

*Metro Chicago*

## *eWind*

*Suddenly there was...a strong wind blowing, and...  
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:2-3, TEV)*

A weekly electronic newsletter of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago  
A patchwork of varied news and announcements  
from our churches, communities, denomination and other organizations,  
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of our region

**August 3, 2005**

This is vacation season for many of us.  
Even if you are not taking a vacation trip to another place,  
take a vacation into a period of prayer and communion with God.

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### *Upcoming Events*

**August 6-11**--World Mission Conference, Green Lake, WI. More information and registration materials available at [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org).

**August 10**--Meeting of Northwest Suburban Peace & Education Project, 7 p.m., The South Church, 501 S. Emerson, Mount Prospect. More information is available from [Libby.frank@comcast.net](mailto:Libby.frank@comcast.net).

**August 18-19**--Roots of Racism IV, Rickman Center, Jefferson City, MO. Registration form attached. For more information, please contact Krystal Jacobs at [krystalmsr@socket.net](mailto:krystalmsr@socket.net), or 573-1187.

**August 20**--Rev. Tripp Hudgins performs with "One of the Girls," 7 p.m., High Risk Gallery, 1313 W. Belmont, Chicago. RSVP to 773-505-6766 or [theatreentropy@hotmail.com](mailto:theatreentropy@hotmail.com)

**August 28**--Emmett Till memorial at Chicago Historical Society, Clark Street and North Avenue, 2-4 p.m. Make reservations at [www.chicagohs.org](http://www.chicagohs.org).

**September 2-5**--National ABC Singles Conference, Marshall, IN.

**September 20**--15th Annual Charity Golf Outing for Kids Hope United, Bonnie Brook Golf Course, Wakegan, 11:30 a.m.

**October 12-13**--The National Conference on Black Religious Life: Members Voice Project presents "Economic Empowerment Through Partnership-Building" for pastors and lay leaders, Atlanta, GA. See [www.itc.edu/conference](http://www.itc.edu/conference).

**October 14-16, 28-30**--Parish Nurse Basic Preparation Course, Jefferson City, MO. Visit [www.msr.crm.org](http://www.msr.crm.org).

**October 17-21**--Pastors Conference in Prague.

### *Thinking Theologically*

Our Interim Executive Minister, Larry Greenfield, writes a fortnightly column for Protestants for the Common Good. His latest column, "Giving Up," is attached to this issue of *eWind*.

### *Opportunity for a Musician*

Irving Park Baptist Church is seeking a musician (instrumentalist) who will be available to lead the music at their worship service on August 14 at 11 a.m. If you or someone you know could perform this ministry, please contact Alice Davis, pastor of Irving Park Baptist, at [alicejbdavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alicejbdavis@sbcglobal.net) or 773-286-6800.

### *Positions Open*

Yovanny Alfonso, a member of North Shore Baptist Church, has made us aware of some job possibilities, and asked us to pass the information along to our churches. Here's the information:

**HARD WORK - GOOD PAY:** Required skill set includes, strong TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS; strong MAP READING SKILLS; PHYSICAL STRENGTH to carry a 60 pound-28 foot ladder; Must have a vehicle that can carry a 28 foot fiberglass ladder - **EARNING POTENTIAL \$30,000 - \$50,000/YEAR** - CALL YOVANNY at 1-800-731-6403.

### *One of the Girls*

The Reverend George "Tripp" Hudgins will perform Saturday, August 20, with his band, "One of the Girls." The performance will be at 7 p.m. The band's repertoire includes Irish folk music, bluegrass, etc. The upcoming event will be a benefit concert for Theatre Entropy, a small Chicago-based drama company. Theatre Entropy is known for its talent and creativity, and received the "Best Ensemble Show" award at a 2004 theater festival in Columbus, Ohio.

### **Theatre Entropy Benefit**

High Risk Gallery  
1113 W. Belmont  
Chicago, IL  
Tickets are \$30.00,

or \$20.00 with H/R  
RSVP by calling 773.505.6766 or  
[theatreentropy@hotmail.com](mailto:theatreentropy@hotmail.com)

For more information about Tripp's band visit <http://www.oneofthegirls.net>.

## *Roots of Racism IV*

**First Time Participants:** August 17, 2005 1:00 –8:00 p.m. Wednesday  
Additional registration fee of \$50 (\$25 Commuter)

**Dates:** August 18-19, 2005

**Times:** 10:00 a.m. Thursday to 3:00 p.m. Friday

**Cost:** \$75 includes lodging and meals \$50 Commuter

**Location:** Rickman Center, Jefferson City, MO

This workshop will continue the conversation with historian Gary Kremer that began with "Roots I" in 2002. As was the case with "Roots II" in 2003 and Roots III in 2004, the Reverend C. W. Dawson will join Gary Kremer in presenting "Roots of Racism IV." First-time attendees will meet at 1:00 p.m. on August 17 with Gary Kremer for an afternoon of orientation and discussion of the legacy of slavery and segregation in Missouri. The Rev. Dawson will join the group later in the afternoon to talk about the "Theological Foundations of Racism." Returning attendees and newcomers will join Dr. Kremer and the Rev. Dawson on the morning of August 18 for the Roots IV workshop.

The premise of this workshop, as with the first three, is that African Americans and whites see the world differently, and that their different perceptions are based in large part on their different histories. Hence, the purpose of the workshop is to help those in attendance understand how and why those different histories have emerged and what can be done to remedy their negative effects. Included in this year's workshop will be one or more field trips to sites where the group as a whole will be able to "confront the sin of racism," i. e., places where egregious examples of racism occurred. Because at least one of these places is in a somewhat remote, rural setting, attendees are encouraged to bring with them comfortable walking shoes and clothing.

This workshop will be conducted in a discussion format, with the presenters providing ample opportunity for interaction between and among participants. Attendees will be invited to share reflections on their first experiences and encounters with racism as well as ways in which they have devised to deal with issues of racial bias. Guest presenters will include previous workshop attendees Sister Antona Ebo, Mr. Kerry Washington, and Ms. Dee Campbell-Carter. In addition, Dr. Larry Brown will make a presentation on the Christian Identity Movement in Missouri. At least one session will be devoted to a discussion of attitudes toward and treatment of Hispanic Americans in Missouri. Special attention will be paid to a discussion of the role religious leaders and churches can play in promoting racial harmony in the 21st Century.

**The Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson, Jr.,** is a fourth generation minister in his family and one of less than 50 African American philosophers in the United States. He is the Riley Scholar in Residence at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO. He is the former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Fulton, MO. He completed his undergraduate education at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, with a triple major in Philosophy, Religion and Political Science. He received his Master of Divinity from Princeton in 1986, and Master of Art from the University of Missouri in 1990. Dawson is A.B.D. with the University of Missouri and has received two honorary doctorates. He has published several articles in the areas of Philosophy of Religion and Liberation Theology. Dawson is a gifted public speaker and preacher who has been the invited guest of several churches, colleges and universities across the country.

**Gary R. Kremer** is a Professor Emeritus of History at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri, and Executive Director of The State Historical Society of Missouri. He earned undergraduate and graduate

degrees from Lincoln University in Jefferson City and a Ph. D. in history from The American University in Washington, D. C. His mentor was the distinguished African American historian Lorenzo Johnston Greene. Prior to joining the faculty of William Woods University in 1991, Kremer served as the State Archivist of Missouri and as a Professor of History at Lincoln University (1972-1987). Gary Kremer is the author of dozens of articles and nine books, including three on African-American history [*George Washington Carver: In his Own Words* (1987); *James Milton Turner and the Promise of America* (1991); and, *Missouri's Black Heritage* (1993).

If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Jacobs at [krystalmsr@socket.net](mailto:krystalmsr@socket.net); 573-635-1187. The registration form is attached.

## *Remembering Emmett Till*

In conjunction with its exhibit "No Sanctuary," the Chicago Historical Society will present "Remembering Emmett Till: The Murder that Changed America" Sunday, August 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m. The event will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the violent murder of 14-year-old Chicagoan Emmett Till.

The program will feature a discussion on racial violence with Christopher Benson, author of *Death of Innocence: The Story of the Hate Crime that Changed America*; Emmett's cousin Wheeler Parker, who accompanied him to Mississippi; and moderator Bonita Blue, a freelance researcher who has spent decades studying Emmett's murder. The afternoon also includes an opportunity to talk with Franklin McMahon, artist of the drawings from the Emmett Till murder trial.

While this will be a **free** event, reservations are recommended to ensure admission and seating. You can make a reservation for the Emmett Till event on the CHS web site, [www.chicagohs.org](http://www.chicagohs.org).

## *Pastors Conference in Prague*

ABCUSA General Secretary Rev. Roy Medley invites pastors to participate in the October 17-21 Pastors Conference in Prague, the Czech Republic. Rev. Glenn Loafmann, formerly pastor of the Community Church of Barrington, attended this conference last year. It was excellent. He strongly encourages ABCMC pastors to attend.

The event will focus on the future of congregations in the post-modern world, and will be led by our mission partner, the International Baptist Theological Seminary. Drawing upon its excellent faculty and extensive involvement with churches in both Eastern and Western Europe, the seminary will guide participants in exploring how the Church in Europe is meeting the challenge of ministry in a post-modern era.

If you participate, you will gain insights related to discipling, Baptist and Anabaptist spirituality, how the church's life as a missional community grows even in a culturally hostile context, and the results from the Lily-Funded "Pulpit and Pew" project with US churches.

The event will begin with dinner and a reception on Monday evening, October 17 and conclude on Friday evening October 21. This schedule will allow for most to fly out after Sunday morning services on the 16 and arrive on the 17. Likewise, you will be free to fly out Saturday morning, October 22.

Costs for the core event are quite modest: \$500 (based on current exchange rates) for room and board and tuition for the week. For more information, please contact the Office of the General Secretary, 800-ABC-3USA.

## *Book Nook*

### **Getting to Amen: 8 Strategies for Managing Conflict in the African American Church**

Lora-Ellen McKinney

Women in the pulpit. Homosexuality. Denominational mergers. Church splits. HIV/AIDS. Seminary education. A church move to the suburbs. Egotism. Church politics. There is an old saying in the black community that goes, "God Don't Like Ugly." According to McKinney, the issues named above have led to "ugly" in the black community. The issues are but a few covered in the groundbreaking book, *Getting to Amen*. This important resource provides a set of practical tools, based on Christian principles, psychological theory, and research on African American religious culture, that will help churches move beyond disputes and disagreements to harmony and heartfelt AMENS!

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