

Dispatch From DuBose

Now that spring is here, the **DuBose Conference Center** in Monteagle is preparing for another busy year. We hosted more groups – and people – in 2007 than ever before, and hope to top those numbers in 2008.

For those who haven't visited DuBose lately, many good things have been going on at the Center. Here are a few we would like to share with you.

Over the past couple of years, a number of capital improvements have been made to our facilities. Among these are significant changes to **Bishop's Hall**. All 32 rooms in Bishop's Hall have been furnished with new mattresses and box springs. Also, five of these rooms have been completely renovated (bathrooms included) due to the generosity of the Episcopal churchmen of parishes from all three Tennessee dioceses. Pursuant to our "*Adopt-A-Room*" campaign, **Grace-St. Luke's**, Memphis; **Church of the Resurrection**, Franklin; **St. David's**, Nashville; and **Church of the Nativity**, Ft. Oglethorpe; have taken the lead in making these wonderful improvements possible.

In addition, **Walker House** (formerly, the director's residence) has been completely renovated and refurnished. With four bedrooms, Walker House can comfortably accommodate up to eight guests. The living room and dining room are spacious and perfect for meetings or social functions. Walker House also enjoys a full kitchen (although the food at DuBose is so good there's no need to do your own cooking).

As for activities, we are glad to report that DuBose is thriving. **Camp Gailor-Maxon** is attracting more campers each year. The annual **Laymen's Conference** (the annual convention of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee) and the yearly **Music Conference** (which attracts church musicians from across the nation) continue to fill our facilities to capacity. **Winterfest** (a gathering of Episcopalian youth held each December) is growing every year.

New programs are being offered as well. This past fall, we hosted the first annual "**All Women Are Daughters**" event. This gathering drew over 50 women and girls to the Mountain for a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship. Given the great success of this inaugural weekend, we are expecting even greater numbers from all across Tennessee to be in attendance at next year's event which is scheduled for November 7-9, 2008.

In short, **lots of good things are happening at DuBose**. This sacred place continues to change the lives of those who visit in ways that are both profound and positive. Men and women of all ages are making good use of our Episcopal conference center. **Why don't you, and your group or organization, "come and see" what's happening at DuBose! We would love to host your event or program, no matter how big or small.**