



Saving Grace

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Resurrection: Two youth explain what it's *really* like

- ["Powerful," says Kirby of Cleveland District](#)
- ["Inspirational," says Remy of Johnson City District](#)
- [Say: What does it mean to live "the radical way"?](#)
- Coming next week: Photos





Be a servant, not a sucker

What's the right thing to do when a panhandler asks for assistance? A United Methodist workshop in South Carolina teaches that it's "OK to say no," sometimes.



Bishop's Blog

Bishop Swanson sends this message from where he is traveling in Bethlehem: "I encourage you not to fuss at your people because they are more excited about the Super Bowl than coming to church on Transfiguration Sunday ..."



Reading List

Cody from Morristown. Ashley from Tazewell. Linwood from Cleveland. What books are lying on their nightstands?



2007 giving: Want the good news first?

The good news is that one district paid 100 percent of its 2007 apportionments. The less-than-good news is the conference-wide collection rate was 89 percent.



Your 2 Cents

District Roundup. You love it, we love it. So send us news of your ministries so that others will be inspired by your congregation's good works.

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 older adults to hear Bishop Richard Looney at [Jubilation](#)
- Need a back issue from 2001? Visit *The Call's* [archives](#)
- If you're scheduling a retreat, visit our camp [Retreat Opportunities](#) page



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- [Worship planning for Lent](#): 56 links to get you started
- News from the bigger church: [United Methodist News Service](#)
- Lunch break? Read today's [Upper Room daily devotional](#) online



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Opportunities



- Get discounted computer software for your church through the United Methodist Communications [TechShop](#).
- Free Christian modern rock concert: [The Dig Project](#) at [Grace United Methodist Church](#) in Soddy Daisy, Tenn., on Friday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m.
- [Take this survey](#): What hymns should be in a new United Methodist hymnal?
- **Correction:** The Jan. 16 edition of this e-mail referred to Kingsport, Tenn., as a "declining" city. Recent statistics indicate that Kingsport is experiencing a revitalization. *The Call* regrets the error and will publish letters to the editor from concerned Kingsport residents in the February edition of the newspaper.



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