



*Be Thou Our Vision*

## Sunday SCHEDULE

**2 p.m.**  
**Registration begins**  
Register today until 9 p.m. in Harrell Center, room 202.

**3 p.m.**  
**Rehearsal for Ordination:**  
Stuart Auditorium

**6:15 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Time:** Outside Stuart Auditorium

**6:45 p.m.**  
**Worship Music**  
Sulphur Springs UMC Band  
Stuart Auditorium

**7 p.m.**  
**Opening Worship**  
Bishop Michael Watson  
Highlands Youth Ensemble

**9 p.m.**  
**Storytelling & Folk Dancing**  
Nancy Weldon Open Air Gym  
Sponsored by Holston Conference  
Camp and Retreat Ministries

### For your information

- Take your worship booklet (distributed during registration) to all worship services.
- An information desk is provided in room 202 at Harrell Center.
- A first-aid station is provided in room 101 at Harrell Center.
- The chaplain's office is located in Stuart Auditorium lobby, first room on the right.
- Exhibits by United Methodist-related ministries are located in the Terrace, 2nd and 3rd floors. ■



**Bring the books.**  
Remember to take your "Book of Reports 2005" and the Bible to all sessions of the Annual Conference.

# The Call

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## Welcome to Lake Junaluska!

Take the afternoon off. See you tonight at 6:15 p.m.



**7 p.m.**  
**Bishop Michael Watson of the South Georgia Conference will preach at opening worship and communion in Stuart Auditorium.**

**G**reetings! This is the 2005 session of Holston Annual Conference, held today through Wednesday at Lake Junaluska Assembly. Under the theme "Be Thou Our Vision," 1,080 clergy and 867 lay members representing 915 churches in east Tennessee, southwest Virginia, and north Georgia are meeting here for church business as well as worship and fellowship.

First, a note about the newspaper you're holding now. It is the daily Annual Conference edition of Holston's official newspaper, *The Call*. This publication has won a 2003 "Best of Division" award and 2004 "Certificate of Merit" from the United Methodist Association of Communicators. Copies will be available every day at Stuart Auditorium by 8 a.m.

On the front page of this newspaper, you'll find a guide to what is happening today. On the back page (beginning tomorrow), you'll find reports of what happened yesterday. The goal is to help you stay informed while you are here and also to aid you in preparing reports for your congregations at home.

### What's new

Holston has a new bishop, James Swanson, who will be presiding at his first Holston Annual Conference. Bishop Swanson is originally from the South Georgia Conference and was assigned to Holston in September 2004. He has invited his former

bishop, Michael Watson, to preach at tonight's service and to lead visioning Bible studies on Monday and Tuesday.

As you will see, visioning is a central theme of this year's conference. For these four days, Holston will participate in a Scripture-based process to discern the conference emphasis under Swanson's leadership.

Also, new this year is Fellowship Time. Recognizing that Annual Conference members crave time to visit with each other under the shade trees, organizers have built in designated social sessions with free coffee, water, soda, or ice cream.

If your congregation created five bookmarks to represent your church, as suggested in pre-Annual Conference mailings, be sure to take them to the visioning sessions and to Fellowship Time.

### Today's session

This year, sessions for clergy and laity will not be held this afternoon, but tomorrow morning. So ... take the afternoon off. Register in Harrell Center, room 202, then enjoy some free time.

The first Fellowship Time begins at 6:15 p.m. tonight outside Stuart Auditorium. Worship music by the Sulphur Springs UMC Band begins at 6:45 p.m.

At 7 p.m., Bishop Michael Watson will lead opening worship and communion in Stuart Auditorium. Participants in tonight's service include guitarist Ryan Seay of Bearden UMC (Knoxville District) and acolyte Joshua McKee of Jones Memorial UMC (Chattanooga District).

Immediately after tonight's service, you are invited to Nancy Weldon Open Air Gym for a time of fellowship, storytelling, folk dancing and refreshments.

The gathering is sponsored by Holston Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries and features the Rev. Charles Maynard as master storyteller. ■



**6:45 p.m.**  
**The Sulphur Springs UMC Band (Johnson City District) will play shortly before worship begins in Stuart Auditorium.**



**7 p.m.**  
**The Highlands Youth Ensemble, led by diaconal minister Beth McCoy, will sing during worship.**

**Child care is provided free every day in the Children's Building.**