

West District News

QUIETLY Courageous

September, 2019

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Those who attended our recent Pastors and Professionals meeting know that I am reading the book <u>Quietly Courageous</u>: <u>Leading the Church in a Changing World</u>, 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

Charge Conference Schedule

NORTH—October 13—Sterling City—2:30 pm

Miles—Gary Karschner Odessa—Oscar Lovos
Robert Lee—Cyndi Weidner Sterling City—Glenn Luhrs

Bronte—Stacy Sprinkle Veribest/Paint Rock—Mike Thomson

Charge Conference forms
are on the District Website,
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www.umcwayoutwest.org,
under the Forms and Events
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NORTH EAST—October 20— San Saba—2:30 pm

Melvin—Scott Melton
Brady—Bun Jackson
Goldthwaite—John Alsbrooks
Star/Center City—Tim Birkner
San Saba—Mark Smith

WEST—November 10— Ozona—2:30 pm

Big Lake / Barnhart—
Susan Rang
Mertzon—Mark Krause
Ozona—Leigh Lloyd
Iraan—TBS
Rankin—John Lee
Eldorado—Janet Larson

CENTRAL—November 17— Sierra Vista—2:30 pm

Christoval / Grape Creek—Lori Jones San Angelo:First—Scott Bradford, Bryan Rogers, Dale Weise Sierra Vista—Stan Whites, Tamara Strehli, Kelly Duke Wesley Trinity—Robert Marks, Jr. Betel—TBS St. Luke—Jim Noble

As soon as the remainder of the forms are available, they will be added and I will email them out.

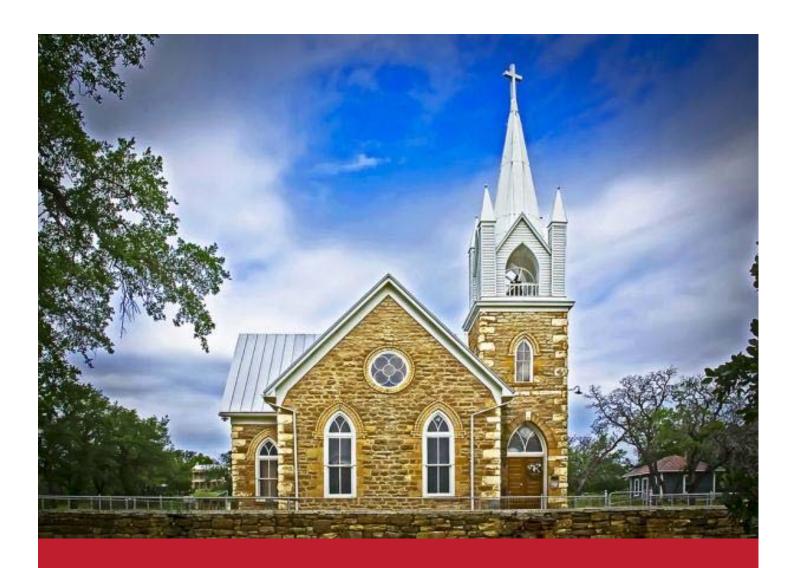
SOUTH EAST—September 29— Junction—2:30 pm

Menard—Judy Swarts
Hilda—Michael Bell
Art / Castell—Tim Fahrenthold
Mason—Peter Aguilar
Junction / London—
Stephen Curry

SOUTH—October 6—Brackettville—5:00 p.m.

Sonora—Bill Harris
Del Rio:First—Juan Osorio
Brackettville—Cynthia Engstrom

Rocksprings / Barksdale—David Lee Murray Del Rio:Principe de Paz—Ricardo Rubio



Camp Meeting

Hilda United Methodist Church

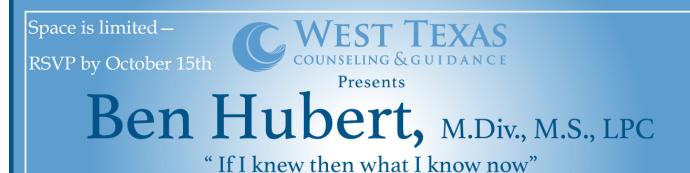




4:00 PM Gathering & Music Outdoor Worship Food & Fellowship

Games for the kids! Bring the whole family.

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FREE one day training Open to all clergy

October 22, 2019

Training 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Lunch provided by Rivercrest Hospital
STEPHENS CENTRAL LIBRARY

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 duel 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 <u>walking</u> 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 3	District Office Closed—Labor Day 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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