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## ***Metro Chicago eWind***

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 the region

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### ***Cook County Jail Ministry Dinner***

This Saturday ABCMC's Cook County Jail Ministry will host its annual fall dinner and fund raising event. It will all take place at the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, 820 Ontario Street, Oak Park.

There will be a time of fellowship from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner and a program will follow.

The cost will be \$15 per adult, and \$5 per child. A table will be \$100. All tickets will be purchased at the door.

Come and share this special evening, which will include testimonies and good Christian music. A free will offering for the Jail Ministry will be taken. Let's all support this important ministry.

### ***Thinking Theologically***

ABCMC's Executive Minister, Larry Greenfield, writes a fortnightly column for Protestants for the Common Good. His latest column is attached to this issue of *eWind*.

### ***Preview of a Coming Attraction***

The **Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago** will be held on **November 10, 2007** at the Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, IL, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m.

The morning session will be devoted to the theme PREVIEW OF A COMING ATTRACTION: A FORETASTE OF THE BELOVED COMMUNITY, followed by lunch, with the afternoon devoted to the Region's official business.

RSVP to the ABCMC office no later than Friday, November 2. The phone number is 773-695-9791. The fax number is 773-695-9793. The email address is [office@abcmc.org](mailto:office@abcmc.org).

### ***ABCMC Music Festival***

All ABCMC member churches are cordially invited to participate in ABCMC's First Annual Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival.

This event will take place on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 2 p.m. at Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. The purpose of this event is for the ABCMC family to joyfully welcome the Christmas/Advent Season through music and song.

Each participating church will have the opportunity to perform musically for approximately 10-12 minutes. Performances can include solo and/or group vocal and/or instrumental presentations, as well as praise dancing. Adult's and children's choirs are particularly encouraged to participate.

All performers and all members of the audience will begin the afternoon by singing together some of the Christmas season's well-known hymns and carols. Then the performances from individual ABCMC churches will take place. Following all churches' musical performances, the afternoon will conclude with a mass singing (involving the performers and the audience, of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

While no admission cost will be charged for the event, there will be a free will offering to benefit ABCMC.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline for an ABCMC member church to reserve a place as a performing church in the December 8 Christmas/Advent season Music Festival is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007.

Any ABCMC member church interested in participating in this event is asked to immediately contact Lowell Young, ABCMC Mission Support Associate, at 773-370-2003 or [younglowell@aol.com](mailto:younglowell@aol.com).

## **NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS**

### ***Celebration at Montrose Baptist Church***

On Sunday, October 21, Montrose Baptist Church celebrated their 90th anniversary. Those in attendance enjoyed a celebratory service, followed by a banquet. ABCMC's Executive Minister, Larry Greenfield, was the guest preacher for the service. Larry's sermon for the occasion, "Along the Way: Healed and Healing," is attached to this issue of *eWind*.

### ***Ordination of Rajamani Gonu***

On Saturday, October 7 at 10 a.m. the India Baptist Telugu Church of Greater Chicago ordained their pastor, Rajamani Gonu, to the Christian Ministry. This was a joyful occasion for the congregation, with whom Pastor Gonu has served in ministry for quite some time.. David Sagar, pastor of Antioch Telugu Baptist Church in Northlake, was one of the leaders of the service. ABCMC's Executive Minister, Larry Greenfield, preached. Larry's sermon, "But Not So with You," is attached to this issue of *eWind*.

### ***Irving Park Baptist Church Hosts Executive Minister***

ABCMC's Executive Minister, Larry Greenfield, was the guest preacher at Irving Park Baptist Church on Sunday, October 28. Larry's sermon from that morning,

### ***Benefit Concert at Irving Park Baptist Church***

On Friday, November 30, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, will host a concert to benefit the church's music ministry. The concert will take place at 7 p.m. in the church's sanctuary. No admission fee will be charged, but a free will offering will be taken. The concert will showcase the tremendous and varied musical talents in the congregation. It is expected to include a solo by the church's pastor, Alice Greene.

### ***Concert at Saint John Church - Baptist***

The Chancel Choir of Saint John Church - Baptist, 4815 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, will present an 8th Anniversary Concert. The program will take place at the church at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

### ***The North Shore Second Sunday Series***

The North Shore Second Sunday Series presents The Mosaic Ensemble in a recital featuring traditional instrumental music from the Arabic, Sephardic, Egyptian, Levantine, Turkish, and Armenian repertoire. The recital will take place on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 2 p.m. at North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640. For more information, you may phone 773-728-4200.

The performance is free and people of all ages are welcome.

The North Shore Second Sunday Series is a recital series featuring musicians and musical groups from Chicago's North Shore neighborhoods.

Performances are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month from October through March. All performances are at North Shore Baptist Church and start at 2 p.m.

The North Shore Second Sunday Series is in its second season. The remaining performances in its 2007-2008 schedule are:

December 9, 2007  
NSBC Chancel Choir

January 13, 2008  
Edge O'Town Sweet Adelines Chorus

February 10, 2008  
VII Brass Ensemble

March 9, 2008  
Chicago Children's Choir

The recitals are free and open to everyone. Please come and join us!

North Shore Baptist Church was first gathered 102 years ago; is an American Baptist Church; supports ministries from the immediate neighborhood to all corners of the world; provides Sunday Worship in three languages; is proud of its long history of multi-ethnic membership; and welcomes new members.

For more information about the recital series, visit the web-site at <http://SecondSundaySeries.org>, call North Shore Baptist Church at 773-728-4200, or send an E-mail to [info@SundaySundaySeries.org](mailto:info@SundaySundaySeries.org).

### ***"Blue Nativity" at the Community Church of Wilmette***

On December 16 at 12:30 p.m., the Community Church of Wilmette will host *Blue Nativity*. Presented by Quest Theatre Ensemble, this is an enthralling spectacle of visually arresting, larger-than-life puppets accompanied by soaring music. *Blue Nativity* tells the story of Christ's birth in a way that is meant to "Inform, Delight, Inspire and Unite." Like the story itself, the production is meant for everyone--children and adults, those familiar with the story, and those who may be hearing it for the first time.

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted by the troupe following the performance.

### ***Christmas Music at the Federated Church of Wauconda***

ABCMC congregations will be filling the air with music of the season in December. On Saturday, December 8, the Federated Church of Wauconda will host a Christmas concert by the Three Sopranos. On Saturday, December 15, the children of the church will present their Christmas program at 5:30 p.m. The church choir will present its annual Christmas cantata during the 9:45 a.m. worship service. This year it's a new piece entitled "Holy Night of Miracles." The church's service on Sunday, December 23 will include a special solo. The Christmas Eve services at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Monday, December 24, will include special music as well.

## **ABCUSA NEWS**

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

### ***National Ministries' Rev. Pablo Calzoncit Passes Away***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/26/07)** — The Rev. Pablo Calzoncit—national coordinator for Intercultural Ministries and Hispanic Churches Strategist at National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA—passed away at his home on Thursday, October 25. He was 61.

Calzoncit leaves a rich legacy of 30-plus years of ministry in the denomination, having worked with the local church and American Baptist regions, as well as the Office of the General Secretary and, most recently, National Ministries. Much of his ministry focused on evangelism, church planting consultation and resource development with both Spanish and English-speaking congregations. A resident of Mexico for 12 years, he brought bicultural as well as bilingual expertise to his ministry.

“While I am saddened by the untimely passing of Pablo Calzoncit, his life and witness brings a smile to my face,” says Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, National Ministries’ executive director. “Pablo was passionate about his family and his faith. An evangelist who really did seek to be the face of Christ to others, he was a kind and compassionate man. We are going to miss his humor and his humanity. We thank God for a life well lived. It was a pleasure to call Pablo both a friend and a fellow servant of Jesus Christ. We surround his family in our prayers.”

Calzoncit’s service as National Ministries’ Hispanic Churches Strategist since 2004 has included working with close to 500 Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking ministries to provide resources for evangelism, church planting and Christian education. He served as director of New Life Florida Ministries previously.

During his decades of denominational ministry, Calzoncit served as an area minister for the Boston Southwest Association of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts and for the ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary as associate director of World Mission Support, now Mission Resource Development.

Ordained in 1979, this servant of the Lord began his ministry at Iglesia Bautista Maranatha in Corona, Calif. Calzoncit also served as pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Anaheim in Anaheim, Calif., where the congregation grew from 60 to 163 members under his leadership.

Noting Calzoncit’s passion for serving Jesus Christ, the Rev. Marilyn Turner, National Ministries’ associate executive director for Program Ministries, says: “Pablo’s spirit, laughter, dedication and passion for Christ were wonderfully contagious. It was impossible to serve alongside Pablo without gaining a deeper awareness of the power and presence of God. Words cannot express how deeply we will miss our friend and brother. In the days ahead we will strive to honor God and the memory of Pablo by holding fast to his vision for ministry.”

Calzoncit held a master of divinity degree and a master of arts degree in religion, both from American Baptist Seminary of the West in Covina, Calif., along with a bachelor’s degree in Bible and religion from Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif.

Calzoncit is survived by his wife, Evelyn, two sons and two daughters, and five grandchildren. Send condolences to the family at 60 N. Savanna Drive , Pottstown, Pa. 19465 .

A viewing will be held 4 – 9 p.m. Sunday, October 28, at Houck and Gofus Funeral Home, 955 North Charlotte Street, Pottstown, Pa. For additional details or directions, call 610-323-8220 or visit [www.houckgofusfuneralhome.com](http://www.houckgofusfuneralhome.com).

A funeral service at Royersford Baptist Church, 452 South Lewis Road, Royersford, is scheduled Monday, October 29, at 11 a.m., followed by burial. Prior to the funeral, a calling hour will begin at 10 a.m.

### ***El Rvdo. Pablo Calzoncit Ha Fallecido***

El Rvdo. Pablo Calzoncit coordinador nacional para ministerios interculturales y estrategia para ministerios Hispanos con National Ministries, Ministerios Nacionales de las Iglesias Americanas Bautistas, USA, falleció en su hogar el pasado Jueves, 25 de Octubre. Tenía 61 años.

Pablo Calzoncit deja una legada de más de treinta años en el ministerio con la denominación al haber obrado en la iglesia local, regiones ABC, al igual que en la Oficina del Secretario General y hasta ahora con Ministerios Nacionales. La mayor parte de su ministerio se enfocó en el área del evangelismo, nuevas obras y como consultor con iglesias de habla Hispana al igual que de habla inglesa. Habiendo vivido en Méjico por doce años, Pablo no solamente era bilingüe, sino también compartía su experiencia bicultural como parte de su ministerio.

“Aunque entristecido por el inoportuno fallecimiento de Pablo Calzoncit, su vida y su testimonio me hace sonreír,” dice el Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, director ejecutivo de Ministerios Nacionales. “Pablo era apasionado por su familia y su fe. Un evangelista quien verdaderamente procuraba ser la cara de Cristo para los demás; él era un hombre cariñoso y compasivo. Vamos a extrañar su sentido del humor y su humanidad. Le damos gracias a Dios por una vida bien vivida. Fue un verdadero placer poder tener a Pablo como amigo y siervo de Jesucristo. Recordamos a su familia en nuestras oraciones.”

Desde el 2004, Calzoncit ha servido con National Ministries, trabajando con cerca de 500 congregaciones Hispanas y de habla portuguesa para compartir recursos en evangelismo, nuevas obras y educación Cristiana. Anteriormente, había servido como director de los ministerios Nueva Vida Florida.

Durante sus décadas de ministerio denominacional, Calzoncit sirvió como ministro de área para la Asociación del Suroeste de Boston, con las Iglesias Bautistas Hispanas de Massachusetts. También sirvió como director asociado de Apoyo Misionero Mundial, actualmente Desarrollo de Recurso de Misión, en la Oficina del Secretario General de las ABC-USA..

Calzoncit fue ordenado al ministerio en 1979 y este siervo del Señor empezó su ministerio en la Iglesia Bautista Maranatha en Corona, Calif. También sirvió como pastor en la Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Anaheim en Anaheim, Calif., cuya congregación creció de 60 a 163 miembros bajo su liderazgo.

Notando la pasión de Calzoncit en su servicio a Jesucristo, la Rvda. Marilyn Turner, directora ejecutiva asociada de Program Ministries de National Ministries, dijo: “Pablo tenía un espíritu, una alegría, una dedicación y pasión para Cristo que eran maravillosamente contagiosos. Era imposible servir al Señor con Pablo sin ganar un conocimiento más profundo del poder y la presencia de Dios. No hay palabras para expresar cuan profundamente vamos a extrañar a nuestro querido amigo y hermano. En los días venideros trataremos de honrar a Dios y la memoria de Pablo al seguir compartiendo su visión para el ministerio.”

Calzoncit recibió una maestría en divinidades y una maestría en religión del Seminario Bautista Americano del Pacífico Oeste, Covina, Calif., y un bachillerato en Biblia y Religión de Azusa Universidad del Pacífico, Azusa, Calif.

La familia de Pablo incluye su esposa Evelyn, sus hijos Pablo y Desi, sus hijas Anna y Evelyn y sus cinco nietos. Pueden mandar sus notas de condolencia a la siguiente dirección: 6 0 N. Savanna Drive, Pottstown, Pa. 19465.

El velatorio será el Domingo, 28 de Octubre, de 4 a 9 de la tarde en la casa fúnebre, Houck Gofus, 955 South Charlotte Street, Pottstown, PA, 610-323-8220. El Lunes a las 10 de la mañana se podrá visitar a la familia en la iglesia, antes de celebrarse el servicio a las 11 de la mañana. La iglesia, Royersford Baptist Church, está localizada en 452 South Lewis Road, Royersford, PA, 610-948-4170.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **THIS WEEKEND! Health Care Sabbath**

*This information is from the Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care.*

#### **2007 Health Care Sabbath Begins - November 2 - 4, 2007**

The 2007 Healthcare Sabbath effort is underway as many congregations focus on health care in their

worship or educational activity this weekend. Tri-fold tabletop displays on health care will be delivered or arrive in the mail this week (we have a few extra if you still want to request one!)

### **Make Headlines!!**

Just as the your Health Care Sabbath activity will help members of your congregation will connect with the moral imperative of reforming our health care system, let your community media know that health care justice is felt deeply within your congregation. Please consider using this [press release template](#) to announce your Health Care Sabbath activity to your local media. Contact Jessica with any questions.

### **Send us your Samples with your Evaluation!!**

If the Healthcare Sabbath or health care info is mentioned in written documents, like a worship bulletin, newsletter or listserv, (or even copies of sermons, messages, and testimonials) please forward a copy to me by email at [jpalys@cbhconline.org](mailto:jpalys@cbhconline.org) or mail to:

### **Campaign for Better Health Care, 1325 S Wabash, #305, Chicago, IL 60605**

This is a great way to share ideas with other congregations still preparing their Health Care Sabbath, or help the Faith Caucus evaluate and improve our Toolkit.

### **Don't miss CBHC's Annual Meeting!**

Nov. 20, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm Holiday Inn Mart Plaza; Chicago, IL

I would like to invite you to join us at the Campaign for Better Health Care's Annual Meeting, on Tuesday, November 20 in Chicago. It's a half-day filled with celebration, information on health care policy and action, and a great lunch with other patrons of health care justice. Enjoy speakers, panels, networking, food and fun. RSVP today! For tickets, sponsorship and more information, please contact Kathleen Duffy, CBHC, at (312) 913-9449 or [kduffy@cbhconline.org](mailto:kduffy@cbhconline.org), or use this [online registration form](#).

*\*discounted tickets available when necessary.*

**"YES, WE WILL make quality, affordable health care a reality for all!"**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray for Burmese refugees and churches that are ministering with them. Those churches include ABCMC's Myanmar Christian Church of Greater Chicago and North Shore Baptist Church. Beyond our region, many other congregations are reaching out to these arrivals, many of whom are Baptists. Please pray also for those churches, including Lake Avenue Baptist Church in Rochester, NY.

Please pray for women affected by the sex trade in Bangkok, Thailand. Please hold in prayer also ABC missionaries Annie and Jeff Dieselberg, who are working to help these women turn their lives around.

## **CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY! November 2--**West Suburban Faith-based Peace Coalition Peace Talk and Potluck, Union Church of Hinsdale (UCC), Upper Floor Kitchen Classroom, 137 Garfield, Hinsdale. Potluck at 6:30 p.m.; program and conversation at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please email [wsfpc@comcast.net](mailto:wsfpc@comcast.net) or call 630-768-9305.

**THIS WEEKEND! November 2-4--**Healthcare Sabbath

**SATURDAY! November 3--** Cook County Jail Ministry fall dinner and fund raiser, First Baptist Church of Oak Park, 820 Ontario, Oak Park, 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY! November 4**--Fall back to standard time, 2 a.m.

**November 9**--Ministers Council program, "Encouragement for Advent," First Baptist Church, 21 N. Catherine, La Grange.

**November 9**--Deadline for churches to register to perform at **ABCMC's Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival** December 8.

**November 10**--ABCMC Annual Meeting at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**November 11**--The Mosaic Trio, North Shore Second Sunday Series, North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 2 p.m.

**November 11**--80th Anniversary Concert by Chancel Choir, Saint John Church-Baptist, 4815 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, 4 p.m.

**November 18**--Larry Greenfield preaches at First Baptist Church, 21 N. Catherine, La Grange, observing ABCMC Sunday.

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

**November 20**--Campaign for Better Health Care, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (lunch provided!), Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N Orleans St, Chicago. To register, go to (<http://e2ma.net/go/777465632/668492/23596578/goto:http://www.cbhconline.org/issues/hcjc/annualmeeting07form.html>)

**November 30**--Benefit Concert for music ministry, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 7 p.m.

**December 8**--ABCMC's First Annual Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 2 p.m.

**December 9**--North Shore Second Sunday Concert Series, featuring the church's Chancel Choir, North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 2 p.m.

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

**December 16**--*Blue Nativity*, Community Church of Wilmette, 1020 Forest Avenue, Wilmette, 12:30 p.m.

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

**January 13, 2008**--North Shore Second Sunday Concert Series, featuring Edge O'Town Sweet Adelines Chorus, North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 2 p.m.

**January 30-February 1, 2008**--New Baptist Covenant Celebration, Atlanta, Georgia. Please visit [www.newbaptistcovenant.org](http://www.newbaptistcovenant.org) for more information.

**February 10, 2008**--North Shore Second Sunday Concert Series, featuring VII Brass Ensemble, North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 2 p.m.

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

**March 9**--North Shore Second Sunday Concert Series, featuring Chicago Children's Choir, North Shore

Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 2 p.m.

**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.

**July 5-11, 2008**--**The National Gathering of American Baptist Youth**, Estes Park, Colorado, sponsored by National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA. For more information and registration, please visit [www.morethanaweek.org](http://www.morethanaweek.org).

**July 14-19, 2008**--Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's Peace Camp. Please visit [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org) for more information.

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