

Previous Mission Preachers

1959 Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.
1960 Dr. Norman Paullin
1961 Dr. Edmund Perry
1962 Dr. Lawrence Lacour
1963 Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.
1964 Dr. Bryant Kirkland
1965 Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson
1966 Dr. Edwin Kimbrough
1967 Dr. David MacLennan
1968 Dr. Ernest Gordon
1969 Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.
1970 Dr. Theodore P. Ferris
1971 Dr. Myron S. Augsburger
1972 Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.
1973 Dr. Wallace E. Fisher
1974 Dr. John N. Gladstone
1975 Dr. David H. C. Read
1976 Dr. Bill Starnes
1977 Dr. John Brokhoff
1978 Dr. Myron S. Augsburger
1979 Dr. John K. Bergland
1980 Dr. Reginald Mallett
1981 Dr. Dennis Kinlaw
1982 Dr. John Killinger
1983 Dr. Reginald Mallett
1984 Dr. William Mallard
1985 Bishop L. Bevel Jones III
1986 Dr. Reginald Mallett
1987 Reverend Dennis Dutton
1988 Reverend Sam Cocker
1989 Reverend J. Ellsworth Kalas
1990 Reverend Bill Hinson
1991 Dr. Bruce Metzger
1992 Reverend James Flemming
1993 Reverend Donald English
1994 Reverend Eddie Fox
1996 Dr. Peter Graves
1997 Dr. Bill Leonard
1998 Dr. James M. Efird
1999 Bishop Ernest Fitzgerald
2000 Reverend Barbara Brokhoff
2001 Dr. Thomas K. Tewell
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2004 Dr. John Ed Mathison
2005 Dr. Maxie D. Dunnam
2006 Dr. James B. Buskirk
2007 Dr. Dr. Kenneth Hemphill
2008 Dr. John Ed Mathison
2009 Dr. C. Clifton Black
2010 Bishop William H. Willimon
2011 Reverend Trevor Hudson
2012 Dr. Leonard Sweet
2013 Dr. Ron Rand
2014 Dr. Peter Storey
2015 Bishop Jonathan Holston
2016 Dr. Elaine Heath
2017 Dr. Thomas K. Tewell
2018 Reverend Brian Combs
2019 Reverend Mike Slaughter

Purpose and History of The Finch Preaching Mission

The Finch Preaching Mission provides a special opportunity annually for Memorial United Methodist Church to bring dynamic preaching personalities to Thomasville so that people will be reached for Christ and the Body of Christ renewed for God's mission in the world.

The Mission was established in 1959 through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Doak Finch. A trust fund was instituted in such a manner that the annual income could be used to bring dynamic pulpit personalities to Thomasville. Additional funds have been added to the trust so that the income could keep pace with rising costs.

The spirit of both Doak and Agnes Finch remains very much a part of the Mission and an inspiration to all who knew them. The Finch Preaching Mission is but one of a multitude of ways in which their Christian witness remains among us.



Doak and Agnes Finch

"Their works do follow them."

– Revelation 14:13



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Clergy

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Ken Carter

Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. is resident bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference, providing pastoral and administrative leadership to over 1000 congregations. He comes to our conference from serving as bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Where he gave pastoral and administrative leadership to over 800 congregations in an episcopal area that stretches from Tallahassee and Jacksonville to Miami and the Keys. He was elected to the episcopacy in 2012, following a ministry of almost thirty years in Western North Carolina, twenty-nine as a local church pastor. Among the churches he served in the Western North Conference are Christ UMC(Greensboro), Mount Tabor UMC (Winston Salem), Providence UMC(Charlotte). Prior to becoming a bishop, Bishop Carter served as the District Superintendent of the Smokey Mountain District.

A native of Georgia, Bishop Carter earned degrees from Columbus College, Duke Divinity School, The University of Virginia and Princeton Theological Seminary. He has pursued additional training at the Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation and the Center for Creative Leadership. Bishop Carter is the recent past-president of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, and he was one of three moderators of The Commission on a Way Forward. He is a prolific writer and has authored of a number of books

His great hope for the church is that she will rediscover an orthodox Christian faith which offers the radically inclusive grace of God to all people, and at the same time calls every follower of Jesus to inner holiness, missional compassion and hopeful witness. He travels extensively preaching in local churches and encouraging lay and clergy leaders.

Schedule of Events: 2021 Finch Preaching Mission

Sunday Oct. 24

10:00 AM R.L. Pope Room
R.L. Pope Sunday School Class
led by Bishop Carter
All are invited.

11:00 AM Sanctuary
Finch Preaching Mission Begins
with Bishop Carter preaching at
Morning Worship

** Note that there is no worship service at 8:50 AM.*

7:00 PM Sanctuary
Evening Worship Service with
Bishop Carter preaching

Monday Oct. 25

7:00 PM Sanctuary
Third Worship Service with
Bishop Carter Preaching

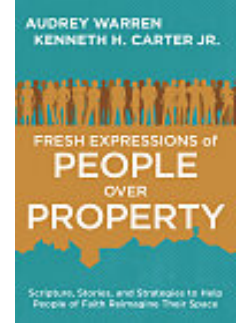
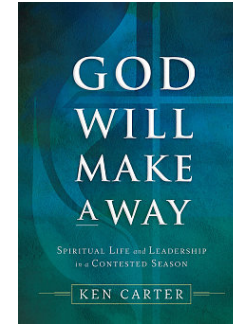
8:00 PM Fellowship Hall
Reception & Book Signing

Tuesday Oct. 26

7:00 PM Sanctuary
Final Worship Service of the
2021 Finch Preaching Mission

Book Signing Event

A book signing will follow Monday evenings' worship service.



INVITE SOMEONE!

Share this brochure, and visit finchpreachingmission.org for more information.

The greater Thomasville community is invited to participate in all services and events, and it is hoped that persons from all denominations will attend. All events are at Memorial United Methodist Church in Thomasville unless otherwise noted.

Nursery and Child Care

Nursery and childcare will be provided for each service. The nursery is accessed at the rear of the building near the breezeway entrance. Follow interior signs.

Love Offering

The Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evening offerings will benefit Cooperative Community Ministry (CCM) of Thomasville. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Please keep the Finch Preaching Mission in your prayers.