

# “BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN YOUR CAREER PATH AND YOUR FAITH JOURNEY”

“...continually remember before God your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope...” 1 Thessalonians 1:3

## MISSION STATEMENT

The BRIDGING THE GAP program seeks to assist leaders in various careers and settings to put their faith into action as they honor God through their work and, additionally, to challenge local churches to champion Christian leadership development.

## LEADERSHIP PRESENTERS

### “Bridging the Gap in Education”



**Ruth Austin Knox** is the 24th President of Wesleyan College and the first alumna to hold that position. Wesleyan was the first college in the world to grant degrees to women. Prior to her current position she practiced law specializing in real estate, public financing and estate planning. Ruth has been recognized and honored not only professionally but also for numerous contributions through civic and community service and has been named one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians. She is a member of Mulberry Street UMC in Macon.

### “Bridging the Gap in the Business World”

**James “Micky” Blackwell** retired as Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin Corp. He oversaw all of its aeronautical companies and products worldwide including some of the nation’s largest defense contracts. A United Methodist who was reared Baptist, he is a Bible scholar, teaches a large young adult Sunday School class and has recently authored a book on corporate prayer, When Two or More are Gathered...in Prayer. Micky and his wife Billie live in Marietta, GA.



### “Bridging the Gap in the Limelight and in the Home”



**Heather Whitestone McCallum** became the first Miss America with a disability in 1994. Amazingly, her talent was a ballet performance. She was tested as “profoundly deaf” which resulted from an infection when a child. Her life and story are incredible and inspiring; “With God’s help anything is possible” is her life’s theme. In addition to being an author and public speaker, she and her husband John recently founded a new company called “Esther.” Heather and her family reside on St. Simons Island and attend the St. Simons Community Church.

### “The Church’s Role in Bridging the Gap”

**David Yarborough** has been the pastor of St. Simons Community Church for the past 10 years. SSCC has grown from a few families meeting together to a vibrant 1500 member congregation (including many young families) with new facilities and numerous outreach programs. David, a graduate of the University of Georgia and Asbury Seminary, grew up in the Brunswick area. He has written a weekly column for the Brunswick News for 10 years. He lives on St. Simons Island with his wife Amber and three children.



## MUSIC/WORSHIP

### “Bridging the Gap in Music”

**PAUL SAIK**, a native of Mississippi, began to play the piano at age three and later studied piano and organ. Also, a versatile singer (tenor), he has performed on some of the largest stages in the world. In 2003, Paul felt God’s call back to his first love – sacred music. His passion is leading worship, and his music touches many people as he performs in numerous venues throughout the country. His concerts and recordings include a variety of operatic, Broadway, inspirational, spiritual and sacred numbers. Paul is engaged, and he and Katie Holleran from Boise, Idaho will be married in October.



## CONFERENCE FACILITATOR

### “Bridging the Gap – God’s Plan”

**BERNIE BROWN**, a preacher’s kid, retired as the CEO of one of the largest non-profit health systems in the country. He has taught, consulted and written four books including LESSONS LEARNED ON THE WAY DOWN...A Perspective on Christian Leadership in a Secular World which was the impetus for “Bridging the Gap” programs (a second edition was released in 2009). He and his wife Snookie are active members of First United Methodist Church, Marietta, GA and affiliate members of Long’s Chapel UMC, Lake Junaluska, NC.



## “Bridging the Gap”

April 28-30, 2010

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Concert Only: ( ) \$10 per person

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# SCHEDULE

## Wednesday: April 28

**4:00 PM** Arrival and general registration  
**6:00 PM** Banquet and Opening Session  
 Welcome, introductions, worship, special music and presentation from Conference Facilitator and author of "Lessons Learned on the Way Down," Bernie Brown.

**2:00 PM** Session 3 –  
 Presenter, *Heather W. McCallum*  
**3:00 PM** Afternoon is free  
**6:00 PM** Dinner  
**7:30 PM** Evening Session 4 –  
 Entertainment and Worship, *Paul Saik*  
 (Concert open to the community)

## Thursday: April 29

**7-8:30 AM** Breakfast  
**8:45 AM** Gathering/Worship  
**9:00 AM** Session 1 –  
 Presenter, *Ruth Austin Knox*  
**10:30 AM** Break  
**11:00 AM** Session 2 –  
 Presenter, *Micky Blackwell*  
**12:30 PM** Lunch

## Friday: April 30

**7-8:30 AM** Breakfast  
**8:45 AM** Gathering/Worship  
**9:00 AM** Session 5 –  
 Presenter, *Rev. David Yarborough*  
**10:30 AM** Break  
**11:00 AM** Closing Session –  
 Presenter, *Bernie Brown*  
**12:00 PM** Lunch

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## **A CONFERENCE FOR LEADERS:**

**Addressing the challenges of putting faith into action in the workplace and the role the church can play.**

**Participants:** This Conference is specifically designed for current and emerging leaders in secular and religious settings: large corporations, small businesses, non-profit agencies, educational institutions, healthcare organizations, volunteer groups, government, churches and other teams including families. Several members of the same organizational team would benefit, and if possible, it is recommended that spouses and pastors of the registered participants also be included. Registration fees for both spouses and pastors are reduced. Limited scholarships available for the registration fee for pastors.

**Format:** The program will be a combination of presentations including discussion sessions lead by a team of exceptional leaders from various fields. If additional activities are desired (i.e.: beach, golf, tennis, fishing, tours and a ropes course for team-building) they can be arranged separately. Participating organizations may also schedule extra time for individual retreat activities. For more information call Epworth at 912-638-8688.

**Sponsors:** This program is being hosted by the Board of Trustees of Epworth By The Sea and partially underwritten by some of its members. This conference is a Board sponsored series which will be held annually.

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