



LIVING SANCTUARIES

Lord Prepare Me...To Be a Living Sanctuary For You.

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH GOD!

VIM TEAM TAKES VBS TO BLANSKO BY BETTY BARTON

In early July I was part of a Volunteer in Mission team that traveled to the Czech Republic to lead Vacation Bible School.

During the first week of our journey we took advantage of the opportunity to learn and grow by visiting Amsterdam, Brussels, and Prague. Jana Krizova was our able guide in Prague. She is the pastor of the Brno and Blansko churches and is the mission coordinator for the Czech District.

After two days in Prague we divided into two separate teams and traveled to our Vacation Bible School locations. My team of four spent the week experiencing Vacation Bible School at Blansko UMC. For two of us this was our second trip to Blansko for VBS, and we felt right at home in this familiar territory. We enjoyed renewing friendships with participants from last year and making new friends. The other two team members, quickly became attached to these delightful people as well.

Throughout our trip, I kept our family and friends at home up-to-date by posting an online trip journal. Here are some excerpts from that journal (edited for space and clarity) that describe our experience in Blansko.

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Saturday, July 7

Our team traveled from Prague to Blansko by train and was met at the station by our old friend Michal Pech, who is the leader of the Royal Rangers troop in Ostrov. Many of the Vacation Bible School participants are members of the Royal Rangers troop. Jana had driven from Prague; her small car filled to the roof with our many pieces of luggage and she arrived just after we did.

We checked into the pension (guest house) and then went to the church to deliver the pieces of luggage filled with VBS supplies. We later enjoyed a delicious meal at an outdoor pizzeria, and did some grocery shopping for breakfast supplies.

As we were loading our groceries into Michal's car, a woman who appeared to be homeless approached us and asked us in Czech (and with hand gestures) for a drink of water and enough water to wash her hands. We had two 6 packs of 1 liter bottles of water, so we instructed Michal to open one of the packages and give her a bottle. The pure gratitude on her face was heartwarming. Over and over again she said thank you in Czech, then after a whispered exchange with Michal, proudly thanked us in English many times. She continued to watch us as we drove away, occasionally holding up the bottle and mouthing, "Thank You." What a blessing



The team poses with some of the VBS participants from Blansko. We enjoyed a week of Bible lessons, crafts, games, music and reflection time based on the Cokesbury VBS curriculum, "Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God."

Photo by Jana Krizova

to bring such joy into someone's life with the gift of a simple bottle of water. It reminds me of the story in Matthew 25 where Jesus says, 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Sunday, July 8

This morning we attended church with the Blansko congregation. Jana was kind enough to speak in both English and Czech throughout the service so that all could understand.

She also asked me to read the two scripture passages in English after others read it in Czech. There was another visitor in the congregation this morning, a young man from Mongolia who has come to Blansko on a two

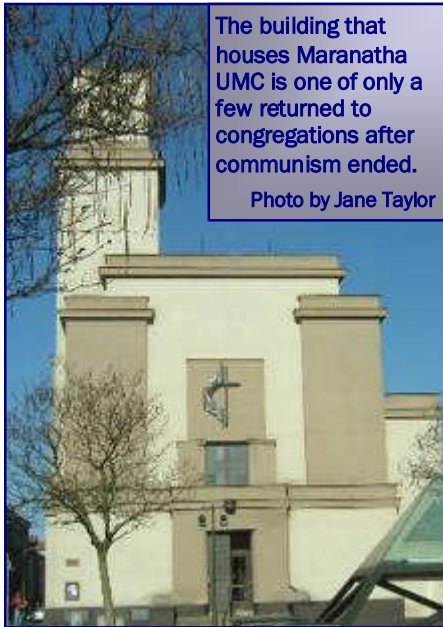
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IN MISSION TOGETHER

WATCH THIS SPACE EACH MONTH FOR UPDATES ON OUR IMT PARTNERSHIP



The building that houses Maranatha UMC is one of only a few returned to congregations after communism ended.

Photo by Jane Taylor

The Methodist congregation in Plzen was founded in 1923 and a building was completed for the congregation's use in 1926. The congregation grew over the next few years, but then faced its first challenge during the worldwide economic crisis of the 1930's that we know of as the Great Depression. The church did see some re-growth just at start of WWII, but again declined during the war due to air raids that damaged the church building and homes of church members and the persecution and interment in concentration camps of some members.

Again, just as revitalization began with the liberation of Plzen after the war, history repeated itself. During

SPOTLIGHT ON MARANATHA UMC

the communist years, the church building was seized for use as a university. Having no place to meet and no pastor, the congregation dwindled to a handful of members that were served by pastors from nearby congregations.

With the end of communism, churches were once again able to worship and evangelize freely. In 1991, the government miraculously returned ownership of the church building to the congregation, although it was in serious disrepair. Since that time, the congregation has once again grown and through the help of sister congregations in the Czech Republic and the United States has worked hard to restore the building to a useable state. Today, the congregation consists of over 220 members and is called Maranatha UMC.

The church is serving the community with outreach programs such as Teen Challenge. Through this program the church is working to alleviate the drug problem in Plzen. It includes



The Rev. Petr Procházka serves as pastor of Maranatha UMC.

This is the fifth in a series of articles about the United Methodist Churches in the Czech Republic with whom we are partnering through "In Mission Together." To read previous articles about churches in Litomerice, Protivin, Prague and Blansko, visit the "In Mission Together" page of our district website: <http://jcdistrict.mnetpages.com>.

contact centers such as the Jericho Tearoom, open 2 days a week for counseling, worship and meals for those struggling with addictions. This outreach also offers consulting and prevention programs, treatment in therapeutic communities and an inpatient rehab house called Holy Hill.

A Volunteer in Mission team from the Johnson City District and led by partnership team chair, Ramon Torres, visited Plzen last October to do renovation work at Holy Hill. Ramon will lead another team traveling to Holy Hill in September to once again work to help restore the 16th Century buildings that house the rehab center.

To learn more about the Maranatha UMC, visit their website at <http://www.umc.cz/maranatha/>. For more information about Teen Challenge, or to read personal stories of persons who have benefited from this outreach of the church, visit <http://www.teenchallengeplzen.cz/eng/>.

PRAY FOR THESE UPCOMING VIM TRIPS

Two Volunteer in Mission teams are making preparations to travel to the Czech Republic to assist our partner churches with construction projects.

Rev. Ramon Torres will lead a team returning to Plzen to work at Holy Hill (see article above) September 7 - 17, 2007.

In addition, Munsey Memorial UMC is sending a team, led by Rev. Cal Maas, to Protivin October 5 - 14.

This team of nine (including one team member from Sulphur Springs UMC) will be helping the Protivin congregation finish work on their Leisure Center for children and youth.

Please uphold each of these teams in your prayers that they may have safe travel and be a witness of God's love to the people of the Czech Republic.



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION
Christian Love in Action!

NEWS AND VIEWS BY RANDY FRYE



A few years ago the founder of Domino's Pizza, Thomas Monaghan, experienced a "spiritual reawakening" when he realized that all his wealth was not making him happy. Monaghan began selling off his "stuff:" three houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Detroit Tigers baseball team, and thirty vintage automobiles. He was quoted as saying, "None of the things I've bought, and I mean none of

them, has ever really made me happy." What did Thomas Monaghan find that meant more to him than money? He found the "life that truly is life." (I Timothy 6:19) He discovered, as Paul indicated in his first letter to Timothy, "not to put his hope in wealth which is so uncertain, but to put his hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." (I Timothy 6:17)

Making that same discovery is the key element in becoming a faithful steward of God's blessings. Biblical stewardship invites us to entrust our dreams, our goals, our talents and our resources into God's hands. Biblical stewardship invites us to recognize that nothing we possess will make us content and nothing we own will be ours forever. Instead, Biblical stewardship invites us to

discover how in letting go of our possessions...in making them available for God's use...we can experience true fulfillment.

Over the next few weeks many of our churches will be considering the question of how they will "catch up" on their giving, pay their conference apportionments in full and finish 2007 "in the black." Many of our churches will also conduct stewardship campaigns, and all of us will be setting budgets for the next year. My prayer is that throughout those processes we will take time to remember Paul's words: "God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." Even more, I hope all of us will take time to consider, "how can the blessings I have received be used to bring enjoyment, fulfillment and hope to others?"

LIVING MARKETPLACE - JOBS, EVENTS, BUY AND SELL, DONATE

The new Holston Conference Center in Alcoa will have an **Open House** Sunday, September 30, 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Open House will continue all the next week, October 1-5, 2:00 to 5:00 pm, each day except for 2:00 to 4:00 pm on the last day (Friday).

Grants Available:

The **Witness Ministry Team** is offering grants between \$2,500 and \$10,000 for Holston groups beginning new ministries that will engage people with the church. Application deadline: Sept. 15. Grant Applications available at the district office.

Redwine Grants are meant to support new and emerging ministries in local churches. Minimum grants are usually \$2,500. Applications are due by Sept. 30. Contact the district office to receive a grant application.

Church Administrative Assistant: Boones Creek UMC has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. This is a part-time position (12 to 20 hours per week). The candidate must be computer literate, familiar with Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, Outlook and keeping financial records. Duties also include preparing weekly bulletins, newsletters, etc. Pay to be determined based upon qualifications. Send resume to Boones Creek UMC, Attn: Pastor Ken Lytton, 110 Mary Street Gray, TN 37615 by September 1. No phone calls, please.

Holston Methodist FCU has partnered with Trinity Mortgage to support Holston conference's "Hope for the Children of Sudan" Mission Project. For each loan processed, a \$250.00 donation will be made to Holston Conference. HMFCU membership is not required. Call (800) 782-9257, (865) 558-3117 or visit www.hmfcu.org for details.

Job Announcement – Camp Director
FRIES, Virginia: Camp Dickenson seeks a full-time director. The director oversees the year round camp ministry including: summer program coordination, development, and oversight; recruiting and training of summer camp staff; supervision of property, office, hospitality managers, and seasonal kitchen and program staff; maintaining annual operating budget; coordinating site and fund-development efforts. Camp Dickenson currently serves approximately 450 campers in its summer ministry and hosts retreat groups on a year-round basis. Candidates must have Christian faith consistent with standards and beliefs of the United Methodist Church. Bachelor's degree and certifications in related areas desired. Open to laity or clergy. Benefits include: Salary, medical insurance, pension, and housing. Request application from: Randy Pasqua, P.O. Box 2506, Johnson City, TN 37605, or randypasqua@holston.org. Application deadline: September 15.

Edgefield UMC of 745 Pickens Br. Rd, Piney Flats will hold their annual **Lord's Acre Sale** on September 8, 2007 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Included in the sale are home baked breads, cakes, cookies, and pies; a variety of canned goods including green beans, jams, jellies, various relishes and sauces; and many holiday and other useful crafts. A big flea market is planned. At 12:00 pm a live auction of various gift baskets and other useful household articles will be conducted. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 10:00 (donations) and lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come out to the sale, eat some fine food, and buy lots of useful items for the home.

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women is VERY happy to announce that the **Women Called to Ministry** is available from our website: www.gcsrw.org. The link is on the left-hand menu. This is an extremely helpful resource for bible study groups, women's groups (United Methodist Women), clergy study groups, youth, retreats and for those churches that have yet to receive a woman as pastor. We are grateful to the writers, Ms. Delia Halverson, Rev. Kabamba Kiboko, Rev. Dr. Lacey Warner and Rev. Lynn Scott; and to our co-sponsor and church agency partner in ministry, The General Board of Higher Education and Ministries.

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Viehra and Dan discuss a VBS craft project.

Photo by Betty Barton

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year contract to minister to Mongolian factory workers. He was very happy to hear English spoken in the service today because he has not yet learned Czech.

Today, when Jana explained to the caretaker of the pension who we were and why we were there, she replied, "They are from the church? But they look so normal!" This is a common attitude in this country where over 40% of the population is atheist. Many of them have been taught that Christians are strange, weak people who turn to God because they cannot make it on their own.

Monday, July 9

Today was the first day of Vacation Bible School in Blansko. We began by singing the song "Lift Off!" which will be our theme for the week.

Today's lesson was "I Will Follow" and we learned about Abraham who followed wherever God led even though it meant leaving his comfortable life behind. God also promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have a child even though they were 99 and 90 years old!

We had fun playing games in the back yard with our "parachute" which was actually the top of a real hot air balloon donated by Ed and Carol Yonkey of Wesley Memorial UMC. One of today's crafts was decorating the colorful visors from Cokesbury which we will use as nametags this week.

The morning ended with more music and a time of reflection on

what we had learned today. The youngsters began the week speaking much more English than last year, even our youngest participants Kuba (6) and Daniel (4).

Tuesday, July 10

Today's lesson was "I Will Trust" and we learned the story of how Joseph trusted God even when he was sold by his brothers into slavery. We also learned that trusting God, whom we cannot see, is like trusting the air that fills the hot air balloon. We cannot see it but

we know it is there because the balloon is filled. We again had games in the yard, craft time, and our closing reflection time.

Wednesday, July 11

Today's lesson was "I Will Listen" and we heard the story of Mary and Martha disagreeing because Mary wanted to sit at Jesus' feet and listen while Martha raced around getting everything ready for him. We gave each person a t-shirt designed especially for our week with them, and they eagerly colored the design with fabric markers. Six-year-old Kuba kept everyone entertained today by pointing to pictures in a small book he had and saying the English words for the pictures: horse, dog, car, etc.

Thursday, July 12

Our theme today was "I Will Repent" and we learned about Zacchaeus. Each person had been given "jewels" as they came in and I played the part of Zacchaeus, collecting taxes from everyone and lining my own pockets in the process! The kids were entertained by the sight of a slightly over-sized Zacchaeus climbing the sycamore tree (a step-ladder behind a palm tree) to see Jesus.

We also enjoyed playing a chasing game where each person had the chance to be Zacchaeus and take taxes (in the form of clothes pins this

time) from the others. After collecting a certain number of clothes pins, Zacchaeus would "repent" and return the collected "taxes" to the others.

Friday, July 13

This morning's session was bittersweet. Throughout the Bible story and music time, it was obvious that spirits were not as high as other mornings. This even carried over into the craft and game time to some extent.

Our closing Reflection Time went very well, however, as we talked about what we had learned throughout the week, then presented each individual with a Certificate of Completion, a bag of goodies, and a cross necklace.

We were especially touched by the gifts given us by our Czech friends. Jarda (13) played the guitar for us. We were told that he had not played for some time, having grown bored with his lessons, but he wanted to play again as a thank you. We were also each given a small hand-carved wooden bird, and as the team leader I was given a special gift, a large wooden stork that gracefully flaps its wings when it is hanging. These were all symbols, Jana said, of the way that our spirits have soared this week.

After a spirited session in the back yard with the water pistols we had brought, we ended VBS with a pizza party for the kids, each of them getting a whole pizza to enjoy. As we gathered our things to leave for the train station, there was a flurry of last-minute picture taking and signing of t-shirts. It was hard to say goodbye.



Parachute games.
Photo by Jana Krizova

Eastern Europe & Balkan Consultation IV



November 1 - 3, 2007
Cherokee UMC
Johnson City, Tennessee

Sponsored by
General Board of Global Ministries
of The United Methodist Church
and
World Methodist Evangelism

Mark Your Calendar for the fourth annual gathering of *In Mission Together* and *Connecting Congregations* partnerships. Come learn about the exciting partnerships between churches here in the United States and those behind the former Iron Curtain.

The Purpose of this conference is to celebrate what God is doing in these partnerships, to share stories, enjoy fellowship with our brothers and sisters who have survived communism, and to encourage greater participation in partnerships. You'll see how God is using these partnerships to energize, invigorate, and transform churches on BOTH sides of the Atlantic.

More Than 100 Participants are expected, including Bishop Patrick Streiff of the Central & Southern Europe Central Conference, along with representatives from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Macedonia, Serbia and Hungary.

In Mission Together is a partnership program coordinated by the General Board of Global Ministries, focusing on Methodist churches that survived communism.

Connecting Congregations is a partnership program coordinated by World Methodist Evangelism, primarily focusing on new Methodist congregations in former communist countries.

Come and Find Out what a difference a covenant partnership makes in the life of your church. You'll be glad you did!

More Information and Online Registration Available at
www.eebc4.com
or call the Johnson City District Office at 926-7533



World Evangelism

We're hosting the world in Johnson City and we need your help!

The Johnson City District is honored to have been chosen as the host site for this annual event. Our goal is to have all our pastors, and at least one person from each church in the district register to attend. In addition, we need help with the following details:

- ◆ Host Homes are needed for approximately 10 European visitors. If you can house one or more persons from October 30 thru November 3 or 4, please contact the District Office.
- ◆ Vans and Licensed Drivers are needed to provide transportation during the event between the Tri-Cities Airport, Cherokee UMC and AmericInn in Jonesborough. Contact the District Office if you can help for a few hours, a day, or for the entire event.
- ◆ Tech savvy volunteers are needed to assist with A/V setup for workshops throughout the event. We may also need to borrow A/V equipment such as projectors, DVD players/TV's, etc.

EMBRACING GOD'S DIVERSITY

The United Methodist Church strives to be a Church for all God's children. Many congregations struggle to be inclusive and welcoming to all. Leaders also frequently find themselves ill-equipped and unprepared to guide their congregations through a change for inclusiveness and to assure a diverse Church for all.

On December 13-15, 2007, The Southeastern Jurisdiction and Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center will host an innovative conference which will address these challenges. Designed to inspire and equip, the "Transforming Lives by Embracing God's Diversity"

conference will show clergy and laity how to be more ethnically inclusive through relevant and well-researched techniques and methods. Not only will these skills help build diverse congregations, they can also be used to address other areas of conflict and differences in the church and community.

Compelling and positive speakers will include Bishop James Swanson, Sr. (Holston Conference), Bishop Hope Morgan Ward (Mississippi Conference), Bishop Woodie White (retired), Silvia Peterson (Director of Centro Latino of Yancey County North Carolina), and

Herb Walters (Rural Southern Voice for Peace).

The conference will follow a connectional model that will enable and facilitate communication between conferences and ministries of The United Methodist Church. This will enable participants not only to learn from speakers, but also from each other.

Anyone who desires to learn proven and effective ways to address the increasingly divisive issue of ethnic diversity is encouraged to attend this event.

For program information, call (828) 454-668 or visit <http://www.sejumc.org/>.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT ENFORCEMENT IS HIGH PRIORITY

Have you ever wondered, "Are they enforcing music copyright laws? Is anyone being caught and going to jail?"

The answer to both questions is "Yes." What does this mean for local churches? It means that if you are doing any of the following without the proper permissions or licenses, you're at risk.:

- ◆ Showing videos at your church youth group, child care, camps, retreats or Sunday schools, even if those videos are legally rented or purchased.
- ◆ Showing film clips in worship as sermon illustrations.

- ◆ Video recording your worship services, choir concerts, children's musicals or anything else that contains copyrighted music.
- ◆ Making audio recordings of services, concerts, musicals or anything else that contains copyrighted music.
- ◆ Making copies of original recordings of choir or solo music, accompaniment tracks, or by original artists, and giving or selling them to your choir members so they can practice the music or learn their parts outside rehearsal.
- ◆ Selling or giving away audio or visual recordings containing

copyrighted music, including to performers, parents, members or shut-ins.

- ◆ Making or allowing the making of audio or video recordings of weddings or funerals in your church that contain copyrighted music.
- ◆ Radio broadcasting or TV telecasting, live or pre-recorded, of worship services containing copyrighted music.

Need help on how to get permission to use copyrighted materials? Look at the information on the General Board of Discipleship website: <http://www.gbod.org/>.

DISTRICT DAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

On Saturday, August 11 the Johnson City District gathered for a day of learning, worship, fellowship and business. Were you there? If not, here are some highlights.

After an opening session with music from the Fairview UMC (Maryville) Praise Band and devotions led by Dr. Jerry Russell, participants had the opportunity to attend 2 of 8 workshops. Comments on the evaluation forms collected after the workshops described them as informative, useful, phenomenal, and

the leaders as spirit-filled, inspiring, and very knowledgeable.

The workshops were followed by lunch and worship punctuated by an inspiring message from Rev. Ann Robins. The day ended with District Conference, during which District Leadership and At-Large Lay Members to Annual Conference were elected, and a \$157,053 budget was adopted for 2008 - a \$131 increase from 2007.

Elected as At-Large Lay Members to the 2008 Annual

Conference were: Lynice Broyles, Dell Gates, Elizabeth Ramsey, Betty Barton, Andrew Tolley, Joe Hommel, Angie Loveday, Paul Brown, Kim Hollier, Mike Loveday, Eric Matthews, and Marjorie Wilson. Alternates elected were: Hugh Wallace, Margaret Wallace, Mark Cutshall, Troy Arnold and Sandra Matthews.

To receive a copy of the Book of Reports or minutes for District Conference, contact the District Office.

LIVING MARKETPLACE - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

First Annual Blessing of the Animals
 Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am
 Wesley Memorial UMC

Animals must be in a carrier or on a leash. Each animal will receive a blessing. If you are unable to bring your pet, you may bring a photo of your animal to be blessed. This will occur in the front parking lot of the church, near the Sanctuary entrance. Local animal groups and/or vendors will be here to hand out information. For more information, contact Missy at 282-6722.

Marriage Encounter Weekend Couples are invited to enroll in this ministry October 12 -14 to be held in Oak Ridge, TN. It will be led by Gary and Lisa Morris, a Certified Administrative Presenting Couple with Marriage Encounter. For more information contact Gary & Lisa at (865) 609- 8223 or garylisame@charter.net.

National Bible Week. November 18-25, 2007 The National Bible Association offers free materials that will help you encourage others around you to read the Bible, including a Weekly Bible Reading Guide, postcards and posters. For more info contact Richard E. Dwyer at 753-9556.

Choir Director and/or Pianist Needed - Piney Flats UMC is accepting applications for part-time choir director and/or pianist (could be one or two positions) for growing congregation with strong choir. Job responsibilities include music planning (for director position), Wednesday night choir rehearsal, Sunday morning worship and occasional special services. Position(s) open immediately. Please send inquiries to Rev. Laura Rasor, 355 Piney Flats Rd, Piney Flats, TN 37686. Phone: 538-6937. Email: pfumc1@juno.com.

Wooden pulpit and Lectern They are in very good condition and would make a great addition to most sanctuaries. Contact Judy at 282-6722.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LOCAL MISSIONS

HISPANIC MINISTRY OF UNICOI UMC BY REV. LINDA BIRD WRIGHT



"The main thrust of our program has been and will continue to be sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the children." - Rev. Linda Bird Wright

Unicoi UMC has continued in 2006-5007 with its ministry to the Hispanic population of Unicoi County. An ever increasing number of Hispanic families are making Unicoi County their home and we as a congregation are reaching out to them.

We have seen an increase in the number of children participating and have had a change in staffing since the departure of our children's ministry director in January 2007. We are currently serving 40 children, ages 3 through middle school grades, in our after-school program on Fridays. The after-school program, which operates during the school year only goes from 3:00 until 5:30 in the afternoon. During this time the children are fed, have crafts, structured play time, music, and Bible stories. Our summer time program operates from 1:00 until 5:00 and includes some of the same activities, but more in-depth and follows a rotation model. The summer Fun Days go for a 7 week period and we also include the children in our Vacation Bible School program.

Beginning in September

2007, we shall begin a program of picking up the children for Sunday School and incorporating them in our regular Rotation Sunday School Program. Many of these children attend Mass at 8:00 am at the chapel on the Scott Farm; however there is no Christian instruction for children. This decision was made after consultation with the parents of these children. The parents and Hispanic community support this move.

During the summer months we serve both the residential Hispanic population and also the migrant worker population. Some of the migrant community has been participating in our summer program and we expect they will continue for the next couple of months.

With the increase in numbers and programming we have had to increase our staff. We are in the process of hiring a staff person who will incorporate these children in more of our church's ongoing activities and even further expand our after school ministry.

We have had part-time staff and several volunteers. The program is

staffed with a minimum of 6 volunteers weekly plus 2 part-time hourly staff. Our budget has steadily increased with fuel costs rising and increased staff person's salaries.

The main thrust of our program has been and will continue to be sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the children. We hope as these young people grow they will decide to continue to be a part of our ministry efforts by joining our youth program, and continue to grow in their faith journey.

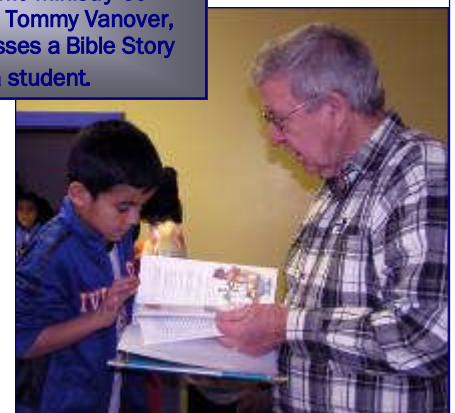
There appears to be some racial tension in the high school with the Hispanic population and the Anglo population. It is our hope that as we include these children more and more in our regular programming that this will help ease part of the tensions.

God continues to bless our efforts as we lean on the Holy One for guidance, wisdom and strength.

Thanks be to God.

Photos compliments of Mary Ellen Morrison

Hispanic Ministry Co-Chair, Tommy Vanover, discusses a Bible Story with a student.



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**CHURCH PHOTOS
 AND HISTORIES
 NEEDED**

Please submit a photo of your church and the recent history of your church to the district office by November 1. These items will be used to create a small historical collection for the Conference Center in Alcoa.

Copies of R.N. Price's volume 1, 3 and 4 of "History of Holston" are also needed along with any of I.P. Martin's books to complete a Historical Library in the Holston Conference Center. The donor's name will be inscribed inside the front cover and these treasured volumes will be carefully preserved for future readers.

CHURCHES THAT ARE CURRENT IN THEIR FAIR SHARE GIVING

* Denotes 100% Of 2007 Fair Share Has Been Paid

District Fair Share

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| Asbury * | Mayberry * |
| Austin Springs | McCarty * |
| Bluff City | Milburnton * |
| Cedar Grove * | Mt. Tabor * |
| Centenary | Mt. Wesley |
| Clear Springs * | Munsey Memorial |
| East Pine Grove Park | Otterbein |
| Eden * | Piney Flats |
| Edgefield | Seviers * |
| Elizabeth Chapel * | St. Paul, Elizabethton * |
| Embreeville | Stone Dam * |
| Enterprise * | Sulphur Springs |
| Fairhaven * | Taylor Memorial * |
| Fairview | Telford * |
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| Grace | Valley View * |
| Jearoldstown * | Watauga Point * |
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| Liberty Hill * | |

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| Jearoldstown * | |
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| Milburnton * | |
| Mt. Carmel * | |
| Munsey Memorial | |
| Piney Flats | |
| Pleasant Hill | |
| Roan Mountain | |
| Taylor Memorial * | |
| Unicoi | |

Mark your calendar for these September meetings and events:

Discipleship Team, September 6, 6:30 pm, Cherokee UMC; **District Clergy**, September 11, 10:00 am, Boones Creek UMC; **District Clergy Make-up**, September 11, 7:00 pm, Cherokee UMC; **DCOM**, September 17, 1:00 pm, Cherokee UMC; **Senior Adult Council**, September 20, 6:30 pm, Cherokee UMC; **District Clergy Executive Committee**, September 27, 11:00 pm, District Office; **Lay Speaker Training**, September 28 & 29, Piney Flats UMC; **Wesley Foundation at ETSU Auction & BBQ**, September 29.