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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)*

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Chicago

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from our churches, communities, denomination and other organizations,
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of our region

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This Past Weekend

The organ recital at the First Baptist Church of La Grange on Sunday evening October 29 was outstanding. Organist Kevin Robbins really put the instrument through its paces with a program that included pieces by composers as varied as J. S. Bach and John Denver. On a few numbers, Kevin even played the piano as he accompanied himself on the organ. The spectral sound of his closing piece, "Apparition de L'Eglise Eternel" by Olivier Messiaen, was a perfect segue into All Hallows Eve. Be sure to go to Kevin's next recital on December 3, when, at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., he will perform identical holiday recitals during the La Grange Christmas Walk.

Another outstanding evening of entertainment this past weekend was at Grace Baptist Church's Good Company Coffee House. Music ran the gamut from progressive metal band Khasm to folk/pop group Three Cats Leaving to an exquisitely spiritual rendition of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" by Veda

Sidney. Other performers shared some fun and funny readings of poetry and prose. Watch *eWind* for news of the next coffee house in late winter/early spring 2007.

Bob Webber

Bob Webber, William R. & Geraldine B. Myers Professor of Ministry at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, is suffering from an infection. Although the family has asked that there be no calls or visits at this time, Bob and Joanne welcome cards and notes from well-wishers. You may address mail to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Webber, P.O. Box 298, Wheaton, IL 60189. Please remember them and their family in prayer.

FRIDAY! *Attention, ABCMC Officers and Committee Chairs!*

Please send your 2006 reports to the ABCMC office as soon as possible. The deadline for reports to be included in the annual meeting booklet is November 3—and it's almost here!

Please email electronic copies of reports to abcmchi@aol.com.

Please fax hard copies to 773-695-9793 or mail hard copies to American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 240, Chicago, IL 60631.

If you have any questions, please phone 773-695-9791 and ask Tony Rake or Lynne Kelley.

FRIDAY! *Alternatives to Wars in the Middle East*

A panel discussion by Yonatan Shapira and Bassam Aramim of Combatants for Peace (www.combatantsforpeace.org) will be presented at McCormick Lounge, Coffey Hall, 1015 Sheridan Road at the Lake, Loyola University of Chicago, at 3 p.m. on Friday, November 3.

Combatants for Peace is a group of Israeli and Palestinian individuals who were actively involved as combatants in the cycle of violence in the Middle East. Today, these former combatants have committed to act together to terminate the occupation and stop all forms of violence.

Yonatan Shapira is a former Captain in the Israeli Air Force Reserves. In 2003, Yonatan initiated a group of Israeli Air Force pilots who refused to fly attack missions on Palestinian territories. Bassam Aramim is a former member of Fatah who served a 7-year prison sentence after being arrested in Hebron when he was 17 years old.

The event on Friday will be sponsored by Loyola University Chicago departments of Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, Theology, and

Peace Studies. It is a part of a U.S. tour organized by Faculty for Israeli-Palestinian Peace (www.ffipp.org).



NOVEMBER 7 IS ELECTION DAY. REMEMBER TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS AS A CITIZEN AND VOTE. Attached to this issue of *eWind* is a bulletin insert from the American Baptist Historical Society. Please print it out and include it in your church's worship bulletin this Sunday.

Children in Poverty Initiative—Four Things You Can Do Right Now

Curtis Ramsey Lucas of ABCUSA's National Ministries offers this list of things we can do:

1. Visit National Ministries' Children in Poverty web page for recommended actions of the month, worship and study resources, links to other organizations, and opportunities to respond. Visit: www.nationalministries.org/CIP/
2. Read the Front & Center article on public education and follow the link to the "No Child Left Behind" Letters Project. Visit: www.nationalministries.org/front_center_nclb_letter_writing.cfm
3. Use the latest issue of *The Christian Citizen* magazine on "Good Schools for All" as a study resource in your church. It includes constructive criticism of the No Child Left Behind Act, and offers suggestions for how churches can partner with public schools and other organizations to improve educational outcomes for all children. It also features an interview with U.S. Senator Barack Obama on the NCLB Act and public school reform. If you are not already on the mailing list and would like to receive a copy of this issue, call 1-800-222-3872, ext. 2394. To add your name to the mailing list visit: www.nationalministries.org/publications.cfm
4. Encourage others to join the National Ministries email list to receive periodic updates on governmental relations issues by visiting: www.nationaministries.org/justice_ministries/ogr/Modify_EMail_AddressForm.cfm

From Larry Greenfield

To: ABCMC Family
From: Larry Greenfield, Executive Minister
Re: ABCMC Annual Meeting and Family Reunion, November 10-11

This year's annual meeting and family reunion will be *singular in focus* but *divided in venue*.

As we determined over a year ago, the National Ministries' initiative on Children in Poverty is our continuing focus for the region. And we will intensify our attention to that theme by asking ourselves at this annual meeting: Will **We** See Them?

Our two locations for the annual meeting will help us with our singular focus, reflecting two ways in which we as a region can strengthen our work on children in poverty.

On Friday evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will gather at the **First Baptist Church of Chicago (935 E. 50th Street) on the south side of the city** for a dinner and program. We will be honoring Mr. Jimmie H. Smith, the retiring Executive Director of Kids Hope United, for his years of wise, compassionate, and dedicated service to children in our region. And the speaker for the evening will be the Rev. Marilyn Turner, Associate Executive Director of National Ministries and Coordinator of the Children in Poverty initiative. She is an incredibly gifted communicator and will speak to us on "Rizpah's Children."

On Saturday morning, November 11, we will change locations and meet at the **Bridgeport Child Development Center of Kids Hope United, 3053 S. Normal Avenue (just west of the Dan Ryan Expressway)** in Chicago. Our own Dr. Douglas Sharp, Professor of Christian Theology at Northern Seminary, will begin our session with a biblical and theological study on our theme.

Then Ms. Amy Rynell, Director of the Mid-America Institute on Poverty at the Heartland Alliance will help us answer the question: "**Where** Will We See Them?" It will allow us to see the *reconfigurations* of poverty in metropolitan Chicago. Come ready to be surprised and to be equipped for the ministry we share together.

At 11:15 Saturday morning we will have our annual business meeting, which will include the presentation of and action on our strategic plans for the region, along with reports, the adoption of our budget, and the election of officers. Lunch will follow. And we will conclude the annual meeting together by "Seeing, Receiving, Blessing."

Please register your attendance plans with the ABCMC office, email abcnchi@aol.com, phone 773-695-9791, fax 773-695-9793, or mail 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 240, Chicago, IL 60631, no later than November 6.

This will be an exciting, informative and important meeting of American Baptists in Metro Chicago. I look forward to seeing you there as we share and prepare together.

ABCMC Annual Meeting|Family Reunion

ABCMC's Annual Meeting will take place November 10-11. [Please photocopy and distribut widely copies of the bulletin insert that is attached to this week's eWind.](#)

Please phone the ABCMC office at 773-695-9791 or email us at abcmchi@aol.com or fax us a response form at 773-695-9793 to let us know of your attendance plans. Please let us know no later than Monday, November 6.

The theme will be “Will We See Them?” The focus will be on children living in poverty.

Driving directions from the internet: Links to mapquest.com maps for the two meeting locations appear below. For driving directions from your home to each location, use the links. On the mapquest site, above and to the left of the map, and below the address, click on “directions to” for driving directions to the meeting place. Click there, type in your starting address, and click for driving directions. If you need assistance with this process, please phone Lynne Kelley at the ABCMC office, 773-695-9791.

Friday, November 10

First Baptist Church, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&country=US&popflag=0&latitude=&longitude=&name=&phone=&level=&addtohistory=&cat=&address=935+E.+50th+Street&city=Chicago&state=IL&zipcode=60615>

Check-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please register in advance with the ABCMC office no later than November 6.

Our gathering will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Our special guest speaker will be Marilyn Turner, Associate Executive Director, Program Ministries, on the staff of ABCUSA’s National Ministries. Speaking from a biblical perspective, she will address the ABC focus on children living in poverty.

Saturday, November 11

Bridgeport Child Development Center, 3053 S. Normal Avenue, Chicago

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&country=US&popflag=1&latlongtype=internal&latitude=TQwan6%2BBKNSDmvJO3VaIVQ%3D%3D&longitude=YuQ0GqzQbheRVVrml%2B9%2BOA%3D%3D&name=&phone=&level=ADDRESS&addtohistory=&cat=&address=3053+S+Normal+Ave&city=Chicago&state=IL&zipcode=60616-3125>

Our Saturday session will take place at one of the locations at which Kids Hope United (formerly Central Baptist Children and Family Services) ministers with children living in an inner-city neighborhood.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please register in advance with the ABCMC office no later than November 6.

Our Saturday morning session will begin at 9 a.m. Our speakers will be Douglas Sharp, Professor of Christian Theology, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Amy Rynell, Director, Mid-America Institute on Poverty of the Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights. We will all learn much from these two speakers.

The business meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will follow at 12:15 p.m., followed by a time of prayer, praise and commitment. We expect our gathering to conclude by 1:30 p.m.

After the ABCMC family reunion, what better way is there to end the day than by going to the Cook County Jail Ministry Dinner? Please see the article below.

Cook County Jail Ministry Dinner

The Cook County Jail Ministry Dinner and fall 2006 fund raiser will take place at the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, 820 Ontario Street, Oak Park, on November 11. Sponsored by Chaplain Marjean Gonzalez, the Cook County Jail Ministry Board, and the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, the event will begin with fellowship at 6 p.m., with dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. All tickets are to be purchased at the door. Tickets will be \$15/adult, \$5/child, and \$100/table. If you have questions, please phone board member Paul Sengpiehl at 708-383-8859. Please don't miss this opportunity to learn more about and support the important ministry that we have at the Cook County Jail.

The Other Side of Israel

A program called "The Other Side of Israel: My Journey Across the Jewish/Arab Divide" will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, at the Lincoln Park Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 1140 W. Fullerton, Chicago. The speaker will be Susan Nathan. All are invited.

In 2003, author Susan Nathan moved from her comfortable home in Tel Aviv to Tamra, an Arab town in the northern part of Israel. She had arrived in Israel four years earlier and had taught English and worked with various progressive social organizations. Her desire to help build a just and peaceful society in Israel took an unexpected turn, however, when she became aware of Israel's neglected and often oppressed indigenous Arab population. In Tamra, she discovered a division between Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs as tangible as the concrete wall and razor-wire fences that surround the Palestinian towns of the West Bank and Gaza.

Based on her experiences living as the only Jew among Muslims, Susan wrote *The Other Side of Israel: My Journey across the Jewish/Arab Divide*. In it, she examines the history and present-day political and cultural currents that have created a situation little recognized in the ongoing debates about the future of Israel and the Middle East. With warmth, humor, and compassion, she portrays the daily life of her neighbors, the challenges they encounter, and the hopes they harbor. She introduces Arab leaders fighting against entrenched segregation and discrimination; uncovers the hidden biases that undermine even the most well-intentioned Arab-Jewish peace organizations; and describes the efforts of dedicated individuals who insist that Israeli Arabs must be granted the same rights and privileges and Jewish citizens.

Saturday's program is sponsored by Not In My Name/Jewish Voice for Peace-Chicago (www.nimn.org). If you cannot squeeze the program into your schedule on this busy weekend, Susan's book is available from www.amazon.com and elsewhere. For more information, please contact info@nimn.org.

Breaking the Silence

On Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. there will be a screening of the documentary film *Breaking the Silence*, and talk by two former Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers in the Veterans Room of the Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park.

Hundreds of discharged Israeli combat soldiers who have served in the occupied territories are saying that in the course of trying to deal with the threat posed by terror, the army is creating a disaster there. In this film screening and talk by former IDF soldiers Yehuda Shaul and Dotan Greenvald, the program will examine the devastating emotional price being paid by IDF soldiers during service in Gaza, Hebron, and Bethlehem, as well as after discharge.

Yehuda Shaul was born in 1982 in Jerusalem in an ultra-orthodox family that had immigrated from North America. He went to yeshiva and graduated from high school in Mhale Michmash, a West Bank Settlement near Ramallah. Yehuda was drafted into the IDF Nahal Brigade, and rose to the rank of commander and platoon sergeant. He served in many Palestinian West Bank cities, including Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Hebron, and was part of "Operation Defensive Shield" in April 2002. Discharged from the IDF in 2004, he co-founded Breaking the Silence, and now works as its executive director.

Dotan Greenvald was born in 1983, and grew up in Kryat Yam, near Haifa. He was part of the Hanoar Ha'Oved Ve'Halomed socialist youth movement. Dotan was drafted in 2002, was placed in the Nahal Brigade, and trained as a sniper. He served two years in the West Bank, primarily in Hebron. The day after his military discharge, Dotan became a Breaking the Silence Activist. Dotan currently lives in Jerusalem, and is studying to be a certified tour guide.

This event will be sponsored by the Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine. For more information, please visit their web site, www.cjpip.org.

North Shore Second Sunday Series

North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago. Will offer a "Second Sunday Series" of free concerts in their sanctuary during each of the next several months. Each concert will be at 2 p.m. Upcoming concerts are:

- November 12—Lakeside Pride Clarinet Choir
- December 10—Chancel Choir performing Saint Saëns' "Christmas Oratorio"
- January 14—Chicago Children's Choir and Rogers Park Neighborhood Choir
- February 11—Lakeside Pride Brass Choir
- March 11—Faurés "Requiem" by Chancel Choir with Voices from the Edgewater Community

Justice in the Middle East

As part of North Park University's lecture series, "The Search for Truth and Justice in the Middle East," hosted by the Center for Middle East Studies, Ali Abunimah will speak about the current situation in the region, as well as read from and discuss his book, *One Country*. This presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15 at North Park University, Hamming Hall, Foster and Kedzie Avenues. There will be a book signing after the talk. For directions, visit www.northpark.edu <<http://www.northpark.edu>>.

[Ali Abunimah](#) is a Palestinian-American media critic. He is vice-president of the [Arab American Action Network](#), a Chicago-based social service and advocacy organization. His media commentaries on the Middle East have appeared widely. He has appeared on CNN, NPR and on local radio across the United States to comment about the Middle East. Abunimah lives in Chicago, and is a full-time researcher at a social policy research center at the University of Chicago. In addition to the Arab American Action Network, he serves on the boards of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and The Crossroads Fund. He is also co-founder of the [Electronic Intifada](#).

He was born in the United States and grew up in Europe. Both of his parents (his father is [Has AbuNimah](#)) are originally from Palestine. He received his BA from Princeton University and MA from the University of Chicago.

Voices of the Palestinian Struggle

At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, the American Friends Service Committee and the Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine will sponsor the program "Voices of the Palestinian Struggle: Using Creative Nonviolence to Resist Occupation." The program will take place at the Maze Branch Library, 845 S. Gunderson, Oak Park. This is a part of a U.S. tour organized by the International Solidarity Movement (www.palsolidarity.org). The presenters will be Mahammed Khatib and Firyal Abu Haikal.

Mohammed Khatib has been a principal organizer of the village of Bil'in in the West Bank during its year-and-a-half-long, creative, nonviolent struggle to prevent the construction of Israel's Wall on land expropriated from the village. Mohammed has also led resistance against the expansion of neighboring illegal Israeli settlements. He has frequently been arrested and wounded by the Israeli military for participating in nonviolent protests. Mohammed is quoted frequently in the Palestinian, Israeli, and international media.

Firyal Abu Haikal recently retired after 11 years as the headmistress at the Kortuba School in the heart of Hebron's old city. The Kortuba School serves 100 Palestinian children in grades 1-10. Hebron's old city is a center for some of the most extreme Israeli settlers, who regularly use violence against Palestinian residents in an effort to drive them from their homes and community. A lifelong resident of Tel Rumeida, and a mother of eleven children, Firyal and her family have remained in their home despite efforts by settlers to take over their land and home.

For more information about this event, please email justpeace1@aol.com or phone 312-427-2533, extension 19.

Songs of Faith, Hope and Love

Jeffrey Taylor, bass-baritone, and music director at Irving Park Baptist Church, will present a recital, "Songs of Faith, Hope and Love," on Saturday evening, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road (on the southwest corner of Irving Park Road and Kostner Avenue). In collaboration with pianist Patrick Holland, Mr. Taylor will sing classical arias and songs (including Brahms' "Four Serious Songs," dramatized) as well as gospel and contemporary selections. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the future music ministry at Irving Park Baptist Church. For more information, please call the church at 773-286-6800. A flyer about the recital is attached to this issue of *eWind*. Please print and post it.

The Arab American Action Network Presents El-Funoun Palestinian Popular Dance Troupe

Come see El-Funoun, the stunning dance group widely recognized as playing one of the most significant roles in reviving and reinvigorating Palestinian dance and music folklore. El-Funoun performances are colorful, inspiring, and one of a kind - don't miss this opportunity to see them live.

They will perform on Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at The Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University, 1 University Parkway, University Park. Ticket prices: \$25, \$50, and \$100 (see attached poster for details on how to purchase tickets)

This performance will be co-sponsored by American Friends Service Committee

Second Annual ABCMC Disciples' Dinner

Save the date for the Second Annual ABCMC Disciples' Dinner on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Our late afternoon keynote speaker will be **Tony Campolo**, professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern College. More information will appear in future editions of *eWind*.

Former Financial Builder for NBS, Rev. Arthur J. Hyde, Dies

Rev. Arthur "Art" Hyde was described by those who knew him as a "faithful and effective leader" as well as a "humble and devoted follower of Christ." He was also a pastor, fundraiser and the former Director of Development at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary during the 60's and 70's. On October 7, 2006, Art went to be with the Lord after succumbing to cancer at Atherton Hospital in Alhambra, California where he was being cared for during his last days.

Art is remembered as a tireless fundraiser who was committed to seeing Northern Baptist Theological Seminary prosper. He was appointed Director of Development in 1962, shortly after the campus was moved from the city of Chicago to the suburbs. This was a critical time period in the seminary's history as it separated from its undergraduate component, Judson College. Many familiar with the history of Northern, believe the seminary would not have made it without Art's efforts. Those who worked closely with him recall his spirit of encouragement and optimism, "It was a miracle that Northern survived in those years," said Bob Maase, who was hired by Art in 1970 to be an area representative in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. "Art would always tell me when I was going out to visit churches or donors to 'build friends and funds for Northern, Bob!'" Bob attributes Art's visionary leadership and support to the reason they were able to triple the amount of church giving during those years.

Art graduated from Franklin College in 1943 with a BA in history and sociology, a year after marrying his childhood sweetheart Mary, who graduated from nurses training in 1942. He went on to receive an M.Div. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky before pastoring churches in Cambridge and Paris, Illinois. During this time, he developed a great love for young people and worked with them in churches and summer camps. His commitment to youth ministries, eventually led to a later appointment as the ABC/USA Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries in 1954 in Wisconsin.

After Art came to Northern Seminary, he established a reputation for himself as a gifted motivator and fundraiser and a passion grew within him to provide for a successful future--both financially and otherwise--for institutions that would impact the world for Christ. Following his tenure at Northern, he went on to serve at Atherton Baptist Homes as the Director of Development in 1974 and was appointed President and Administrator in 1978 until his retirement in 1989.

Art is survived by his wife Mary, three adult children, nine grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Bob Weber and his family during his illness.

Pray for our partner Rev. Hanna Massad, pastor of Gaza Baptist Church in Gaza City, Palestine, who is still separated from his family. He writes: "The only option for us now is to go to the Supreme Court in Jerusalem. Please pray the court will go smoothly without taking long time, so our family can be back together in Gaza. Please pray that we keep spirit of love & forgiveness at this difficult time. Please pray for Suhad, Joyce and Jolene, because it has been very difficult for them.

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MONDAY! November 6—Deadline for registration for the ABCMC annual meeting.

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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, as well as program schedule, please visit www.growcenter.org.

December 10—Saint Saëns' "Christmas Oratorio" by North Shore Baptist Church Chancel Choir, 2 p.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago. Cookies, Cocoa, and a Carol Sing, too!

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February 11, 2007—Lakeside Pride Brass Choir, 2 p.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

February 16-17, 2007—"Revive Us Again! Revival of our Spirit, Revival of our Baptist Principles," Andover Newton theological School, Newton Centre, MA. This will be a gathering of progressive Baptists from around the country.

March 11, 2007—Faurés "Requiem" performed by North Shore Baptist Church Chancel Choir with Voices from the Edgewater Community, 2 p.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

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

April 21, 2007—Second Annual ABCMC Disciples' Dinner, featuring keynote speaker Tony Campolo.

June 29-July 2, 2007—ABCUSA Biennial Meeting and Centennial Celebration in Washington, DC. The theme will be "Arise and Shine."

February 21-23, 2008—Gathering of Baptist Bodies from across the U.S. for a celebration of a new Baptist covenant, Dallas, TX.

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

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