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Hearts and Hands

Is your heart right, as my heart is toward your heart?....
if it is, give me your hand." *II Kings 10:15 NKJV*

Hearts and Hands – February 18, 2010

This issue contains information regarding:

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Raleigh District Workday at MERCI – February 27

Our Raleigh District workday at MERCI is scheduled for February 27. Work is scheduled to start around 9:00 a.m. We do need several people who have had experience organizing at either our Clayton or Raleigh warehouse to be there at 8:30. If you are able to help us with organizing, please email me joelaine@nccumc.org. For directions, go to [You will need to provide your own drinks, snacks and food. See you there!](#)

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2010 Race of Grace www.raceofgrace.org

The weekend starts on Friday, April 23, with the Links of Grace Golf Tourney;

followed on Saturday, April 24 with the Tour de Grace Bike Tour; and concluding on Sunday, April 25 with the 5k Race of Grace.

The focus for the 2010 Race of Grace Weekend is the un- and under-insured of the three counties of our Raleigh District. We have selected three very worthy agencies who have proven track records of fiscal responsibility and effectiveness. The three agencies are the Volunteers in Medicine of Franklin County; The Open Door Clinic of Urban Ministries of Wake County; and Project Access of Johnston County. You will find information on these awesome agencies on the Weekend's official website found at www.raceofgrace.org. I pray that all churches will be actively involved with the Race of Grace Weekend with your money and your participation. There are thousands of people who need us, and we must step up and do all we can to help. Jesus asks us to be his hands, feet, heart and mouth in this world. We should do no less.

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Kay Warren ZOE Ministry Event!

Tickets and More Information available at <http://www.zoeministry.org/you-can-give-hope/special-events-on-march-19>.

Join ZOE on March 19 for An Evening with Kay Warren author, speaker, and HIV/AIDS advocate. Kay Warren is the wife of pastor Rick Warren and travels the globe encouraging HIV-positive men, women, and vulnerable children, calling everyone, especially the church, into action on their behalf. Learn more about Kay's presentation at Duke Chapel, a free afternoon Mission Symposium, and purchase tickets online. 100% of ticket sales and donations support ZOE Ministry's work with vulnerable children in Africa. **Churches: Help ZOE get the word out using the church media kit at the website above.**

Youth and Young Adult Benefit Concert Sunday, February 21

You're invited to Another Level at Oliver Twist this Sunday night from 6-9pm for a praise band extravaganza! This week we're dedicating our evening to raising funds for music education in the developing world www.playingforchange.com, in an event conceptualized by Sanderson HS senior (and UMYF faithful) Meghan Jones.

We'll hear the sounds of praise bands from Soapstone, North Raleigh, and Benson Memorial, as well as a duo from Sanderson HS and unique gospel blend of Kenyan Afro-pop / reggae recording artist Sam Mchalongo (www.myspace.com/themusterz), while Another Level's DJ Mark Woodell provides the backbeat for the evening.

There is no cover charge, but donations are encouraged! Great t-shirts will be on sale. Free food and refreshments, compliments of the Oliver Twist Lounge and the Outback Steakhouse on Creedmoor Rd.

Another Level seeks to be a vibrant, creative doorway of connection between God, the body of Christ, and young people in our community. More information is available at www.anotherlevel.org.

Oliver Twist is located at 8111 Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613, next to O2 Fitness.

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Dads That Make a Difference --March 5 & 6

All fathers would be willing to die for their kids... this seminar will show you how to live for them.

This fun, interactive event will show you a practical framework to meet the challenges of fatherhood today. Learn the Biblical basis for fathering, and find out how to build a foundation of protection, identity and confidence in your home. Whether you are a dad now, hope to be one someday, or already a grandfather, come and see what it takes to be a Dad that Makes A Difference.

Details:

- Friday, Mar. 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Mar. 6, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (breakfast included)
- Apex United Methodist Church (100 South Hughes Street, Apex NC)
- Registration and materials fee: \$20
 - Register by writing a check to Apex UMC with DT MAD in the memo line and mailing it to the church office OR
 - Register online at www.apexumc.org (News & Events, Dads That Make a Difference). A \$1 online convenience fee is added to offset processing charges.
 - Childcare is provided on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., for those who pre-register with the nursery before Mar. 1.
- Questions? Contact Bill Fitzgerald (367-0732 or billfitznc@yahoo.com) or Jason Purdy (926-8738 or jason@purdy.info) for more information.

About the Speaker: Jim Neal is President of Dad The Family Shepherd, an organization that challenges fathers to live out biblical values. He is also a golf touring professional and does many clinics and corporate outings each year. Previously, Jim held executive positions with Youth for Christ and World Vision. He has spoken at over 30 Promise Keeper Leadership Institute events.

In traveling to 35 countries, Jim has ridden a camel around the pyramids and done an impersonation of the Crocodile Hunter in West Africa. For several years he traveled the U.S. as a full-time Christian musician, recording seven music albums along the way. His latest book contributions as an author include God's Man, published by Kregel Books and Men's Ministry in the 21st Century, published by Group.

Jim and his wife, Ruth, live in Maumelle, Ark. They have four children and 15 grandchildren.

Our District's Continuing Response to Haiti

Our re-located warehouse space is 1053-C East Whitaker Mill Road, on the northwest corner of Whitaker Mill and Atlantic. You will note the address 1053-C on one of the warehouses. Thanks to Trevor Spear, owner of the warehouse and Hayes Barton UMC member!

Donations we will receive The Raleigh District has been asked to focus on **food collection**.* We will also accept **medical donations**. We ask that all other donations

be taken directly to MERCI.

*Reminder on food: do not pack into zip lock bags; do not send glass jars of any kind; do not send powdered baby formula. Please check for expired items before sending them to the warehouse.

Where to take the donations Five (5) churches in our district have agreed to serve as drop-off sites. They will bring the items to the warehouse for packing and shipping.

Edenton Street UMC	Renae Newmiller	919-832-7535 x 231	rnewmiller@esumc.org	9 to 4:30 M-F
Fuquay-Varina UMC	Jane Gue	919-552-4331	jgue@fvumc.org	8:30 to 5 M-F or call church office
Genesis UMC	Kim Turner Beverly Allen	919-380-8940 919-608-0695	tennisgirlturner@nc.rr.com beverly.x.allen@gsk.com	9 to 4 W-TH 9 to 4 W-TH
Knightdale UMC	Keith Brown	919-610-2920	kbrown614@yahoo.com	9 to 4 M-F
Saint Mark's UMC	Wes Hare	919-389-3459	wesh@thedavis.com	9 to 5 M-TH 9 to 12 F

Or, you may choose to take your items directly to the warehouse located at 1053-C East Whitaker Mill Road.

Warehouse Operation The warehouse will be open Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10 to 3. To set up *alternative dates* to drop off, contact Linda (who offices at the warehouse): (w) 758-8002; (c) 369-4710; or Jo Elaine (609-0821). Sheila Prosser (ds_prosser@yahoo.com; 889-9045) and Gwen Gray (gsgray@nc.rr.com; 266-0548) have consented to help lead the activities at the warehouse. If you have a particularly large donation, please contact us ahead of time so we can arrange for additional people.

Volunteers Needed Volunteers are needed at the warehouse to accept deliveries, assemble health kits, sort, build boxes, weigh, and palletize. Some jobs can be done sitting down, but most will require standing, and some require heavy lifting. We would like at least 8 people at all times there. Please bring your lunch, snacks and drinks with you. There is a refrigerator and microwave we may use.

We are asking you as individuals and as groups to call to set up times to volunteer. Due to the limited hours of operation, it is critical we have enough people to cover all the tasks. To set up times, please contact Kellie Baker: 919-961-9618, kp103baker@yahoo.com.

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Disciple Bible Study Facilitator's Training is Coming to the Raleigh District

Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries is pleased to announce free Disciple Bible Study facilitator's training for the Raleigh District! Training will be offered in DISCIPLE 1-4. Information on DBOM's youth program, RINGS OF FELLOWSHIP, will also be provided. This is the same one-day DISCIPLE Bible Study facilitator's training offered by the United Methodist Publishing House. Once trained, you will be ready to facilitate DISCIPLE in your local church! This training is excellent for first-time DISCIPLE leaders or as a refresher course for more experienced leaders. Clergy and laity are encouraged

to attend. Training involves DISCIPLE Bible Study components; unique elements of DISCIPLE 2,3 and 4; facilitation skills for leaders and implementation in the local church. (Note: This is not training in the Disciple Prison Ministry. However, DBOM's current prison leaders or potential prison leaders are encouraged to attend. For information on the prison outreach, call the DBOM office or e-mail Mark Hicks at MCHicks@northstate.net.)

Training will be held on Saturday, September 18 at First UMC in Cary. Advance registration is required. Register online at www.disciplebibleoutreach.org or call 336-454-5348. Lunch is provided for \$5.00. Sign up today!

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"Bound together in a 'web of relationships' where all work together in mutual respect and trust to fulfill God's call through the Great Commission"

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