

# *Metro Chicago* **eWind**

Suddenly there was...a strong wind blowing, and...  
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:2-3, TEV)

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A patchwork of varied news and announcements  
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of the region

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### *Family Council Meeting August 25*

The ABCMC Family Council will have its regular meeting on Saturday, **August 25, 2007** at the Community Church of Barrington. The church is at 407 S. Grove Avenue in Barrington. Directions to the church are included in the packet that has been mailed this week.

Registration will open at **8:30 a.m.** The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., and conclude with lunch at noon. There will be a small charge for lunch.

Please email or phone the ABCMC office, [office@abcmc.org](mailto:office@abcmc.org) or 773-695-9791, to let us know of your attendance plans. Please be sure to indicate whether you plan to stay for lunch. Letting us know in advance will be a tremendous help to those who are planning the meeting. Please let us know no later than **August 21**.

### ***Christian Education for ABCMC in Autumn***

Two Christian Education events are being scheduled for this fall in the region: one for pastors on Friday, November 9, and the second for Christian Education leaders (chairpersons and members of Christian Education committees, superintendents of Sunday Schools, and Christian Education teachers) in mid-October.

In order to address the real needs of participants in the October workshop for CE leaders, we will be sending out a questionnaire soon and requesting a quick response.

In the meantime, if any pastor or CE leader has a question or issue that needs to be addressed immediately, call the Rev. Denise Janssen at 708-955-8913 or e-mail her at [revdlj@att.net](mailto:revdlj@att.net).

### ***ABC/MC Program of Ministry (2008 Budget)***

It is time to begin the process for developing a Program of Ministry for 2008 for ABC/MC. A Program of Ministry is, in a limited sense, the budget of ABC/MC, but in a broader sense it is the ministry that we provide the regional community. It is how we determine to allocate our resources to promote the Good News of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the American Baptist Churches in Metro Chicago.

Each Church and Every Individual is encouraged to submit proposals for the 2008 Program of Ministry. Each Church and Every Individual is also encouraged to submit proposals for increasing our resources so that we may promote the Good News of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the region more effectively. Each Church is also encouraged to seriously consider the amount of money that it will contribute to the Region through ABCUSA United Mission Basics and direct giving.

The Program of Ministry will be submitted to the Family Council at the annual meeting in November, but before then it must be developed by the Finance and Property Committee and presented to the Family Council. This process is beginning now, so get your thoughts and ideas to the Finance and Property Committee. Submit them to the ABC/MC office ([office@abcmc.org](mailto:office@abcmc.org)) or to the chair William Wallin (Community Church of Wilmette) or any of the Committee members: Alice Greene (Irving Park Baptist), T.J. Litwiler (First Baptist of LaGrange), or John Dawson (North Shore Baptist).

A questionnaire is attached to help to get you thinking.

### ***From Larry Greenfield***

Friends,

I'm attaching two recent efforts to wrestle with the same gospel text from the lectionary (Luke 12: 13-21) about poverty and wealth. This, of course, is an absolutely central concern of Jesus and terribly relevant to American Christians--so we cannot escape what the implications are for our living the Christian life now. I would welcome your reactions and thoughts. As I re-read each of these, the idea occurred to me that a title that could unite them is something like "What kind of fool will we choose to be?" since whatever choice we make will end up having someone calling us foolish.

Larry

# NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

## *Church Bus for Sale*

FOR SALE  
1994 Chevy Commercial Shuttle Bus  
Auto transmission, gas powered with 40 gal. tank.  
Capacity: 25, plus rear luggage area.  
Good running condition, 199,000 miles.  
Asking \$6,000 OBO  
Contact: Federated Church of Wauconda  
847-526-8471

## *Waukegan FBC Adds to Staff*

The First Baptist Church of Waukegan has added three persons to their staff. Rev. Mark Williams will serve as an associate pastor. His ministry will focus on people recovering from substance abuse. He will also work in other community-focused ministries. Donna Taylor, a student at Summit Bible College will serve as an intern in the church's ministry to Lakeside Towers. Sarah Thomas will be serving as an administrative intern in the church office. Both Mark and Donna are working as volunteers. Sarah will be receiving a stipend made possible by Teen Moms, through which the church ministers to young mothers.

## *Growing Church in Wilmette*

The Community Church of Wilmette welcomes Bret Chandler as their interim Minister of Growth and Outreach as of August 1. Bret will work part-time with the church for 6 months as the implement their programs of growth and increased presence in local and global communities. Bret is a 2007 graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School. He is preparing for United Methodist ordination.

## *Concert at Saint John Church - Baptist*

Saint John Church - Baptist Performing Arts Center, 4821-35 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, presents "Melodious Music & Spoken Word" featuring Michal, Meredith and Shayna Patterson. This will be a "friend raising" event fo the Performing Arts Center. The concert will take place on Sunday, August 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the Estelle Howard Room. Everyone is welcome.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## *Sunday Best*

### *-The Search for America's Next Great Gospel Star*

Now for the first time ever, BET Networks is producing a new show that will search the country to find the best and most inspiring gospel singers for the launch of, "*Sunday Best: The Search for America's Next Great Gospel Star!*"

From Patti Labelle to Mariah Carey, stars began their careers singing gospel hymns in church. Across America this Sunday, wherever gospel is sung – future superstars are belting out the blessed word. **Sunday Best** aims to find them – and help them share their gift with the world.

Gospel music transcends all colors, backgrounds, socio-economic classes and musical styles. Its influences are present in Blues, Rock and Roll, Country, R & B, and many more genres. Some of the most successful artists today credit gospel music or singing in the church choir as being a huge inspiration in their lives and music careers.

Building off of **American Idol's** immense popularity **Sunday Best** will aim to reach the masses. We will not only showcase traditional gospel, but expand to include contemporary, Christian rock, Christian rap, and praise and worship music as well.

**Sunday Best** is scheduled to premiere on BET October 2007. BET will begin shooting the first week in August, with auditions in Los Angeles, Atlanta and Chicago.

Chicago Open Auditions: Place	Sat., August 18 <sup>th</sup>  Closed Call Backs-19 <sup>th</sup>	Hyatt Regency McCormick  2233 S. Martin L. King Drive Chicago, IL 60616
Times:	9am – 5pm	
Hotline:	1-888-PSALM-95	Call for more info

## ***DuSable Museum***

The DuSable Museum of African American History, 740 E. 56th Place, Chicago, invites you to view the current exhibition, "In the Hands of African American Collectors: The Personal Treasures of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey. Drawn from an extensive personal collection, the exhibition includes some 90 paintings, sculptures, prints, books, documents, manuscripts and vintage photographs.

With several rare artifacts and documents available for public viewing for the first time, this beautiful collection includes outstanding works of art by leading African American artists that depict the Transatlantic Slave Trade, American slavery, Civil War and Reconstruction, Landscapes, the Harlem Renaissance, The Next Generation and Post Modernism.

The exhibit is on display through March 2, 2008. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, please phone the museum at 773-947-0600.

## ***On the War in Iraq***

FREE public film/discussion program  
*Albany Park, North Park, Mayfair Neighbors for Peace and Justice will be showing*  
"Buying the War" by Bill Moyers

Saturday, August 18th at 2 p.m. at the Albany Park Branch Library

The library is at 5150 N. Kimball, Foster and Kimball. (This is four blocks north of the last stop on the Brown Line.) The Kimball bus stops right across the street, as does the Foster bus.) It is wheel chair accessible. Bring a jacket, etc. in case the air conditioning is very cold. Questions? **Call 773.250.3335.**

For the discussion: Why did most U.S. media misrepresent the facts leading up to the war on Iraq? What lies are still being spread? What do you make of all this? What can we do now? ...All views are welcome.

## ABCUSA NEWS

For additional articles from the American Baptist News Service, please visit <http://www.abc-usa.org/whoweare/newsservice/newsservice.aspx>.

## MINISTERS COUNCIL

### *Ministers Council Meeting*

The Ministers Council of ABCMC will meet at North Shore Baptist Church on September 27 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Following lunch, the program will feature Dr. Douglas Sharp, professor of theology at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. The church is at 5244 N. Lakewood in Chicago. Please let Ministers Council president Doug Harris know of your attendance plans. His phone number is 773-728-4200. His email address is [dharris@northshorebaptist.org](mailto:dharris@northshorebaptist.org).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

The Youth Group of Lake Street Church and their chaperones (18 people in all!) are half-way through their work trip to St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. Please pray for them--for safe travel, for generosity towards one another and the families they are serving, and that their week of service will strengthen their spirits and help them to understand God's call on their lives in new ways.

## CALENDAR

**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](http://www.lmpeacecenter.org).

**August 25**--Family Council meeting, Community Church of Barrington, 407 Grove Avenue, Barrington. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Please pre-register with the ABCMC office, [office@abcmc.org](mailto:office@abcmc.org) or 773-695-9791.

**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](http://www.lmpeacecenter.org).

**September 22**--Family Cabinet Meeting, ABCMC office, 9:30 a.m.

**September 27**--ABCMC Ministers Council meeting, noon-2 p.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

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

**October 19-21**--Sojourners gathering, "Reviving our Souls, Restoring our Politics," Cleveland, OH. For more information about the conference and housing, please visit [www.cacradicalgrace.org/conferences/ros](http://www.cacradicalgrace.org/conferences/ros) or phone 800-714-7474.

**October 20**--Family Cabinet meeting, ABCMC office, 9:30 a.m.

**November 10**--ABCMC Annual Meeting

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

**December 15**--Family Cabinet meeting, ABCMC office, 9:30 a.m.

**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](http://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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