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# East District UMC

Of the Texas Annual Conference

Of the United Methodist Church

## 2018 East District Hymn Sing

The response to the Hymn Sing August 19<sup>th</sup> has been slim so far!

This will be a wonderful opportunity to share in worship through music and fellowship with others in the East District UMC. Plan to come even if you do not have a music group signed up.

We do need more to sign up their choir or music groups to do one special per group. What a great opportunity to shine the light on the musical gifts of your members.

Please register online or call our office to sign up to attend.

### Registration Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BADA-F2AA4F58-2018>

## Don't miss this inspirational, fun event!

**What:** 2019 District Hymn Sing

**Date:** Sunday, August 19, 2018

**Time:** 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Place:** Huntington UMC

**Address:** 458 S. Hwy 69, Huntington, TX 75949

**Cost:** None

*Refreshments will be served after the Hymn Sing*



## Important Dates

**Aug. 3-4** – Candidacy Summit @ Camp Allen in Navasota  
**Aug. 13** – dCOM Interviews  
**Aug. 15** – Bishop’s Visit to East District Table Talks  
**Aug. 19** – East Dist. Hymn Sing  
**Aug. 20-22** – Church Hill UMC Revival  
**Aug. 25** – Laity Program @ Houston Lay School of Theology  
**Aug. 27** – DLT Meeting @ 6:30  
**Aug. 30** – District Nominations Meeting @ 6:00 pm  
**Sept. 3** – Labor Day Holiday  
**Sept. 6** – District Finance Meeting @ 6:00 pm  
**Sept. 8-9** – Ichthus – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade at Camp Cho Yeh in Livingston  
**Sept. 8** – East TX Emmaus Gathering @ Trinity FUMC  
**Sept. 10** – Tour De TAC (Bicycle Tour Meeting)– Henderson FUMC  
**Sept. 17-18** – Clergy Gathering at Lakeview  
**Sept. 23** – East District Conference at Lufkin FUMC – Fellowship Hall @ 3pm  
**Sept. 28-29** – Clergy Spouse Retreat  
**Oct. 2-4** – Retired Clergy & Spouses Retreat  
**Oct. 13** – McMahan Chapel Day – Bishop Scott Jones Speaks  
**Oct. 14** – Groveton FUMC – 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Bishop Scott Jones Speaks  
**Oct. 18-20** – Spirit Journey @ Lakeview  
**Oct. 22-23** – dCOM & BOM Meet  
**Nov. 8** – Tour De TAC (Bicycle Tour Meeting) – Livingston FUMC  
**Nov. 9-11** – The BIG Event 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at Camp Cho-Yeh  
**Nov. 10** – East TX Emmaus Gathering @ Lufkin FUMC  
**Nov. 12-14** – East District Office Closed DAA Training Event in Lufkin  
**Nov. 15** – CLT & DLT Joint Training Event  
**Nov. 17** – Small Membership Church Retreat in Bryan  
**Dec. 8** – Annual Clergy Christmas Party  
**Dec. 24-Jan. 1** – East Dist. Office Closed

## 2019

**Jan. 7-8** – Report Day  
**Feb. 2** – East Dist. Training Event  
**Feb. 22-24** – Ignite 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades TX Annual Conference Youth Retreat Theme: “COMMUNITY”  
**Mar. 7-8** – Elder’s Retreat  
**April 21-26** – East District Mission Trip to Sagar Brown  
**May 26-29** – TX Annual Conference 2019 @ Hilton Americas Hotel, Houston

# table talks with Bishop Scott Jones

conversations on The Way Forward



## Table Talk with Bishop Scott Jones conversations on The Way Forward

Join with others in The Texas Annual Conference to learn more about the future of The United Methodist Church at “Table Talk with Bishop Scott Jones, conversations on The Way Forward.” Separate sessions will be held for clergy and laity in all nine districts from August 11-23, 2018, but participants may attend either session.

Those in attendance should expect to gain a solid understanding of the three plans that will be presented as options at the special session of the General Conference in February 2019. After Bishop Jones’ presentation, Table Talk participants will have the opportunity to collaborate on questions for a Q&A session.

### REGISTRATION LINK BELOW:

***East District UMC – Please register as soon as possible!***

<https://public.serviceu.com/RegistrationForm/10134958-412357972/?OrgKey=e8fba79f-b11a-487c-bf4f-7f09c3839620>

We look forward to seeing you in a district Table Talk with Bishop Scott Jones.





**East Texas Emmaus Community**

Web [etemmaus.com](http://etemmaus.com)

Sept. 8th - Trinity Gathering at noon  
(trying something different)

November 10th - FUMC Lufkin  
Sponsorship 4 pm Gathering 5 pm

**WHAT IS "A SUNDAY OF BLESSING"?**

Texas Annual Conference churches are encouraged to celebrate

"A SUNDAY OF BLESSING" ON AUGUST 12 (or another Sunday) to give children of all ages a strong start to their school year in 2018-2019.

The purpose of "A Sunday of Blessing" is to honor teachers, staff, administrators, and others who love all God's children each day in educational settings during the worship service.

**A SUNDAY OF BLESSING IDEAS**

BLESSING OF SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF

BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS

BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS

BLESSING OF CHURCH WEEKDAY MINISTRY FACULTY & STAFF

BLESSING OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, CAREGIVERS, & TEACHERS

BLESSING OF LOCAL CHURCH'S FACULTY, STAFF, & STUDENTS

**A SUNDAY OF BLESSING**

**What is the Tour de TAC?** It is a total of 31 gatherings across the annual conference to talk about starting new faith communities for years to come. It's also a series of bicycles rides in every district across the conference.

**What is the purpose of the Tour de TAC?** To contribute to our culture of starting new things across the annual conference.

**Is this a bike ride or a series of gatherings at churches?** It is both! All riders will be asked to do three things: have fun, be safe, and to let folks in their church know about the Tour de TAC meetings.

**What will happen in the meetings?** At each meeting we will talk about (1) the impact of planting in the conference; (2) our strategy for planting; (3) how everyone can support planting in the years to come; (4) how the Office of New Faith Communities wants to support your church in doing evangelism in your community.

**Who is sponsoring the Tour de TAC?** The Texas Annual Conference New Faith Communities office in cooperation with all the district offices.

**When will the Tour de TAC take place?** September-November 2018.

**When and where will the gatherings take place?** Across the Texas Annual Conference. Each gathering will last no longer than an hour and a half. See below to find dates, times, and locations for the meetings.

**Who is invited to attend the gatherings?** The Tour de TAC is for every United Methodist clergy and church members.

**Who is invited to ride?** We want as many people as possible to join in the riding. The shortest ride is about 15 miles. The longest is about 50! For safety reasons, no one under 12 can be on the road and riders between 12 and 17 must have a parent/guardian riding with them. All riders must wear a helmet and sign a waiver. There is no charge for any ride. All riders will get their own cool "Tour de TAC" t-shirts (thank you Methodist hospital!) as long as supplies last. If you have questions about riding, please see below to get the name and contact information for the ride coordinator for each district.

**Why should I care about these gatherings?** Missiologist Peter Wagner says it best: Planting new churches is the most effective evangelism methodology known under heaven. If we are going to reach even more new people for Jesus Christ in our communities, then we must begin reaching out to the community in creative ways.

**Why a bike ride?** Riding bikes across our conference together does three things. 1. It promotes interest in the Tour de TAC and church planting, 2. It promotes good health habits, 3. and it gives us a fantastic opportunity for laughter and fellowship.

**TOUR DE TAC**



*Monday, September 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm*

*Henderson FUMC*

*Thursday, November 8, 2018 @ 3:00 pm*

*Livingston FUMC*

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Pulpit Supply**

Sarah Odom	Center	903-841-1518
Bill Clem	Troup	903-842-3766
Jean Ferraro	Cushing	936-326-4844
Dick Jenkins	Crosby	281-462-3037
Tom Teekell	Nacogdoches	936-564-7257
Blu Weikel	Nacogdoches	936-569-8869

We are on the Web:  
[www.eastdistrictumc.org](http://www.eastdistrictumc.org)

## SAVE THE DATES

**August 15, 2018**

**Bishop Scott Jones**

**District wide conversation  
with the Bishop**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**August 19, 2018**

**District Hymn Sing**

**Old Fashion Hymn Sing at  
Huntington UMC for the  
entire District's participation.**

**4:00 – 6:00 pm**

**September 10, 2018**

**TOUR DE TAC**

**3:00 pm**

**Henderson FUMC**

**September 23, 2018**

**East District Charge  
Conference**

**3:00 pm**

**Lufkin FUMC (Fellowship Hall)**

**November 8, 2018**

**TOUR DE TAC**

**3:00 pm**

**Livingston FUMC**

### PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Michael Harris - Health

Robert Ortigo – Health

Family of John Tyler @ his death

Kim Anderson – Praise for Good  
Report

## 2018 DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS

### Paid in Full 7-27-18

Alto A. Frank Smith  
Blossom Hill  
Bonita  
Brookeland  
Burkeville  
Campti  
Carthage 1<sup>st</sup>  
Center Hill  
Chester Cade Memorial  
Chireno  
Cold Springs  
Curtis, Jasper  
Cushing  
Deadwood  
Diboll  
Douglass Faith Bridge  
Ebenezer  
Fairview  
Galloway  
Garrison 1<sup>st</sup>  
Goodsprings  
Grapeland 1<sup>st</sup>  
Hemphill 1<sup>st</sup>  
Henderson 1<sup>st</sup>  
Henry's Chapel  
Homer, Jasper  
Homer, Lufkin  
Jasper Circuit Memorial  
Keltys  
Latexo  
Liberty Hill  
Liberty Springs  
Livingston 1st  
Lovelady 1st  
McMahan Chapel  
Milam Chapel  
Mt. Vernon  
Murvaul  
Paxton  
Pine Grove  
Pine Hill

### Paid in Full 7-27-18

Pineland  
Pisgah  
Pleasant Hill, Lovelady  
Riverside  
Rock Hill  
Shelbyville  
Shiloah  
Short  
Simpson Campground  
St. Luke, Livingston  
St. Mark  
St. Paul's, Lufkin  
Tatum  
White Rock  
Woods

### Paid 58.3% + 7-27-18

Center 1<sup>st</sup>  
Corrigan 1<sup>st</sup>  
Goodrich  
Lake Rayburn  
Lufkin 1<sup>st</sup>  
Onalaska  
Rehobeth  
Shady Chapel  
Timpson

### SPIRIT JOURNEY 2018

**Oct. 18-20, 2018**

Lakeview Conference Center

**Listening to Scripture,  
Hearing Our Call**

*How can we come to  
recognize the voice of God in  
all circumstances?*

**Rev. Jane Patterson  
Faculty-presenter**

**Register:**  
[Heartspringmethodist.org/other-ministries/spiritjourney](http://Heartspringmethodist.org/other-ministries/spiritjourney)

### Paid Less than 58.3%

#### 7-27-18

Abundant Life  
Anderson Chapel  
Burke  
Crockett 1<sup>st</sup>  
Groveton 1<sup>st</sup>  
Huntington  
Nacogdoches 1<sup>st</sup>  
Perritte Memorial  
San Augustine  
Trinity 1st  
Woodville

#### Paid 0% 7-27-18

Alexander  
Allison Chapel  
Atoy  
Beckville  
Bethlehem  
Bronson  
Carlisle  
Church Hill  
Concord  
Jasper 1<sup>st</sup>  
Joaquin 1<sup>st</sup>  
Laneville  
Lilbert  
Lynches Chapel  
Melrose  
Moscow  
Mt. Enterprise  
Oak Hill  
Percilla  
Pleasant Hill, Livingston  
Prairie View  
Ryan Chapel  
St. Paul's, Henderson  
St. Andrews  
Tenaha  
Wells Falvey Memorial

## 2018 CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS - June 30, 2018

### Paid in Full 6-30-18

Blossom Hill  
 Brookeland  
 Campiti  
 Center Hill  
 Chireno  
 Curtis  
 Deadwood  
 Diboll  
 Galloway  
 Garrison 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Goodsprings  
 Homer, Lufkin  
 Keltys  
 Latexo  
 Liberty Hill  
 McMahan Chapel  
 Melrose  
 Paxton  
 Pine Hill  
 Pineland  
 Prairie View  
 Rock Hill  
 Shelbyville  
 Shiloah  
 Short  
 Simpson Campground  
 St. Mark's  
 Woods

### Paid 50% + 6-30-18

Alto, A. Frank Smith  
 Bonita  
 Burke  
 Burkeville  
 Carthage 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Center 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Concord  
 Goodrich  
 Grapeland 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Groveton 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Hemphill 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Henderson 1<sup>st</sup>

### Paid 50% + 6-30-18

Jasper Ct. Memorial  
 Jasper 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Joaquin 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Liberty Springs  
 Lake Rayburn  
 Lufkin 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Milam Chapel  
 Murvaul  
 Onalaska  
 Rehobeth  
 Riverside  
 Ryan Chapel  
 San Augustine 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Shady Chapel, Zavalla  
 St. Paul's, Henderson  
 Tatum  
 Timpson  
 Wells, Falvey Memorial  
 Woodville

### Paid Less than 50% 6-30-18

Abundant Life  
 Chester Cade Memorial  
 Church Hill  
 Cold Springs  
 Corrigan 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Crockett 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Cushing  
 Douglass Faith Bridge  
 Ebenezer  
 Fairview  
 Huntington  
 Livingston 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Lovelady 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Nacogdoches 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Perritte Memorial  
 Pine Grove  
 Pleasant Hill, Livingston  
 St. Paul's, Lufkin  
 Trinity 1<sup>st</sup>

### Paid 0% 6-30-18

Alexander Chapel, Lovelady  
 Allison's Chapel  
 Anderson Chapel, Lovelady  
 Atoy  
 Beckville  
 Bethlehem  
 Bronson  
 Carlisle  
 Henry's Chapel  
 Homer, Jasper  
 Laneville  
 Libbert  
 Mt. Enterprise  
 Moscow Bible  
 Mt. Vernon  
 Oak Hill  
 Pisgah  
 Pleasant Hill, Lovelady  
 St. Andrews  
 St. Luke's, Livingston  
 Tenaha  
 White Rock, Lovelady

### Texas Annual Conference

#### Social Media Tool Box

We're thrilled to introduce you to the incredible new TXCUMC Toolbox, a social media sharing platform designed especially for the Texas Annual Conference.

If you're trying to learn how your congregation can best use social media to stay connected and expand the Kingdom in your area, there are also tons of useful [resources](#) to help you get started!

<http://www.txcumctoolbox.com/social>

## TABLE TALKS WITH BISHOP SCOTT JONES

"DISTRICT VISIT"



**AUGUST 15, 2018**

### County Seat Pastors by Invitation

10:00 am  
 Abundant Life UMC -  
 Lufkin, TX

**All Clergy** – 11:30 am –  
 1:00 pm  
*Lunch will be provided*  
 Abundant Life UMC –  
 Lufkin, TX

**All Laity** – 7:00 pm –  
 8:30 pm  
*Light Refreshments  
 provided*  
 Lufkin FUMC – Lufkin,  
 TX

### VITAL SIGNS

*Please be sure to input  
 the vital signs  
 regularly:*

**Worship Attendance**  
**Professions of Faith**  
**Hands on Missions**

