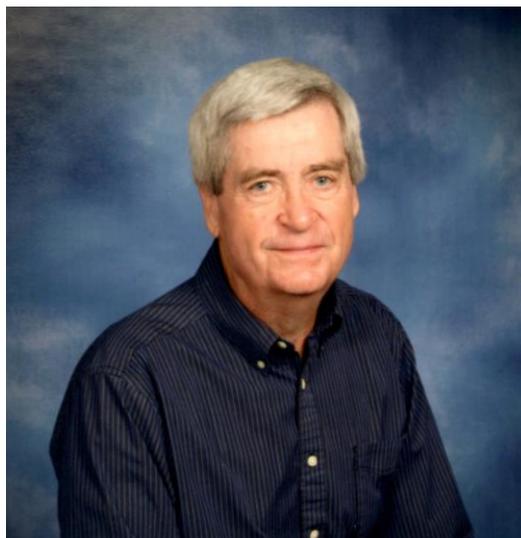


Texas Conference United Methodist Women 2016 Special Mission Recognition Honoring James Parker



James Parker was born and raised in San Angelo, Texas. While growing up he was active in the youth group at his church and his high school swim team. He served as the city's swimming pool manager and lifeguard in the summers. He attended Abilene Christian University where he pursued a Bachelors degree in Counseling Psychology. In addition, he furthered his education at Angelo State University where he graduated with a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology. He worked for Verizon as a Human Resources Manager for twenty-six years and retired in 1996. He then moved to East Texas where he became a member of First United Methodist Church, Palestine.

James has a passion for helping others and currently serves on the church's Mission Team. Over the years has participated as Team Leader in numerous local mission projects including, Texas Annual Conference renovation project of Saint James United Methodist Church in Teague. He partnered with Beaumont United Methodist Church and led early response disaster relief teams after hurricanes, doing early clean up and rebuilding in the areas of Silsbee, Oklahoma City and New Orleans. James and his team are active on the Lakeview United Methodist Conference Center Campus and have spent time cleaning up the Prayer Trail and assembled bunk beds for the new dormitories. He is also an active supporter of the Texas Conference United Methodist Women, for the past eight years at our annual fall meeting he has been loading the truck with the UMW kits assembled for UMCOR projects. James is married to Carolyn Parker. They have one son, a granddaughter, and a great granddaughter.

You may give to this Special Mission Recognition award throughout the year. Please send your mission dollars to your District Treasurer at any time. The Special Mission Award will be presented to James at the Fall Festival in September 2016.