

## *Charlotte District E-Pistle*

August 7, 2007

Colleagues:

In last week's *E-Connections* I encouraged you to share with your congregation the opportunity to travel with Bishop McCleskey and Margaret on the journeys of Paul that will take place in the spring of 2008. This week you may want to place in your

e-news, newsletter, or service bulletin the following announcement:

**On Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Cole Memorial UMC, 8 a.m. there will be a free breakfast provided by Educational Opportunities for all clergy and laity who would like to meet with Bishop McCleskey, Dr. Jim Ridgeway, and other leaders in order to learn more about a unique spiritual pilgrimage scheduled for the spring of 2008. Participants from around the Western North Carolina Conference will join together in tracing the footsteps of the apostle Paul on his first Missionary Journey. To learn more about this pilgrimage, come to this breakfast gathering. Disciple Bible students, Sunday school teachers, and all those wanting to experience first-hand the land of the Paul and many sites referenced in the gospel narrative will find this to be an extraordinary opportunity. Educational Opportunities is so excited about the quality of this experience and the importance of making this pilgrimage available to clergy and laity that they will conduct a drawing at the breakfast in which one of the attendees will receive a free pass to participate. This gift is worth approximately \$1,500 and will cover tuition and the Mediterranean cruise. Call the district office (704-525-3395) for reservations for the breakfast, brochures, and additional information.**

Grace and peace,

*George*