



That They May Know Jesus

## THIS MINISTRY THAT WE SHARE

### THE GOOD FIGHT

***“Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.” (1 Timothy 6:12)***

2013	
The Rosa J. Young Memorial Sunday	September 22 9:30 am
Installation John Ninke	September 22 Christ Our Redeemer Hartselle, AL
Synod's Admins to District Presidents Conf.	September 23-26 So. Dist. Mission Center
Regional Mission Summit	September 27 Concordia College Alabama - Selma
Regional Mission Summit	September 28 St. Paul Montgomery, AL
Ordination & Installation Anthony Robinson	September 29 Christ Lutheran Tuscaloosa, AL 4 pm
New Workers' Orientation	October 10-11 Southern District Mission Center Slidell, LA
Seminar by Dr. Joel Biermann Conc. Sem. StL	October 11-12 Immanuel Pensacola, FL
Regional Mission Summit	October 19 Ascension Huntsville, AL
Jr. High Youth Gathering	November 8-10 Camp Blue Lake near Andalusia, AL
Jr. High Youth Gathering	November 22-24 Camp Tall Timbers near Alexandria, LA

In these words that Paul wrote to his beloved Timothy, who had oversight for the church in Ephesus, he reminds him that he is in a spiritual battle. Timothy was surrounded by men who were teaching false doctrine; men who “were depraved in mind and bereft of truth.” It was a society in which many people ruled by a desire for riches, a particular temptation for the new converts to Christ. Paul urged Timothy to remember that his call was to have a militant zeal for God’s cause; to “aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

Those of us today, who take our Christian life seriously, like Timothy, are called to “fight the good fight of faith.” Often, however, the problem arises that our fight is not a good one because we fight for ourselves rather than for Christ. When I reflect back upon my own life I see that I expended a great deal of energy and time to have my own way; to hold onto my opinions and defend my rightness. Part of the fight of faith in my life is to hear and accept the truth spoken to me by others, who are helping me to come into greater freedom and a deeper faith in Christ.

When we fight for the wrong thing or to stay in control of our lives, ultimately we come to see that our fight is against God. Paul’s conversion experience on the Damascus Road is the classic example of this. When the blinding moment of self-revelation came, he heard the voice of Jesus say, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” (Acts 9:14) From that moment on Paul took up the good fight of the faith. His life was turned around and he became a creative channel for the Holy Spirit and the greatest missionary in the history of the church.

Paul’s words to Timothy have challenged and encouraged Christians in every age. John S.B. Monsell was inspired to write: “Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, Christ thy right, lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.”

**Prayer:** Most gracious God, our Father, who has called us to stand in the midst of the alien forces of our time and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, help us to be aware of these temptations which weaken our witness for Him and grant to us the courage we need to fight “the good fight of the faith.” Amen.

Southern District President Rev, Kurtis D. Schultz



# **SIGNIFICANT** DISTRICT & CHURCH EVENTS

- ✓ **CHECK OUT THE RENEWED SOUTHERN DISTRICT WEBSITE**
- ✓ [www.southernlcms.org](http://www.southernlcms.org)
- ✓ Developed by **Rev. Daniel Carlson** of Birmingham, AL (**Hope** and **St. Paul**) and So. Dist. President **Rev. Kurtis Schultz**.
- ✓ Special thanks to **Rev. Dave Lewis** (**CrossRoad – Hernando, MS**) for the years he worked with our website using a difficult platform from which to work. He served in many ways, he was more than just our “post it” person.



## **COLLOQUY CANDIDATE TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED**



**Anthony I. Robinson** will be ordained and installed as shepherd of **Christ Lutheran Church** in **Tuscaloosa, AL**, on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the afternoon. **Rev. Dr. McNair “Tony” Ramsey** will be the preacher. Pastor Ramsey serves **Immanuel Lutheran** in **Vredenburgh, AL**. Anthony served **Concordia College Alabama** as a spiritual and personal counselor and as a speaker for both chapel services at CCAL and worship services at **St. Paul Lutheran** congregation in **Oak Hill, AL**. He’s a “local” Southern District man. He was born in Camden, AL. Anthony is married to Patricia and they have three grown children. He has a BS Degree in Social Work and recently completed the LCMS Colloquy program.

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**Rev. John Ninke** will be installed at **Christ our Redeemer** in **Hartselle, AL**, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He formerly served **Trinity Lutheran** in **Scottsboro, AL**. His wife, Laurie, is the principal at **St. Paul’s Lutheran School** in **Cullman, AL**.

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**St. Paul’s Lutheran** on **Annette Street** in **New Orleans** celebrated the installation of **Rev. Warren Maguel-Lattimore** on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Front Row: Left to Right-Rev. Dr. Craig Rinker, So. Dist. Pres. Kurtis Schultz, Rev. Warren Maguel-Lattimore, Rev. Dr. John Loum  
Back Row: Left to Right-Rev. Limakatso Nare, Rev. Mark Hayman, Rev. Greg Manning, Rev. Kevin Kieschnick, Rev. Jerome Terry, Rev. Aubrey Watson and Rev. Collis Parham



## ROSA YOUNG, A LUTHERAN LEGEND



*Every year the Southern District honors Rosa Young and her work at the Rosebud Memorial. The Memorial is usually held in late September at the original school site in Rosebud at Christ Lutheran Church.*

Rosa Young, born in 1874, in Rosebud, AL, graduated from Payne University – Selma in 1909. She was 19 and class valedictorian. In her speech, she stressed the obligation of service: "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant,' is the language of the Great Teacher. To serve is regarded as a divine privilege as well as a duty by every right-minded man."

After several years as a teacher, Rosa opened a private school with seven black students. In three terms, it had grown to 215 students. In her effort to get funding, she wrote to the famed African-American educator Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee Institute. He advised her to write to the Board of Colored Missions of the Lutheran Church. He liked them because of the religious training which they were giving the "colored people."

Thanks to the Lutherans and Rosa's own unflagging efforts, thirty rural schools were established. Rosa also founded a high school and a junior college in Selma (the Alabama Lutheran Academy) on whose faculty she served. Its purpose was to prepare young women to teach in Christian day schools. Rosa worked tirelessly most of her 96 years. She died in 1970.

The annual celebration of The Rosa J. Young Memorial is September 22<sup>nd</sup>; activities begin at 9:30am. The **Rev. Frank T. Marshall** (emeritus) from **St. Paul Lutheran** in **Jacksonville, FL**, will be the speaker for the worship services. The chairman of the Memorial Committee, Rev. James Wiggins, Sr. writes: "Rev. Marshall brings with him some 40 years in the Mission Field." The theme of this celebration is the 2013 Synod's Convention theme: "Baptized For This Moment."

## A FOND AUF WIEDERSEHEN AND A HEARTY DANKE

**Rev. David Alan Lewis** attended his last So. Dist. Board of Directors meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Dave accepted a call to **St. Trinity Lutheran** congregation in **St. Louis**. Dave and his wife, Heidi, and their daughter, Skylar Joy, will be traveling mid-October to the place of his birth.

Dave's ministry roots are deep in the So. Dist. He vicared at **Atonement** in **Metairie, Louisiana**. He returned as an ordained minister to the state of Alabama. **St. Paul's** in **Decatur, AL**, became his home for eighteen years. He served St. Paul's as Assistant Pastor, Associate Pastor and Sole Pastor.

Dave sought a new challenge but never in his wildest dreams did he think his new challenge would be determined by the weather. In 2006, he was called by the Board of Directors as a Mission Developer in Northwest Mississippi-DeSoto County. As he was getting ready to travel north from Decatur, Hurricane Katrina came ashore in Southeast Louisiana and the levees broke. So Dave went south instead. He accepted, by default, the position of Disaster Relief Coordinator for an historic, once-in-a-lifetime disaster. He pulled the District through for three years. Then he was on to Mississippi where he started the congregation **CrossRoad church** in **Hernando** and developed the congregation there for five years.

That's a total of 26 years of ministry in the Southern District!

The Southern District has been the beneficiary of Dave's service in a myriad of ways. He has. . . .

- Served on the Local Volunteers Team, Servant Event Team twice, and Community Life Team on four National Youth Gatherings;
- Served as Planning Facilitator and Program Director for the Southern District Intergenerational Event – One-derful Water I and II; and, the Ablazing Grace Family Gathering;
- Served on the Southern District Board of Directors as a Member and as a Vice-President;
- Served as Circuit Youth Advisor; Youth Committee Member and Chair; Mission Committee Member; Personnel Committee Chair; and, he chaired the recent Ad Hoc Committee on Structure.



### **PRESENTATION ON CHRIST-CENTERED, GOSPEL-MOTIVATED STEWARSHIP**

**Trinity Lutheran – Monroe** annually hosts a special conference for pastors and laypersons in **Pineville, LA**. The dates for this year's conference are set for **September 30 – October 1**. The conference opens with a worship service at 10 a.m. on Monday and wraps up by Tuesday noon. The registration cost is \$125/person, with a block of hotel rooms set aside for reservation at the Ramada Inn (\$58/night). For more detailed information, contact **Rev. Paul McComack** by e-mail at [pastor@tlcinmonroe.org](mailto:pastor@tlcinmonroe.org) or by phone at [318-366-5185](tel:318-366-5185).

**Dr. Gary Hoag** will be the speaker. He is a passionate follower of Jesus Christ and has been encouraging Christian generosity in church, educational and other ministry settings for 20+ years. Currently, he serves as the **Generosity Monk** for the EFCA, providing spiritual and strategic counsel for leaders and lay people. He is co-author of the book, *The Sower: Redefining the Ministry of Raising Kingdom Resources*, and served as a content reviewer for the *NIV Stewardship Study Bible*.

Pastor Paul writes, "I heard him [Gary Hoag] speak at the LCMS stewardship conference in Phoenix last February. He challenged and encouraged me in ways that are hard to describe in the area of stewardship."

Don't let costs prevent you from attending! Although dual circuit account funds are limited, there is some financial assistance available.

### **WOMAN AND MAN – ACCORDING TO PLAN**

Dr. Joel Biermann, a professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, will give a seminar at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pensacola, FL on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited. Join your fellow Lutherans for a seminar about God's design for the male/female relationship and how this practically plays out in the home, church, and society. There is no cost for the seminar, though donations will be accepted.

On **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, Dr. Bierman will present the topic "Civil Affairs: Learning to Live in the Left Hand." This presentation is intended for clergy, elders, and/or lay leaders.

Any RSVPs or inquiries may be made to Pastor Randy Blankschaen at 850-291-2069  
[ilcpastor@bellsouth.net](mailto:ilcpastor@bellsouth.net)



# Identified

Standing before God and before the world.  
2013 LCMS Southern District Jr. High Gathering

Gal 3:26

**IDENTIFIED** is the logo for this year's Jr. High Youth Gatherings. This theme "Standing before God and before the world" is based on Galatians 3:26. "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith," (NIV). The logo was designed by **Rev. Chris Brynestad**, Associate Pastor of **St. Paul's** in **Decatur, AL**.

## DATES AND LOCATIONS:

**November 8 – 10** at Blue Lake Camp & Retreat Center (just south of Andalusia, AL)

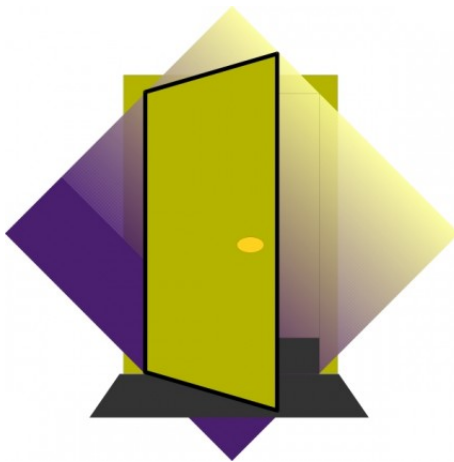
**November 22 – 24** at Tall Timbers Conference Center in Woodworth, LA (just south of Alexandria)

An email was sent to all congregations on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please share the news about the gathering with your youth and encourage other congregations in your area/circuit to participate! Each of the gatherings includes Bible study, worship, prayer, fellowship, discussion time, and music. Watch for updated information about the gatherings on the Southern District website at [www.southernlcms.org](http://www.southernlcms.org). We invite your prayers as youth and adults from throughout the District make plans to participate in this year's Regional Junior High Gatherings.

DCE Cindy Namanny, Youth Cmte. chair, can be reached at 901-924-9999 or at [dce@orlcms.org](mailto:dce@orlcms.org).

**We look forward to your congregation's participation!**

# Mission Summits



**How's Jesus been messing with you lately?  
What's He inviting you to notice?  
Why is He trying to get your attention?**



## UPCOMING SUMMITS:

- **Sept 27** at Concordia College Alabama – Selma
  - **Sept 28** at St. Paul – Montgomery, AL
  - **Oct 19** at Ascension – Huntsville, AL
- The Summits begin at 9 am and end at 3:30.

To register or for questions contact Pattie Faith  
[pattie.faith@yahoo.com](mailto:pattie.faith@yahoo.com)  
or call 504-858-8872.



## Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis Events

- **CONTEMPLATE** – A three-day event for prospective students college-age and older. Bible study, presentations, panel discussions, financial aid information, the admissions process. Free. **October 3-5, 2013 / March 13-15, 2014**
- **GREEN & GOLD DAYS** – A one-day event for prospective students college-age and older. Classroom visits and information about financial aid and the admissions process. Free. **November 1, 2013 / April 11, 2014 / January 10, 2014**
- **SHEPHERDS OF GOD'S FLOCK** – A one-day event for men college-age and older. A day for men to consider the pastoral ministry through Bible study, presentations and discussions. Participants are encouraged to stay for *Green & Gold Days* the following day. Free. **January 9, 2014**
- **TASTE OF THE SEM** – A three-day event for men who are currently attending high school. Bible study, visiting classrooms, discussions with student mentors, visit a local congregation, and engaging activities. Free. **January 18-20, 2014**
- **VOCATIO** – A six-day event for men and women who will be in high school in the fall. Bible study, panel discussions, presentations, service projects, and exploring Saint Louis. \$150 (financial assistance available) **June 21-26, 2014**
- **NEXT STEPS** – A two-day event for prospective married students and their families. Bible study, meeting with current students, time with others considering the Seminary, and the admissions process. Free. **July 11-12, 2014**

[www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu) 800.822.9545 [admissions@csl.edu](mailto:admissions@csl.edu)

## CONCORDIA PLAN SERVICES ASKS FOR YOUR HELP

### Support Needed for Senate Bill (S. 1164) on Church Health Plans

**PLEASE WRITE NOW**

In the turmoil accompanying the passage of the Affordable Care Act (health care reform), the important role of church plans was overlooked.

Beginning in 2014, government subsidies will be made available to eligible individuals who purchase their health coverage from government health care exchanges; however the subsidies will not be available to those who get their health care from church health plans (e.g., the Concordia Health Plan).

Please write your United States Senators (contact information at [senate.gov](http://senate.gov)) urging them to support a new bill which will allow workers enrolled in church health plans to receive the same subsidies as other individuals. This link which will give you the option of reviewing a draft letter to use as a model. <http://www.concordiaplans.org/detailpage.aspx?ID=459#senatebill>

## Southern District Evacuation Reporting

In the event of hurricane evacuation, please contact the Southern District with the following information:

- Name, Congregation, City, State
- Evacuated (yes or no) If yes, to: City, State
- Contact Phone Number
- **Report information to: [www.SouthernLCMS.org](http://www.SouthernLCMS.org) or call:**
- **Church Workers (mandatory reporting) – 985-635-4232**
- **Congregation Members – 985-635-4239**

If you can provide shelter, or are looking for shelter, you can use the website to provide or receive information. **Please update any changes.**

## ILLNESSES AND INJURIES

**We pray for those continuing their fight against cancer:**

- Rev. Jack Betz (Emeritus, Miramar Beach – FL)
- Rev. Jerry Conley (Emeritus – Marianna, FL)
- Mr. Tim Hermetz, son of Mrs. Hal Hermetz (Emeritus – Cullman, AL)
- Mrs. Gloria Moritz, wife of Rev. Victor Moritz (Emeritus – Metairie, LA)
- Rev. Sidney Ponseti (Emeritus – Baton Rouge, LA)
- Rev. Ed Rogers (Emeritus – Ozark, AL)

**We pray for those who are coping with health issues:**

- DCS Margaret Anderson – Birmingham, AL, continues to recover from leg surgeries.
- Rev. Christopher Cole – Redeemer-Pensacola, FL, was recently hospitalized.
- Commissioned Minister Ray Hauer – Huntsville, AL, suffers with congestive heart failure.

We praise God that **Rev. Ken Buth** is now home in Sulphur after being in and out of hospitals in the Dallas area. His heart issues are now stabilized and he is, on-so-happy, to be home! He is pastor of **Trinity – Sulphur, LA**.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (NIV)

### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF HIS RESOURCES

<b>DISTRICT/SYNOD MISSION SUPPORT TRENDS</b>			
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Total Budget	\$1,125,000	\$1,100,000	<b>\$1,100,000</b>
Budgeted Income through 9/15	\$ 750,000	\$ 733,333	\$ 733,333
Actual Income through 9/15	\$ 645,231	\$ 685,088	\$ 674,952

### President’s View of Direction for District Stewardship

Don Hennings, Stewardship Committee Chairman and a committee member met with President Schultz in mid-August 2013 to discuss the direction for district stewardship given changes in organization and staffing.

**Summary Statements from President Schultz’ Discussion on Stewardship**—Stewardship *Southern Style* focuses on Making Disciples for Jesus. To that end, President Schultz and the Stewardship Committee are of a single mind that all we do (strategic, operational, and tactical stewardship) requires close relationships, clear communications, and loving trust among partners at all levels.



Testimony + Time + Talent + Treasure

Strategically, President Schultz endorses the current stewardship committee structure and the Four T’s approach (Testimony, Time, Talent and Treasure) as means to achieve our District vision. He supports continued participation in Synod conferences and workshops and the intentional use of stewardship methods and materials from all sources.

Operationally, President Schultz considers the new Mission and Ministry Facilitator (MMF) the key player in resourcing and communicating District stewardship. He expects the committee to increase its current proactive role and continue initiatives that improve networking and close relationships with congregations. Specifically, President Schultz requested greater clarity of the role of the Circuit Stewardship Advocates' approach to communicate with congregations and connect with people.

Tactically, President Schultz reviewed the information reports and services currently provided to the committee and he endorses continued Committee support by the District staff. It is critically important during the current transition to the MMF that everyone involved provide the committee regular reminders, examples, and best practices. He also asked that we consider ways to use easily developed on line forms to expedite processing time and improve accuracy.

Walking together with Synod, we have defined stewardship in this manner: Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

To this end, stewardship is discipleship. We request your prayerful consideration and generous response to the 2014 Partnership Commitment. May we – by Jesus' love and the Holy Spirit's power – respond by managing all of God's gifts to the glory of Jesus (Waldo Werning).

Mr. Don Hennings, Chair  
Stewardship Committee



## NEW LCMS APP NOW AVAILABLE

*Free app features church locator, news, devotions,  
connection points, giving opportunities*

**Our *Spirit of Southern* editor, Mrs. Cheryl Pitts, shared with us that this new LCMS app is straightforward, easy to use and packed with information. She is enthusiastically impressed!**

ST. LOUIS, September 3, 2013—Need to find a [Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod](#) (LCMS) congregation while on the road? Want to connect with other LCMS Lutherans? Seeking a daily devotional resource? The new, free LCMS app offers these advantages and more.

“We’re delighted to offer this new means for LCMS people to connect to their church with their mobile devices,” said David L. Strand, executive director of LCMS Communications. “Now, wherever you are, a wealth of beneficial resources concerning the church and our lives of faith is literally at hand.”

The easy-to-use app was jointly developed by LCMS Information Technology and Web staff. Features included in the app are based on feedback from LCMS website visitors and callers to the [LCMS Church Information Center](#) about information they wanted most to access. The most frequently sought assistance had to do with locating an LCMS congregation.

Available on both the Apple© and Android™ (Google Play™) app stores, the LCMS app also features links to current giving opportunities that support LCMS mission and ministry around the world.

To get the app, search “LCMS” on the Apple or Android app stores or visit [www.lcms.org/resources/mobileapps](http://www.lcms.org/resources/mobileapps).



## Watch and SHARE the Live Love[d] Recap Video.

LCMS Youth Gathering: Live Love[d] Recap

Join the Gathering correspondents in reflecting on the five days and themes of the 2013 LCMS Youth Gathering, Live Love[d], in San Antonio, TX.

This is how ... <http://youtu.be/9HwOd9W1cYg>

We praise God for what He continues to do with as the 2013 NYG lives on the hearts and in the lives of participants and those touched by this year's LCMS National Youth Gathering!

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**



### About Campus Ministry

The LCMS is working to increase its direct support and coordination of campus ministry for the next generation through LCMS U. **Registration drive opens for LCMS U network!** Help LCMS U provide accurate and accessible information to the Synod for all who are interested in campus ministry. <http://www.lcms.org/lcmsu> The current map at the Synod site lists only six registered campus ministries in the Southern District.

- ✓ Auburn University
- ✓ Northwestern State University (Natchitoches, LA)
- ✓ Southeastern Louisiana University (Hammond, LA)
- ✓ University of Mississippi (Oxford, MS)
- ✓ University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)
- ✓ University of South Alabama (Mobile, AL)
- ✓ University of West Florida (Pensacola, FL)

Registration is now open for intentional campus ministries in the LCMS to become part of the new [LCMS U](#) campus-ministry network. What's LCMS U all about? LCMS U is the place to connect and support our students, congregations and campus ministries, so that we can boldly bear witness to Christ on our nation's college campuses.

- There are no fees or charges for registering campus ministries.
- **To register, go to** <https://lcms.org/forms/lcmsu-chapters>.
- **To learn more about LCMS U and the current registration drive, read** <http://blogs.lcms.org/2013/registration-drive-for-lcms-u>.



# SOUTHERN DISTRICT LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Lutheran schools and early childhood ministries are now open for another school year. Remember the educators who are on the “front-line” of serving persons from the community. Congregations are encouraged to make a connection with a school ministry in your circuit, serving as partner and connector. It would be great to have each Southern District being a partner with a school ministry!

## Professional Event:

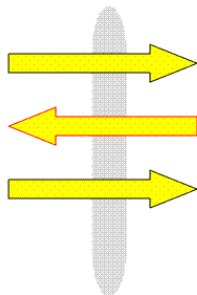
### October 24-26 Lutheran Education Association (LEA) Convocation

Hosted in Milwaukee, WI

Registration Information: <http://leaconvocation.org/>

Lutheran schools are connecting places – sharing the love of Jesus!

## Revitalization / Transformation



Transforming Churches Network (TCN) focuses on church revitalization. TCN provides resources and processes to assist congregations to renew and to strengthen relationships in their communities through sharing Jesus. Efforts are made to provide options and choices to congregations to bring focus to the overall mission and ministry. TCN continues to broker new resources. TCN now offers a two-year process broken into four seasons. The seasons focus on Preparation, Visioning, Outreach, and Empowerment. Go to [www.tcnprocess.com](http://www.tcnprocess.com) and click on “Seasons of Discovery” to learn more about this new process.

Outreach and discipleship need not be a complicated process. It is really about being intentional with a heart and mission for touching lives with the Gospel. TCN is a partner to help pastors develop skills in outreach and leadership. What accountability for Kingdom growth is in place through your congregation? TCN offers **pastor's learning communities, consultation weekends, coaching support** along with a **church assessment survey**. The survey provides insight into the eight hinge factors identified through TCN research. The survey is an excellent tool as a congregation dedicates itself to a new life cycle. **Hinge Events** are available (three being held in the Southern District) that address the various hinge factors. You are invited to explore the TCN website to learn more about the resources and processes at: <http://transformingchurchesnetwork.org/>.

I welcome the opportunity to be at a Circuit Winkel to explore how transformation/revitalization can be an integral part of growth in outreach, leadership, and accountability. If your circuit does not meet for Winkels, I ask that a congregation central geographically in your circuit serve as host for a transformation/revitalization seminar. For Winkels, I would request 30 minutes of time for a presentation. The seminar hosted by a congregation will be expanded to include at least 90 minutes. Our District's vision is THAT THEY MAY KNOW JESUS! To that extent, I seek to provide leadership and support for congregations, pastors, and lay leaders to make available tools and processes. I keep you in prayer and look forward to hearing from you.

**Gene Menzel** – Contractor (Consultant) to the Southern District

Contact Info: Phone: **504-495-7436** or by e-mail at [gwmenz@aol.com](mailto:gwmenz@aol.com)

## Recruitment & Scholarship Grant-In-Aid for 2013-2014

The Recruitment and Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that our district has awarded \$57,399 to help fund the education of 17 future pastors, 6 future teachers, 2 future DCEs, and 2 future deaconesses for the 2013-14 school year. Our committee would like to thank all who contributed gifts for the purpose of raising up workers for the Church! We encourage you to keep these students in your prayers as they are engaged in their rigorous studies this school year.

Our committee has some exciting new changes ahead that we look forward to sharing with you as more details are worked out, all of which will have to do with how our district can be better stewards of the gifts we receive to support our future church workers. Simply put, we want your generous gifts to go farther and wider than ever before. These changes will also simplify the management side of things as our district office is in the midst of transition. If your congregation does not currently offer support for future workers of the harvest, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so as you plan your giving for the coming year.

Rev. Jonathan Kern, Chair  
Recruitment and Scholarship Committee

### CONGREGATIONS IN THE CALLING PROCESS FOR PASTOR

<b>ALABAMA</b>	Our Redeemer – Florence University – Tuscaloosa
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	Zion – Clinton, LA Holy Trinity – Covington Redeemer – DeRidder with Trinity – Leesville (Dual Parish)
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	Our Redeemer – Clinton Our Savior – Columbus St. John – Hattiesburg

### CALLS – ORDAINED – ACCEPTED

- **David Lewis**, CrossRoad – Hernando, MS, to St. Trinity – St. Louis, MO
- **Eric J. Moeller**, Louisville, KY to Concordia College Alabama as Assistant Professor
- **Gregory Moyer**, Saint Mark – Omaha, NE, to Trinity – Baton Rouge as Associate Pastor/Mission Planter
- **John Ninke**, Trinity – Scottsboro, AL, to Christ Our Redeemer – Hartselle, AL (as Sole)

### CALLS – ORDAINED – DECLINED

- **David Moerbe**, Good Shepherd – Gardendale, AL to Our Savior – Austin, TX

### CALLS – COMMISSIONED – ACCEPTED

- **DCE Steven Durham** to Grace – Jacksonville, FL

*PAX (sleeping peacefully in Christ), Kurt*