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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
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of our region.

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ABCMC NEWS

2007 Regional Directory

ABCMC's 2007 Directory was made available at the May 12 Family Council meeting. Copies are available at the ABCMC office, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for those who missed the meeting.

As you peruse your copy, please let us know of any changes that we need to make. Phone Tony Rake at ABCMC, 773-695-9791, or fax a list of changes to him at 773-695-9793.

Thank you to those who have already helped. Below is a list of changes that Tony has received so far:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Correction / Addition</u>
3	Bookkeeper: Remove: Mr. Douglas G. Galbraith Replace with: Mr. Jesse Smith
5	1) Vice President Rev. Denise Janssen Remove: Community Church of Wilmette Replace with: First United Methodist Church, Franklin Park 2) Finance and Property Bill Wallin Remove: wallin@rcn.com Keep: swwallin@comcast.net
13	North Shore Baptist Add: Family Council Rep: Dawn Noldan
16	Add: <u>MORTON GROVE</u> Well-Watered Garden Church (2001) 5817 W. Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-966-7113 [staff remains as listed on p 18]
17	Community Baptist – Warrenville Correct street address to: 444 Main Street Secretary position is vacant at this time

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- 1) Second Baptist – Wheaton
Change email address to: SBCWHTN@aol.com
 - 2) Community Church of Wilmette
Change: Church administrator: Jenn Peterson
 - 3) Well-Watered Garden Church
No longer meets at 1020 Forest in Wilmette (moved -- see Morton Grove [p 16 above])
- 28
- Add: KIDS HOPE UNITED – NORTHERN REGION
215 Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
Phone:
Email:
Mark McHugh, Executive Director
- 32
- 1) ALLEN, ANDRE
Add: email address: ANDRERALLEN@comcast.net
 - 2) Remove:
ALMONTE, Omar
1725 Norman St.
Ridgewood, NY 11385
Email: almontep@hotmail
- 38
- 1) Add:
RT PULLEN, Bruce Reed
743 Tahoe Trail
Elgin, IL 60124
Home: 224-238-4361
Cell: 413-364-1811
Email: brpabc@aol.com
 - 2) Remove:
TU SANCHEZ, Carlos
367 Laguna Court
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Home: 630-681-8924

Thinking Theologically

ABCMC's Executive Minister Larry Greenfield pens a biweekly column, "Thinking Theologically about the Common Good," for Protestants for the Common Good. His latest column is attached.

FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

TONIGHT! *Speaker on Islam*

The Community Church of Wilmette invites you to hear Dr. Ghada Talhami, D.K. Pearsons Professor of Politics at Lake Forest College speak on "Islamic Societies Hear and Abroad: The Challenges of Assimilation." Please join our sisters and brothers in Wilmette for an opportunity to

gain a greater understanding of the ancient religion of Islam and a greater appreciation for the challenges faced by the American Muslim community in coping with the pressures of a secular and multi-ethnic society and outside calls for reform. Learn what life is really like for most Muslims, particularly women, in a world dominated by religious laws and strict traditions. Grow in your awareness of the common goals we must seek together to achieve a world where all views are tolerated and respected.

A flier about this event is attached to this issue of *eWind*. Please print it out and share it with others in your church and community.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Community Church of Wilmette, 1020 Forest Avenue, Wilmette. For more information, please phone 847-251-4370.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MONDAY! *Christians in the Arts*

"The Pulse Chicago" is a city-wide gathering of Christians who are involved with the arts. They have scheduled a gathering for next week. Author and Speaker Brennan Manning will lead. Hang out, network, collaborate, be inspired.

The event will take place Monday, May 21 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division (1 block west of I-94), Chicago (in Wicker Park). The cost of admission will be \$10.

Info can be obtained by sending an email to thepulsechicago@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY! *Memorial Observance*

Please come and join a Celebration of Life:

The Twenty-Second Annual Interfaith Memorial Observance for Indigent Persons will take place Wednesday, May 23 at 12:00--12:50 p.m. at the Chicago Temple/First United Methodist Church, 77 West Washington Street (Loop), Chicago. A reception & celebration will follow the service.

This Memorial Observance is being held to commemorate the lives of indigent persons who were recently buried by the Cook County Medical Examiners' Office. We, the community of Cook County, may not have known them personally, but they were someone's relative and someone's neighbor.

"To live and die alone is a human tragedy,
but not to be remembered and mourned...after earthly life...
is an ugly blemish on human dignity." --W. Earl Lewis (1949-1999).

For more information please contact Pat Smuck at (847) 362-8647

Eyes Wide Open

An Exhibition on the Human Cost of the Iraq War will be held in Grant Park, Jackson and Columbus Drive, Chicago, May 24-28. More information is available at <http://www.afsc.org/eyes/chicago-three-years.htm>.

In January 2004, the American Friends Service Committee unveiled Eyes Wide Open in

Chicago's Federal Plaza with 504 pairs of boots, each tagged with the name, rank, age and home state of a fallen soldier or Marine. Since that time, it has been a traveling exhibit. With each passing week, each stop in a new city, more pairs of boots are added to represent the newly fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, the exhibit returns to Chicago, the city where it all started.

Volunteers are needed from now until May 28 for Outreach, Volunteer Recruitment, Program planning, Boot-tagging, Boot installation, On-site management, Boot take-down, etc. For more information, please contact Erin Polley at 312.427.2533ext 25 or at epolley@afsc.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 24 - Opening Day

8:00 a.m. Exhibit installation

12 p.m. Opening Press Conference. Participants will include:

Raed Jarrar, Iraq Consultant for AFSC and an Iraqi who is now living in the US and who conducted door to door casualty counts at beginning of war

Celeste Zappala, Gold-Star mother and co-founder of Gold Star Families Speak Out

Aaron Hughes, Chicago representative of Iraq Veterans Against the War

Mary Ellen McNish, AFSC General Secretary

Michael McConnell, AFSC Great Lakes Regional Director

Friday, May 25- Focus on Youth

12 p.m. Presenters will include:

Ray Parrish, Viet-Nam Veterans Against War

Dante Zappala, Gold Star Families Speak Out

Raed Jarrar, Iraq Consultant, AFSC

Free Street Theater (invited)

7 p.m. Youth + Militarism Poetry Slam will feature:

Young Chicago Authors, Crib Collective, Kumba Lynx

Saturday, May 26- Focus on Military Families and Vets

10:30-12 pm Kids Step Up for Peace. Presenters will include:

Jennifer Bing-Canar, National Middle East Coordinator, AFSC

Childs Play Touring Theater (invited)

Co-sponsored by Chicagoans Against War and Injustice

12 p.m. MFSO speak-out

Co-sponsored by Military Families Speak Out

Sunday, May 27- Focus on Iraqis

11:00 a.m. Quaker meeting for worship

4:00 p.m. Interfaith Service. Speakers will include:

Kathy Kelly, Voices for Creative Nonviolence

Raed Jarrar Iraq Consultant, AFSC

Monday, May 28- Closing Day

10:00 a.m. Presidential Candidates and Illinois delegation invited

12:00 p.m. Closing ceremony

3:00 p.m. Exhibit de-installation

For more information, contact Cynthia Okayama Dopke at cdopke@afsc.org.

Save the date! June 7 *The Two State Solution: Still Possible?*

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Presents “The Two State Solution: Still Possible? A Moderated Panel Discussion” on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Chicago, in the Assembly Hall at International House, 1414 East 59th Street, Chicago.

Don't miss what promises to be a lively, moderated panel discussion among four remarkable writers and activists working on bringing about a just resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

As we near the 40th anniversary of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, there is still hope that such a resolution can be reached. What form this resolution will take however, is both the subject of debate and the focus of this evening's panel discussion.

Internationally, the framework of a two-state solution is broadly endorsed, as reflected in the recent Saudi initiative. Yet several leading thinkers now argue that “facts on the ground” have moved the possibilities for a just peace in other directions.

Please join the American Friends Service Committee for a stimulating and challenging evening. Start formulating your questions now!

Featured Panelists include:

Ali Abuminah is author of *One Country: A Bold Proposal to End the Israeli-Palestinian Impasse*, and co-founder of the Electronic Intifada, an internet gateway about Palestine and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (www.electronicintifada.net).

Prof. Yigal Bronner is an activist in Ta'ayush: Arab-Jewish Partnership, and an Israeli conscientious objector who was imprisoned for refusing to serve in occupied Palestine. He currently teaches South Asian languages at the University of Chicago.

Emily Hauser is an American-Israeli writer and speaker. She has regularly placed commentary regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in major American newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune.

Rev. Said Aliabouni served as Director for the Europe and Middle East Program in the Global Mission Unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He is now serving as Senior Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, La Grange, IL.

Moderator **Jennifer Bing Canar** is interim national coordinator for the AFSC's Israel-Palestine Peacebuilding Program.

Sponsors of the event are AFSC, University of Chicago Center for Middle Eastern Studies, and International House. The program will be free and open to the Public. For more information, please contact Miryam Rashid at AFSC, 312-427-22533 x 18, or mrashid@afsc.org.

Scholarships Available

Damon Jones, Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Chicago, provided the following information:

Do you know any Black males who are seniors in high school who want to go to college out of state for FREE? Several Black Colleges are looking for future black male teachers and will send them to universities/colleges for 4 years FREE.

The 'Call Me MISTER' program is an effort to address the critical shortage of African American male teachers particularly among South Carolina 's lowest performing public schools. Program participants are selected from among under-served, socio-economically disadvantaged and educationally at-risk communities. The program is collaboration between Clemson University and four historically black colleges in South Carolina: Benedict College , Claflin University, Morris College and South Carolina State University .

The project provides:

- Tuition for admitted students pursuing approved programs of study at participating colleges.
- An academic support system to help assure their success.
- A cohort system for social and cultural support.

Visit <http://www.callmemister.clemson.edu/index.htm> for more details and the [online application](#) or call (800) 640-2657.

Please forward to as many friends, family & church members as possible, so that they can also spread the word!

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS NOT JUST LIMITED TO MALES:

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE NOT APPLYING

Even if you do not have a college-aged child at home, please share this with someone who does, and pass this scholarship information on to anyone and everyone that comes to mind.

Though there are a number of companies and organizations that have donated moneys for scholarship use to African Americans, a great deal of the money is being returned because of a lack of interest. No one is going to knock on our doors and ask if we can use a scholarship. Take the initiative to get your children involved. There is no need for money to be returned to donating companies because we fail to apply for it.

Please pass this information on to family members, nieces, nephews, friends with children etc.

We must get the word out that money is available. If you are a college student or getting ready to become one, you probably already know how useful additional money can be. Our youth really could use these scholarships. Thanks!!

(If clicking on the link doesn't work, then type in the Web site address manually.)

1) BELL LABS FELLOWSHIPS FOR UNDER REPRESENTED MINORITIES

<http://www.bell-labs.com/fellowships/CRFP/info.html>

2) Student Inventors Scholarships

<http://www.invent.org/collegiate>

3) Student Video Scholarships

<http://www.christophers.org/vidcon2k.html>

- 4) Coca-Cola Two Year College Scholarships
<http://www.coca-colascholars.org/programs.html>
- 5) Holocaust Remembrance Scholarships <http://holocaust.hklaw.com/>
- 6) Ayn Rand Essay Scholarships <http://www.aynrand.org/contests/>
- 7) Brand Essay Competition
<http://www.instituteforbrandleadership.org/IBLEssayContest-2002Rules.htm>
- 8) Gates Millennium Scholarships (major)
<http://www.gmsp.org/nominationmaterials/read.dbm?ID=12>
- 9) Xerox Scholarships for Students
http://www2.xerox.com/go/xrx/about_xerox/about_xerox_detail.jsp
- 10) Sports Scholarships and Internships
<http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html>
- 11) National Assoc. Of Black Journalists Scholarships (NABJ)
<http://www.nabj.org/html/studentsvcs.html>
- 12) Saul T. Wilson Scholarships (Veterinary)
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/mb/mrphr/jobs/stw.html>
- 13) Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund
http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org/sk_v6.cfm
- 14) FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid scholarships)
<http://www.finaid.org/>
- 15) Presidential Freedom Scholarships
<http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships/>
- 16) Microsoft Scholarship Program
<http://www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships/minority.asp>
- 17) WiredScholar Free Scholarship Search
http://www.wiredscholar.com/paying/scholarship_search/pay_scholarship
- 18) Hope Scholarships & Lifetime Credits
<http://www.ed.gov/inits/hope/>
- 19) William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students
<http://www.apsanet.org/PS/grants/aspen3.cfm>
- 20) Multiple List of Minority Scholarships
<http://gehon.ir.miami.edu/financial-assistance/Scholarship/black.html>
- 21) Guaranteed Scholarships
<http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com/>
- 22) BOEING scholarships (soma e HBCU connects)
<http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/educationrelations/scholarships>

- 23) Easley National Scholarship Program
<http://www.naas.org/senior.htm>
- 24) Maryland Artists Scholarships
<http://www.maef.org/>
- 26) Jacki Tuckfield Memorial Graduate Business Scholarship (for AA students in South Florida)
<http://www.jackituckfield.org/>
- 27) Historically Black College & University Scholarships
<http://www.iesabroad.org/info/hbcu.htm>
- 28) Actuarial Scholarships for Minority Students
<http://www.beanactuary.org/minority/scholarships.htm>
- 29) International Students Scholarships & Aid Help <http://www.iefaf.org/>
- 30) College Board Scholarship Search
<http://cbweb10p.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/fundfind01.html>
- 31) Burger King Scholarship Program <http://www.bkscholars.csfa.org/>
- 32) Siemens Westinghouse Competition <http://www.siemens-foundation.org/>
- 33) GE and LuLac Scholarship Funds
<http://www.lulac.org/Programs/Scholar.html>
- 34) CollegeNet ' S Scholarship Database
<http://mach25.collegenet.com/cgi-bin/M25/index>
- 35) Union Sponsored Scholarships and Aid
<http://www.afcio.org/scholarships/scholar.htm>
- 36) Federal Scholarships & Aid Gateways 25 Scholarship Gateways from Black Excel
<http://www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm>
- 37) Scholarship & Financial Aid Help
<http://www.blackexcel.org/fin-sch.htm>
- 38) Scholarship Links (Ed Finance Group)
http://www.efg.net/link_scholarship.htm
- 39) FAFSA On The Web (Your Key Aid Form & Info) <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- 40) Aid & Resources For Re-Entry Students <http://www.back2college.com/>
- 41) Scholarships and Fellowships <http://www.osc.cuny.edu/sep/links.html>
- 42) Scholarships for Study in Paralegal Studies
<http://www.paralegals.org/Choice/2000west.htm>
- 43) HBCU Packard Sit Abroad Scholarships (for study around the world)
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/packard_nomination.html
- 44) Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities
<http://ccmi.uchicago.edu/schl1.html>

45) INROADS internships <http://www.inroads.org/>

46) ACT-SO bEURoeOlympics of the Mind "A Scholarships
<http://www.naacp.org/work/actso/act-so.shtml>

47) Black Alliance for Educational Options Scholarships
<http://www.baeo.org/options/privatelyfinanced.jsp>

48) ScienceNet Scholarship Listing
<http://www.sciencenet.emory.edu/undergrad/scholarships.html>

49) Graduate Fellowships For Minorities Nationwide
<http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/Student/GRFN/list.phtml?category=MINORITIES>

50) RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS AT OXFORD
<http://www.rhodesscholar.org/info.html>

51) The Roothbert Scholarship Fund <http://www.roothbertfund>

ABCUSA NEWS

SUNDAY! *Celebrate Baptist Heritage Sunday*

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/04/07) -- To help celebrate Baptist Heritage Sunday on May 20, American Baptist Churches USA's Mission Resource Development area has developed a series of new resources for churches. They can be found on: www.abc-usa.org/heritage.htm.

"We hope churches will find them useful as we seek to enhance the awareness of our congregations about our Baptist freedoms," says Dr. Leo Thorne, associate general secretary of Mission Resource Development. "American Baptists have a proud heritage going back centuries. While we rank sixth in size among the Baptist bodies, we are by far the most diverse. American Baptists have no racial majority – this astounding fact truly sets us apart from other denominations. While we have not always agreed, we have always upheld our distinctive Baptist freedoms," he says.

The materials are offered in the various media so that congregations can "mix and match" what best suits their communications needs. Digital versions of the materials are available by special request (to Sharyn.Bearse@abc-usa.org in Mission Resource Development) so that congregations can customize materials.

These materials are posted on the website:

- Brochure: "Celebrating Our Distinctive Baptist Heritage"
- Posters: Eight posters, each focusing on a Baptist distinctive or freedom
- Bulletin Insert: Highlights of great moments in American Baptist history
- Book excerpt: "Baptist Ways: A History," by Bill J. Leonard, published by Judson Press, Valley Forge, Pa (2003), [pages 422-425]. Reprinted by permission of the publisher. 1-800-4-JUDSON. www.judsonpress.com.

MONDAY! *Religious Liberty Essay Contest Deadline Is May 21*



The 2007 Religious Liberty Essay Contest is open to all Baptist high school students in the classes of 2007 and 2008. The essay contest asks participants to respond to this quote by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and critic of the state, and

never its tool.” The grand prize is \$1,000 and includes a trip to Washington, D.C.

For contest rules and a registration form, please visit www.BJOnline.org/contest.

Make Plans Now to Attend Historic 2008 New Baptist Covenant Celebration

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 04/30/07) -- Rev. Dr. Roy Medley, general secretary of American Baptist Churches USA, urges members to set aside important dates in 2008—January 30-February 1—when the New Baptist Covenant Celebration will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

“Organizers expect some 20,000 people to attend the convocation,” says Dr. Medley. “I want to be sure that our denomination is well represented at this historic meeting. It will be an unprecedented gathering. We hope this event will serve to bring together Baptists everywhere as Christians in missional unity – no matter where they live, what race they are or what Baptist denomination they represent.”

Former presidents and prominent Baptists announced the Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant Jan. 9 at the Carter Center in Atlanta after meeting with Dr. Medley and about 80 other leaders from Baptist organizations in the United States and Canada. “This ... may turn out to be one of the most historic events, at least in the history of Baptists in this country, and perhaps Christianity,” said Mr. Carter last January. Mr. Carter will be the keynote speaker at the New Baptist Covenant Celebration.

Plans for the collaborative celebration grew out of the North American Baptist Covenant, a document signed by Dr. Medley and other Baptist leaders from some 30 Baptist organizations in Canada and the U.S. affiliated with the North American Baptist Fellowship (NABF) under the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

NABF members include: American Baptist Churches USA, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Baptist General Conference, Baptist General Convention of Missouri, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Canadian Baptist Ministries, Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, General Association of General Baptists, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention USA, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention USA Inc., National Missionary Baptist Convention of America, North American Baptist Conference, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc.

To read the new covenant, [download or view it](#) in .pdf format.

Ramsey-Lucas Wins Religion Communicators Council Award of Excellence

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/02/07) -- National Ministries has announced that Curtis Ramsey-Lucas, coordinator for Public and Social Advocacy and editor of the periodical, *The Christian Citizen*, won an Award of Excellence in the annual DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards competition sponsored by the Religion Communicators Council.

The award was made for *The Christian Citizen's* “Good Schools for All” (Volume 3, 2006), a special public education theme issue relating to National Ministries’ Children in Poverty initiative.

It was presented on April 26 in Louisville, Ky. during the annual Religion Communicators Council convention.

The DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards are presented annually to Council members who demonstrate excellence in religion communications and public relations. The awards honor the late Victor DeRose and the late Paul M. Hinkhouse, leading lithographers in New York City and longtime friends of the Council. Both men shared a strong interest in excellence in communications.

Some 100 awards are presented each year in numerous categories, including print and online communication, design, photography, TV and video scripts, and more. Entries are judged on concept, writing, design, creativity, communication value, and effectiveness. They are compared with the best communication projects of religion communication professionals nationwide, and judged by a panel of professional religion and secular communicators.

The Christian Citizen, published three times a year, focuses on biblical justice issues, offering suggestions and opportunities for personal witness and action. It is available free of charge at www.nationalministries.org/publications.cfm.

The Religion Communicators Council is an interfaith association of more than 600 religion communicators working in print and electronic communication, marketing and public relations. For more information, visit www.religioncommunicators.org.

American Baptist Pastor Shares Vision for Church Renewal at Yale Divinity School

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/03/07) -- The Rev. Dr. Warren H. Stewart Sr., senior pastor of First Institutional Baptist Church of Phoenix, Ariz., shared his personal vision for church renewal with students, faculty and staff of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn. on April 11.

Stewart was the divinity school's 2007 Hoskins Visitor, a Christian leader invited to campus to discuss issues related to reform and renewal of the church. Basing his position on several Old and New Testament passages, he spoke about what he calls the "E&E Connection"—Evangelism and Emancipation working together for a holistic liberation of humankind. He presented his view of a Christian's divine assignment to both proclaim salvation and work to liberate others from "anything or anyone that prevents them from fulfilling God's destiny for them."

Stewart, who has served First Institutional Baptist Church of Phoenix since July 1977, believes that advocates of both social justice and evangelism must engage in a twofold purpose of evangelism and emancipation in order for the church to survive in this millennium.

Author of *Interpreting God's Word in Black Preaching* (published by Judson Press in 1984 and now in its fifth printing), Stewart earned the D.Min. degree in 1982 from the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, Calif. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from American Baptist-related Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans. in 1994. He is the recipient of numerous awards from churches, colleges, and community organizations.

"We commend Dr. Stewart and other American Baptist leaders who are purposefully sharing their vision for church renewal and transformation," said Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, National Ministries' executive director. "We pray that God will bless and multiply their efforts."

For the full article on the Yale Divinity School event by Elizabeth Wilkinson, visit www.yale.edu/divinity/notes/070430/hoskins.shtml.

American Baptist Churches USA Promotes Medicare Prescription Drug Costs Program

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/08/07) -- In a creative new partnership, faith-based organizations and the Social Security Administration are teaming up to promote a program that provides assistance with Medicare prescription drug costs. This program, "Extra Help," can pay a portion of monthly premiums, along with annual deductibles and prescription co-payments.

"The high cost of medicine can be a burden on people who have limited income and resources," says Michael J. Astrue, commissioner of Social Security. Sharing information about "Extra Help" can assist a loved one in addressing these costs. The extra help could be worth more than \$3,000 per year. To qualify for the extra help, the person must be receiving Medicare and have limited income.

"The relationship between poverty and poor health are current realities in our nation. It is imperative that the church serve as an advocate and a voice for those in need," says Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, executive director of National Ministries. "As a community of faith, American Baptists are challenged to promote the welfare of all through public service." Spread the word with family, friends and church members about this program, which promises help with the burden of prescription drug costs. For more information and eligibility requirements, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp/10163.htm.

National Ministries is committed to transforming leadership and transforming lives through ministries of prophetic justice and social advocacy. For more information on this and related initiatives, visit www.nationalministries.org.

Tornado Levels First Baptist Church in Greensburg, Kansas

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/08/07) -- First Baptist Church, Greensburg, Kan. has been destroyed by a massive tornado that news sources say leveled some 95 percent of the town of Greensburg on Friday night, May 4. The church's parsonage, although left standing, also sustained serious damage.

The category F-5 tornado was part of a particularly strong and dangerous weather pattern that has plagued the region over the past weekend.

"It is difficult to comprehend how great a loss has been suffered by the people of that community and by our brothers and sisters at First Baptist Church," said the Rev. John Williams, western area minister for American Baptist Churches of the Central Region. Williams said the church's pastor, the Rev. Marvin George, "is praising God for bringing him, his family and his congregation safely through this terrible storm." Williams said Rev. George has been able to locate almost all of his church family, and that all were safe and unharmed and had places to stay with family and friends. He urged American Baptists to be in prayer for all those affected by this disaster.

Dr. Steve Van Ostran, the Central Region's acting executive minister, will join AB Men of the Central Region disaster team members in assessing the damage to the church and surrounding area today.

"We will respond to this calamity with One Great Hour of Sharing undesignated disaster funds," said Kenneth George, National Ministries' coordinator, Intercultural Ministries/Direct Human Services. George noted that additional gifts to help the Greensburg congregation members and community should be designated "One Great Hour of Sharing-Central tornadoes" and sent

through normal mission-giving channels. Gifts may also be made through the "Give Now" feature at www.abc-usa.org.

Updates will be provided when more information becomes available.

Former ABC Missionary To Congo/Zaire, Vonzeal Riddle, Dies

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/10/07) -- Vonzeal Edna Wall Riddle, who retired after serving under the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society as missionaries to Congo/Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo) from 1952 until 1991, died May 6, 2007 in Bakersfield, California, at the age of 83.

Von was born in Tahoka, Texas on March 18, 1924. She graduated from Bob Jones University in 1945 with a major in music. She met Norman George Riddle there, and they were married on August 26, 1947. Norman graduated from California Baptist Seminary in 1949 and then served as Assistant Minister and Director of youth work at Atherton Baptist Church, Los Angeles. During that time, Von gave birth to two daughters. They were appointed as missionaries and set sail for language study in Belgium early in 1952. One year later they arrived with their young daughters in the Belgian Congo. A third daughter was born a few years later.

Von served as teacher for seminars, institutes, workshops and retreats held by the Department of Evangelism for the Baptist Community of Western Zaire (CBZO). She participated in all of the out-reach programs of the Evangelism Department and was responsible for organizing the evangelistic trips made by helicopter to villages that would have otherwise been inaccessible. For awhile Von and Norman traveled and lived in a camper truck, and sometimes spent weeks at a time away from home.

Von also taught music and worked with choirs. On one occasion she directed a choir made up of four city choirs performing Handel's Messiah in the Kikongo language. She was instrumental in establishing White Cross procedures and she initiated a Biafran refugee relief program, which included sewing instruction. Von was sought out for counseling, for assistance as believers sorted out their new identity as followers of Christ, and for new designs and articles to be made by craftspeople.

After 40 years in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Von and Norman retired to their home in Carpinteria, California. There they served in the First Baptist Church of Santa Barbara, the First Baptist Church of Carpinteria and the Adult Rehabilitation Center in Carpinteria.

Von is survived by her husband, Norman; their three daughters, Carol Alumbaugh, Joan Ingram and Marjorie Varberg; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four brothers and sisters. A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 10, at University Baptist Church (2515 Church Ave., Bakersfield, CA, 93306-1053) at 11 a.m. Her daughters, Carol Alumbaugh (office@ubcbakersfield.org) and Margie Riddle Varberg (margievarberg@gmail.com), are collecting stories from friends and loved ones touched by Von Riddle's life.

Judge Albert D. Matthews to Receive Sparrowk Award

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/10/07) -- Judge Albert D. Matthews, long active in a wide range of American Baptist ministries, is the recipient of the prestigious Cora and John Sparrowk President's Award of the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA).

The award, which will be presented at the Biennial/Centennial Meeting of ABCUSA June 29-July 2 in Washington DC, honors American Baptists who have "over a period of years made an

exceptional and outstanding contribution to the life of Christ's church; and in life and service manifest richly the fruits and gifts of the Spirit."

Judge Matthews has actively participated in ABCUSA for almost 50 years. He has long service, beginning in 1973, on the General Board as well as on the Boards of International Ministries and Educational Ministries, where he served as president. Since 2005, he has been attending the General Board meetings as a member of the Credentials and Caucus Committee and as a representative of the ABC Intercaucus. He has attended every Biennial since 1970.

"The Sparrowk Award commends lives of longstanding service to Christ through American Baptist ministries, and it will be a privilege to honor Judge Matthews for living out his Christian witness in so many ways within our denomination, his church and the community," said ABCUSA General Secretary Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley. "He has impacted countless lives as a dedicated layman and outstanding jurist and has set an example of Christ-centered sharing that is an inspiration for all of us."

Judge Matthews dates his active involvement with the denomination to 1959 when, as superintendent of the Sunday Church School of Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, he was sent for curriculum training in Green Lake, Wis. He became part of the "Children Workers" under Lois Blankenship. He later became a curriculum consultant to Educational Ministries.

In 1966, Judge Matthews began serving on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Convention and, later, with the ABC of the Pacific Southwest for 12 years, where he served as vice president for two years. After the Watts Riots, he served as Chairman of MATE, a reconciling agency among the races sponsored by ABC. He served for seven more years on the Board of the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission.

Judge Matthews is equally known for his community activities, serving on many boards including chair of the Alcoholism Council of South Central Los Angeles and treasurer of the Henderson Community Center.

In his professional life, he served the Los Angeles community in a judicial capacity for 42 years, retiring in 1989 from the Los Angeles Superior Court. He continued, however, to serve on assignment in the criminal and municipal Courts until 2002. In 1997, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Langston Bar Association. In June 2004, he received the Thurgood Marshall Award from the Los Angeles NAACP.

Register for the Religious Liberty Council Luncheon

This invitation is from the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.

We hope you will be able to join us for the Religious Liberty Council luncheon scheduled for 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m., Friday, June 29, in Independence Ballroom A of the Grand Hyatt Washington



Dr. Randall Balmer will be the featured speaker. Balmer is a professor of American Religion at Barnard College, Columbia University, a visiting professor at Yale Divinity School and the author of *Thy Kingdom Come: An Evangelical's Lament*.

Tickets are \$40. To register and pay online, visit the [online registration page](#). To register by phone, contact Phallan Davis at (202) 544-4226 or pdavis@BJCOnline.org.

Arise & Shine Biennial

Information about ABCUSA's Biennial/Centennial on June 29-July 2, 2007, in Washington, DC is available at the ABCUSA web site. Information about pre-biennial and post-biennial events is also there. Online registration is easy and quick, and can be done at www.abc-usa.org.

Pre-Biennial Event

Ministry in Such a Time as This: Adaptive Change for Faithful and Effective Leadership

Pastoral and lay leaders are invited free of charge on the opening day of the American Baptist Churches Biennial, June 29, 9:00 a.m. – noon.

- ❖ **Do you believe in the vitality of American Baptist congregations in a time when reaching the culture requires new approaches to tell the Old, Old Story?**
- ❖ **Do you want to learn about the good news of how congregations like yours are reaching out and growing up into the image of Christ?**

Dr. Diana Butler Bass describes mainline congregations that are vital and growing spiritual communities faithful to their tradition (based on her three-year Lilly-funded study and described in her book *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming the Faith*, 2006).

Dr. Parush Parushev addresses new opportunities to work and witness to the Gospel within the broad cultural shift in Europe and North America that is represented by postmodernity. "... what really impresses us ... is a *community* with integrity of character" (in *Stories of Emergence: Moving from Absolute to Authentic*, p. 209, 2003).

**Washington DC Convention Center
Ballroom C - Third Floor
Friday - June 29, 2007
9:00 a.m. – Noon**

***Sponsored by:*
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International Ministries**

More information on www.ministerscouncil.org

Ministers Council

Spring Meeting in Metro Chicago

On Thursday, May 31 the Ministers Council of ABCMC will meet at Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. The meeting will be from 7:15-8:45 p.m., and will include several presentations that will be helpful to hear prior to ABCUSA's 2007 Biennial Meeting.

Larry Greenfield, ABCMC's Executive Minister, will report on the spring meeting of the General Executive Council (GEC). David Gregg, ABCMC's representative to the General Board of ABCUSA, will report on the meeting he attended, and what the General Board will be considering at its June meeting. Alice Greene, President of the Ministers Council of ABCUSA, will bring an update on that body, and report on programs to take place at Biennial time.

Dessert will be served, courtesy of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board.

September Meeting in Metro Chicago

The Ministers Council of ABCMC will meet on Thursday, September 27 at North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago. The meeting, scheduled to take place from noon to 2 p.m., will feature guest speaker Douglas Sharp. Douglas, a professor of theology at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, is the author of *No Partiality: The Idolatry of Race and the New Humanity*. Racism will be his topic at the Ministers Council meeting.

If you would like to purchase a copy of his book, it is available from www.amazon.com, BUT you can get it from him for less. He has copies of the book that he sells for \$14 plus \$3.49 for shipping. His price is considerably less than what people pay on Amazon - \$23. Please contact Douglas at drs217@yahoo.com. A discussion guide is available at www.nopartiality.net.

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.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Duane and Marcia Binkley, American Baptist missionaries who have served over 15 years in Thailand. They have been reassigned to serve Karen refugees both in the United States and Thailand. The Binkleys will work with regions and churches around the country to equip them in the refugee resettlement process and to make the Karen -- who often know early Baptist mission history in Burma better than most American Baptists -- feel welcomed by those who brought them the Gospel nearly two centuries ago.

Please pray for world peace.

Please lift up in prayer ABCMC's bookkeeper Douglas Galbraith as he prepares to leave our staff and move to Florida.

Please join in prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for Jesse Smith, ABCMC's new bookkeeper, who is now learning the ropes from Douglas.

Please pray for Grace Baptist Church. This active ABCMC congregation is seeking a new location on the north side of Chicago. They are also preparing for a pastoral transition, since Jacki Belile's last Sunday as pastor will be June 17.

Calendar

May 16—Presentation on Islam, Community Church of Wilmette, 1020 Forest Avenue, Wilmette, 7 p.m.

May 21—Deadline for Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty's Religious Liberty Essay Contest. Visit [the BJC's Web site](#) for more information.

May 22—Finance and Property Committee meeting, 3 p.m., ABCMC office.

May 23—Twenty-Second Annual Interfaith Memorial Observance for Indigent Persons, May 23, 12:00--12:50 p.m., Chicago Temple/First United Methodist Church, 77 West Washington Street, Chicago. A reception & celebration will follow the service.

May 24-28—"Eyes Wide Open", Park, Jackson and Columbus Drive, Chicago. More information is available at <http://www.afsc.org/eyes/chicago-three-years.htm>.

May 26-June 9—Join **Interfaith Peace-Builders** (IFPB) and the **American Friends Service Committee** (AFSC) as they travel to Israel/Palestine. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 23, 2007. Apply early to reserve and lock-in lower airfares.

June 7—"The Two-State Solution: Still Possible?" presentation, 6:30 p.m., University of Chicago's, International House, Assembly Hall, 1414 East 59th Street, Chicago. Free and open to the public.

June 16—Mauck & Baker, LLC presents The 2007 Church and the Law Seminar, The Sweeting Center, Moody Bible Institute, 820 N. LaSalle Boulevard, Chicago. Event begins with a continental breakfast at 8:15 a.m., and concludes at 12:30 p.m. For more information, please phone 312-726-1243.

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

June 23—Chicago Rush Fellowship Day, Allstate Arena, Rosemont. Fellowship Hour, 4 p.m. Game, 7 p.m. For more information and reservations, contact David Hodge, 773.243.3460 or dhodge@chicagorush.com.

June 27-28—"Seeing the Children—Transforming the Church" pre-Biennial event, Howard University Divinity School, Washington, DC.

June 29—Religious Liberty Council Luncheon, 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., Independence Ballroom A of the Grand Hyatt Washington, DC. Tickets are \$40. To register and pay online, visit the [online registration page](#). To register by phone, contact Phallan Davis at (202) 544-4226 or pdavis@BJCOnline.org.

June 29—Deadline for applying for The Retirement Research Foundation's Accessible Faith Grant Program. Please see www.rrf.org for more information.

June 29— “Ministry in Such a Time as This: Adaptive Change for Faithful and Effective Leadership” pre-Biennial event, 9 a.m.-noon, Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC. This event is sponsored by the Ministers Council, the Campus Ministry Association, and International Ministries. Visit www.abc-usa.org to register.

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

July 17—Finance and Property Committee meeting, 3 p.m., ABCMC office.

July 21-28—National Gathering for Girls, Green Lake Conference Center. The conference fee is \$485 per person, and includes conference registration fee, housing, and meals; scholarships are available. Further information may be found on the American Baptist Women’s Ministries’ website at www.abwministries.org.

August 6-10—Mediation Skills Training Institute. For more information and registration, please visit www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

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

August 21-23—Here I Stand: Leading Change Through Self-Differentiation. For more information and registration, please visit www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

September 15—ABCMC Stewardship Seminar

September 18—Finance and Property Committee meeting, 3 p.m., ABCMC office.

September 21—International Day of Prayer for Peace

September 21-22—Lombard Mennonite Peace Center’s *Healthy Congregations* Workshop, Christ Community Mennonite Church, Schaumburg. For more information and registration, please visit www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

October 16—Finance and Property Committee meeting, 3 p.m., ABCMC office.

November 20—Finance and Property Committee meeting, 3 p.m., ABCMC office.

December 17—Finance and Property Committee meeting, 3 p.m., ABCMC office.

January 30-February 1, 2008—New Baptist Covenant Celebration, Atlanta, Georgia. Please visit www.newbaptistcovenant.org for more information.

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

June 21, 2008—ABCMC’s Third Annual Disciples’ Dinner, Lindner Conference Center, Lombard. Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Executive Director of ABCUSA’s National Ministries, will be our keynote speaker.

Position Openings

Director of Youth Programs

Lake Street Church, an open and inclusive American Baptist congregation, seeks a Director of Youth Programs to lead our programming for youth in grades 7-12. This half-time (20 hours/week), salaried position includes flexible work arrangements, paid vacation time and paid sick leave. Salary: \$18,300.

Job qualifications include: Commitment to the spiritual growth of self and of youth; Experience in, commitment to, and enjoyment of youth work; Ability to organize programs and coordinate events; Ability to work collegially with church staff; Ability to recruit, engage, and support the leadership of lay volunteers.

Applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter to Youth Director Search Committee, Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Electronic submissions are encouraged, and can be sent to youth@lakestreet.org; faxes can be sent to 847-864-3376. For more information, please contact Associate Minister Ann-Louise Haak at 847-864-2181, x112 or the Search Committee Chair, Kelli Klinger at 847-875-4411.

Music Director/Worship Leader (Part-Time)

First Baptist Church of San Carlos has a vision of reaching up to God, in to the heart and out to the community. We are seeking a part-time music director/worship leader to join us in leading worship that glorifies God, strengthens believers, and draws seekers closer to God.

I. Personal Description

We are looking for a person with a growing personal relationship with Jesus and has a good character. This person needs to be creative, self directed, and able to work well with people. This person must be accepting of women in pastoral leadership. This individual agrees to be accountable to the pastor and church leadership

II. Job Description

10-12 hours/week

Ideally start June 1, 2007

Passion for heartfelt congregational worship

Cooperatively plan worship with worship planning team & pastor

Skilled musician: able to play piano/keyboard & lead singing, rehearsals, worship, and special events

Versatile music genres: contemporary & traditional; open to gospel, jazz & updated hymns

Able to lead a worship team of singers and band/s

Able to do associated administration, sound, & Powerpoint

III. Church Description

We are an established American Baptist Church that is enjoying renewal. We are growing in the areas of discipleship and outreach, becoming increasingly involved with our community of the central San Francisco peninsula.

IV. Compensation:\$1,000/month

V. Application Process

Send a letter of interest/ cover letter, resume, and 3 professional references to:

Rev. Laurel Balyeat Morrison

Email address: revlaurel@pacbell.net

Street Address:

First Baptist Church

787 Walnut Street
San Carlos, Ca. 94707

Minister for Outreach & Growth

The Community Church of Wilmette is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA and is a member of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists. This community of diverse faith backgrounds is actively searching for a part-time Minister for Outreach and Growth to help build our congregation's numbers in a wide range of ages but particularly for young adults and families, to make the Community Church of Wilmette a more visible and active member of this North Shore community, and to successfully market and grow a variety of discipleship and outreach opportunities for its congregation.

A fuller description of church congregation's composition and vision are available upon request.

Contact:
Rev. Tripp Hudgins
Community Church of Wilmette
1029 Forest Ave
Wilmette, IL 60091
847-251-4370
www.communitychurchofwilmette.org

Pastoral Search

The South Church of Mount Prospect, a progressive, friendly and inclusive American Baptist church in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, seeks a full-time pastor. The person called will have demonstrated skills in spiritual, pastoral and community leadership and a dedication to work in partnership with members in congregational development and growth.

Contact: tmwh23908@sbcglobal.net.

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We welcome your news, prayer requests and comments.
Please email your communications to abcmchi@aol.com. We email the newsletter each Wednesday.

If you spot a typographical error or other mistake in *eWind*, please let us know at the ABCMC office, 773-695-9791 or abcmchi@aol.com.