

## Mrs. Inez Conley Honored



Rev. Greenie Phillips, Mrs. Inez Conley, Vanessa Boyd.

Rusk, TX. -Mrs. Inez Reeder Conley was recently named Mother of the Church by Mount Pleasant CME Church. A ceremony of induction was held in her honor and a certificate was presented to her on behalf of the membership by Vanessa Rivers Boyd and the church pastor, Rev. Phillips. Mrs. Conley has been a member of the church since before it was moved from North Main Street to its present location in 1954. Mother Conley is past President of the Stewardess Board, past President of the Missionary Society, past Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher. She is also a retired LVN and public school teacher. Past Church Mother is Sister Cecil Frazier whose health no longer allows her to attend.



(AUSTIN) — With the rising cost of gasoline, groceries and other goods, the annual clothing sales tax holiday will help families' back-to-school budgets go farther, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today.

Combs announced that the 10th annual sales tax holiday will take place Aug. 15-17. During the tax holiday weekend, most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 can be purchased tax free. The tax break applies to both children's and adults' apparel. "We estimate shoppers will save about \$54 million in sales tax during the sales tax holiday, including approximately \$42.1 million in state sales tax and \$11.9 million in local sales taxes," Combs said.

The shoppers' gain is not expected to have a significant impact on sales tax collections. "Though the national economy has slowed, Texas sales tax revenue continues to grow at a healthy pace," Combs said. "Through June, state sales tax collections for fiscal 2008 were up 6.1 percent compared

## Sales Tax Holiday Brings Relief to Family Budgets

to the same point in fiscal 2007. Cities' and counties' calendar year-to-date sales tax revenues were up an average of 5.1 percent."

A list of items that will be tax exempt during the sales tax holiday is available on the Comptroller's Web site at [http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98\\_490/tx98\\_490.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html). Combs reminds families that school backpacks and messenger bags costing less than \$100 are now included in the sales tax holiday, but school supplies are taxable. Since 1999, the clothing sales tax holiday has saved shoppers more than \$388 million in state and local sales taxes.

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