poverty: Why Should Christians Care?

Workshop Leader: Rev. Tom Duley

Workshop Leader Bio: The Rev. Tom Duley is an ordained Elder of the North Alabama Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He serves as the Executive Director of Urban Ministry Inc. in Birmingham, AL. Rev. Duley has a long history of working in the area of missions and social justice both within congregational settings and outside them.

Description: This workshop will look at the issue of poverty from a social and Biblical perspective. Participants will have a better understanding of why poverty exists, and what the personal and social costs of poverty are. Participants will also come to better understand Jesus' teachings on poverty and why His followers are called to a life of involvement with those who are poor.

Times: Friday afternoon AND Saturday Morning

Praying for the Persecuted Church, the Forgotten Family of God

Workshop Leaders: Hugh and Donna Smith

Workshop Leader Bio: Hugh and Donna Smith live in Lima, NY where Hugh has been a teacher at Elim Bible Institute for twenty-two years. They have made many trips overseas, teaching and ministering in more than two dozen countries where believers are persecuted. Eight years ago they became volunteers for The Voice of the Martyrs. They have traveled some 125,000 miles and shared about the suffering church over seven hundred, times across America. Their goal is to encourage Christians in the West to "be a voice for those who have no voice."

Description: Every day some 200 million Christians in 50 - 60 countries are severely persecuted for their faith. They do not want our sympathy. They especially want our prayer support. This workshop will help you familiarize yourself with the needs of the underground church and how to effectively pray for them.

Time: Saturday Morning

Praying Scripture

Workshop Leader: Annie

Workshop Leader Bio: Annie is the founder of Pishon Family Ministry, a multifaceted ministry serving in China that includes children's ministry, Orphanage ministry and equipping the body of Christ in China through resources from the US and other countries.

Description: Learn how to meditate on and pray the Word of God. Make His petitions your petitions. Ask and expect to receive God's heart through praying the Scriptures.

Time: Saturday Morning

Seeking God for Opportunities to Share Jesus in a Challenging Setting

Workshop Leader: Edward* (name changed for security purposes)

Workshop Leader Bio: More than 17 years ago, Edward graduated from medical school and he decided to serve God. Edward and his family have been working during this time to show the love of Christ and to bring healing to the poor. Edward and his family are currently serving the Lord in North Africa.

Description: Edward will share testimonies and tell amazing stories of how God has provided opportunities to share Jesus in a hostile situation. This workshop will focus on how the Holy Spirit guides us through prayer and fasting to know how to be His witnesses in settings that require Divine revelation.

Time: Saturday Morning

Two Key Components of Prayer...Faith and Forgiveness

Workshop Leader: Donna Landers

Workshop Leader Bio: Donna Landers has served as Executive Director of Choose Life of North Alabama, Inc. since 1999. Donna has a bachelor's degree in business administration and worked as a supervisor for Motorola, Inc. many years prior to coming to Choose Life as a volunteer counselor. Under her leadership, Choose Life started six new programs and provides services to over 3,500 clients each year. Donna also serves with her husband Leroy, the pastor of Christ Way Baptist Church in Harvest. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Description: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1" Our crying and begging God in prayer does not move Him on our behalf or the fact that we have a need. What moves God is our faith. What is faith? How is faith increased? What is the difference between head faith and heart faith? "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." (Mark 11:25) No one is immune to offense and hurt. What is forgiveness? Why is it important for my prayer life? Does forgiving someone mean that I have to reconcile with that individual? Does it mean that when I forgive someone that I am releasing them from the responsibility of their actions?

Time: Saturday Morning

Crossing Cultural Barriers with the Gospel

Workshop Leader: Dr. Darrell Whiteman

Workshop Leader Bio: Dr. Whiteman is the Resident Missiologist at the Mission Society. Dr. Whiteman served as a missionary for nine years and a professor for twenty-one years before joining The Mission Society. He combines his experience in the field and the classroom to develop curriculum of theological and missiological training for national church leaders that does not rely on formal seminary training.

Description: Communicating the Gospel from one person to another in our own culture is often a challenge. How do we tell people about Jesus in ways that will make sense to them when their culture and worldview are so different from ours? This workshop begins by looking at the Incarnation as a biblical model for cross-cultural ministry and then gives practical guidance on how to communicate the Good News so that it is truly good and not bad or irrelevant news to people who are culturally different from us.

Times: Friday Afternoon AND Saturday Afternoon

Developing a Mission Minded Youth Ministry

Workshop Leader: Peter Dahlin

Workshop Leader Bio: Peter serves as the Director of Fathom Ministries, the youth ministry at Asbury United Methodist Church. Peter and his wife, Rhonda have two children, Pierson and Sydney. Peter has established a culture in Fathom where serving is a core value. Peter believes his students have many gifts and talents given by God and he and his team create an environment where youth can use those talents and abilities for the glory of God.

Description: Children and youth who participate in God's mission may have their life changed forever. Learn how to structure short-term mission trips to accommodate, and protect, children and youth while allowing them to reach out to others.

Time: Friday Afternoon AND Saturday Afternoon

How to be a "Perfect Player"

Workshop Leader: Leonard Sweet

Workshop Leader: Currently occupying the E. Stanley Jones Chair of Evangelism, Leonard served from 1995 to 2001 as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Theological School at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. He is also a Visiting Distinguished Professor at George Fox University in Portland, Oregon, and President Emeritus of United Theological Seminary. He is a weekly contributor to the online preaching resource, *sermons.com* and is the author of more than two hundred articles, 1200 published sermons and almost forty books.

Description: A Theology of Football

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Jesus' Plan for Global Outreach

Workshop Leader: Stan Self

Workshop Leader Bio: After thirty-seven years in management with BellSouth, Stan took early retirement to join the staff of The Mission Society. He currently serves in the Ministry Operations division of The Mission Society as Senior Director of Church Ministry. His duties include directing the church mobilization efforts to assist local churches to be strategically engaged in reaching the world for Christ. Additionally, Stan oversees missionary itineration and the Missions Representative program.

Description: If Jesus had a plan for your local church to engage in global outreach, what would it be? Interestingly, he has such a plan and it will work in your church. This workshop will help you discover the basic elements of this plan, how you can make it your own, and how you can begin the process of engaging your entire congregation in reaching your community, nation, and world.

Times: Friday Morning AND Saturday Afternoon

Learning To Pray For Others. Intercessory Prayer 101

Workshop Leader: Pastor John Ryberg

Workshop Leader: John was raised in a very religious Roman Catholic family. John and his brothers were taught the Christian faith from our earliest years. John fell away from God in his late teens and early twenties, but God began to woo John back through my incredible wife, Beth. John and Beth have one amazing daughter, Sarah who is in her first year of college at UAH. At the age of thirty five, John attended the Walk to Emmaus, where he committed my life to Jesus. What a journey it has been since then! Beth and John left the restaurant business in 1999 we have been working for the church ever since. Beth is the Food Services Manager and John is in his seventh year of appointment as a pastor after working as the Church Administrator for five years. The first thing Pastor Alan stressed to John as a newly committed Christian was the importance of developing a life of prayer. Prayer is the basis for everything John seeks to do for the Lord and it is the place where we get to know God more deeply every day.

Description: The workshop is based on Terry Teykl's book *Praying Grace*. We will explore the model presented in Terry's book and sharpen our skills in praying for others by ushering them

into the presence of God. A very important principle of intercessory prayer is the “One Moment Principle.” We know that God can do more in a moment to help a person, than we can accomplish in a lifetime of action. The subject of intercessory prayer is far deeper than can be covered in one workshop, but you will have a basic model for prayer and hopefully a renewed passion to seek God in prayer.

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Local Missions Forum 2

Workshop Leaders: Various Mission Partners working in the United States

Workshop Description: You are invited to hear testimonies and learn about what God is doing through these mission agencies and individuals. This workshop will inspire and encourage you and your church to be the hands of Feet of Jesus in your neighborhood and beyond. You will have an opportunity to build relationship with and learn how you and your church can be involved in these ministries.

Ministries include: Christian Women’s Job Corp, United Methodist Residential Alternatives, Redbird, and Morningside Ministry

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Ministering Cross-Culturally in America: How to Respond When the World Comes to You

Workshop Leaders: Jay and Tiffany Taylor

Workshop Leader Bios: Jay and Tiffany Taylor, along with their four children, serve with Mission to the World reaching out to Atlanta’s refugee community as they live among displaced and persecuted people from around the world.

Description: Today’s Christian has an unprecedented opportunity to go into all the world—without leaving home. As the world comes to us, “Love Thy Neighbor” has become a command interwoven with “the Great Commission”. How do we live as a witness for Christ in a way that transcends cultural, religious and ethnic barriers? Jay Taylor will explore practical ways to serve America’s international community with sensitivity and humility.

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Personal Prayer Retreat

Workshop Leader: Jan Niel

Workshop Leader Bio: Jan Niel serves as the Prayer Ministries Director at Frazer UMC and has been on staff in that capacity since 1996. In 1987, the Lord called Jan to a ministry of intercessory prayer and has allowed her to conduct prayer seminars in churches throughout the country. She has also been involved in the coordination of regional and community prayer events. Jan serves on the board of the Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship which is a community based multi-denominational ministry designed to promote unity in her city. The desire of Jan’s heart is to teach God’s people to pray according to the biblical principles He has given us.

Description: Often our busy lives and ministries cause us to lose clear focus and purpose. Learn how to refocus and reconnect with the Lord through a Personal Prayer Retreat. It is as simple as having a willing heart, a private place and uninterrupted time. This session will give you practical ways to plan your Prayer Retreat and allow you to actually experience a brief period of retreat within the workshop itself.

Times: Friday Morning AND Saturday Afternoon

The Power of the Prayer Team

Workshop Leader: John Bailey

Workshop Leader Bio: John Bailey has been serving in the mission office at Asbury since 2005. He currently serves the Lord at Asbury United Methodist Church as the Director of Missions. John and his wife Laurel have two children. As one of the lost sheep who was found, John knows the Father's passion for the lost first hand. The Father has given John the passion to see the captives set free, the blind eyes opened and the brokenhearted healed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Description: Deliberate, focused, "team" prayer has transformed our mission efforts at Asbury in a powerful way. Currently we require that every new mission initiative at Asbury arise out of a prayer team. In this session we will learn how to seek God for where He is working in the world and expect Him to reveal how we can join Him. Learn practical lessons of how to form and lead a prayer team and to discern when God is directing you to GO.

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Prayer and Fasting

Workshop Leader: Pastor Jimmy Aycock

Workshop Leader Bio: Jimmy Aycock is one of four associate pastors serving on the staff of Asbury UMC. He has served as a pastor in the North Alabama Conference for 26 years and on Asbury's staff since 2000. He and his wife, Ann, have been married for 25 years and have four children.

Description: Fasting is the often neglected spiritual discipline. This workshop explores fasting as a gateway to greater intimacy with God; not as an end in itself. Jimmy will look at the call to fast, reasons to fast, reasons not to fast, how to fast and the benefits of fasting.

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Prayer that Changes Lives

Workshop Leader: Mike Mozley

Workshop Leader Bio: The Mozley family, Michael, Claire, Anna, Maggie and Luke has served the Lord in Ghana, West Africa since 1999. Their mission is to see indigenous leaders raised up who have a heart for the unreached. Their passion is to encourage these leaders to carry out the Great Commission throughout Africa and beyond. Michael serves as The Mission Society's Regional Coordinator for Africa, working with Mission Society missionaries in Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, and Zambia. Claire works with Bible Club ministries and trains children's ministry workers and serves as Missionary Care representative for the Mission Society's Ghana field.

Description: Prayer is the most vital lifeline for a missionary serving on the field. It is the glue that holds us together by the Spirit of God. Prayer is God's two way communication with His beloved creation, US! Michael Mozley will give an in depth description of what prayer really is and why every Christian should be utilizing this powerful gift that God gave us to communicate with Him. Secondly, prayer is a tool that God uses for us to break through into people's lives to leverage God's spirit into difficult situations. Michael will share incredible stories of how prayer has changed his life and ministry.

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Reaching a Generation of Youth for Jesus Christ

Workshop Leader: Benny Proffitt

Workshop Leader Bio: Benny Proffitt is a native of Tennessee. He graduated from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee and Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He taught high school and coached basketball for eight years while serving as a bi-vocational youth pastor. Benny served as a local church youth pastor for 27 years. Benny's experience as both a high school teacher and a youth minister birthed the vision that led him to start the ministry of First Priority. The past 10 years he has traveled and spoken, nationally and internationally. He has done training in over 800 cities in America covering all 50 states sharing the vision and strategy of First Priority. Benny has appeared on CNN, ABC News, TBN, and various local Christian and family channels. He also had a feature article in Time Magazine. Benny has

authored books, training manuals and many articles designed to support a city-wide youth ministry strategy focused on successful local church disciple-making, student-led campus ministry and cooperative community evangelism. Seeing the Church united in a city, committed to reach the next generation for Christ is his heart's cry and passion. Benny and his wife Marilou have been married 33 years and have three children and five grandchildren. They currently reside in Brentwood, Tennessee and attend Brentwood Baptist Church.

Description: Our nation is in trouble! The only way to see our country continue to have God's blessing, protection, and provision, is to reach a generation for Christ. That generation will then build a culture that will honor God, produce citizens with Christ-like virtue and Godly character. That will be a nation that God can bless!

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Serving to Empower

Workshop Leader: Dr. Florence Muindi

Workshop Leader Bio: Dr. Florence Muindi has served as a medical missionary since 1989, working extensively throughout Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan. She is the founder and President of Life in Abundance International, a non-profit religious organization committed to bringing health to the poor through the local church.

Description: Explore the biblical, missiological and practical aspects of serving the world's poorest communities in a transformational way. This workshop will enlighten the participants toward an emerging mission strategy: to empower the local churches to meet the physical as well as spiritual needs of their neighbors. Come and learn the new paradigm of missiology: empowerment.

Times: Friday morning AND Saturday Afternoon

"Should I Invite You to Dinner?" - Challenges and Blessings of Church/Missionary Relationships in a Shrinking Global Context

Workshop Leader: Ray Zirkel

Workshop Leader Bio: Ray has been a missionary with the Methodist Church in Costa Rica since 1995. He serves as a seminary professor, president of the board of the Methodist School, member of the General Board of the church; and, he is currently working with short-term mission teams from UM churches to build a Children's Worship Center and Costa Rica's first Methodist Children's Home.

Description: This workshop will examine how the traditional structures (support/communication links) between sponsoring agencies and missionaries are being redefined while the traditional "image" of missionaries often has remained the same. Inevitably this can lead to some challenging dynamics for both churches and those serving in their name. We will explore some helpful starting points to ease the stress from both ends and build upon the positive elements of this changing relational landscape.

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Three Crucial Questions in a Christians Financial/Estate Plan

Workshop Leader: Steve Nickel

Workshop Leader Bio: Steve serves as Senior Gift Planning Counsel with Samaritan's Purse of Boone, NC. He is an elder at Alliance Bible Fellowship there, and preaches most Sundays at Campbell Memorial Chapel near Boone. He has helped people to connect with God's work in meaningful ways through gift and estate planning at Back to the Bible, Lincoln, NE (1977-2001) and Samaritan's Purse since 2001. He earned business and law degrees from the University of Nebraska and is a lifetime student of the Scriptures. He and Wanda married in 1975 and have four children.

Description: Many believers have given little thought to what a Christian financial and estate plan looks like. We'll explore several key questions whose answers hold great potential for

unlocking the gateway leading from success to significance. These practical questions could make the difference between a legacy of gold, silver, and gems versus wood, hay, and stubble.

Time: Saturday Afternoon

Prayer, Praise and Worship at the Storehouse

Description: Spend 90 minutes in prayer and worship at the Storehouse.

Saturday Time: Vans will leave Saturday at 9 AM and return at 11AM and then leave again at 2 PM and return at 4PM.