



West District News

September, 2019



Quietly Courageous

Those who attended our recent Pastors and Professionals meeting know that I am reading the book Quietly Courageous: Leading the Church in a Changing World, by Gil Rendle. I'm finding it to be challenging, but worthwhile. Mr. Rendle looks at the current state of the church and reveals that we "are not the product of things gone wrong but rather of the world grown different."

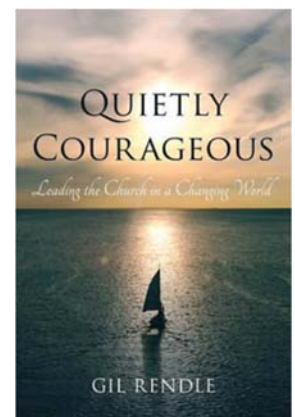
The book is in some ways a summation of Rendle's work on church leadership over the past two decades. He helps us identify our current reality that we are wandering in a wilderness time, and reminds us to cling to our identity and purpose as the church of Jesus Christ, as we continue the hard work of leading through and out of the wilderness.

I believe our churches and pastors will benefit from reading this book, praying about its assumptions and lessons, and exploring how to lead the church through the wilderness. To that end, I am offering to partially reimburse district pastors for the cost of the book if they will take the initiative to purchase it and begin to read it. You may visit the following link to order the book from Cokesbury.com: <https://www.cokesbury.com/9781538112908-Quietly-Courageous>

The West District will reimburse you \$12.50 for the first copy you purchase. Simply email me or Amy and testify that you have purchased the book. I wish we could do more.

Blessings and peace,

Andy





Camp Meeting

Hilda United Methodist Church

October 6, 2019



4:00 PM Gathering & Music
Outdoor Worship
Food & Fellowship

Games for the kids! Bring the whole family.

Space is limited —

RSVP by October 15th



WEST TEXAS
COUNSELING & GUIDANCE

Presents

Ben Hubert, M.Div., M.S., LPC

“If I knew then what I know now”

October 22, 2019

Training 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Lunch provided by Rivercrest Hospital

STEPHENS CENTRAL LIBRARY

FREE one day training
Open to all clergy

This training is free, however, space is limited, please RSVP by October 15th to www.wtcg.us or 325/262-0055.

This workshop promises to provide basic researched based knowledge and techniques that can be used immediately! This training session is not faith-based. It is our assumption that clergy are well trained in adapting counseling principals and techniques into their own biblical/theological framework. Our focus is on the clinical aspects.

- ◆ Attachment theory's three basic questions
- ◆ The Gottman Institute research on what makes healthy and unhealthy couples
- ◆ Role of relational repair
- ◆ Four tools for counseling sessions
- ◆ Risks and rewards of dual role pastor/counselor
- ◆ When, why, and how to make referrals
- ◆ Pre-marital counseling
- ◆ Incorporating and encouraging relational renewal and marital maintenance

Pilgrimage from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela with Jeana Martin

Wednesday, October 30—Tuesday, November 5, 2019

The **walking** pilgrimage begins at 5:00 pm 10/30 in Sarria and ends in Santiago de Compostela after breakfast 11/5. After registration you will receive additional information to help you make your travel plans to Sarria, Spain. The price is \$1200 + \$300 non-refundable deposit for a total of \$1500. The price covers the reception, 6 overnight stays with breakfasts and dinners, daily baggage transfers on walking days. Not included: individual travel to Sarria and from Santiago and lunches. The distance for days of walking will be from 11.18 miles to 17.4 miles each day. For more information contact Jeana Martin, pastorjeana@gmail.com.

Calendar

- Sept. 2 District Office Closed—Labor Day
3 Concho Country Emmaus Community Gathering—Annual Homecoming,
6-9 pm at the 1st Financial Pavilion at the Coliseum
9-13 Andy—Vacation
21 Lay Speaker Training, Brady—must be pre-registered in August
23 Shush-free Worship, Sierra Vista UMC, 7:00 pm
23-24 Cabinet Meeting
26 Lay Servant Ministries Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., District Office
29 South East Charge Conference, 2:30 pm, Junction
- Oct. 1 Concho Country Emmaus Community Gathering
6 South Charge Conference, 5:00 pm, Brackettville
13 North Charge Conference, 2:30 pm, Sterling City
15 District Strategy Team Meeting, 2:00 pm, San Angelo:First UMC
20 North East Charge Conference, 2:30 pm, San Saba
28 Shush-free Worship, Sierra Vista UMC, 7:00 pm
30-31 Cabinet

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