

3:40 p.m.

Holston will hear about God's vision for us.



# The Call

8:30 a.m.

to 6 p.m.

Walk for children's ministries.



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## Tuesday SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise indicated, all activities are inside Stuart Auditorium.

7:30 a.m.

**Worship:** Memorial Chapel

8 a.m.

**Fellowship Time:** Outside Stuart Auditorium

8:20 a.m.

**Ribbon Cutting:** "Walk for Change," at the Rose Walk next to Harrell Center

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Walk for Change

Information available at the tent between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center

8:30 a.m.

- Board of Ordained Ministry
- Board of Higher Education
- **Francis Asbury Award**
- Recognition of college presidents
- Wesley Leadership Institute
- **Stand-up break**
- Cabinet Report
- Nominating Committee
- Board of Pensions
- **Board of Trustees**
- Committee on Congregational Development
- Personnel Resources Committee

11 a.m.

**Bible Study**

Bishop Scott Jones

Noon

**Ordination Rehearsal:** Stuart Auditorium

Noon to 2 p.m.

Lunch

2 p.m.

**Retirement Celebration**

• Rev. Walter Willis  
Magnolia Avenue UMC  
Knoxville District

• St. Mark UMC Choir  
Knoxville District

Following the service, retirees and spouses may be greeted under the tent outside Stuart Auditorium. (Rain location: Harrell Center Auditorium.)

3 p.m.

**Ice Cream Social:** On the lawn

3:40 p.m.

• **Vision Presentation and Celebration**  
• Resolutions Committee

5 to 7 p.m.

Dinner

7 p.m.

**Service of Ordination and Commissioning**

• Bishop James Swanson  
Resident Bishop, Holston Conference

• Gray UMC Choir  
Johnson City District

# Ordination service is tonight. But first, let's have ice cream.

## Take your Change for Children offering to the tent



7 p.m.

The Service of Ordination will include 17 full-connection elders, one full-connection deacon, and two deacons in associate membership.

This is an important day for Holston Conference – and not only because there is a high number of elders, deacons, and others participating in tonight's ordination service (30 in all).

At 3:40 p.m., a vision statement for the Holston Annual Conference will be presented by the Rev. Crystal Salyers and the Rev. Nicole Hill. The statement was culled from thousands of responses provided by last year's Annual Conference, and is as follows:

*God envisions bold, passionate, and joyful communities of faith where the spiritual hunger to worship God and to serve Christ sets disciples on fire with Spirit-filled, risk-taking love for all God's children until Holston Conference reflects the saving grace and redeeming justice of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

For detailed information on how this vision was discerned, see pages 179-183 in the "Book of Reports."

### A.M. session

At 8:20 a.m., Bishop James Swanson will cut a ribbon on the Rose Walk to kick off today's "Walk for Change."

Until 6 p.m. tonight, members are encouraged to bring their "Change for Children" offerings to the special tent between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center. You are also invited to participate in the "Walk for Change" with a cruise down the Rose Walk or a stroll around the lake. (For more information, visit the tent.)

Back in Stuart Auditorium, the Board of Ordained Ministry and Board of Higher Education will open

this morning's session at 8:30 a.m. The Francis Asbury Award will be presented to a leader in higher education, and we'll recognize our college presidents.

In this morning's Board of Trustees report, the conference will hear about a proposal to relocate Holston's headquarters from Cokesbury Center in Knoxville to a former Ruby Tuesday corporate office building in Alcoa, Tenn. For details, see page 111 in the "Book for Reports," and also, the report that was mailed to all Annual Conference members.

At 11 a.m., Bishop Scott Jones will return to lead us in Bible study.

### P.M. session

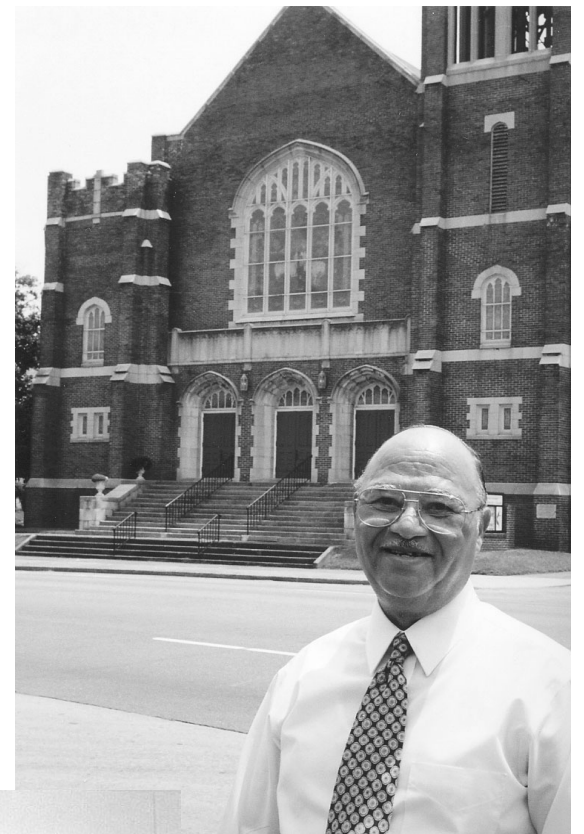
The Retirement Celebration, honoring 21 retiring clergy members, commences immediately after lunch. Highlights will include preaching by the Rev. Walter Willis, music by the St Mark UMC Choir of Knoxville District, and the "passing of the mantle" from the Rev. Charles Lockerby to the Rev. Adam McKee.

At 3 p.m., we'll see you on the lawn for ice cream provided by our sponsors!

At 3:40 p.m. we'll return to the auditorium for the vision pre-

sentation. If the conference accepts it by vote, Salyers and Hill will lead a worship celebration of the new vision.

With Bishop James Swanson as preacher, tonight's Service of Ordination and Commissioning will include the following: 17 full-connection elders, 1 full-connection deacon, 2 deacons in associate membership, 9 commissioned probationary elders, and 1 probationary deacon. ■



2 p.m.

The Rev. Walter Willis, pastor at Magnolia Avenue UMC, Knoxville District (above), will preach at the Retirement Celebration.

7 p.m.

The Gray UMC Choir from Johnson City District (at left) will sing at the Service of Ordination and Commissioning.



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**BOLD FUTURE**