



Spiritual Hunger

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### Meet the preacher who left Hilton Head for Kingsport

His church was growing. He lived near the beach. Why did Clark Jenkins come to a declining city in east Tennessee to pastor one of Holston's largest congregations?



### Hope follows heartbreak

Two Holston churches experienced devastating fires shortly before Christmas. Here's an update on the overwhelming generosity shown by others.



### Bishop's Blog

Bishop Swanson has departed for Egypt, but he left behind three new blogs. Leave him your comments, before he returns.



### Reading List

Pop quiz: Who were the matriarchs of the Bible? What books are lying on their nightstands?



### Resurrection, yes! Traffic woes, darn

More than 12,000 youth and counselors are expected in Gatlinburg, Tenn., over the next two weekends for Resurrection, Holston's annual event for teens. Gas up before you go. There's a traffic issue. (*Knoxnews.com*)



### Your 2 Cents

Did you invite someone to church last week? Then *why not?* Give us your two cents. (We really want to know.)

### Conference Calendar

- Feb. 3-6: Ministers' Convocation
- Feb. 6: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22-24: Cross-Bearers (for youth interested in faith-sharing)
- March 2: One Great Hour of Sharing
- March 6-8: Ministers' Wives Retreat
- March 7-8: March Forth for Children (children's ministry training)
- March 8: UMM Day With the Bishop (call 865-588-5763)



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### Holston.org Picks

- Invite your under-35 group to hear Shane Claiborne at Divine Rhythm
- Who died? Sign up for Fellowship of the Concerned
- If your heart is green, find out about Holston's environmental ministry



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## UMC.org Picks

- Ideas for observing [Martin Luther King Day](#) in the church
- [Small church?](#) This web site is for you
- Pray Without Ceasing: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#) (Jan. 18-25)



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## Opportunities



- If you like this e-mail, tell your congregation: *The Call 2* is free! Sign up at [www.thecalltwo.holston.org](http://www.thecalltwo.holston.org).
- 2008 Holston Conference calendars are available for \$9.50 each. [Download](#) order form.
- Kingston UMC has 34 choir robes and two acolyte robes (color: royal blue and cream) that they hope to donate to one or two small congregations with limited resources. [E-mail](#) Regina or call (865) 376-6337.
- Cokesbury Bookstore: Vacation Bible School workshop in Knoxville, Tenn. Date: Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$10 (includes lunch). Register by calling (865) 693-6750.
- Correction: On page 2 of the January 2008 newspaper, the covered-dish dinner at Decatur UMC is *not* open to the public.



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