

Registration Form  
**PILGRIMAGE 2009**  
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**November 13-15**  
(Please type or print clearly)

Name of Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Group Leader Phone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Group Leader E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated number in your group: Middle highs \_\_\_\_\_ Senior highs \_\_\_\_\_  
Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed registration form & the program cost of \$15 per person (checks made payable to Youth Ministry) to: Youth Ministry, Treasurer-NC Conference; The United Methodist Church (Raleigh Area),  
PO Box 60053, Charlotte, NC 28260

All registrations must be postmarked by October 26, 2009. Pre-registration is required.  
You may adjust your numbers up or down as necessary upon check-in at the event. A late fee of \$25 will be applied to registrations received after the deadline. A packet of further information will be sent to those groups pre-registering.

The North Carolina Conference Council on Youth Ministries Presents

**November 13-15, 2009**



for UMYF groups  
...where faith and discipleship can be fun!



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## Schedule

## Saturday Afternoon Options

Friday, 7:30pm	<b>November 13</b> Gathering with Registration
8:30pm	<b>Session One</b> Music with Chris Message by Ruben Saenz, Jr. ...and much more!
10:00pm	To Places of Rest
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Saturday, 9:30am	<b>November 14</b> Registration for groups just arriving
10:00am	<b>Session Two</b> Music with Chris Message by Ruben Saenz, Jr. ...and more
12:15pm	Break for the afternoon  Group Building time for respective groups Saturday Afternoon options
7:45pm	<b>Session Three</b> Music with Chris Message by Ruben Saenz, Jr. Special Feature: Nathan Tasker ...and more
10:00pm	To Places of Rest
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Sunday, 9:30am	<b>November 15</b> Gathering
9:45am	<b>Session Four</b> Music with Chris Message by Ruben Saenz, Jr. Celebration of Holy Communion
11:30am	Going Forth!



Time is set aside on Saturday afternoon for each group to do their own thing and to enjoy some time together with just their group. Plans for this time are left to each group to arrange on their own. Group leaders should call ahead for schedule and cost information. Some options and phone numbers are listed here for reference.

The Climbing Place  
910-486-9638

Rockfish Outdoor Center  
(make reservations at least 2 weeks in advance)  
910-425-3529

Methodist University  
(1pm Home Football Game)  
800-488-7110

Airborne and Special Operations Museum  
(open until 5pm)  
910-483-3003

North View Bowling Lanes  
(across from Methodist University)  
910-822-6446

Omni Plaza – Fun, Fun, Fun Amusement Center  
910-864-1307

Athlete’s Choice Batting Center  
(open until 6pm)  
910-487-4487

“Duh” Skate Park Skateboarding  
910-876-2424

Round-A-Bout Skating Centers (1:30-4pm)  
910-484-4465 or 910-860-8900

Service Projects (see Special Mission Focus Section)  
Gleaning – Society of St. Andrew  
Durham Office  
919-683-3011

Stop Hunger Now - Operation Sharehouse Event  
lsellon@garberumc.com

# A Special Word About Pilgrimage...

## What Is Pilgrimage?

Pilgrimage is a weekend event for UMYF and local church youth groups in which youth and adult advisors are challenged to a new or deeper faith in Jesus Christ. The content of the weekend will focus on evangelism, faith sharing and discipleship for youth and adult advisors to youth ministry in local churches. Pilgrimage is a time and place where faith and discipleship can be fun!

## Where Will It Be Held?

The sessions of Pilgrimage will be held in the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville, NC. The Crown Coliseum Complex is very accessible to Interstate 95 and Highway 301. Most lodging accommodations will be off Interstate 95 at exit 49. This area also provides restaurants and fast food places to eat. The mall and shopping area with lodging and eating options are also not far away.

## Who Is It For?

Pilgrimage is a retreat type weekend for youth groups. Any middle high/senior high (grades 6-12) UMYF from a local church in the North Carolina Conference is invited to join the excitement. Since this event is for youth groups, each group must provide its own adult advisors. There should be at least 1 adult for every 7 youth in your group, and at least 2 adults with each group. The adults will be responsible for the guidance, conduct, and safety of the youth from their church. Each group is responsible for its own transportation to, from and during the weekend.

## How Much Does It Cost?

The program cost for Pilgrimage is \$15 per person - youth and adults. This covers participation in all sessions. The program cost does NOT include lodging, meals, or free time options on Saturday afternoon. There will be no pro-rating of cost for attending only a portion of the event. Groups must pre-register for the event with an estimated number attending. This number may be adjusted up or down upon check-in at the event.

## What About Lodging?

Lodging must be arranged by each group. Lodging is not included in the program cost. Arrangements must be made directly with the respective hotel desired. A list of hotels, phone numbers and any special rates for this event are listed on the insert page. Please identify yourself with this event to receive this rate. These rates and contacts were arranged for us by the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

## What Else Should I Know?

Books, gifts and youth ministry resources will be available through a special Cokesbury store at Pilgrimage. Concession stands will be open at times over the weekend for purchase of soft drinks and snacks. Opportunities to support Youth Service Fund will also be offered.

Youth group banners made for previous years may be brought back or new banners made for the Sunday morning banner processional. Banner making instructions will be available in registration confirmation materials or upon request.

## Featured Leaders



**Ruben Saenz Jr.** is in his ninth year as pastor of El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church in Edinburg, Texas. He is a native of South Texas and a former high school educator, coach and businessman. Ruben has served in several Conference and General Church leadership positions. Ruben is committed to evangelism and making disciples of all peoples for Jesus Christ. He has been a requested speaker at Youth Weeks at Lake Junaluska for several summers. He enjoys fitness, consulting, and spending quality time with his family.



**Chris Hughes** has been with us since Pilgrimage began. He is the Minister to the University at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, NC. Pfeiffer University is a United Methodist related college. Previously, Chris served on the staff of the South-eastern Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska. Chris is a United Methodist pastor from the Western North Carolina Conference.

## Lodging for Pilgrimage 2009



Groups are advised to make hotel reservations **VERY EARLY!**

### Fayetteville Area Properties

Property	Address	Phone Number	Rate
Baymont Inn & Suites	2910 Sigman St.	910-485-0520	\$72.00
Comfort Inn Cross Creek	1922 Skibo Rd.	910-867-1777	\$119.00- \$159.00
Country Hearth Inn & Suites	1902 Cedar Creek Rd.	910-438-0748	\$100.00
Courtyard by Marriott	4192 Sycamore Dairy Rd.	910-487-5557	\$118.00
DoubleTree	1965 Cedar Creek Rd.	910-323-8282	\$159.00
Fairfield Inn Cross Creek	562 Cross Creek Mall	910-487-1400	\$104.00
Hampton Inn Spring Lake	1050 North Bragg Blvd.	910-438-0945	\$92.00
Hampton Inn Cross Creek	1700 Skibo Rd.	910-487-4006	\$114.00
Hilton Garden Inn	4025 Sycamore Dairy Rd.	910-860-3600	\$129.00
Holiday Inn Bordeaux	1707 Owen Dr.	910-323-011	\$85.00
Holiday Inn Express	1706 Skibo Rd.	910-867-6777	\$119.00- \$139.00
Holiday Inn Express Spring Lake	103 Brook Ln.	910-438-0945	\$92.00
Innkeeper	1720 Skibo Rd.	910-867-7659	\$89.00
Red Roof Inn	1569 Jim Johnson Rd.	910-321-1460	\$94.99
TownePlace Suites (opens fall 09)	1464 Skibo Rd.	910-764-1100	\$99.00-\$139.00
Wingate by Wyndham	4182 Sycamore Dairy Rd.	910-826-9200	\$120.00

### Note!

These properties, contacts and rates have been arranged for us by the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. These rates do not include state and local taxes (13%)! Only a certain number of rooms are blocked for these rates so early reservations are encouraged. Other hotels may be found at exit 49 off I-95 and in the mall area of Fayetteville - these listed are the only ones responding to the request of the Visitors Bureau in providing this information to us. Properties also vary as to availability of continental breakfast, restaurants, pools, etc. Each group must contact the property directly for making reservations. Please identify your group as being with the United Methodist Youth Pilgrimage in order to get these rates.

### Special Mission Focus for Pilgrimage 2009: Ending Hunger

Each group attending Pilgrimage is invited to bring nonperishable and canned food items for donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Fayetteville. Collection bins for these donations will be located at the entrance to the Crown Coliseum on Friday night and Saturday morning. In addition to that – two options are offered for Saturday afternoon related to this mission focus: gleaming with the Society of St Andrew and Operation Sharehouse with Stop Hunger Now. The contact information for the Society of St Andrew is listed under Saturday Afternoon Options – their offices are in Durham.

#### STOP HUNGER NOW: Operation Sharehouse Event

Help us prepare 30,000 meals! Sign up for this exciting, fun, and meaningful service activity on Saturday, November 14 from 2pm to 4pm at Methodist University. Space limited, sign up early! Cost is \$5 per participant (payable separately to "Stop Hunger Now"). Go to [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org) to find out more about Operation Sharehouse. To sign up and get more information about this event, email [lsellon@garberumc.com](mailto:lsellon@garberumc.com) no later than Monday, October 26. With your help, we can **Stop Hunger Now!**



**idea from a youth group at Pilgrimage: have a tailgate picnic lunch Saturday in the parking lot of the Crown with other youth groups**

## Saturday Night Special Feature

### Nathan Tasker

Having performed in venues all over the world, Australia's NATHAN TASKER still has the same mission: to use music to connect people to the reality of God's love. The "greatest story ever told" is an integral part of Nathan Tasker's story.

With six top ten radio singles, including three consecutive number ones and nationwide press and media coverage, Nathan is Australia's premier male Christian artist. Nathan was honored as 2006 Artist Of the Year (an award previously won by Michael W. Smith and Stacie Orrico) by *The Rock Across Australia (TRAA)*, Australia's national Christian music charts, and "Like You Love Me," his number one smash hit, was named 2006 Song Of The Year.

At the center of it all is the timeless message of God's love for humankind. "I am always humbled by and thankful for the fact that God's love for me is not based upon my performance, but on the death

of His own perfect Son," says Nathan. Armed with impressive guitar skills and engaging honesty he is determined to get his message out to people via energetic live performances as well as through his albums.



He also takes his responsibility as a role model for others very seriously. "There is a need for people to respond to truth in a way that isn't just about selling CDs. It's about understanding life; it's about engaging with a God who is real, a God who wants us to know Him. And I want to be the role model for that."