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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

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Peace Day Celebration **TOMORROW!!**

A Peace Day celebration will take place in Chicago on Thursday, September 7 from noon to 1 p.m. at Daley Center Plaza. The observance will feature one minute of silence for world peace, as well as the world peace flag ceremony and a call to peace. Cultural performances will be offered by Najwa Dance Corps and Dance Group Ehecat.

Peace Day has been celebrated annually in Chicago since 1978. It encourages positive ways to create peace within ourselves and within our world. Illinois Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley have proclaimed September 7-21 "Peace Days" in honor of the original Peace Day (September 7) and the United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21). Please see the article below about the International Day of Prayer for Peace on September 21.

Tomorrow's event will be sponsored by The Peace School, a non-profit, educational organization serving the Chicago area since 1972, in cooperation with the City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Special Events. For more information, visit www.peaceschool.org or phone 773-248-7959.

When He's 65 **FRIDAY!!**

Will we still need him when he's 65? You betcha! Our Executive Minister, the Rev. Dr. Larry L. Greenfield will mark his 65th birthday on Friday, September 8, 2006. He blesses our ABCMC family daily. Let's all celebrate his birth and his ministry among us.

Culto Unido de las Iglesias Bautistas Hispanas de Metro Chicago **EL SABADO**

Culto unido de Las Iglesias Bautistas Hispanas de Metro Chicago
Fecha: sabado 9 de septiembre, 06
Lugar: Iglesia Bautista Misionera
Direccion: 6715 S Hamlin Ave Chicago, IL 60629 tel. 708/288-1351

Nota especial: en este culto unido estaremos celebrando el acto de instalacion del pastor de la Iglesia Misionera, José Nunez. La adoracion y la predicación estarán a cargo de la iglesia local y al final tendremos una cena.

Tanto la iglesia local como su nuevo pastor, el hno. Nunez esperan el apoyo de todos los pastores/as e iglesias hispanas para este importante culto de instalacion. Los esperamos.

Para más información llame al pastor Almonte: 773/784-2479

Joint Worship Service of ABCMC's Hispanic Congregations **SATURDAY**

ABCMC's Hispanic congregations will gather for a joint worship service on Saturday, September 9 at Iglesia Bautista Misionera, 6715 S. Hamlin Avenue in Chicago. In this service we will celebrate the installation of José Nunez as pastor of Iglesia Bautista Misionera. The local church will be in charge of the worship and preaching. A dinner will follow. For more information, please phone ABCMC's Hispanic Coordinator, Omar Almonte, 773-784-2479.

Installation of Tripp Hudgins **SUNDAY**

You are cordially invited to the installation of the Reverend George V. "Tripp" Hudgins, III as pastor of The Community Church of Wilmette, 1020 Forest Avenue, Wilmette, on Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 5 p.m. A reception will follow the service.

Interfaith Service in Commemoration of the Fifth Anniversary

of September 11, 2001 **MONDAY**

Saint James Episcopal Cathedral invites all people to an **Interfaith Service in Commemoration of the Fifth Anniversary of September 11, 2001**. The service will be held on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint James Cathedral.

This interfaith service of prayer, light, sacred word and music will feature the premier of composer Paul Thompson's **Cantata: Lamentation**. The Cathedral Choir will be participating with musicians from other local faith communities. The Right Reverend William D. Persell, Episcopal Bishop of Chicago, will be joined by representatives of our city's many faith traditions in leading this service.

Saint James Episcopal Cathedral is located at the corner of Wabash and Huron streets in downtown Chicago. If you would like further information, please contact The Reverend Peter Siwek at 312.751.6727 or psiwek@saintjamescathedral.org.

Family Council Meeting

The ABCMC Family Council will meet on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at Montrose Baptist Church, 4411 N. Melvina, Chicago. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please phone Tony Rake at 773-695-9791 with your attendance and lunch plans no later than September 20. Please visit www.mapquest.com to obtain driving directions from your home to the church.

Thinking Theologically

ABCMC's Executive Minister Larry Greenfield, pens a column for the fortnightly newsletter of Protestants for the Common Good, *The Common Good Network*. Please take the time to enjoy Larry's latest column, "Labor," which is attached to this issue of *eWind*.

Stewardship Seminar

On Saturday, September 30 ABCMC will present a seminar for churches and lay and professional church leaders on seminar. Rev. Joseph Huse will be the seminar leader. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

Stewardship for Life—A Basic Seminar

The goal of the seminar is to help persons/churches

- Move from fund raising to funding ministry
- By developing a stewardship life style
- Through a year-around stewardship education program

During the seminar, participants will explore:

1. the basics of a Biblical rationale for stewardship
2. a budget development process
3. how to interpret ministry to the congregation
4. develop a plan to bring people to commitment of their (God's) resources for ministry

Underwritten by ABCMC; no charge to participants.

Pastors and Family Council Representatives

The packet that ABCMC just sent to you includes a copy of the September 2006 issue of the ABCMC *Metro Journal*. Please photocopy and share it with everyone in your church.

Tea and More at First Baptist Church of Chicago

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will be having its Annual Church Tea on Sunday, September 17th. Our Special Guest will be Mr. Willie Pickens the jazz pianist. Mr. Pickens was featured in a recent Chicago Sun Times article and will be one of the performers at the Chicago Jazz Festival. He is also a member of the Hyde Park Union Church. This year's program will be a journey through the history Black Church Music. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years of age. A soul food meal will be served at 2:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 3:15 p.m.

Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

Hyde Park Union Church, 5700 S. Woodlawn Avenue. Chicago, will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Susan B. W. Johnson as their pastor on Friday, September 29. Susan has been devoted to the shape of the church's identity and mission, and to the greater good of its neighborhood and city. Her leadership has been a balance of spiritual direction and community building, attention to children, compassion for the poor and vulnerable, institutional stewardship and development, and partnership with the wider community.

The congregation will celebrate with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and a dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the church at 773-363-6063.

Celebration

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Dr. Larry Greenfield's ordination on Sunday, October 15th as part of its 173rd Anniversary. Dr. Greenfield will be preaching at the 11:00 a.m. worship. Rev. Taurus Scurlock will be preaching at the 4:00 p.m. service and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choir will be singing.

International Day of Prayer for Peace

Dear colleagues:

I wish to bring to your attention, The International Day of Prayer for Peace, an annual observance of the World Council of Churches that coincides with the UN World Day of Prayer on September 21, 2006. This year's theme, selected by the churches in Latin America is, "...and still we seek peace."

In a time of many wars and conflict in our world, I invite you to join Christian brothers and sisters from around the world in observing the day of prayer for peace on Thursday, September 21, 2006 or the Sunday before the date. If you go to the home page of www.abc-usa.org you will find a link to resources for the International Day of Prayer for peace. Brochures in several languages for the

International Day of Prayer for Peace can be downloaded from the World Council of Church's website www.overcomingviolence.org under resources.

Below are some other websites you might like to visit:

From the National Council of Churches USA, a call to prayer by religious leaders see www.seasonofprayer.org

Baptist Peace Fellowship at www.bpfna.org

May God's peace, shalom, be with you and in you.

Rothang Chhangte
Director of Ecumenical Formation
American Baptist Churches USA

Update on Lebanon

This article is from Church World Service.

"Humanitarian needs in Lebanon far outstrip available resources," says Donna Derr, director of Church World Service Emergency Response, in the aftermath of the Israel-Hezbollah conflict that displaced more than one million people there.

As families return following the ceasefire agreement, many are finding their houses and communities destroyed or heavily damaged.

Civilians in both Israel and Lebanon have suffered. Because the humanitarian crisis is broader in Lebanon, CWS is seeking recovery assistance for civilians there. CWS is providing material and financial support for the emergency assistance work of long-time partners the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Both are providing food, non-food relief items, water and sanitation, and psychosocial care.

CWS has helped to provide emergency supplies, and is also also providing 10,020 CWS School Kits and 8,595 CWS Health Kits to be delivered this week.

"We work with a hugely active and highly skilled MECC staff. They live there. It's their community. When other organizations left Lebanon, the MECC stayed," Derr explains. "MECC makes a strong effort to work collaboratively across faith traditions."

"A third of the population of Lebanon is Christian," notes David Weaver, director of CWS Mission Relationships and Witness.

The Joint Christian Committee for Social Service (JCC), a local organization of the MECC in Lebanon, works with Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. Its facilities are located within or near the Palestinian camps. During the bombing in south Lebanon, a JCC school hosted 160 displaced families, and provided their children with some entertainment to relieve the trauma they were experiencing. The JCC center in Sabra has been providing relief supplies, and the Sidon center has been assisting health care.

CWS and partners are also assisting families affected by the continuing humanitarian situation in the West Bank and Gaza.

"Keep everyone in your prayers," urges CWS's David Weaver. "When you're in Gaza, it's easy to feel isolated and forgotten. The community needs a sense of spiritual and moral support. The Christians here exemplify some of the best in Christian witness," he says. "Pray as well for the Israelis, who have also been traumatized. Their sense of threat has increased."

African American Church Leaders Meet to Promote Strong Families and Healthy Marriages

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 9/5/06)—On August 7th, African American clergy and lay leaders met in Cincinnati for the "Breaking the Silence for the Good of all Families" Conference. Sponsored by the National Council of Churches (NCC) USA, of which American Baptist Churches USA is a member, and the Progressive National Baptist Convention's Women's Department, the conference sought to, "equip African American church leaders and congregations to strengthen Black families and the community as a whole," said Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Associate General Secretary for Justice and Advocacy for NCC.

Knowing that children who do not live with both biological parents are twice as likely to be poor, to have birth outside of marriage, to have behavioral problems and to not graduate from high school, participants addressed the issues that undermine African American families, particularly low-income households, from entering into and maintaining healthy families and strong marriages. "Going into the conference," said Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, President of Palmer Theological Seminary and Senior Minister of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington D.C., "the biggest hurdle in my mind was getting African American families to own the challenges they are facing, challenges related to economics and the historical effects of slavery, including self-hatred. Until we face these realities, we can't develop strategies to address them." Smith was one of the keynote speakers at the conference along with NCC President, Michael Livingston, and Judge Mablean Ephraim.

Recent studies show that African Americans are more likely to divorce than any other racial or ethnic group in the U.S. and are also more likely to come from single parent homes. In addition, African Americans have higher rates of health problems than other groups.

Commenting on the conference's conclusion, Smith said, "The conference produced a recommitment to the seminal role of the church. I sensed a genuine enthusiasm for how the church can make a substantial difference through its preaching and its ministry programs, especially in the area of education."

Those interested in American Baptist ministry to African Americans, Africans, Haitians, and Afro-Caribbeans in the United States can find more information [here](#).

Central Sectional Black Church Education Conference

Ten ABC regions agreed, in conjunction with ABC National Ministries, to jointly sponsor this event to be held at Midwest Hotel and Conference Center, Columbus, OH, April 19-21, 2007. Registration begins at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 19, and the conference adjourns at 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 21. ABC of Ohio is the host region and New Salem Missionary Baptist is the host church.

The theme chosen for this event is "MAKING NEW CONNECTIONS." There will be two major worship experiences, two luncheon plenaries, Bible study and praise and worship each morning, and three opportunities to participate in various seminar and workshop options. The registration fee for the conference is \$99, plus \$30 to cover the cost of the two luncheons. Rooms at the

conference hotel will be available at a cost of \$79 per night which includes a complimentary buffet breakfast. We are in the process of securing leadership, but we can confirm that the Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle, Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church Cleveland, will lead the Bible studies and that the Rev. Dr. Edward Wheeler, President of Christian Theological Seminary, will give the closing address.

Ministers Council News

Together in Ministry

Applications for Together in Ministry 2007 funding for collegial covenant groups are due in the Ministers Council office by October 31. They are to be sent first to the constituent Ministers Council officers for review and forwarding to the national office. Forms and essential instructions are available at www.ministerscouncil.com under the Together in Ministry link. If you have any questions please contact Kate Harvey at Kate.Harvey@abc-usa.org.

Practicing Our Faith Grant

For the second time, the Ministers Council of Valley Forge has been awarded a \$10,000 Valparaiso Project Practicing Our Faith grant. The grant will fund a year-long program for national leaders on the faith practice of testimony. The series will be shaped around monthly luncheons for prayer, reading and conversation about experiences of God in daily life and how God strengthens for mission.

The Valley Forge Ministers Council convenes pastoral leaders called to positions of national denominational leadership and based in the Mission Center. The previous Valparaiso Project grant in the 2002 and 2003 program year funded monthly luncheon gatherings for leaders who manage numerous responsibilities and heavy travel schedules, on the faith practice of honoring the body.

The philosophy of practices opens the possibility of new ways of being through communal conversation and sharing of stories and struggles, alongside the wisdom of our faith. Further information is available at <http://www.practicingourfaith.org/>.

Ministry in Such a Time as This

The Ministers Council, the Campus Ministers Association and International Ministries of American Baptist Churches invite you to MINISTRY IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS, a Pre-Biennial event for pastoral leaders in the Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC, on Friday, June 29, 2007, from 9 am until noon. The event is designed to invite pastoral leaders into reflection on what it takes to be faithful and effective Church leaders in such a time as this.

For more information and speakers, check www.ministerscouncil.com.

Ministers Council Dues

Ministers Council dues may be paid by sending a check to the treasurer, Rev. Dr. Sara Day, 3013 Wolf Road, #324, Westchester, IL 60154.

Dues are:

\$45 for individuals

\$60 for clergy couples

\$22.50 for seminarians

Retired clergy membership is free for retirees who were dues-paying members of the Ministers Council for 3 out of the last 5 years prior to retirement.

Recent Deaths of Former ABC Missionaries

FORMER ABC MISSIONARY TO JAPAN AND OKINAWA, EDWARD BOLLINGER, DIES

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 9/5/06)—Edward E. Bollinger, retired missionary to Japan and Okinawa for 35 years of service, died August 26, 2006, in Sacramento, California, at the age of 87. He was born December 21, 1918, in Kingman, Arizona.

Ed attended the University of Arizona where he received his B.A. degree in 1940. He attended the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his B.D. degree in 1943. In addition, he received a M.A. degree from the Graduate Theological Union in California. From 1943 to 1946, he served in the Navy as a chaplain. After his discharge from the Navy, Ed served as pastor of the Harvard Park Baptist Church in Springfield, Illinois. He was married to Margaret Donaldson in Tucson, Arizona on May 30, 1941. They had five children.

Margaret and Edward Bollinger were appointed on March 21, 1950, by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for missionary service in Osaka, Japan. They sailed for Japan in October 1951. In 1955 there were redesignated to Okinawa where they assisted post-war reconstruction, with a strong emphasis on developing new churches and training both pastoral and lay leadership. His efforts increased the number of Baptist pastors significantly and developed a lay-leadership training program, a campground, and retreat center on the northern coast of Okinawa. He was a leader in radio and TV evangelism and Christian teaching. For a number of years, Ed was the Pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Naha, an English language church servicing many families of American military personnel.

In May 1984, Ed wrote of the 29 years of radio ministry in which he was involved. The Baptist Hour was a weekly broadcast over the Ryukyu Broadcasting Company which began in September 1955. This was heard by every household having a loudspeaker. There were testimonies by some outstanding Christian laymen who first came to know of Jesus Christ through these broadcasts. In 1973 Judson College honored him by conferring on him the Doctor of Divinity Degree. Northern Baptist Theological Seminary named Ed the 1980 Alumnus of the Year.

After his retirement in 1985, he was Regional Evangelist for the American Baptist Churches of the West, wrote books and articles, preached in many churches and missions, and was the Associated Minister for the First Baptist Church in Sacramento, California.

Ed is survived by his four children: Dr. Timothy Bollinger and wife Lorraine, Steven Bollinger, Beth Glaze and husband Dan, Deborah Blanchard and husband Bob, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Margaret, and by his eldest daughter, Helen Cheney.

A memorial service was held on Friday, September 1, at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Sacramento, CA. Contributions may be made to the Okinawa Baptist Convention in care of First

Baptist Church of Sacramento, 2324 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Beth Glaze, 4528 Andover Ct., Sacramento, CA 95864.

FORMER ABC MISSIONARY TO CONGO/ZAIRE, ARLEY BROWN, DIES

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 9/5/06)—Arley Richard Brown, former missionary to Congo/Zaire, died August 8, 2006, at the Health Services Center at Pilgrim Place in Claremont, CA. He was 80 years of age.

Arley R. Brown was born on May 15, 1926, in Vanga, Congo of missionary parents, The Rev. and Mrs. Lewis A. Brown. He received his B.A. degree in 1948 from Pasadena College and his B.D. degree in 1951 from Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. Ordained by the First Baptist Church of Sioux City, Iowa, on April 16, 1952, he was an assistant pastor and served in the Navy for two years. He was married to Ruth Esther Dietz on June 2, 1951 in Berkeley, California.

The Reverend Arley Richard and Ruth Dietz Brown were appointed by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society on January 22, 1952. They served for over forty years in Zaire, with two interruptions in 1960-61 and 1991-92, at which times they were evacuated because of the political changes and upheaval taking place in the republic.

Ruth and Arley served in a variety of ways in Zaire. Arley supervised church planting, development and regional schools in Kinshasa, Kikongo, and Boko. In 1961 he worked in Kimpese at the interdenominational Ecole de Pasteurs et d'Instituteurs (School for Pastors and Teachers). In 1965, while stationed in Leopoldville, he assumed the responsibilities as acting field secretary for one year. He also worked in Nsona Mpangu in the secondary school and in Busala with the churches in visitation into the many villages.

In 1979, after eight years of teaching at the Baptist High School in Milundu, he coordinated a program of Theological Education by Extension (TEE). At that time, this was a new way of training all kinds of Christian leaders without sending them away to school. At TEE he developed teaching materials and organized pastors as teachers of village church leaders. They blended together education, evangelism, literacy training, writing/translating, and Christian Nurture. In 1992 they retired from being missionaries.

Upon returning to the states, they resided in Santa Cruz, California, where he was Docent at the Wilder Ranch State Park. Later they moved to Claremont, California, where he enjoyed studying native plants and hiking foothill trails.

Arley, is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ruth, by their three daughters, Miriam F. Noyes (a missionary with IM serving at Vanga/Lusekele in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with her husband, Ed Noyes), Evelyn Mayes (a graphic artist in Spring, Texas), and Rita Chapman (an IM missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo with her husband, Glen Chapman, presently on U.S./Puerto Rican assignment), by five grandchildren--Mark and Rebecca Noyes, Marcie, Timothy, and Elaina Chapman, and by two brothers, the Rev. Stanley A. Brown, retired American Baptist pastor, and Dr. Wesley H. Brown, former IM missionary.

A Memorial Service was held in Decker Hall, at Pilgrim Place, 660 Avery Road, Claremont, CA 91711, on Saturday, August 26, at 3:30 p.m. Memorial gifts may be sent to International Ministries, ABC/USA, Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851, and designated for Theological Education by Extension in Congo. Messages of condolence can be sent to Ruth E. Brown, 619 Leyden Lane, Claremont, CA 91711.

FORMER ABC MISSIONARY TO CONGO/ZAIRE, HELEN GASKILL, DIES

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 9/5/06)—Helen Elizabeth Gaskill, who retired after 35 years of service as a missionary in medical technology in Belgian Congo/Zaire (now Democratic Republic of the Congo), died August 19, 2006, at the age of 89. She was born January 12, 1917 in Collingdale, Pennsylvania.

Helen was trained as a laboratory and x-ray technician. In 1938, she earned a B.S. in Bacteriology from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. She received the title of Agent Sanitaire after study at the Prince Leopold Medical Institute in Antwerp, Belgium. She also received a certificate in Laboratory Training and Development at the Communicable Disease Center of the U.S. Public Health Department in Atlanta, Georgia. She studied for six months in Switzerland at the Center for Blood Transfusions operated by the Swiss Red Cross. Prior to her appointment, Helen served for six years on the medical staff at the Presbyterian Center for American Indians in Ganado, Arizona.

Helen was appointed on March 19, 1946, by the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society with designation to the Belgian Congo (Zaire). She sailed for Zaire on September 30, 1946 and worked at the Sona Bata Mission Hospital in improving and expanding the laboratory facilities there that made it possible for the hospital to greatly extend its work. She also taught at the medical school attached to the hospital.

The last years of her term of service were spent at the Institut Medical Evangelique Hospital (IME), the interdenominational medical center at Kimpese. While there, she helped establish and equip a new diagnostic laboratory and also conducted a pilot laboratory course for Zairian technicians which grew into what is now an official four-year course graduating highly skilled laboratory technicians.

As director of the Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory at the IME Hospital, she offered vital assistance to doctors in making accurate diagnoses and prescribing patient treatment. In connection with her work as instructor for the Laboratory Training Program and the School of Nursing, Helen prepared suitable textbook materials, including books on parasitology and clinical chemistry. Through her service in the laboratory and as a teacher, she found expression for her deep Christian commitment and concern.

After her retirement, she moved to Moundsville, West Virginia where she developed a small farm along with her friend Edith Thompson. They planted fruit trees, a large garden, a small vineyard, and managed a herd of cattle. She became a member of the Limestone Presbyterian Church, Limestone, West Virginia. In 1996 she became an Ordained Elder and an Ordained Deacon. She was also involved in being Chairperson of Outreach Committee, Sunday School Teacher, and Relief of family care given for chronically ill or terminally ill people.

She is survived by her soul sister: Edith M. Thompson of Moundsville WV. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville, WV 26041.

REV. JOYCE SMITH, LONGTIME NATIONAL MINISTRIES MISSIONARY, DIES

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 9/6/06)—The Rev. Joyce Elliot Smith, "an incredible example of servant ministry," says the Rev. Dr. David Laubach, National Ministries' Associate Executive Director, Program Ministries, died August 30, 2006, at her home in Ouzinkie, Alaska. She was 88. Commissioned as an American Baptist home missionary in 1952, Smith moved to Alaska from California with her husband, the Rev. Norman Smith, that year. For more than a quarter century she and her husband and five children spent May through September each year on the Evangel, a mission boat that toured the waters around Kodiak Island, ministering in the tiny fishing villages.

During the remaining months of the year, the Smith family lived in Larsen Bay, maintaining a presence among native Alaskans in the state's south central region. In their first years in Larsen Bay, they lived in an old tarpaper shack with no electricity or running water.

Called to work in Christian camping ministry, Smith got involved immediately with a camp on Kodiak Island, and then a camp on Long Island. In the summer of 1956, the camping ministry had to find a new location, because Long Island was leased to a cattle company.

Two weeks before camp was scheduled to start, there was still no host site, but, Smith said later, she knew if she had faith, God would provide. When it turned out that the U.S. government admitted an army post on Woody Island was accidentally built on Kodiak Baptist Mission property during World War II, the government deeded all of the buildings back to the mission, and Smith found her camp. With volunteer labor, Smith transformed—in two weeks—an old military building that had not been used for 11 years into a working camp.

Smith and her family settled in Ouzinkie in 1958, where she started a morning kindergarten because the town had none. When she retired in May 2000, after 42 years, Smith had taught the grandchildren of some of her first students; she was never paid for her work. Her afternoons in Ouzinkie were devoted to the medical clinic where she served as the community health practitioner for 35 years.

When her husband and ministry partner of 56 years died suddenly in 1996, Smith realized that Ouzinkie was her home and its people her family. Subsequently, the Ouzinkie Native Corporation adopted her as one of their own, and she was given all of the rights and privileges of an Ouzinkie tribe member.

In 1997 Smith was ordained by the Alaska Baptist Association: She was given one year of seminary credit for every 15 years of service and awarded the equivalent of a master's of theology degree.

The Ouzinkie Chapel held a memorial service on Tuesday, September 5; another memorial service will be held at the Community Baptist Church at Kodiak on Thursday September 7.

Prayer Requests

See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:15-18, NRSV).

Please pray for world peace.

Dr. Robert Weber of Northern Baptist Theological was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please hold him in prayer.

Please hold in prayer ABCMC's bookkeeper Douglas Galbraith as he begins his transition from Chicago to Florida.

Please pray for students and teachers returning to their classrooms.

Please offer up prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for Rev. Ed Boone as he marks his 90th birthday today.

Please offer up prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for the Rev. Dr. Larry Greenfield as he marks his 65th birthday on Friday, September 8.

Please pray for the ministries of Debbie and John Coats, IM missionaries in Cambodia. They are seeking to renew their tuberculosis project with the government. The project is the basis for their visas and legal standing in Cambodia.

Calendar

TODAY!! September 6—90th birthday of Rev. C. Edwin Boone.

TOMORROW!! September 7—Peace Day Celebration, noon- 1 p.m., Daley Center Plaza, Chicago. For more information, visit www.peaceschool.org or phone 773-248-7959.

September 7—Program on Muslim-Catholic understanding, 7:30 p.m., Priory Campus auditorium of Dominican University, 7200 W. Division (Harlem & Division), River Forest. \$10 admission. For tickets or more information contact the Siena Center at (708) 714-9105 or siena@dom.edu.

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EL SABADO!! September 9—Culto unido de Las Iglesias Bautistas Hispanas de Metro Chicago, el sábado 9 de septiembre, 06, Iglesia Bautista Misionera, 6715 S Hamlin Ave Chicago, IL 60629 tel. 708/288-1351. Para mas información llame al pastor Almonte: 773/784-2479.

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September 18—"Beyond the First Visit," Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Lindner Conference Center. Register online at www.GrowCenter.org, where there is also information about group rates, or also call the Grow Center at 630-620-2197 and request a brochure.

September 21—International Day of Prayer for Peace. See www.abc-usa.org for more information.

September 22-23—"Healthy Congregations" workshop, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC), Glen Ellyn. Register by September 8.

September 23—ABC MC Family Council Meeting, Montrose Baptist Church, 4411 N. Melvina, Chicago. Registration 8:30 a.m. Please phone Tony at 773-695-9791 with your attendance and lunch plans no later than September 20.

September 28—Mission Partnership Committee meeting, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., McCormick Theological Seminary.

September 28—Eighth annual Christian Century dinner and lecture by Bishop William Willimon, 6 p.m., The University Club, 76 E. Monroe Street, Chicago. Email event@christiancentury.org or call 312-263-7510, extension 229.

September 29—Preaching workshop, “A Talkative God,” by William Willimon, 9 a.m. to noon, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago. Email event@christiancentury.org or call 312-263-7510, extension 229.

September 29—20th Anniversary Celebration for pastor Susan B. W. Johnson at Hyde Park Union Church, 5700 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago. Reception, 6:30 p.m.; dinner, 7:30 p.m.

September 30—ABCMC stewardship seminar, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago. Please register by phoning the ABCMC office, 773-695-9791.

October 13—Deadline for Biennial Award nominations. Please see the above article or www.abc-usa.org for specifics.

October 15—11 a.m. worship service celebrating the 173rd anniversary of the founding of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, and the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Larry Greenfield by that congregation. Larry will preach at the morning service. At the 4 p.m. worship service Rev. Taurus Scurlock, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Evanston, will preach, and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church choir will sing.

October 15—ABCMC women meet with Virginia Holmstrom and the American Baptist Women's Ministries' Leadership Team from 2:30-4:30p.m. See next week's *eWind* for details.

October 17-19—Conference on “Women in Religion in the 21st Century,” Interchurch Center, New York, NY. The conference begins at 10 a.m. on Oct. 17, and concludes at 3 p.m. on Oct. 19. Full conference registration is \$300, before Sept. 10. One-day registration is \$140. To register online or for more information, visit www.womeninreligion2006.org.

November 10-11—ABCMC Annual Meeting.

November 21—Finance and Property Committee meeting, ABCMC office, 3 p.m.

December 7-9—“The Call to an Ancient Evangelical Future” conference, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, at the Lindner Conference Center. For cost and registration information go to www.growcenter.org.

December 19—Finance and Property Committee meeting, ABCMC office, 3 p.m.

April 19-21, 2007—ABC Central Sectional Black Church Education Conference, Midwest Hotel and Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio.

April 27-28, 2007—Revive Us Again! Revival of our Spirit, Revival of our Baptist Principles, Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, Massachusetts. This will be a gathering of progressive Baptists from around the country.

June 29-July 2, 2007—ABCUSA Biennial Meeting and Centennial Celebration in Washington, D.C. The biennial's theme will be “Arise and Shine.”

Feb 21-23, 2008—Gathering of Baptist Bodies from across the US for a Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant, Dallas, Texas.

April 14-17, 2008—National Workshop on Christian Unity.

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