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*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

**November 9, 2005**

Please keep our annual meeting in prayer.  
And come to the meeting—this Friday and Saturday.

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*Upcoming Events*

**November 10**—APCN Breakfast, 8 a.m., Ballroom, School of the Art Institute. Contact [stib@sinai.org](mailto:stib@sinai.org) or ticket information.

**November 11**—11 a.m. to noon, speakers from Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Iraq Veterans Against the War, Military Families Speak Out and other organizations address the war and the inadequacy of veterans' benefits, especially health care and the missing Vietnam Veterans Fountain, corner of Wabash Avenue and Wacker Drive, Chicago.

**November 11**—1 p.m., Save Senn hosts a rally to protest the opening ceremony of the 'Rickover' Naval Academy at Senn High School. The rally will be in the park behind Senn High School, 5900 North Glenwood Avenue, Chicago.

**November 11-12**—Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

**November 12**—Ministers Council Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

**November 12**—*Developing a Parish Nurse Ministry in Your Congregation*, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Advocate Bethany Hospital, 3435 W. Van Buren Avenue, Chicago. For more information and registration, contact Denise Dowling at 847-385-3744 or [denise.dowling@advocatehealth.com](mailto:denise.dowling@advocatehealth.com).

**November 12**—Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project's Armistice Day peace event, Countryside Unitarian Church, 1025 N. Smith Road, Palatine, 7 p.m.

**November 16-20**—Christian Community Development Association's 17<sup>th</sup> annual conference, Indianapolis. Visit [www.cdda.org](http://www.cdda.org) or phone 773-762-0994 for more information and registration.

**November 18**—ABCMC Women in Ministry gathering at the home of Connie Stone. RSVP to [constance.stone@worldnet.att.net](mailto:constance.stone@worldnet.att.net).

**November 18-20**—"Befriending the Bible" retreat for GLBT Christians, Tower Hill Camp, Sawyer, MI. Phone Grace Baptist Church, 773-334-9003, for more information.

**November 20**—"I'm Gonna Treat Everybody Right" service of prayer and call to action for the ending of povert, 6 p.m. Mandell United Methodist Church, 5000 W. Congress Parkway.

**December 29, 30**—Youth Encounter, First Baptist Church, 935 E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago. Noon to 5 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

**January 6**—Registration deadline for online class "Connecting Faith and Health in the Congregation" (February 6-May 19) from North Park Theological Seminary. For information, phone 773-244-6201.

**January 6**—Registration deadline for online class "Experiences of the Body in Pastoral Ministry" (February 6-May 19) from North Park Theological Seminary. For information, phone 773-244-6201.

**January 18-25**—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**January 22**—6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service, sponsored by the Ecumenical Millenium Committee (of which ABCMC is a part), Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Luke, 1500 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago; 4 p.m.

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**March 21-24**—SCUPE's biennial congress on urban ministry, Chicago. For more information and registration, visit [www.scupe.com/Programs/Congress/cngrs\\_homepage.htm](http://www.scupe.com/Programs/Congress/cngrs_homepage.htm).

**April 17-20**—Ministers Council's "Wait on the Lord" conference.

May 10-24—ABC MC Mission Partnership Trip to Ghana

*Invitation to the ABC MC Annual Meeting*

**The American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago**

**Present**

**Of...For...By**

**Starring**

**You  
Your Church  
Your Ministries  
Special Guests**

a participatory three-act drama,  
which will “play out” over a twenty-two hour period  
on November 11 -12  
at North Shore Baptist Church  
5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

The title of this new (and old) piece of theater is “Of...For...By”—drawing on some old narratives from the New Testament (The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter Ten) but set in contemporary metropolitan Chicago and the wider stage of our modern world.

It’s what, in the past, has been called the Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, yet this year re-cast in a dramatic mode. (Yes, there will still be a business meeting – on Saturday noon over lunch – to transact business like the receiving of reports, electing of officers, and adopting of a budget, but even that is meant to be a part – and interlude – between the larger dramatic acts.)

We trust that this commissioned piece of drama – set to word and music and even silence – will – like all good theater – cause you to think and feel and engage the great issues of our age, and every age; that it will stoke the fires of the faith we hold most deeply; that it will focus our vision and lead us to venture into new challenges.

**Friday**

4:30 p.m. exhibits open  
6 p.m. dinner and program

**Saturday**

7:30 a.m. Ministers Council breakfast  
9 a.m. program  
noon business meeting and lunch  
1: 30 p.m. worship service

Reserve your tickets now for this one-performance-only drama by calling the office of ABCMC (773-695-9791).

### *Ministers Council Breakfast Meeting*

Professional Church Leaders (PCLs), in the midst of the excitement of November 11-12 at North Shore Baptist Church, come together! The ABCMC Ministers Council will meet over breakfast on Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. All PCLs are urged to attend.

### *Women in Ministry: Self Care*

All ABCMC women in ministry are cordially invited to meet at the home of Connie Stone, 656 Lakewood Farms Drive, Bolingbrook, on Friday, November 18. Anytime between 3 p.m. and 6:30 will be fine. Connie will have a couple of different soups and salads. Those who wish to bring something are welcome to bring a dessert. RSVP to [constance.stone@worldnet.at.net](mailto:constance.stone@worldnet.at.net).

### *Peace and Education Project*

Saturday, November 12, at 7 p.m., the Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project will host an Armistice Day peace event. It will take place at Countryside Unitarian Church, 1025 North Smith Road, Palatine. The evening will include a showing of the film *Ground Truth*. Speakers will include family members of military personnel, and a Gold Star father whose son died in Iraq. In discussing the ongoing wars, this will be a time to honor those who have died and to re-commit ourselves to peace and peacemaking. Everyone is invited to attend. The event is free and open to the public. A free will donation will be requested at the door.

### *Thinking Theologically*

Interim Executive Minister Larry Greenfield pens a fortnightly column for Protestants for the Common Good. We are happy to send you his latest column, attached to this issue of *eWind*.

### *I'm Gonna Treat Everybody Right*

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, The Let Justice Roll Coalition will sponsor a prayer service at Mandell United Methodist Church, 5000 W. Congress Parkway, Chicago. This will be both a service of prayer and a call to action for the ending of poverty. Come join churches, faith-based activists, labor leaders, choirs and dancers who are coming from throughout the Chicago area to worship together, hear reports of local work and learn what we can begin to do to end poverty. Please use the attached brochure to publicize the event to your congregation.

### *International Ministries Link*

You no doubt know how to get information about International Ministries by going to [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org). But for in-depth information about current events and how God may use you, go to <http://www.internationalministries.org/opportunities/Volunteers/Volunteer%20Website/resourcesfo>

[regions.htm](#). Save this link and add it to your favorites. This link will lead you to all sorts of resources you can use to spread the word about—or become directly involved in—International Ministries

### *Time Magazine Article Touches on Congo Ministry*

The link below will take you to an article that features Dr. Leon Kintaudi, the Congolese physician who co-directs the massive Congo public health project, SANRU III, with American Baptist missionary Bill Clemmer. You may remember that the SANRU III project is featured in the 3<sup>rd</sup> segment of this year's WMO video, *Congo: Hope Kept Alive*. Dr. Kintaudi expresses his gratitude for the contribution of ABC missionaries in the second segment of that same video.

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1124344,00.html>

Due to its focus on the exceptional commitment of Dr. Kintaudi, who chose to serve Congolese when he could have stayed in the U.S., the Time article doesn't recognize the involvement of American Baptist missionaries in the SANRU project. Still you might find it interesting.

### *Interim Director Needed for HOPE Ministry in Southeast Asia*

If God is tugging at your heart to work with troubled youth, and you have a passion for the street children in Southeast Asia....this opportunity may be yours. This 14 month position, beginning in May 2006, oversees the life of HOPE ministry - the staff, the children, and the business portion. There's a lot more to know about this opportunity. You can find it in the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) listing under Asia, Southeast Asia, or call Jonathan Hilsher at 1-800-222-3872 ext 2367 or Angela Sudermann, ext 2164. or email to [Jonathan.Hilsher@abc-usa.org](mailto:Jonathan.Hilsher@abc-usa.org) or [Angela.Sudermann@abc-usa.org](mailto:Angela.Sudermann@abc-usa.org)

### *English and Fellowship in Vietnam*

Did you know that the Bible is a great English textbook? Vietnamese students learning to speak English need you! Students attend English language schools, but have no native English speakers to practice with outside of class. Short and long term volunteers are needed to go to Ho Chi Min City (formerly Saigon) and work with the students after class in small group settings. Using the Bible as a tool to practice reading, writing, and speaking English, you will be sharing the gospel to people who can not get this information freely. For more information call Jonathan Hilsher at 1-800-222-3872 ext 2367 or Angela Sudermann, ext 2164. or email to [Jonathan.Hilsher@abc-usa.org](mailto:Jonathan.Hilsher@abc-usa.org) or [Angela.Sudermann@abc-usa.org](mailto:Angela.Sudermann@abc-usa.org)

### *Calling Young Adults to Taize, France!*

Join Brad Berglund and Rothang Chhangte for an introduction into the ecumenical movement and to begin their ecumenical journey in prayer. Beginning May 31 and ending-June 13, 2006, spend a week in Taize, France, join the community for sung prayer three times a day, meet with the Taize brothers for Bible study and belong to a small group of other young people from around the world. The trip will also include a visit to the World Council of Churches in Geneva, the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey located 8 km outside of Geneva and a tour of Old City Geneva highlighting the Reformation movement in the city of Geneva which served as a refuge city to many reformers like Calvin, John Knox, and more. The trip ends with a day in Paris. To see a brochure, click here [Taize Brochure](#).

## *One Year Later in Post-Tsunami Indonesia*

Nearly one year after last December's deadly tsunami, the people of Indonesia's Aceh province are beginning to rebuild and recreate lives and livelihoods--with an emphasis on building for a better future, reports global humanitarian agency Church World Service. See the full story at: [www.churchworldservice.org/news/archives/2005/11/363.html](http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/archives/2005/11/363.html). American Baptists support the ministries of Church World Service through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

## *Emergency Update: Gulf Hurricanes Recovery*

As of November 3, Church World Service has sent more than 60 shipments, valued at \$1.5 million, to more than seven states responding to the needs of Hurricane Katrina survivors. CWS/IRP's Hurricane Katrina Relocation Program has provided relocation assistance to more than 3,500 evacuees through an already established CWS network of faith-based partners, and CWS continues to provide for the spiritual and emotional care of Hurricane responders, including pastors and their spouses, in the Gulf Coast region. For the full story, use this link: [www.churchworldservice.org/news/archives/2005/11/364.html](http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/archives/2005/11/364.html). American Baptists support the ministries of Church World Service through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

## *Pakistan Earthquake Village Now Has Mosque and Water Supply*

The Church World Service tent village in earthquake-stricken Pakistan now has a functioning mosque; its own dependable source of clean drinking water; latrines; and an out-patient medical facility. New relief parcels, including health kits, kitchen sets, and utensils are being distributed in the camp, located in the village of Bisyan, near Balakot, in North West Frontier Province. These operations continue even as CWS and other agencies wait and hope for desperately needed funding to continue assisting survivors of the devastating October 8 earthquake. Read the full story at: [www.churchworldservice.org/news/archives/2005/11/361.html](http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/archives/2005/11/361.html). American Baptists support the ministries of Church World Service through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

## *Youth Encounter*

The First Baptist Church of Chicago, 935 E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, will have a Youth Encounter for high school age youth on December 29 from noon to 5 p.m. and 30 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The event will include youth-oriented workshops, Praise Dance Teams dancing, food and fun.

Registration forms will be available next week. The cost will be \$6.00 per young person. For more information, please contact Rev. Jesse M. Brown at 773-536-3430/3431 or [fbcpreacher@earthlink.net](mailto:fbcpreacher@earthlink.net).

## *Clergy Spiritual Growth*

Check out the Ministers Council web site, and learn about the upcoming "Wait on the Lord" event, to take place in April 2006 in Orlando, Florida. For information, go to <http://www.ministerscouncil.com/WaitontheLordInformation.aspx>. For registration, see <http://www.ministerscouncil.com/Wait%20on%20the%20Lord/WOTLRegistrationInfo.aspx>

## *Befriending the Bible*

The third annual "Befriending the Bible" retreat for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) Christians will be held November 18-20 at Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, Michigan. This retreat will include study, fellowship and worship for GLBT people. It will create a unique space transcending the defensive approach to "clobber passages" common in debates about the Bible and sexual diversity. Jacki Belile, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, will be the facilitator. For more information, please phone Jacki at 773-334-9003 or see [www.gracebaptistchicago.com/befriending%20the%20Bible.htm](http://www.gracebaptistchicago.com/befriending%20the%20Bible.htm).

## *Prayer Requests*

Please hold in prayer those who are planning for and hosting our annual meeting this weekend at North Shore Baptist Church. Please pray that this meeting will be a time of blessing and inspiration to prepare us all for the year ahead.

Please pray for those who suffered loss in the tornadoes that hit Kentucky and southern Indiana, and for everyone who is working to help them.

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