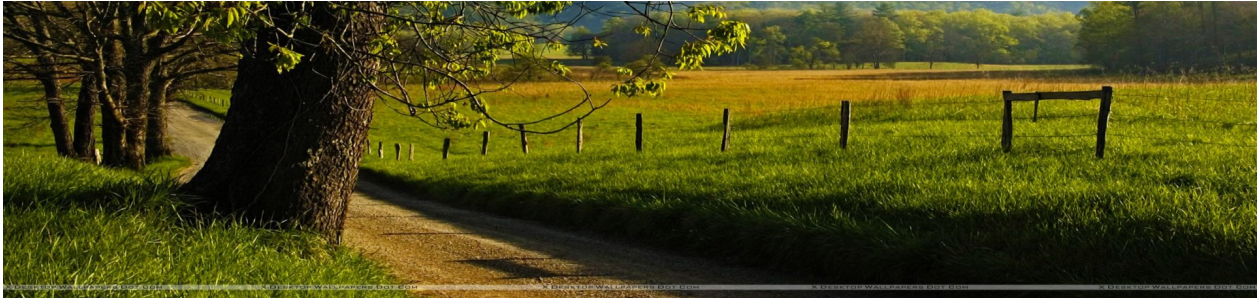


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[Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting](#)
August 7 - 10 Jonesborough, TN

Come hear Dr. Randy Frye, senior pastor at Fountain City UMC, preach at the 197th Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting each night for 4 nights at 6:30 pm. On Sunday afternoon, join members of the Johnson City and Kingsport Districts in packing meals for the Stop Hunger Now food program.

0.1 CEUs per evening. See brochure for volunteering and other event details.



QUICKLINKS:

- [Check CEU Report](#)
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[LectionaryPalooza: Advent](#)
August 11 Gray, TN

Top-notch lectionary preachers from our area will offer their approaches to preaching the four Sundays of Advent from the Revised Common Lectionary (Year A) during this year's Advent LectionaryPalooza. Speakers include: Rev. Dr. Stella Roberts (ret.), on the Gospel readings, Dr. Timothy Ross, Pastor, Hopwood Christian Church, Johnson City, on the Epistles, and Liesl Huhn, Adjunct Bible Professor, Milligan College, on the Old Testament. 0.4 CEUs



September 16 - 17 Sevierville, TN

[The Worship/Audio/Video/Lighting Conference](#) is your opportunity to come and fellowship with some of the best Worship Leaders and Audio-Visual-Light techs, while learning "best practices" for worship and production. Come and experience two days of worship, learning and fellowship! Also, be sure and spread the word to those in your local church who are involved in all aspects of worship planning. 0.5 CEUs

CLERGY NOTES:

I recently sent out an e-mailed survey to MissionInsite registered users. Many of you have moved, some more than once since you did your initial registration, and your emails in that system are no longer valid. Please take a moment to log in to MissionInsite and click on "View Profile" in the upper right hand corner to update your information.

Regarding your CEU reports for your upcoming charge conference, a new quadrennium began July 1st, so every continuing ed credit you earned from that day forward applies to the new 4-year period. You can still submit events attended during the last quadrennium for the next few months for credit.

MONTHLY MESSAGE:

How Can the Design Process Help Churches Think Creatively and Attract Young People?

- by Mihee Kim-Kort (© Faith & Leadership 1/26/16)

Where are all the young people? It's a question that absorbs the leaders of mainline institutions, as research continues to reveal the millennial generation as one of the least engaged in religious life. Yet there is a seeming contradiction: Research also shows that millennials have a strong sense of faith in God.

So how do Christian institutions connect with that yearning? From my own observations and conversations, it seems that the most effective "programs" combine the traditional with the unconventional. These range from Theology on Tap gatherings to coffeehouses that host spoken-word artists to urban community gardens -- all creative ways for churches to connect with millennials and digital natives.

But how do churches come up with these plans and ideas?

At a recent weekend workshop, I learned how design methods can offer an exciting way for congregations and institutions to work with their members and prospective members -- including those turned-off young people -- to create churches that are meaningful, beautiful and faithful.

Click [here](#) to read the rest of this article.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Be sure to visit the Holston [online calendar](#) for a complete list of upcoming events throughout the Conference and beyond.

August:

Grief Recovery Retreat for Pastors

August 8—11 Kingston, TN 1.9 CEUs

reCreation: A Festival of Faith

August 14 - September 7 Chattanooga, TN 0.1 CEUs for each Wednesday workshop attended

School of Congregational Development

August 17 - 20 Evanston, IL 1.6 CEUs

Global UM Clergywomen's Gathering 2016

August 29 - 31 Houston, TX 1.0 CEUs

September:

Experience Conference

September 6 - 9 Orlando, FL 1.5 CEUs

Professional Coach Training

September 19 - 23 Nashville, TN 6.4 CEUs

New Room Conference

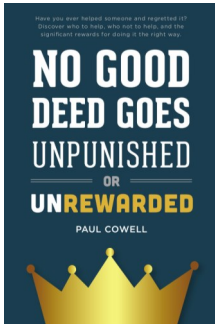
September 21 - 23 Franklin, TN 1.0 CEUs

Rowan Williams - Bonhoeffer Lectures

September 28 - 29 Sewanee, TN 0.5 CEUs

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BOOK/VIDEO:

Remember, each book related to ministry qualifies for 0.3 CEUs and 3 books = 1 full CEU. Submit name, author, publisher and date, and a brief review for continuing ed credit.



No Good Deed Goes Unpunished or Unrewarded

- by Paul Cowell

Read this book to discover why parishioners who require the most attention and resources too often become critical and leave the church. Pastors will learn principles to protect them from anger and resentment from those they shepherd. They will also see why passive-aggressive and committed victims cannot always be rescued successfully, and they will know what to expect when they are persecuted. Pastors will discern God's hand even in personal attacks and hostility.

"It's natural—even biblical—to want to help someone in need. But we need a solid game plan so the rescue doesn't do more harm than good. Paul Cowell has the experience and insight to help you minister to others without fostering a toxic spirit of entitlement."

- Dave Ramsey, best-selling author and nationally syndicated radio show host

"I expected to read at a safe distance with an evaluative eye for 'other Pastors' but was quickly in a flurry of sympathetic resonance from past experience. So far this deserves a prominent place in the 'Things I Should Have Been Told In Seminary' series."

- Wesley Horne, Executive Director Southeast Region, PastorServe

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