



ALERT

Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women



Can you all believe it is another year! Last year went by so fast but it was a great year for the Alabama-West Florida UMW conference. If you were able to get to any of the events last year, you could see that a lot of effort went into planning them to ensure they were spiritual, educational, fun and meaningful. This year we also want to make each and every event better.

We start in February with Tapestry. This year the Mobile District will be hosting this event on the 24th and 25th. They are having some great focus groups and the speaker will be special. There is more information on page 5 and 6.

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat is coming to Blue Lake on March 23rd-25th. Registration forms for this will be included in the mail edition, on line and sent with my e-mail.

The Cooperative School of Christian Missions will be moving to the Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama. There will be much more information about this in the next edition of the *Alert*.

Finally, we end the year on October 19 with the Leadership Training event for all district officers followed on Saturday Oct. 22nd with our Annual Meeting. UMW members come and bring a friend to some of these events. You will not be disappointed.

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Available online at: <http://www.gbqm-umc.org/awfconfumw/>

From the Desk of the President & Vice President

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:



What a **GREAT** Annual Meeting! Did you feel the excitement? Did you feel the presence of God? Did you hear the laughter? Did you see the smiles and respond to the hugs? I did! I laughed, I smiled and I hugged so many wonderful people. All part of who we are - the Faith, the Hope and the Love in Action as United Methodist Women. It was a great day as we made new friends, rejoiced in seeing

familiar faces and celebrated the ministry of United Methodist Women and saw the awesome number of school kits you brought. **WHAT A RESPONSE FROM YOU ALL!** Sheila Hare, Conference Secretary, rented a U-Haul and hand delivered to U.M.C.O.R in Baldwin, LA three hundred completed kits and supplies for about two hundred more...I am so looking forward to our 2012 annual meeting with excitement. I can hardly wait to see what great things we will do in this brand new year! Make plans now to come to Blue Lake on October 19th & 20th for our 40th Annual Meeting.

WOW! 2012 - A new year and a new page in the history of United Methodist Women. As we begin moving forward there is work to be done as United Methodist Women. Some of the areas of need are education, domestic violence, unemployment, homelessness, poverty, health, immigration and all the "isims" that pollute our society. As long as there are issues plaguing our world there will be work for United Methodist Women.

The first phrase of one section of our Purpose states: "The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God" - it is no accident that "to know God" is the first part of our Purpose. If we know God then all of our other ministries follow. We must take time in our busy lives to spend time with God - praying (which includes listening) and reading scripture. The Tapestry Retreat (Feb. 24-25 at Christ Church in Mobile) and the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat (Mar. 23-25 at Blue Lake) are wonderful opportunities for you to get away, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and spend quality time in developing a relationship with God. Blessings are always received from attending these retreats.

Last year I asked us to be S.A.V.V.Y. United Methodist Women. This year I would like for us to think about the following as we begin our mission work. **"Plug into the P.O.W.E.R."** (Prayer, Others, Word of God, Equipped, Respond) Remember to be in prayer for our work, always put others first, listen to the word of God, become better equipped to do our work and to always respond with a willing heart and joyful spirit.

There is much to do as we assure God's call to be in mission and ministry throughout the world as United Methodist Women.

I thank God for all of you and the way you answer God's call.

Betty

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FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

The Year 2011 in Review

The Alabama/West Florida Conference of United Methodist Women enjoyed an amazing year, full of opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. In January there was the COSROW Retreat at Blue Lake. February took us to Port St. Joe, Florida for a fun filled Tapestry. Our hostesses from the Marianna/Panama City District rolled out the "RED" carpet for us and showed us what planning and teamwork can accomplish.

We greeted Spring at Blue Lake with our Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, where we were introduced to our year long theme - "All Things Made New". The highlight of the weekend was the releasing of the butterflies on Sunday morning.

Summer arrived as usual and your Mission Team headed to South Atlantic Regional School at Ferrum College in Virginia to attend training for the mission studies that were to be presented at Cooperative School of Christian Mission in July at Blue Lake - "Joy to the World", "Haiti" and "The Journey".

October brought us to the last of our conference activities for the year - District Officer Training and Conference Annual Day. Your executive team spent many hours of preparation and praying to make these programs more meaningful and fun. If you were there, I know you will agree that the skits were upbeat and informative. The cheers given by each district "cheer leaders" were unique and gave the program a festive and spirited tone. Mothers and daughters from several districts attended again this year and a special program was planned for them. The girls prepared School Kits from the supplies donated by all the UMW members. The response for this project was so great that a truck had to be rented to deliver the kits to Sager Brown in Louisiana. We thank Sheila Hare and her husband for making this important delivery.

If you missed any of these 2011 events, please mark your calendars for the 2012 events and join us for food, fun, spiritual growth and fellowship. Remember the work of United Methodist Women needs your participation to make our purpose come alive by expanding concepts of mission as we reach out to women, children and youth around the world. Continue to pray, read, learn, attend and give as we participate in the wonderful missional work of United Methodist Women.

In HIS Service,

Pat Dodge

Conference Vice President

2012 Alabama/West Florida UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Blue Lake



Rev. Dr. Laura Early, Spiritual Enrichment Speaker

Dr. Rev. Laura G. Early is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, and has served the United Methodist Church since 1981.

She holds a BA in Philosophy from NC State, a Masters of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, and a Doctor of Ministry from Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, South Carolina.

Dr. Early, known as "Miss Laura" by the communities she serves, became founding pastor of All God's Children United Methodist Church, in Aulander, in 1997. All God's Children United Methodist Church was formed as a result of The Bishop's Initiative on Children and the Impoverished. All God's Children has gained national recognition for its ministries, which focus on meeting the needs of children, the impoverished, and their families.

Laura and her husband, Bill, have three children (Betty, June and Gunter), two grandchildren (Laura Haley and Addison Rayne), five horses, five cats, five dogs, and a dove. Though she once thought her next appointment would be to build an ark, she has instead devoted herself to developing The Place of Possibilities.



Pam Dannelly will be our Music Leader. Pat received her Bachelor of Music Degree at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama. She is retired from teaching at Ransom Middle School in Escambia County after teaching

for 31 years. In her retirement, she is active in volunteer work in the Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival, the choir program and is president of the United Methodist Women of Pensacola First. She and her husband Bill are the proud parents and grandparents of two sons, and four absolutely adorable grandchildren.

"Friendship and Faith" Retreat Leader: Rev./Dr. Laura Early March 23-25, 2012

The agenda is not ready yet, but will be posted on the UMW web site. The registration form and Health form is on the UMW web site and included in hard copies of this Alert/

Check in begins Friday, March 23, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. – Dinner 5:30 p.m. Each person must use a separate registration form. Duplicate this form as needed.

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Nancy Carleton will be the organist for this event. She has been the organist at Monroeville First United Methodist Church since 1991. In 2001 she became Director of Music and at present, in addition to playing the organ, she directs several children's choirs, a youth choir, an adult ensemble and hand bell choirs at FUMC. She has taught piano, organ and voice in the community for a number of years, and currently accompanies the Monroeville Kiwanis Men's Chorus and the Excel High School Chorus.

Nancy is married to Mark Carleton who is a self-employed interior, floral and landscape designer. They have one son, Warren, who is a freshman at Auburn University.



Membership Nurture and Outreach

Membership in United Methodist Women is so exciting. It is the heartbeat of the organization and you are all very important members. Your role is critical to the work and success of the organization.

Each District Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach has the responsibility of collecting the membership numbers for their District. But the Local Unit is responsible for the accuracy of their numbers and getting them to the District on time. It does take time, but it is a most valuable report for the District, the Conference and for Women's Division. I know that many people are involved in making the membership reports and you all will do a most wonderful job.

Let us all try to do our reports as early as possible and send to your District MNO or District President. If you have any changes at the end of the year you can just e-mail or call your District Officer and she can add it to your form. If this is done early.

Although keeping a record of our membership is so important and a vital part of our job, we also need to stay informed about the needs and concerns of membership as well as organizing new units.

Through your participation you will fulfill our purpose in mission. All of us are called to be good leaders and good members within United Methodist Women.

I have enjoyed serving as your Conference MNO Coordinator and if I can help you in any way please call on me.

Georgette Griffith

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Happy New Year to all my UMW Sisters

It is so hard to believe that I'm sitting here at the end of the year, preparing to enter into 2012! Where did the year go? I hope each of you had a Wonderful and Joyous Christmas season.

I want to encourage all of you to participate in as many of the coming year's United Methodist Women's events. There is so much going on and it begins in February with Tapestry in Mobile. I hope to see you and a guest at this event and others throughout the year.

I'd also encourage each of you to find someone who doesn't participate in a local unit. Encourage them, invite them to visit and hopefully join a unit or circle. What better way to fulfill our PURPOSE and extend the reach of United Methodist Women!

God bless each of you and I pray that you all have a Blessed New Year!

Sheila Hare

Conference Secretary

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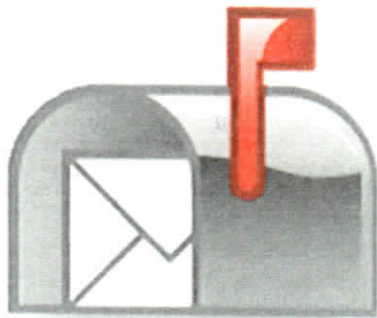
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You, too, can become informed of Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women events and/or activities, by subscribing to the *Alert* today.

You can receive the *Alert* two ways. 1) free—send your e-mail address to bjhenning@embarqmail.com.

2) pay -Send your name and address to Barbara Henning, 2055 Henning Lane, Marianna FL 32448. Enclose a \$4.00 check, made payable to Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women.

Alert mail members, this is the last edition from your 2011 payment— to get the next edition, payment for 2012 is due. **NOTE: 2012 payment has increased to \$4**

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**ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
HEALTH FORM FOR THE YEAR 2012**

Complete this form, bring it with you and give it to the registrar upon arrival.
Note: you are responsible in notifying the registrar of any changes in the information on your form.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR EMERGENCY.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

List all medications you are currently taking and the prescribing physician:

Where could medical personnel locate this medication during the sessions?

Special Needs (please specify)

Name of your physician _____
Phone: (day) _____ night) _____

Insurance Company: _____ policy # _____

Emergency contact person: _____ Relationship: _____

SELECT ONE:
____ I hereby give my permission for qualified medical personnel to provide any emergency medical care, which they may deem necessary. I hold harmless the ALWFL Conference United Methodist Women, The ALWFL Conference, The United Methodist Church, and/or Blue Lake for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

____ I waive any necessary medical care and hold harmless the ALWFL Conference United Methodist Women, the ALWFL Conference, The United Methodist Church, and/or Blue Lake for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Signature _____ Witness _____
Date _____

2012 SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT – BLUE LAKE ASSEMBLY
“Friendship and Faith” Retreat Leader: Rev./Dr. Laura Early
March 23-25, 2012



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REFUND POLICY: No refund of registration fee. No refund of Blue Lake costs after registration deadline of MARCH 10, 2012 (exception: death in immediate family)

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION: (Please complete all areas)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

Email address: _____

NAME OF YOUR DISTRICT: _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERENCE: (includes registration fee, lodging & meals)

<p align="center">Center Section - Old Wing:</p> <p>_____ Triple Occupancy \$ 97.00</p> <p>Roommates:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>_____ Double Occupancy: \$111.00</p> <p>Roommate:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>_____ Single Occupancy: \$151.00</p>	<p align="center">Linwood: New Wing:</p> <p>_____ Double Occupancy: \$116.00</p> <p>Roommate:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____ Single Occupancy: \$161.00</p> <p>Conference & District Officers must pay \$15 only when registering.</p>
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Roommates MUST mail registration forms and FULL PAYMENT together.

And gold leaf was hammered
out and cut into threads to work
into the blue and purple and the
scarlet stuff, and into the fine
twined linen, in skilled design.

Exodus 39:3 RSV



My life is but a weaving between
my God and me,
I do not choose the colors, He
worketh steadily.
Offtimes He weaveth sorrow,
and I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper, and I
the underside.

Not till the loom is silent, and
shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas and
explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
in the skillful Weaver's
hand
As the threads of gold and silver
in the pattern He has
planned.

Author Unknown

The Speaker

The Reverend Anita Brown

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BLOCK OF ROOMS ARRANGED AT **HAMPTON INN**

525 PROVIDENCE PARK DR EAST
MOBILE AL 36695-4623
251-776-5866

Use code "TWC" when making reservations for special room rate \$89 for 2 queen beds.
Deadline for this price is January 25, 2012.

Tapestry 2012

*Weaving the Threads
of Life through
Love In Action*



The Reverend Anita Brown





United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

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Mobile District

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invite you to the

Fifth Annual Tapestry Event.

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FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2012

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6101 GRELOT RD - MOBILE AL 36609

An Event of Alabama West Florida Conference United Methodist Women,

Hosted in 2012 by Mobile District UMW.

DIRECTIONS - from I-65

Take Exit 3 and drive west on Airport Blvd.
Turn south on University Blvd.
Turn west on Grelot Road.
After intersection of Knollwood Dr, the church will be on your left.

LOVE IN ACTION - TOURS

Tours will begin at 1:00 pm to

- Dumas Wesley Community Center
- Mobile Inner City Mission

Mark your registration that you will be arriving early to participate in this tour.

THE SCHEDULE

Friday

- 4 pm Welcome
- 7 pm Dinner
- 8 pm Activities
- 9 pm Benediction

Saturday

- 8 am Breakfast
- 9 am Activities
- 12 pm Lunch
- 1 pm Activities
- 3 pm Benediction

FOCUS GROUPS

- #1 Taking Care of Granny Sue and Her Stuff, Too!
- #2 Herbs of the Bible
- #3 Zumba Dancing
- #4 Reading Women
- #5 Exercise on Six
- #6 No Idle Hands (Arts & Crafts)

TAPESTRY REGISTRATION (each person makes their own hotel reservations)

- Must be postmarked on or before Feb. 15, 2012
 - Must include fee. Make check payable to AWF CONFERENCE UMW
 - Must include Health Information Form <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/awfconfumw/>
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SARALAND AL 36571-3528
- For additional information contact Sheila at 251-675-4204 (home) or 205-361-3858 (cell) email to s.share13@gmail.com

Child Care can be arranged. The request must be received by January 25, 2012. Attach to this registration form a separate sheet containing the name(s), age(s) and any special needs the child(ren) may require.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

YOUR CHURCH _____ YOUR DISTRICT _____

Yes, I will arrive early for the LOVE IN ACTION - TOUR

FOCUS GROUP 1ST CHOICE 2ND CHOICE

BOTH DAYS \$40.00 FRIDAY ONLY \$25.00 SATURDAY ONLY \$25.00

Treasurer Report



**Third Quarterly Report
September 30, 2011
UMW Mission Giving**

Pledge to Mission	\$34,387.99
Special Mission	4,200.00
Gift to Missions	1,689.53
Gift in Memory	2,063.66
World Thank Offering	2,846.52
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	4,613.79
Supplementary Gifts	563.68
A & MD funds	2,841.00
Assembly Love Offering	314.84
Blue Lake	2,970.50
Dumas Wesley	1,939.07
Hispanic Ministries	1,188.29
Mobile Inner City	1,208.28
Nellie Burge	1,933.04
Noah's Ark	1,189.03
SKIP	<u>1,168.79</u>
TOTAL	\$65,118.01

DISTRICT PLEDGES for 2012

Bay Pines District	\$12,200.00
Demopolis District	12,000.00
Dothan District	21,500.00
Marianna/Panama City District	12,000.00
Mobile District	20,000.00
Montgomery/Opelika District	14,000.00
Montgomery/Prattville District	12,000.00
Pensacola District	<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL	128,700.00

**Alabama/West Florida Conference Pledge
\$128,700**

2011 RIBBONS FOR MISSIONS

Marianna/Panama City	\$3,715.95
Demopolis	2,752.75
Dothan	1,588.00
Bay Pines	1,585.49
Mobile	1,394.85
Pensacola	1,338.90
Montgomery/Opelika	554.00
Montgomery/Prattville	<u>452.00</u>
TOTAL	13,381.94

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2011 FIVE STAR UNITS



MOBILE	MONTGOMERY/OPELIKA	BAYPINE	MARIANNA/ PANAMA CITY	DEMOPOLIS	DOTHAN
Chickasaw	Aldersgate	Andalusia First		Butler First	Ashford
Christ	Auburn	Bay Minette	Blountstown	Camden	Center
Citronelle	Bowen	Excel	DeFuniak Springs	Centreville/Brent	Dothan First
Dauphin Way	Brundidge	Foley	Graceville	Demopolis	Elba
Fulton Heights	Grace	Frisco City	Greenwood	Greensboro	Hartford
Grand Bay	Murphy's Chapel	Gulf Shores	Marianna	Jefferson	Headland
Kingswood	Opelika 1st AM Group	Morgan's Chapel	Panama City First	Livingston	Liberty
Pine Grove	Opelika 1st PM Group	Monroeville	Port St. Joe	Moundville	Newton
Saraland	Trinity-Opelika	Robertsdale	St. Andrews	Pine Hill Charge	Ozark First
South Brookley	Troy First	Rosington	St. Andrews	Thomasville	Piney Grove-Samson
Spring Hill			St. Andrews	Thomasville	Skipperville
St. Mark			Wewahitchka	Wesley Chapel	Slocomb
Theodore				Zion	
Toulminville- Warren					
MONTGOMERY/PRAITVILLE					
Capitol Heights Chapel	McKenzie Metropolitan				
Dalraida	Millbrook First				
Dexter Avenue	Trinity				
Fort Deposit	West High				
Greenville First	Whitfield Memorial				
Hope Hull					
PENSACOLA					
			Cokesbury	Mary Ester	St. Andrews
			Destin	Milton First	St. Luke
			Gadsden Street	Myrtle Grove	St. Paul
			Gulf Breeze	Pensacola First	Trinity FWB
			Ft. Walton Beach 1st		

MARIANNA/PANAMA CITY DISTRICT

WALKS AWAY AGAIN IN 2011 WITH THE MANY COLORS – ONE SPIRIT BANNER!



This award is presented to the district that has the most attendance to each conference event during the year.

Attendance is counted on a percentage basis. It is very evident Marianna/Panama City has discovered the secret of how to continually achieve this award. This is the 3rd year in a row for them to take the prize.

Not only did they win that award, they also won the Special Mission Recognition Award for the second year in a row. This award is given to the district that has the best attendance to their district events.

To top it off they collected the most ribbons money for mission again this year.

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8:00a Gathering

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9:35a Focus Group

10:50a Break

11:00a Focus Group

12:30p Lunch

1:15p Choice Time

2:15p Closing Ceremony

3:30p Sending Forth

FOCUS GROUPS

#1 Clear the Clutter

#2 Exercise on Six

#3 Herbs of the Bible

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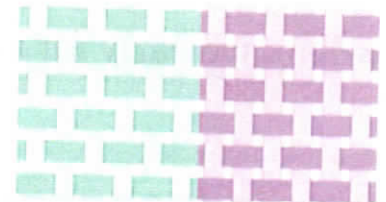
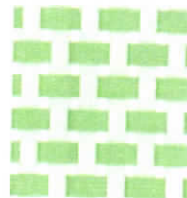
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Mission Education

May we as United Methodist Women, pray for and see God's will for our lives in 2012. We need to subscribe to and read *Response Magazine* and *New World Outlook* to comprehend the vision of UMW and see new opportunities of service. These two magazines will show where pledges go and make you so

proud to belong to UMW.

Ruth Ann Powers, Nominations Committee Chair, recommends the reading of: *Why Women Should Rule The World*, by Dee Dee Myers.

Clara Ester, Social Action Coordinator, recommends the reading of: *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation*. Both books are listed on our reading program for 2012.

The Mission Studies for 2012: Spiritual Growth : Immigration in the Bible. Geographic : Haiti. Social Issue: Poverty.

The news papers and magazines have lots of information on Haiti and Poverty that could be of use for both of these studies.

The new program book, *Walk With Wholeness*, is full of great programs for 2012. They can be used alone or combined with other resources. Please read the programs on : Call To Prayer And Self Denial : A Time For Change and World Thank Offering.

The program books for Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Cooperative School of Christian Mission and Annual Day have important dates and information we use during the year. I find it helpful to save these program books for future use.

This is a lots of information for us to take in for 2012. It can be fun and make you feel pride and strength in belonging to United Methodist Women.

Faith, Hope, Love in Action. Margie Miller



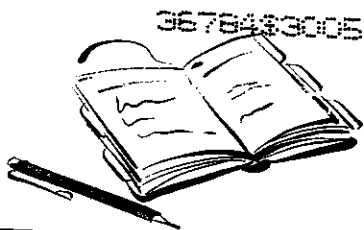
Barb's Notes

I can't believe I am starting my second year as your *Alert* Editor. I had a great time covering all the fun and spiritual events that I was able to attend last year, and I can assure you that plans are in place to make 2012 even better. The *Alert* comes out 4 times a year, starting on January 10th. It is due on March 10, May 10 and August 10. If you have paid for the *Alert* during any of the recent events in 2011, you will get all the next 4 issues. Please note the cost of the *Alert* has gone up to \$4.00 for 2012. I have not purged the e-mail addresses I have been using to send the *Alert*. If you got an *Alert* last year via e-mail you will get one this year but if you got the *Alert* by mail it will stop in January if you have not paid for this year. See information on page 10 to renew your mailed copy. Finally, if you want to be added to my e-mail list, send your e-mail info to bjhenning@embarqmail.com

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"I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. Psalm 145:1-3.

2012 Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
Jan 27-28	COSROW Blue Lake
Feb 24-25	Tapestry Christ Church UMC, Mobile
Mar 23-25	Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Blue Lake
Jun 1-2	Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting Birmingham, AL
Jun 3-6	South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Mission Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL
Jul 17-20	Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting Lake Junaluska, NC
Aug 2-5	Cooperative School of Christian Missions Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL
Oct 19	Leadership Training Event Blue Lake
Oct 20	Annual Conference Blue Lake

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