

# Biweekly

on the Gulf Coast after the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. The total for all three offerings was \$35,115.39.

## CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP DOWN, CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UP, AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE DOWN

Year end reports by local churches indicate a decline of 700 in total church membership in 2005. Membership in Memphis Conference churches stands at 88,123, down by 79%. Average worship attendance reflects a loss of 576, down to 35,001, or down 1.65%. Average Church School attendance, on the other hand, is up to 20,989, a gain of 129 or .61%.

## CHURCHES DISCONTINUED DURING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Bethel UMC, Brownsville District
- Rehobeth UMC (Hardeman County), Brownsville District
- Harmony UMC (near Cayce, Tenn.), Dyersburg District
- Wesley Chapel UMC (Sharon, Tenn.), Dyersburg District
- Palestine UMC, Dyersburg District
- Oakfield UMC, Jackson District
- Chapel Hill UMC (Henry County), Paris District
- Wesley Chapel (Weakley County), Paris District

## CHURCHES CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS

- Ann Robbins Phillips, conference historian, presented certificates to seven churches celebrating significant birthdays in 2005-2006. They are:
- 175 years old
- Cypress UMC, Crockett County, Brownsville District
- Paris First, Paris, Tenn.
- 150 years old
- Hebron UMC, Paris District, Tenn.
- Union City First, Union City, Tenn.
- Pleasant Grove, Benton, Ky.

- 125 years old
- Arlington UMC, Arlington, Tenn.
- Floyds Chapel, Maury City, Tenn.

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Above: Retiring at the 2006 Annual Conference were (pictured left to right, Sonja and Lynn Hunston, Gwen and Larry Tubb, Ann and Jerry Jeffords, and Daymond (not pictured) and Rachel Duck. Also retiring but not pictured were Richard Hackleman, Albert Clay Kelly, and Triford McGill Parford.



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Above: The Rev. Mike Blake, Director of Reelfoot Rural Ministries, surprises Mrs. Hilda McKinnie Carlson by announcing that the administration building of the ministry has been named in her honor.



Tuesday night worship was designed by the youth.

## Four Star Churches recognized at Annual Conference 2006

The Annual Conference of 2006, the Rev. Joe Moseley, Program Ministries Team staff liaison for Evangelism, recognized 45 local churches as Four Star Churches. A Four Star Church is one that accomplishes four tasks during the year. Every Four Star Church sets an annual goal for the number of new members to be received by Profession of Faith; sponsors at least one confirmation or membership training class; starts at least one new adult Bible Study or Sunday School class; and designates at least one Sunday per year as a special occasion for inviting unchurched persons to church.

Attaining the designation of Four Star Church are:

- |                             |                   |                                |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Brownsville District</b> | Brownsville First | St. Luke's                     |
|                             | Alamo First       | Trinity                        |
|                             | Brownsville First | Asbury                         |
|                             | Elizabeth         | Calvary-Longview               |
|                             | Friendship        | Colonial Park                  |
|                             | Medina First      | Covenant                       |
|                             | Milan First       | Germanown First                |
|                             |                   | Emmanuel                       |
| <b>Dyersburg District</b>   | Dyersburg First   | St. Luke's                     |
|                             | Fulton First      |                                |
|                             | Hickman First     | <b>Paducah District</b>        |
|                             | Hughlett          | Broadway                       |
|                             | Martin First      | Calvary                        |
|                             | Ross              | Grace                          |
| <b>Jackson District</b>     | Bemis             |                                |
|                             |                   | <b>Memphis-Asbury District</b> |
|                             |                   | Bolton                         |
|                             |                   | Christ United Methodist        |
|                             |                   | Covington First                |
|                             |                   | Ellendale                      |
|                             |                   | Friendship                     |
|                             |                   | Heartson                       |
|                             |                   | Highland Heights               |
|                             |                   | Millington First               |
|                             |                   | Maulins                        |
|                             |                   | Pleasant Ridge                 |
|                             |                   | Saint Paul                     |

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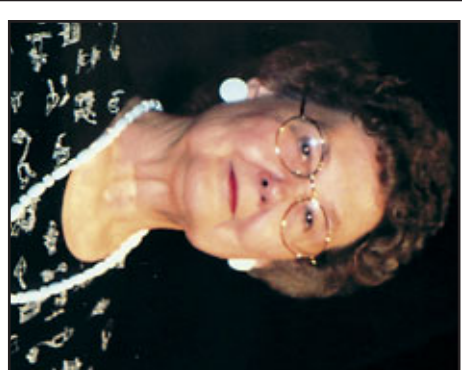
### ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUDGET BY \$305,400

Delegates to the 2006 Annual Conference decided to add \$300,000 to the bottom line for Pensions and \$5400 to the Program Ministries budget in order to make a belated grant to MIFA, the Memphis Interfaith Association. The Rev. David Atkinson, in his report from Pensions, asked for \$300,000 more than the amount approved by the Council on Finance and Administration. Dr. Harry Durbin, senior pastor of Collierville UMC, moved to add \$5,400 to the PYT budget.

### AC 2006 OFFERINGS FOR CHILDREN OF KAMINA AND TO REBUILD MINISTRY ON GULF COAST

Conference Treasurer James Finger, after counting the money from the three offerings taken at Annual Conference in Paducah, Ky., reported the following: on Sunday, June 4, \$11,208.90 was received for Kamina in the Democratic Republic of Congo; on Monday, June 5, an additional \$3,367.40 was given for the orphan feeding program in the North Katanga Conference of the Congo; and on Tuesday, June 6, \$20,539.09 was received for the Council of Bishops' *Kamina Church Recovery Appeal* to help rebuild mission and ministry

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The Rev. Ora Bell Peck was the first woman ordained in the Memphis Conference. 'Sometimes it was as hard as nailing jello to a tree!' she said.



Bishop Dick Willis presided over an Annual Conference that celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Full Clergy Rights for Women.



The Rev. Aurtura Hampton helped lead the "Prayers of the People and Their Hands."



'The women are gathering...' Monday night's worship service touched many as women in ordained ministry gathered on the stage of the Carson Center in Paducah, Ky. Coming to the stage in the order of their ordination, they filled it from side to side.

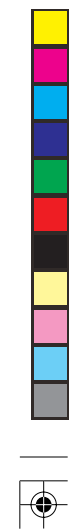
## 2006 Annual Conference



Above: Cheryl Walker, Bible Study leader.  
Right: The Rev. Gail Gaddie, Memorial Service preacher.



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# Clergy appointments 2006-2007

## BROWNSVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: **Cecil L. Bellew**

Freeman's Chapel-Travis Chapel.....  
 Fulton First..... Charles Terry English  
 Timothy Atkins  
 Gleason First-New Valley..... Marshall L. Jeffers  
 Greenfield-Brock's-Mt. Hebron, Richard Denton  
 Grove Hill-Olive..... Dale V. Malins  
 Bolivar First..... Timothy M. Carpenter  
 Bradford..... Gene Rollins  
 Brazil-Emory-Gibson Wells..... Gail Bruno  
 Brownsville Circuit (Lebanon-Taboracle-Zion)  
 Brownsville First..... Justin Ranter  
 W. Keat Bailey  
 Brownsville First Min. of Worship & Education.....  
 Dyer First-Union Ext. Min..... Sammy G. Tillman Jr.  
 T. J. Wesley  
 Edith-Melville-Bethesda..... Tom Perkins  
 Faith-Mt. Pleasant..... C. Michael Roberts  
 Falls Chapel-Oak Grove..... L. David Morris  
 Friendship-Elizabeth..... Benjamin J. Sitwell-Hernandez  
 Gates Circuit (Concord-Eureka-Gates).....

Clarence E. Hare Jr.  
 Gibson-Moore's Chapel Ext. Min., Jerry Shaver  
 Grace-New Shiloh..... William M. Vaughan Jr.  
 Grand Junction-LaGrange-Holmes..... James McKinley III  
 Griffin's Chapel-Grier's Chapel-Poplar Grove..... William Copeland  
 Halts-Lebanon Ext. Min..... V. Eugene Nichols  
 Humboldt First-Gadsden..... J. Larry Riley  
 Marvin's Chapel-Union Grove... Brent Forerfield  
 Mary City-Floyd's Chpl... Thomas R. Spellings  
 Medina First..... Hiram L. Harrison  
 Middleton-Keaves-Powell's Chpl..... Brian Riley  
 Midgett Chpl-Hudson Grove..... Robert Gardner  
 Milan First..... J. Steven Cavitt  
 Mt. Zion..... Jerry Hassell  
 Ripley Circuit (Asbury-Hurricane Hill-Lightfoot)  
 Wendell G. Smith  
 Ripley First..... J. Randy Cooper  
 Rutherford-Salem-Antioch..... Garrett Sweeney  
 Salem-Walnut Grove-Lessenberry..... Mary W. Mitchell  
 Sileron Circuit (Big Springs-Hornsby-  
 Pleasant Springs-Sileron)..... Jerry L. Wilson  
 St. Paul-New Hope..... Ben Rainey  
 Stanton-Dancyville-Spring Hill... Walter Meadows  
 Trenton-Olive Branch..... Dan R. Weatherbee  
 Trinity-Curve..... Joseph B. Johnson  
 Whiteville-Mt. Pleasant-Prison Ministry..... Larry E. Finger

## DYERSBURG DISTRICT

District Superintendent:  
**Stanley L. Waldon**

Antioch-Rives..... TBS  
 Fred Thomas  
 Cayce-Critchfield..... Rufus Moore  
 Center-Roboth..... Daniel K. Tilly  
 Chapel Hill- Harris..... John Buck Carroll  
 Dresden First-Mt. Pleasant..... Dan Leslie  
 Dyersburg:  
 Dyersburg First..... Phillip A. Cook  
 Dyersburg First Associate..... K. Wade Cox  
 Dyersburg First Associate..... Robert Craig  
 Ross-Hightlet..... Eric Richardson  
 East Dyersburg-Nebo Ext. Min..... Dale Mills  
 Finley..... A. Ralph Gunter  
 Fowlkes-Sorell's Chpl-Palentine... John Lowrance

James Davis  
 Keyes Chapel-Mt. Pleasant.....  
 John Holcomb  
 Lebanon-Union Grove..... Joseph R. Thornton  
 Lester's Chapel..... Timothy Atkins  
 Lexington First..... Stanley McDaniel  
 Maggie Jones-Finger..... Robert Sylvester  
 Milldevelly Parish  
 Milldevelly-Morris Chapel..... Jimmy E. Dyer  
 Lebanon..... Phil Bridges  
 Nebo-New Hope..... George L. Reed  
 New Bethel-Shady Grove..... A. Neal Hinson  
 Oakfield..... TBS  
 Oak Grove (Madison Co.)..... John B. Clarke  
 Parsons First-Yellow Springs... Durwood Worley  
 Martin First..... J. Larry Kendrick  
 Martin First Assoc. (Alam Inerhath Center).....  
 Roger Henson  
 Martin First Assoc. (Alam Inerhath Center).....  
 W. Dean Emerson  
 McCabe Charge..... Jimmy Carter  
 Millsfield Parish (Chris-Elbridge-Zion).....  
 Walt A. Asher  
 M. Zion-Rush Creek..... Hugh Barksdale  
 Newbern..... Richard Caruth  
 Obion-Cobbs Chapel-Obion Chapel..... James G. Wolfgang Sr.  
 Ridgeley-Cunningham..... Joe Walker Jr.  
 Sharon..... Harold M. Stricker  
 South Fulton-Oak Hill..... H B Fields Jr.  
 Tiponville-Crocket Chapel... Edward E. Enskley  
 Trimble-Mt. Carmel..... Judith F. Wolfgang  
 Troy-Sanders Chapel..... Judd A. Mowery  
 Union City:  
 Union City First..... David Russell  
 Pleasant Valley-Shady Grove... W. Thomas Jowers

## JACKSON DISTRICT

District Superintendent:  
**Joy S. Weatherbee**

Adamsville Circuit (Bethlehem-Hickory Flat-  
 Mt. Vernon)..... Glen F. Scott  
 Adamsville First-Crumpp..... Bob W. Rose  
 Bath Springs Circuit (Bath Springs-Old Center-  
 Pleasant Hill)..... Howard Ransom  
 Beech Bluff Parish (Beech Bluff-Mt. Pleasant)  
 Diane Harrison  
 Big Springs-Monterzuma..... Jim Osborne  
 Browns..... Seven J. Callicott  
 Buena Vista-Sulphur Springs.....  
 A. Zolot Clayon Jr.  
 Center Ridge..... Steven Forsythe  
 Concord-Mt. Carmel-Mt. Lebanon... Gary Dunn  
 Cornth-Jberry-Satillo..... Brian Griffith  
 Decaturville First..... Steven L. Douglas  
 Ebenezer-Oak Grove..... Mark McCaslin  
 Emville-Holly Springs..... William S. Evans II  
 Harris Grove-Pitts Chapel..... Keith Brown  
 Henderson First-Trinity..... Steven Mischke  
 Jackson:  
 Aldersgate..... W. Glenn Hill  
 Barnis..... Gary Morse  
 East Trinity-Mt. Carmel..... Dennis Renshaw  
 Forest Heights..... Susan Mann Sharpe  
 Grace..... Mark Irvin  
 Jackson First..... J. Feil Cech  
 Jackson First Associate..... David Weatherly  
 Jackson First Dir. Music Min. Charlie Overton  
 Lambuth Memorial..... John R. Banson  
 Malusus..... L. Ray Chandler  
 Northside Dir. Lay Care..... Daphne Moses  
 St. Andrew..... Barbara Blacknon-Forman  
 Wesley Chapel-New Bethel..... John Glaze

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 Kim A. Kaulow  
 Cynthia Friddle  
 John T. Campbell  
 Richard H. Cook  
 Roger Penn

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 Atoka..... Joe E. Percy Jr.  
 Bartlett..... Larry J. Daniel  
 Bartlett Senior Associate..... Judy Phillips Percy  
 Bolton..... Ken L. Stewart  
 Campground..... David Hale  
 Christ..... William R. Bounknight III  
 Christ Dir. Congregation Care..... Pat Roseberry  
 Christ Min. of Evangelism..... Janey Lee  
 Christ Associate..... W. Arnold Roberts  
 Christ Associate..... Edgar L. White Jr.  
 Christ Pastoral Care..... Deborah Mathewson  
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 St. Paul Associate..... Deborah Suddarth  
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 St. Timothy..... Cynthia Friddle  
 Tabernacle..... John T. Campbell  
 Temple-Kerrville..... Richard H. Cook  
 Trinity..... Roger Penn

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 Bardana-Corinth..... Maria E. Burken  
 Barlow-Pleasant Hill..... Vida McClure  
 Benton First..... David G. Atkinson  
 Bethlehem-Water Valley-Wesley..... Jim Peyton  
 Brewers..... Richard K. Dawdy  
 Briensburg-Mt. Carmel..... William H. Lawson  
 Calvert City..... Ronald G. Peck  
 Church Grove-Union Ridge.....  
 Joilme Balentine-Downey  
 Clinton First-Hickman County Parish  
 Clinton First-Oakwood-Oakton-Shiloh)  
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 Henry-Palentine..... Franklin Gardner  
 Hickory Flat-Lebanon-Pleasant Hill..... David Albritten  
 Holladay-Palentine..... M. Ladd Williams  
 Huntington Circuit..... H. Wayne Holmes  
 Huntington First..... James C. Cooper  
 Johnson's Chapel..... Jason Jones  
 Kiskey-Goshen..... Mark Earheart  
 Liberty (Carroll)..... James Smith  
 Lovelessville-Owens Chapel..... Todd Ray  
 Lynnville..... J. Michael Elliott  
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 Mayfield.....  
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 Lynn Hunnison  
 Ronnie Lear  
 Patricia Trull  
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 Paul Mullikin  
 David P. Compery  
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 Earl T. Dickerson  
 H Gregory Waldrop  
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 Ben F. Boone  
 Joe W. Beal  
 David Stewart  
 Sky Lowe-McCracken  
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