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A few days into 2004, it is already clear that 2003 was an extraordinary year for the North Georgia Annual Conference. Early indications are there was another healthy growth in church membership. It appears that fewer churches than in recent years will fail to reach 100% of Conference Apportionments. [\(Click here for an](#)

update on your church.)

The year 2004 is loaded with potential changes. Some may occur in our nation in this presidential and congressional election year. Perhaps, others will be made in our denomination as the General Conference considers thousands of petitions which range from church structure to pension plans to social and moral issues to Holy Communion to many other concerns. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will elect six new bishops and entrust episcopal leadership to a College of Bishops which is almost half comprised of rookies.

This month the Conference Committee on Nominations begins work to choose the North Georgia Conference leadership for the next 4 years. Expired terms, special needs, and stated interests will bring a shift in many committees, teams, boards, and agencies.

Some clergy will choose to retire at this Annual Conference and both they and their districts and churches will experience transition. (See note below.)

Yes, something new will take the shape of multiple variations and modifications in 2004. Yet, we need not fear. We have hope. Something old and timeless, something reliable and steady is known in the God who hears our prayers, dwells with us, and guides our tomorrows.

Happy New Year!

Ed Tomlinson

Deadline for 2003 Conference Apportionments

Checks for Conference Apportionments must be in the Treasurer's Office by 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, to be credited to your church's 2003 askings. Please do not rely on the mail at this point. Either bring the payment to the United Methodist Center or call the Conference Treasurer (678-533-1393) to make arrangements for an electronic transfer of funds.

Last Call for Clergy Pre-Retirement Seminar

If you have reached your 58th birthday, you are invited to a pre-retirement seminar on Wednesday, January 7, at Budd Terrace (Wesley Woods). The times are 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A reservation (which is critical for lunch plans) may be made on Monday (only) through Leigh Ann Sanders at 678-533-1372.

A representative of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, a person from the Social Security Administration, our Conference Benefits Officers, and Emory Clergy Care Leaders will present the program.

A Thousand Pints of Blood

The North Georgia campaign to donate 1000 pints of blood begins on Tuesday, January 5. [Click here to see locations and times.](#) Your concern may save a life! Please help in this time of blood shortage.

<p>Calendar Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ January 6 Atlanta Roswell District Financial Workshop - Northbrook UMC - 7:00 PM ◆ January 7 Board of Ministry Order of Deacon and Elders Exec. Committees - United Metho Center, Atrium - 10:00 AM 4:00 PM ◆ January 7 Pre-Retirement Seminar - Budd Terrace - Wesley Woc - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM ◆ January 9 Atlanta Roswell District Financial Workshop - Midwa UMC - 7:00 PM ◆ January 11 Local Church Leadership Training, LaGrange District Cornerstone UMC, Newnan 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ◆ January 11 Rome Carrollton District Financial Workshop - Breme UMC - 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM ◆ January 11 - 16 Quest: Training Adventure f North Georgia Christian Educators - Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Cer - 6:00 PM <p>◆ Complete Calendar</p>
<p>Retired Spouses and Clergy Birthdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ January 5 Burch Fannin ◆ January 6 Daniel Philpot ◆ January 7 Charles Hoover Ike Powell ◆ January 8 Betty Welch Richard Long ◆ January 10 Bob Kerr Walter Murphy Barrett Smith ◆ January 11 Bea Fosmire ◆ January 12 William Byrd Ding Lau Dan Maxey ◆ January 13 Kenny Fuller
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Bible and Scripture

Daily Bible Reading

[Click here](#) for readings that take you through the entire Bible in a Year.

Lectionary Scriptures NIV

Sunday, Jan. 11, 04
1st Sunday after Epiphany
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- ◆ [Psalm 29](#)
 - ◆ [Isaiah 43: 1-7](#)
 - ◆ [Acts 8: 14-17](#)
 - ◆ [Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22](#)
- Baptism of the Lord
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