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2007 Kentucky District Ministry Events

DISTRICT WESLEYAN WOMEN CONVENTION/RETREAT..June 7-8, 2007

Asbury Theological Seminary • Wilmore, KY
Guest Speaker – Dr. Reova Meredith

WESLEYAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUMMIT.....June 13-17, 2007

Indiana Wesleyan University • Marion, IN

DISTRICT CONFERENCE June 22, 2007

Stonewall Wesleyan Church • Lexington, KY

DISTRICT WESLEYAN KID'S CAMP July 9-13, 2007

Kentucky District Campground • Maysville, KY

DISTRICT WESLEYAN YOUTH CAMP July 24-28, 2007

Kentucky District Campground • Maysville, KY

DISTRICT CAMP MEETING July 23-29, 2007

Kentucky District Campground • Maysville, KY

EVANGELISTS

Rev. Bud Allman and Dr. O.W. Willis

SINGER

Rev. Kenneth W. Gates

BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP RETREATSeptember 5-8, 2007

Kentucky District Campground • Maysville, KY
Guest Speaker – Rev. Dale Johnston

MINISTRY ENRICHMENT RETREATSeptember 24-26, 2007

Lake Cumberland State Park • Jamestown, KY
Guest Speaker – Rev. Phil Stevenson

INTERNATIONAL WESLEYAN YOUTH CONVENTION .. December 28-31, 2007

Orange County Convention Center • Orlando, FL

Statement of Mission

The mission of the Kentucky District is to equip and empower our churches to fulfill the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

Mark Your Calendars

By District Superintendent Glenn D. Black

Committees and boards are meeting. Reports are being written. District Conference preparation is in full swing. Kentucky Wesleyans will gather June 22 in Lexington.

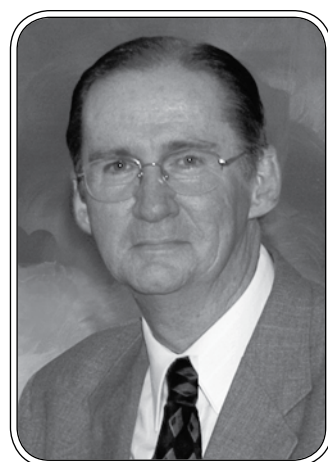
The Maysville Campground is beginning to look like spring and summer. Wesleyan Kids are excited as they prepare to attend camp July 9 – 13. Wesleyan Youth are packing their bags to be a part of their annual camp July 24 – 28. And our families are looking forward to our Family Camp July 23 – 29.

Wesleyan Women can hardly wait for their annual retreat June 7 – 8 on the campus of Asbury Seminary.

Prayer is imperative as we engage in church business at our District Conference. Prayer is vital as we gather at our retreats and camps this summer. Mark your calendars! As you attend the various summer activities, be inspired and motivated. Visit with friends and make new ones. Let your heart and life be renewed.

The Kentucky District includes 42 Wesleyan churches. We stretch from Owensboro to Pikeville and from the Ohio River to the Tennessee border. But when we gather for our conferences, retreats, and camps, we are one in the Lord and in spirit.

I look forward to seeing you in Wilmore, Lexington and on the beautiful Maysville Campground as the Kentucky District Wesleyan family gathers for fellowship.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE - JUNE 22, 2007

Asbury College Names First Female President

Asbury College named provost Sandra Gray the school's new president on Friday, March 2, making her the first female leader in the history of the Christian liberal arts school. Gray's appointment was approved by the school's board of trustees. She will take office on July 1, 2007.

Dr. Gray, 57, was given a standing ovation after being introduced during a campus chapel service. "Students here really love her," said Ashleigh Graves, the school's student body president. "She has a great heart for students. I'm so impressed with her leadership."

Gray served 17 years as a professor of business management and chairwoman of the department of business and economics before being named provost in July 2006. She becomes the fourth female president among the 182 members of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

"I'm excited by the new opportunity to serve Asbury College," Gray said in a press release. "I particularly want to emphasize Asbury's responsibility to and involvement with the greater Lexington community."

A Louisville native, Gray grew up in Elizabethtown and earned a bachelor's and masters degree in business and a doctorate in public administration from the University of Kentucky.

Asbury, founded in 1890, has about 1,200 students. Though enrollment numbers have lagged recently, school spokeswoman Lisa Harper said "our numbers are up this year." © *AP Wire and wire service sources. All Rights Reserved.*

Editor's Note: Dr. Sandra (Cowley) Gray attended the Elizabethtown Trinity Wesleyan Church as a young girl. According to her testimony, she was converted at an early age while attending our Kentucky District Kid's Camp near Maysville. The Kentucky District of The Wesleyan Church congratulates Dr. Gray on her recent appointment. – GDB

KENTUCKY DISTRICT WESLEYAN WOMEN CONVENTION/RETREAT

The Kentucky District Wesleyan Women Convention/Retreat will be held at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, June 7-8, 2007. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM Thursday morning and we will be adjourned at 2:00 PM on Friday.

Our speaker this year is Dr. Reova Meredith, founder and Executive Director of the Center for Women's Ministries, Inc., a non-profit ministry for women, promoting emotional and spiritual healing.

Several interesting, informative, and enjoyable sessions are planned. We will have Prayer Cells, a Silent Auction, Skits, Fun Time, and opportunities to just relax!

We will have a combined Hephzibah and Elizabeth Home Table again this year. You may bring items for either or both.

Needs for Hephzibah include the following: hair conditioner, towels and wash cloths, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, lotion, and deodorant. Thank you for your generous giving.

Needs for the Elizabeth Home include the following: hair conditioner, towels and wash cloths, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, lotion, large diaper bags, blow dryers, light-weight gowns, gift cards to Sears on JC Penney for maternity clothes. Thank you for your generous giving.

The Silent Auction has been a wonderful success in previous years – thank you for participating. We are depending on you again this year to bring new items for this popular event. The proceeds from the Silent Auction help with convention expenses.

We invite everyone to come and enjoy this time of fellowship and spiritual refreshment. We invite you to come even if you do not have an organized Wesleyan Women Chapter – you will enjoy this gathering of women (and men) from all parts of Kentucky!

For more information or registration forms, you may call me at 502.422.0420 or e-mail me at amaz-ingmom@insightbb.com

Wesleyan Women are just ordinary women with an extraordinary God doing extraordinary things in extraordinary times!

by
Shirley Maze
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2007 Ministerial Institute

The Richmond Grace Wesleyan Church, under the direction of Pastor Tommy Masters, was a wonderful host for our February 26-27, 2007 Ministerial Institute. Special thanks and gratitude is expressed to this growing congregation for welcoming us and providing for our every need. The ladies of the church provided a delicious meal for our Tuesday lunch prior to our departure. *Thanks ladies!*

Using the theme “**The Greatness of God,**” pastors F. Keith Biddle, John Fowler and Dana Beland joined District Superintendent Glenn D. Black in speaking for the main sessions. Jay and Amber Wisler, Ministers of Music at Elizabethtown Trinity, provided excellent music and songs for each service. Pastor Phil Zimmerman gave direction to the special prayer sessions. The presence of the Lord was enjoyed by everyone and an atmosphere of camaraderie was felt by our pastors.

The Richmond Grace Wesleyan Church is our newest congregation in the Kentucky District. On September 10, 2006, their recently acquired church facility, located at 136 Aspen Avenue in Richmond, was dedicated with 125 in attendance. It was a joy to fellowship with our Richmond Wesleyan family!

NOTE: This gathering was the final Ministerial Institute of the format and time of year. Beginning next conference year we will blend the winter institute and the fall retreat into one event to be known as the “**Ministry Enrichment Retreat.**” It will be held at **Lake Cumberland State Park September 24 – 26, 2007.** A totally new format blending these two traditional events was shared with each pastor who attended this year’s Institute. **Pastor... mark your calendar and make plans to attend the first annual Ministry Enrichment Retreat. – GDB**

Photos:

1. Institute Speakers (L – R) F. Keith Biddle, John E. Fowler, Dana B. Beland and Glenn D. Black
2. Richmond Grace Pastor Tommy Masters
3. Junction City Pastor Bobby Tolson
4. & 5. Our Pastors enjoyed lots of fellowship, food and fun.
6. Retired Minister Victor Gibbs, left, and McAndrews Pastor Ralph Ferree, right
7. STOP THE PRESSES! For Easter Sunday, Richmond Grace had 157 and for their Easter program had 164.



KENTUCKY DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REPORT

		JANUARY 2007						FEBRUARY 2007						
Church	Pastor	SS	AM	PM	MW	WK	WY	SS	AM	PM	MW	WK	WY	
Ashland Heights	In DBA Hands	53	62	29	18	8	2	51	57	27	18	12	3	
Ashland Westwood	Phil Zimmerman	26	35	16	14	11	2	25	32	17	11	9	2	
Carrollton	Johnny Haynes	67	61	45	43	24	0	61	87	49	40	19	0	
Cloverport	Larry H. Eaton	12	25	21	10	0	0	14	25	17	10	0	0	
Concord	Franklin Durham			No Report				15	19	0	0	0	0	
Covington	F. Keith Biddle	15	20	10	9	0	0	14	21	4	5	0	0	
Eastview	David S. Fall			No Report						No Report				
E-Town Trinity	Dana B. Beland	53	72	29	24	13	7	57	72	30	21	15	9	
Falmouth	Timothy R. Melling	16	27	14	2	0	0	23	34	13	0	0	0	
Florence	Timothy W. Helton			No Report						No Report				
Frankfort	Charles D. Miller	18	18	22	11	17	0	17	17	22	10	17	0	
Garvin Ridge	J.C. Bond	54	67	27	26	0	0	48	56	28	27	0	0	
Glasgow	Kevin D. Mouser	38	76	29	7	22	0	38	60	27	9	0	24	
Greenup	Kirtley Sipple	9	0	12	9	0	0	8	0	11	10	0	0	
Hitchins	George T. Smith	44	46	20	12	6	4	43	44	19	11	6	4	
Junction City	Bobby Tolson	21	23	8	0	0	0	21	22	10	0	0	0	
Kingswood	David C. Little	27	36	0	6	0	6			No Report				
Lexington First	Steve Sandefur	14	29	14	8	16	6	13	28	13	7	14	8	
Lexington Stonewall	Chip Monck	32	51	17	0	0	0	38	60	13	0	0	0	
Livermore	Amos Glendenning	19	21	0	0	9	0	19	24	0	0	7	0	
Louisville Atwood	Milton Lightbourne	15	25	14	10	0	0	16	24	13	10	0	0	
Louisville Camp Taylor	Chris Kendall	7	7	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	
Louisville Wellman	W. Scott Lockard	28	36	24	19	0	0	31	39	23	18	0	0	
Maysville	James W. Fleming, Jr.	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	
McAndrews	Ralph L. Ferree	9	16	10	11	0	7	13	19	12	9	0	7	
Milton	Ben C. Colburn	25	33	27	24	0	0	24	29	22	16	0	0	
Mount Tabor	Orville J. Mann, Jr.	16	19	18	20	0	0	21	25	14	20	0	0	
Olive Hill	Dale C. Collinsworth	56	53	31	36	0	0	56	37	31	33	0	0	
Owensboro Calvary	In DBA Hands	46	59	22	14	8	12	43	55	20	11	7	0	
Owensboro Southside	John E. Fowler	53	105	38	24	14	32	44	93	33	38	12	24	
Paris	Bob Dickerson	8	8	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	
Pikeville	Nathan R. McBeth	15	33	13	12	1	5	19	33	12	13	1	1	
Pleasureville	Wendell Brooks	14	19	12	0	0	0	13	19	20	0	0	0	
Richmond Grace	Tommy Masters	45	67	44	37	0	0	47	58	47	41	0	0	
Salem Ridge	Robert L. Welker	12	12	8	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	
Shelbyville	Randy Bishop	38	48	38	29	0	0	34	46	37	36	16	3	
Shepherdsville	Wayne Maze	8	10	10	10	0	0	9	12	10	11	0	0	
Soldier	Kenny Hamilton	25	25	26	15	0	0	31	34	22	11	0	0	
Somerset	Jason Moore			No Report				15	26	13	16	0	0	
Trace	Walter L. Wilcox	20	19	18	18	0	7	26	24	19	18	0	0	
Willard	David E. Wilcox	53	29	20	19	11	0	46	27	20	15	11	0	
Winchester	Ronn F. Pelfrey	18	23	8	8	0	0	22	26	9	11	0	0	

TOP NUMERICAL GAINS	
January 2007	
CHURCH	SS
Willard	+16
Richmond Grace	+12
Carrollton	+10
Elizabethtown Trinity	+9
Livermore	+6

TOP NUMERICAL GAINS	
January 2007	
CHURCH	AM
Richmond Grace	+25
Elizabethtown Trinity	+20
Ashland Heights	+15
Garvin Ridge	+11
Willard	+6

TOP NUMERICAL GAINS	
February 2007	
CHURCH	SS
Richmond Grace	+14
Elizabethtown Trinity	+10
Garvin Ridge	+10
Willard	+10
Carrollton	+9

TOP NUMERICAL GAINS	
February 2007	
CHURCH	AM
Elizabethtown Trinity	+22
Richmond Grace	+16
Ashland Heights	+15
Garvin Ridge	+14
Falmouth	+8