

## Bishop Schnase's Biography



A native of south Texas, he was ordained Deacon in 1981 and Elder in 1986 in the Southwest Texas Conference. He is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a master's degree in theology, and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in psychology. He has also studied Spanish for several summers in Central America.

From 1989 to 2004, he served as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church of McAllen, Texas. First Church was recognized for congregational growth, bi-cultural ministry, young adult ministry and commitment to mission as the congregation relocated and built new facilities to serve the Rio Grande Valley. From 1984 to 1989, Rev. Schnase served as pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Harlingen, receiving the Circuit Rider Award for Church Growth and the Denman Evangelism Award. From 1982-1983, he served the Farham and Alton Circuit of five churches with the British Methodist Conference.

Bishop Schnase has served as delegate to The United Methodist Church's highest legislative conference, the General and its regional Jurisdictional Conferences. He has served on a number of agencies, including the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Directors of Texas Methodist Foundation, the UTPA Campus Ministries Board and many other conference, district and ecumenical projects. From 1998 to 2004, he served as chair of the Order of Elders of the Southwest Texas Conference.

Bishop Schnase's wife, Esther, is a high school English teacher. They have two college-age sons, Karl and Paul. Bishop Schnase is an avid runner, completing several marathons, and enjoys canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, studying Spanish and traveling in Latin America.

## Driving directions to



**Albion College is 90 miles west of Detroit and 175 miles east of Chicago on Interstate 94. It is easily accessible from Interstate 80/90 via Interstate 69.**

**From eastbound I-94, take Exit 121 (Eaton Avenue/ 28 Mile Road) and turn right south). Follow southbound Business I-94 to Michigan Avenue (M-99 East). Turn left (east) onto M-99. The campus will be on your right, between Huron and Mingo streets.**

**From westbound I-94, take Exit 124 (M-99) and turn right (south/west). Follow M-99 about three miles into town. The campus will be on your left, between Mingo and Huron Streets.**

**From northbound M-99, follow the highway into downtown Albion. Turn right (east) onto Erie Street. The main part of campus will be on your left, between Huron and Mingo Streets.**

Campus maps are available at the Albion College website at [http://www.albion.edu/ac\\_map](http://www.albion.edu/ac_map)

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**Saturday March 13, 2010**  
**Goodrich Chapel - Albion College**



**Register to attend today!**

**Keynote Speaker**

Evangelism & church growth award winning pastor, author, conference speaker, and Missouri Area Episcopal Leader

**Bishop Robert Schnase**

**Details & Registration Inside**





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**KEYNOTE SESSIONS:**

**Bishop Schnase:**

**Session #1**

**“An Introduction to the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations”**

**Session #2)**

**“Congregational Practice And System For Creating New Spaces For New Faces”**

**Session #3)**

**“Personal Practice: What Role Do I Have In Fulfilling The Mission Of The Church?”**

Conference certified childcare providers will be available at no additional charge at First UMC - Albion.

First UMC Albion will also have snacks available for purchase throughout the event to support their missions, so please bring money.

Cokesbury will have a display table including Bishop Schnase's books. Bishop Schnase will be available for book signing in Goodrich Chapel at the announced time.

**Schedule**

All locations are at the Goodrich Chapel unless listed otherwise

- 8:30 a.m. **Gathering & Registration**  
Tennant Hall at First UMC Albion.
- 9:30 a.m. **Worship**
- 10:00 a.m. **Bishop Keaton**
- 10:10 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 p.m. **Session #1**
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch - Baldwin Hall**
- 1:00 p.m. **Session #2**
- 1:50 p.m. **Break**
- 2:10 p.m. **Session #3**
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Q & A**
- 3:30 p.m. **Comissioning**
- 4:00 p.m. **Dismissal**

**Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 District \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you will be needing childcare, and, indicate the ages of your children:

**Registration is at Tennant Hall, First UMC Albion, located on the north side of the church. It is a short but inaccessible walk to Goodrich Chapel so those with mobility issues should register at Goodrich Chapel.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you will be registering at Goodrich Hall.

Please include with your registration a check for \$12 made out to:  
 Ann Arbor District The United Methodist Church  
 Please mail your registration and check to:  
 Bishop's Day 2010 Registration  
 c/o First UMC Brighton  
 400 E. Grand River  
 Brighton, MI 48116

**Advanced Registration Deadline is Friday March 7, 2010.**