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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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"As the rain and the snow come down, from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish what I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."
Isaiah 55:10-11

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Fax Alert

ABCMC's fax machine is out of order, and has been taken for repairs. Please do not attempt to fax documents to ABCMC until further notice.

Diana Sofia Young

Lowell Young of the ABCMC staff is delighted to share the news that he and his wife Inés have become grandparents. Diana Sofia Young, daughter of their son Erik and daughter-in-law Sandra, was born at 1:15 a.m. on Monday, May 14 in Champaign. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces, and was 18 ½" long. Lowell says she is a beautiful little girl with a head full of hair. We congratulate her proud, happy parents and grandparents, and welcome Diana to the extended ABCMC family.

Everett Taylor

Everett Taylor, brother of Rev. Kathy Taylor, passed away on Tuesday, May 8 in Birmingham, Alabama. His death was from stomach cancer. Kathy, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Maywood, stated that Everett was a Christian who made sure he was right with the Lord. Everett was blessed to have time with family members, including Kathy, before he died. Please pray for those who grieve his passing, including his mother, Frances Taylor, and his sister, Linda, Harris, who was his primary caregiver, as well as Kathy and her husband Rev. Fernando Carrasco and their family.

Jerry Woods

Jerry Woods, father of Stephanie Woods Jones, transitioned to eternity early in the morning on Tuesday, May 22. Stephanie is the wife of Rev. Damon Jones, Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Chicago. Your prayers and thoughts of concern will assist them in getting through this difficult time. Please hold the Woods and Jones families in prayer.

Immigration

At its meeting on Saturday, May 12, ABCMC's Family Council discussed the matter of immigration, and hopes for reform of U.S. immigration laws. (An article announcing the planned discussion was in the May 9 issue of *eWind*.) The Family Council adopted a resolution encouraging action on the part of our members. Although the legislation now being debated in the U.S. Congress had not yet been introduced, the Family Council resolution addresses some of the key points that are being considered by Congress. The resolution appears below:

The Family Council of ABCMC asks members of congregations in the Region to urge their political representatives to support legislation that provides an official means for currently undocumented immigrants to achieve legal status through a reasonable and fair process and to oppose legislation that is punitive and has the consequences of separating families.

We hope that you will contact your congressional representatives, and share these thoughts with them.

Chapter 2 of 2007 Regional Directory Updates

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 email a list of changes to him at abcmchi@aol.com.

Thank you to those who have already helped. Below is a list of **NEW** changes that Tony received over the past seven days:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Correction / Addition / Update</u>
11	God's True Way Ministries Correct to: <i>Church:</i> 3709 W. 147 th Pl. Midlothian, IL <i>Mailing:</i> P. O. Box 766 Richton Park, IL 60471
13	North Shore Baptist Church: Remove: Masaru Nambu and phone number Add: email for Rev. Santiago Pinon: spinon@northshorebaptist.org
37	Remove: NAMBU, Masaru 3950 N. Bryn Mawr #310 Chicago, IL 60659 Home: 773-463-5213 North Shore: 773-728-4200

FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

COMMUNITY NEWS

THURSDAY-MONDAY! *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 312.427.2533 ext 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 the beginning of the 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. MFSCO 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.

Chicago Rush Fellowship Day

This is an invitation from the Chicago Rush. A flier is attached to this issue of eWind.

Thank you for taking the time to look over this information about this year's Fellowship Day. Last year over 1,500 joined us for Fellowship Day, and shared a great day of football and Godly perspectives.

Be sure to join us this year for our 5th Annual Chicago Rush Fellowship Day, scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd against the Kansas City Brigade. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m.

A few of the activities we have planned for this season's event are:

- Discounted tickets for just \$15 (regularly \$22).
- Fellowship Hour beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Allstate Arena's Skyline Room (located adjacent to the Box Office). Fellowship Hour is exclusive to the Fellowship Day crowd and will feature faith-based music, interactive games, and fun for all ages.
- Speakers from various churches, religious organizations and a special guest from the Chicago Rush will address the crowd about uplifting Jesus' name and conveying God's value and message.
- Free on-field autograph session. Following the game fans will be able to go onto the turf to meet their favorite coaches, players and Adrenaline Rush Dancers.
- Chicago Rush hats will be given away to the first 5,000 fans in attendance.

We are excited about your church joining us for 2007 Fellowship Day. Please contact me to reserve seats for this year's event.

Regards,
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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 who 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/asp3.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 (some 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.aflcio.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

American Baptists Mourn the Death of Yolanda King

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/17/07) -- American Baptists were saddened by the unexpected death May 16 of Yolanda King, the eldest child of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, Yolanda King died at age 51 in Santa Monica, California. She collapsed in the doorway of the home of her brother Dexter, and could not be revived. Her family has speculated that her death was caused by a heart condition. A public memorial for Yolanda King will be held on May 24, 2007 (tomorrow) at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

"Dr. King's family holds a special place in our hearts," said the Rev. Dr. Roy Medley, American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) General Secretary. "We send our deepest condolences to Ms. King's loved ones and want them to know that our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time. Their father, an American Baptist minister, woke the world's conscience to the injustices of judging people solely by their race. His daughter, Yolanda, continued his work of building a 'beloved community,' where people of all races, colors and creeds live together in harmony."

"While we rejoice that Yolanda King sits now at the throne of God and is reunited with both her heavenly and earthly fathers, we can not help but miss her," said Dr. Al Brinson, retired ABC associate general secretary, and a long-time King family friend. "I knew her from the time she was a baby. It is a great loss. She was marvelously talented as well as being a special and unique loving person."

"I remember her especially as a beautiful and empathetic child who early on was always alert and sensitive to the pain of segregation. One incidence that stands out in my memory was her wanting so desperately to go to an amusement park in Atlanta. Because it was segregated she couldn't go. Her father wrote about that experience and her disappointment," Dr. Brinson said. "I know I speak for all members of my American Baptist family when I say that we will miss her outstanding work in the field of entertainment, where she shone in bringing a message of peace and hope through the roles she undertook and the productions she staged. We will especially miss her, though, as an outstanding human being whose life reflected her love for humanity and for God."

Yolanda, who lived in California, was an actress. She appeared in numerous films, including "Ghosts of Mississippi." She played Rosa Parks in the 1978 miniseries "King." She also ran a production company, Higher Ground Productions. In addition, she served on the board of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

Yolanda was a 1976 graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she majored in theater and Afro-American studies. She also earned a master's degree in theater from New York University.

Death of Brenda Campbell Stuck

Brenda Campbell Stuck, daughter of the late Emory & Loeta Campbell was killed on Thursday evening near Branson, MO. You can see the news article below regarding the details of the accident.

Mark Campbell, Brenda's brother, described her as an "over the top" combination of both Emory & Loeta - the one who loved everybody and made things happen. She served faithfully in ministry as well as being a great mom. The kids are 19, 17, 13 & 9. Mark said the support in Branson had been overwhelming with the whole town turning out for the viewing and the memorial service being held in the town park because the church and gym couldn't hold all the people.

A memorial fund is being established to help fund the children's ministry with which Brenda served. Donations can be sent to: Brenda Stuck Fund, Branson Bank, 3285 Falls Park Way, Branson, MO 65616. Sympathy Cards can be sent to Don Stuck (Brenda's husband), 2164 Birmingham Road, Forsyth MO 65653. Their children are: Curt, Kelsie, Tyler & Garret.

Below is a newspaper account of the accident in which Brenda was killed.

Woman killed in road while aiding dying dog

**Cory de Vera
News-Leader**

Brenda Stuck was always trying to help.

About 9:32 p.m. Thursday, she was jogging with friend Tami McCall — and McCall's dog, Mac — along the Southeast Outer Road of U.S. 65, about two miles north of Branson.

Mac, a black Labrador-St. Bernard mix, ran into the road and was hit by a car.

Stuck ran out to help the dog, while McCall looked for someone with a cell phone to call for help.

That's when Stuck was hit by a 1994 Chrysler Concorde driven by Jodi Lilly, 37, of Branson.

Stuck died early Friday at St. John's Hospital. She was 43.

"It was dark," said McCall. "The driver of the car couldn't see her."

Stuck was a pastor at the River Valley Community Church in Forsyth and the mother of four children, ages 9 to 19. She was married to Don Stuck.

McCall described Brenda Stuck as a "massive people lover," committed to helping families and children. She opened her home to numerous children, who found her easy to talk to, said McCall. She also once hosted a foreign exchange student.

"She was like the most fun mom on the face of the earth," said McCall. "Every parent should take a lesson from her ... She was also passionate about God and her faith, and wanted everyone to know how much God loves them."

Stuck was one of the original founders of the River, said youth pastor Gregg Mathes. She served as a children's pastor for many years, and more recently worked as family life pastor. She also started sports leagues for the church.

Forsyth Elementary School Principal Michelle Collins said Stuck was always willing to help at school. On Tuesday, Stuck spoke at an honors reception for students.

"Her topic was about lifting one another up, about encouraging our friends and being a good friend," said Collins.

"She was talking about what she modeled every day."

Collins remembered finding encouraging notes that Stuck left for her, little gifts to brighten her day.

At the high school, she was known to show up with pizza at lunch, wanting to chat with youth from her church or with her own children's friends, said Collins.

Funeral arrangements were being worked out on Friday.

Sgt. Dan Bracker of the Missouri Highway Patrol said the accident investigation may take about 15 days to complete.

Mac died from the accident, too, said McCall.

"Transforming Communities for the Children" Event Attracts Regional Leadership Teams

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/18/07) -- Participants from nine American Baptist regions attended "Transforming Communities for the Children," a training event sponsored by National Ministries and conducted by the Future Search Network. The event, held on May 14-17 at the National Christian Conference Center in Valley Forge, Pa., was part of National Ministries' Children in Poverty initiative and focused on ways various community stakeholders can collaborate to help children in poverty across our nation.

According to the Rev. Dorian Mendez-Vaz, National Ministries' coordinator of Children's and Intergenerational Ministries, each region was asked to send a team of four leaders whose positions in the local or regional community relate to the welfare of children. Together with the regional leaders and Future Search staff, National Ministries' staff facilitated small group discussions and workshop sessions. American Baptist Churches of Alaska, ABC of Metro Chicago, Cleveland Baptist Association, ABC of Greater Indianapolis, ABC of Michigan, Philadelphia Baptist Association, ABC of Rhode Island, ABC of Vermont/New Hampshire, and ABC of Wisconsin sent representatives to the event. Persons representing ABCMC were Jesse Brown, Larry Greenfield, Barbara Waller and Jorge Zayasbazan.

"It is our expectation that this Future Search conference will be one more significant step in helping American Baptists engage with others in order to realize the dream of making a difference in the lives of children in poverty," said the Rev. Marilyn Turner, National Ministries' associate executive director, Program Ministries.

Participants expressed appreciation for National Ministries' sponsorship of the Future Search event and for its Children in Poverty initiative. "The conference created an environment of hope and resources so that children can realize their destiny," said the Rev. Carmen Porco, director of Housing Ministries for ABC of Wisconsin. "The program made us realize that we are all interdependent. It offered solid principles to help all stakeholders build and integrate service delivery to children and their families," he said.

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Mitchell, the Philadelphia Baptist Association's associate executive minister, mission communication and stewardship, also appreciated Future Search Network's systematic approach to bringing community organizations, families, businesses, and other stakeholders together to benefit children. Mitchell said a shooting near a local high school was the catalyst for bringing together several American Baptist churches and other denominations and groups in an effort to make positive changes for local children and youth. "The Future Search process will help our currently-participating American Baptist churches to move forward from envisioning to implementing change," she said.

National Ministries' Executive Director, Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, said, "Participating in this event was like watching the mundane mud beneath my feet gradually being transformed into a holy and healing ground. At times, the presence of God's Spirit was palpable. I dare not claim that I witnessed the birth of a movement in behalf of children in poverty these last few days. In faith, I do believe that such a movement has been conceived."

National Ministries is the first national partner in Future Search Network's "Prosperous Communities, Prosperous Nation" program, taking leadership in engaging American Baptist regions and local churches in creating better conditions for all children.

For more information on National Ministries' Children in Poverty initiative, visit www.nationalministries.org/CIP/.

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:*
The Ministers Council
Campus Ministers Association
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 drsat217@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 world peace.

Please pray for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo during this violent time in that nation's capital. Pray for the return of peace and order to Kinshasa and for all our missionaries still in DR Congo: Wendy Bernhard, Jill and Mike Lowery, Lynn and Virgil Nelson, Katherine and Wayne Niles, Ed and Miriam Noyes (Chapmans and Clemmers are on U.S./Puerto Rico assignment).

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 Kathy Taylor, Fernando Carrasco and their family as they grieve the death and celebrate the life of Kathy's brother Everett Taylor.

Please pray for Damon and Stephanie Jones as they mourn the death and celebrate the life of Stephanie's father Jerry Woods.

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.

Please pray for the father of Jason Platt following surgery for removal of a brain tumor. Jason is pastor of Montrose Baptist Church in Chicago.

Please join the ABCUSA family in prayer for the King family as they mourn the passing and celebrate the life of Yolanda King.

Please lift up in prayer the Stuck and Campbell families as they mourn the loss and celebrate the life of Brenda Campbell Stuck.

Calendar

THURSDAY-MONDAY! 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>.

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 10—Tony Rake preaches at the Federated Church of Wauconda, 200 Barrington Road, Wauconda, 9:45 a.m.

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 16—ABCMC Family Cabinet meeting, 9:30 a.m., ABCMC office

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 who has a growing personal relationship with Jesus, and who is of 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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