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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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The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
my God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
Psalm 18:2

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Fax Alert

ABCMC's fax machine has been replaced. Please feel free to fax all you would like to 773-695-9793.

Jeanette Brown

Jeanette Brown, a member of North Shore Baptist Church, went to be with the Lord on June 1 after a length struggle with cancer. Friends and family gathered at the church on June 5 to celebrate her life.

North Shore recognized Jeanette and her husband Don as Daily Disciples at ABCMC's Disciples' Dinner this year. Her Daily Disciple certificate read:

She is co-president of the Friendship Class, and has been both an officer of American Baptist Women's Ministries and a Pastoral Partner. Her creative talent is evident in countless bulletin boards filled with photographs of North Shore activities through the years. For the church's recent centennial celebrations, she assembled monthly historical displays for 20 months. She has been faithful in ministries of Christian education and music. Having a passion for mission, she helped build a church in the Philippines and a seminary in Ukraine, as well as serving as a delegate to the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Melbourne, Australia. Jesus Christ is at the center of her life.

Jeanette was a blessing in many ways to her family and her church. No doubt the Lord has acknowledged her, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." She is greatly missed.

Email for ABCMC Staff

We are phasing out the email address abcmchi@aol.com as the general email box for ABCMC. Beginning immediately, please send emails to ABCMC staff members individually. Staff email addresses are as follows:

Larry Greenfield, Executive Minister	larry@abcmc.org
Tony Rake, Office Assistant	tony@abcmc.org
Jesse Smith, Bookkeeper	BookkeeperJesse@aol.com
Lynne Kelley, Communication Coordinator	lynne@abcmc.org
Lowell Young, Mission Support Associate	lowell@abcmc.org

ABCMC Welcomes Woodside Church

The American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago extends a warm welcome to Woodside Church in Flint, Michigan. This historic church is the oldest Baptist congregation in Flint, and has been a part of the American Baptist Churches since the denomination was incorporated. Formerly a part of the American Baptist Churches of Michigan, Woodside was accepted into the region at the May 2007 Family Council meeting.

We are delighted to have Woodside as a part of the ABCMC family. We look forward to ministering with the congregation and their pastor, Rev. Dr. Deborah Kohler.

ABCMC Directory Updates. Chapter 3

Please make the following changes and additions to your 2007 ABCMC Directory:

p. 3 Please update staff directory:
Bookkeeper Mr. Jesse Smith

p. 14 Please add:

FLINT, MI

43. WOODSIDE CHURCH (1853)

810-767-4911

1509 E. Court Street, Flint, MI 48503-6202

Fax: 810-767-4151

Email: info@woodsidechurch.net

Web site: www.woodsidechurch.net

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Deborah Kohler (1997) Email: deborahk@woodsidechurch.net

Minister of Music and Fine Arts: Dr. Quincy Dobbs

Office Manager: Annie Oper

Email: info@woodsidechurch.net

N.B.: This will alter the numbering for the churches listed after this one.

p. 33 Please update phone numbers for Kathleen Busby:
Highland Park Hospital: 847-480-2733
Cell: 847-989-8758

p. 36 Please add:

P KOHLER, Deborah '91

426 S. Franklin Avenue

Flint, MI 48503

Home: 810-232-9298

Woodside Church: 810-767-4911

Email: deborahk@woodsidechurch.net

p. 37 Please update:

RT Nambu, Masaru '55

29 Haven Way

Ashland, MA 01721-4404

Please add:

IM PINON, Santiago

9749 Richard Avenue

Franklin Park, IL 60131

Home: 847-455-2217

Email: spinon@northshorebaptist.org

Thinking Theologically

ABCMC's Executive Minister Larry Greenfield pens a biweekly column for Protestants for the Common Good's newsletter, *The Common Good Network*. Larry's latest column is attached to this issue of *eWind*.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SATURDAY! *Pearls from the East*

"Pearls from the East" will be the theme of the next concert by Sing to Live Community Chorus. The concert will feature selections representing Bali, China, India, Japan, Korea, Mongolia and the Philippines. It will be on Saturday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Music Institute of Chicago,

Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston.

The mission of Sing to Live – Live to Sing is to support individuals affected by breast cancer through the creation of a charitable, social and educational organization. The group focuses its efforts on music and musical performance through an all voice community chorus that brings together singers, both men and women, whose lives have been directly or indirectly touched by breast cancer. It provides its members an interactive musical experience that celebrates hope and survival while providing quality performances for the community. Net proceeds raised by donations, choral performances and CD sales will be used to support local breast cancer communities through the gift of music and/or to support local breast cancer programs.

Sing to Live provides complimentary concert tickets to breast cancer patients and survivors as part of its mission to give the gift of music to local breast cancer communities. For more information please email melinda@singtolive.org or call 773.250.SING.

Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$20 for general admission, and \$10 for seniors 65 and over, as well as \$10 for students.

Community Renewal Future Summit

You are invited to attend the Community Renewal Future Summit about engaging young leaders on Thursday, June 21, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, 5807 S. Woodlawn Avenue. Tickets: \$15 General / \$7 student, senior and low-income admission

The Community Renewal Society Future Summit is a set of intergenerational conversations that focus on the critical role that younger leaders can, must and do play in shaping the region's future. As an attendee, you are eligible to include literature about your organization on one of our Resource Tables. This is a great way to spread the word about your organization's ongoing campaigns and initiatives and upcoming events.

Once you register, reply to your confirmation email with the subject line "Resource Table." A member of our staff will follow up with you.

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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ABCUSA NEWS

Joint Press Conference Scheduled for June 29 at ABCUSA Biennial/Centennial

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 06/12/07) -- A major joint press conference is set for 4 p.m., Friday, June 29, in Room 209-A of the Washington, DC Convention Center. This is the day of overlap scheduling by the American Baptist Churches, USA and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The press conference will focus on "A New Era of Baptist Cooperation." While reporters may ask whatever they choose, a few topics of interest might be:

- The historic shared worship service that evening sponsored by ABC and CBF.
 - The growing partnership between ABC and CBF, including dually appointed missionaries and church starts.
 - The centennial celebration of ABC, founded in Washington, D.C., in 1907, as the Northern Baptist Convention.
 - The growing role of the North American Baptist Fellowship as a regional body of the worldwide Baptist World Alliance.
 - The New Baptist Covenant Celebration, initiated by President Jimmy Carter and Mercer University President Bill Underwood, that sponsors hope will draw more than 20,000 diverse Baptists to Atlanta in 2008.
 - The upcoming consolidation of Baptist archives at Mercer University's Atlanta campus and the relocation of two major Baptist historical societies.
 - Baptists and race relations, religious liberty, etc.
- Participants will include:
- Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention
 - Rev. Dr. Sumner M. Grant, Executive Director, Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board
 - Rev. Dr. Roy Medley, General Secretary, American Baptist Churches USA
 - Rev. Dr. Tyrone S. Pitts, General Secretary, Progressive National Baptist Convention
 - Rev. Dr. Reid Trulson, Executive Director, International Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA
 - Dr. William D. Underwood, President, Mercer University
 - Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoven, Executive Director, American Baptist Historical Society
 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Vestal, Coordinator, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
 - Rev. Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, Executive Director, National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA

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.

Biennial/Centennial Hotels Are Sold Out

If you plan to attend Biennial, but have not yet made arrangements for lodging, consider staying in the convenient (and sometimes cheaper) suburbs. If you want to attend the Biennial/Centennial in Washington DC, June 29- July 2, but don't want to drive downtown, consider hotels in the suburbs – especially those close to the Metro. Unlike downtown hotels, many suburban hotels include free parking and breakfast.

Foundation Announces Appointment of Lawrence E. Wilson

VALLEY FORGE (ABNS 6/7/07) -- The American Baptist Foundation is pleased to announce the hiring of Lawrence E. Wilson III to the position of Executive Vice President, effective July 1, 2007. This position will include responsibility for the Foundation's marketing and public relations efforts as well as training and overseeing the nationwide field staff.

Mr. Wilson has served in the area of marketing for large corporations and has also concentrated on development for a variety of non-profit organizations. He most recently served as Development Director for the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, California, and then Chief Development Director at Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from Drew University and a Master of Business Administration from The Wharton School.

Dr. John B. Jacobs, President of the Foundation, commented: "I celebrate the significant addition Larry will be to the Foundation staff. Initially he will work with Fred Daugherty to ascertain the current development efforts of the staff and then collaborate with me to gain an orientation to the administrative portion of the position. He is a strong and committed American Baptist who will bring educational and experiential proficiency to the Foundation. I look forward to working with Larry both in terms of sharing and learning."

Mr. Wilson will join the Foundation staff at the American Baptist Biennial in Washington, D.C. He, his wife, Janice, and their two children will be moving from Mystic, Connecticut to reside in the Valley Forge area.

Ministers Council

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 world peace.

Let's all join in prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for Woodside Church as a member congregation of ABCMC.

Please pray for ABC missionary Deliris Carrion, coordinator of Christian Education and chaplain at the Baptist School, San Salvador, El Salvador.

Please pray for ABC missionaries Doris and Ricardo Mayol, who teach at the Seminario Bautista in Mexico City, Mexico.

Please pray for ABC missionaries Charles and Sarah West and others in Zambia during this time of unrest and violence at the University of Zambia.

Please lift up in prayer those who are celebrating graduations and beginning new chapters of their lives.

Please pray for Don Brown and North Shore Baptist Church as they celebrate the life and grieve the passing of Jeanette Brown, Don's wife.

Calendar

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 16—Sing to Live Community Chorus Concert, Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, 7:30 p.m.

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 24—Lynne Kelley preaches at Irving Park Baptist Church

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., in the 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 10—ABCMC Annual Meeting

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.

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The events publicized herein do not necessarily express the opinions of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago.

We welcome your news, prayer requests and comments.
Please email your communications to lynne@abcmc.org. We email the newsletter each Wednesday.

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