

Meet Bishop Saenz

The following is an excerpt from "Get Your Spirit In Shape" podcast (Episode #024) entitled "Meet Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr."

Bishop Saenz is holding two Town Hall Meetings in the Wichita area on October 6th. The first meeting will be held at Chapel Hill UMC from 10 AM - 12 PM, the second meeting is at West Heights UMC from 3 PM - 5 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to listen, learn and share with our Bishop.

Joe: I know being a bishop is a very busy and difficult job, but is there something fun or good about it that maybe we wouldn't think of right away?

Bishop Saenz: You get to see the church at its best in many ways. You see lay people and clergy that are passionate about Jesus Christ, passionate about the United Methodist Church and passionate about their local churches, doing some amazing work. I tell folks that the quality and the caliber of people that we have in our congregations and in our pews are second to none. I mean, these persons, run corporations, school systems, healthcare systems, military branches. They're involved in the judicial systems and government, city politics. These folks are high capacity, high caliber. They know so many people. They have so many connections.

I don't think there's anything that the church cannot do if they wanted to, simply by harnessing all the gifts and graces of our lay people. I've seen some of our churches—both from the smallest churches that we have in towns with 5 or 6 homes, all the way to Church of the Resurrection that's got 20 or 30 thousand members—they're doing amazing things. It's good work. When I see that, I get to see it from the 30,000-foot view. It's inspiring. I just try to encourage that and help provide the space and ecology for it to flourish more and more and more.



Back To School Blessing



Coffee Talk

I can't remember a time when finances haven't been a concern or that we weren't operating on a faith budget but it seems our situation just keeps declining. So, what do we do? Do we give up hope, give up the fight, reconcile ourselves and church to a slow death?

We are past halfway through our 3-year "All in" survival plan and I'm not sure we have made much impact at all on our situation. Obviously, what we've been doing doesn't seem to be working. We must make some changes, maybe try new avenues of ministry. This will take time, effort and money. But the truth is what we need more than just money is more of us actively giving our time to these Ministries.

Perhaps it's time to collectively look at all we are doing and evaluate the effectiveness of these activities. It may be that we need to give up some things in order to have the resources and energy to try new things and find new ways to connect with our changing community.

Demographic studies have been showing for several years that perhaps to meet the needs in our community it is time for some Hispanic Ministries ie: ESL classes, tutoring, maybe learn a little Spanish ourselves.

Through our partnership with Anderson Elementary we are making a difference in the lives of children, families and faculty, through events like skating parties, field day etc.

Our Strengthening Families Program which kicked off last year is a bi-lingual class on effective family communications.

We have great facilities that are under used, rooms available for a myriad of classes, open gym times, Mom's Day Out or Kids Day out. With some research we could and should be a great resource center for the neighborhood, there are so many possibilities.

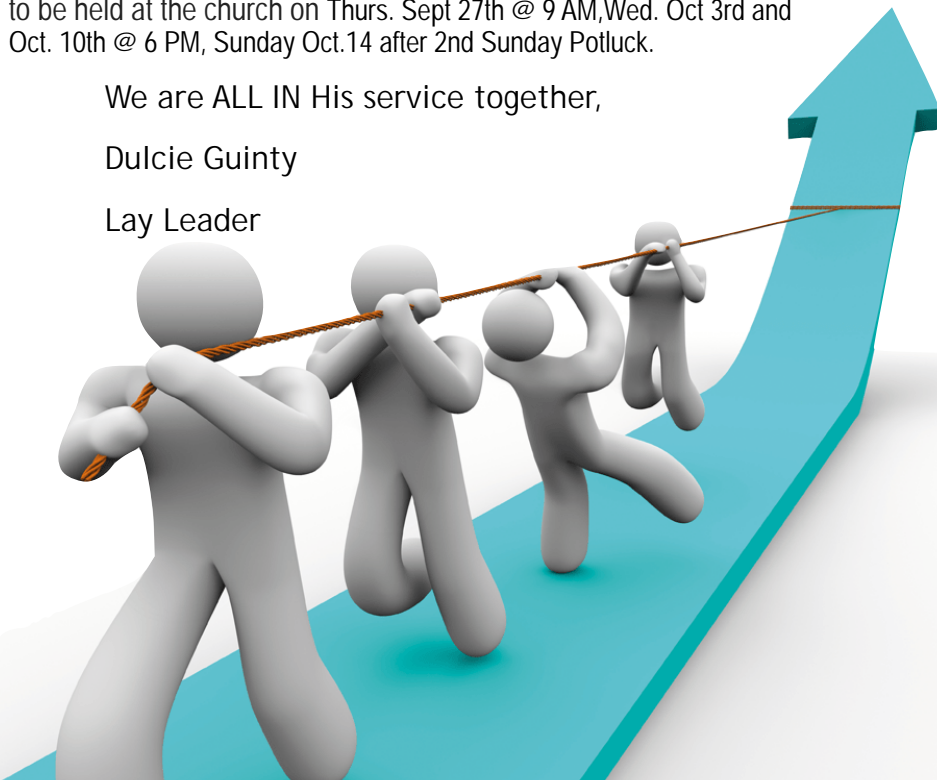
As we are approaching the season of preparation for church conference this is a perfect time for some "All Church" discussions about our future directions.

You are all cordially invited to attend and participate in "Coffee Talk" discussions to be held at the church on Thurs. Sept 27th @ 9 AM, Wed. Oct 3rd and Oct. 10th @ 6 PM, Sunday Oct. 14 after 2nd Sunday Potluck.

We are ALL IN His service together,

Dulcie Guinty

Lay Leader



May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6

WHATEVER YOU DO,
WORK AT IT
with all your *heart*
AS WORKING FOR
the **Lord**
not for men

Colossians 3:23

**TWO ARE BETTER THAN
ONE BECAUSE THEY
HAVE A GOOD RETURN
FOR THEIR HARD WORK.
IF EITHER SHOULD FALL, ONE
CAN PICK UP THE OTHER.
BUT HOW MISERABLE ARE
THOSE WHO FALL AND
DON'T HAVE A COMPANION
TO HELP THEM UP!
-ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10**

September Events

Every Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Every Monday

All Scouts - 7 PM

Every Wednesday

Dawson 3D

Choir Practice 7 PM (starting Sept 26)

Other Events & Meetings

Sept 15 - Pancake Feed

Sept 22 - Quilt/fabric estate sale

Sept 27 - Coffee Talk 9 AM

Oct 3 - Coffee Talk 6 PM

Oct 4-6 - All church garage sale

Oct 6 - Meetings with the Bishop

TOWN HALL MEETINGS WITH THE BISHOP

OCTOBER 6th

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. is leading Town Hall Meetings in all 17 districts leading up to the special session of General Conference in February 2019 in St. Louis. Each meeting will feature details of three proposals and will provide an opportunity for discussion. You're invited to come listen, learn and, most importantly, share. Congregations and pastors are invited.

These gatherings will be held at two locations on October 6th:

✦ Chapel Hill UMC, 1550 N Chapel Hill St, Wichita KS from 10 am to 12 pm

✦ West Heights UMC, 745 N Westlink, Wichita KS from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

If you're interested in attending, please let Rev. Joey or the Office know so that we can report to the Conference Office how many will be attending from the church.



The September change for change offering will go to help our outreach mission to Anderson School.

GARAGE SALE

Time to start thinking about garage sale items.



October 4 - 6

THIS WAY!

Quilting Fabric & Sewing Notion Estate Sale

Saturday September 22nd 8AM - 5 PM
Dawson United Methodist Church
2741 S. Laura, Wichita, Kansas 67216

Tremendous amounts of:
quilts (finished, tops & partially assembled),
quilting fabric, fat quarters, cut squares and shapes,
sewing notions, collectables, tools and equipment,
patterns, magazines, how-to books,
craft supplies, bags of scraps & pieces,
vintage clothing patterns,
crochet threads and so much more.

From the estate of Mary Ellen Brace



Choir rehearsals begin

September 26th 7 PM

Come sing with the choir ..
the most fun you can have on
Wednesday @ 7 PM at Dawson



Coming soon .. Pancake Saturday - September 15th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch for more information on these exciting events.

RETURN OF THE PANCAKE FEED

September 15th 8 - 10 AM

QUILT AND SEWING NOTION ESTATE SALE

(Mary Brace's sewing & craft items)

September 22nd 9 AM - 5 PM

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

September 26th 7 PM

DAWSON 3D

Wednesday evenings in September @ 6 PM

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

October 4 - 6



A FUN TIME
IN THE PARK
WITH ICE-
CREAM AND
WATER GAMES.

Church Garage Sale

The Garage Sale will take place October 4th, 5th and 6th. Please start collecting your items and bring to the church toward the end of September. Call Sue and she will have the doors open for you 9 am to 1 pm Tuesday thru Friday. If you have questions please contact Sheryl Kaufman. Psalm

USHERS & OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED

There is a very real need for Ushers and people to count the offering on Sunday. Each of these positions only take 10-25 minutes. Please talk to Marylou Dawley for information.

DILLON'S GROCERY STORE

If you are not enrolled with the Dillons Community Rewards Program now is the time to sign up...no cost to you, but the church receives a monetary reward every three months. If you need help in signing up for this program visit with Shirley Dieker for help.

They have recently upgraded their Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. (IY579). Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. We recommend communicating this new number to your members, and updating any marketing materials with this change. While the previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either the new number or the name of your organization.



Point your children in the right direction - when they're old they won't be lost. Proverbs 22:6



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• EPHESIANS 5:1 •