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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)

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

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EXTRA EDITION

O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you,
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone!

Remember to fall back one hour to standard time Saturday night.
2 a.m. will become 1 a.m. on Sunday, November 4.

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Lake Street Church to Host ABCMC's Annual Meeting November 10

Lake Street Church,, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, and their pastor, Bob Thompson, will welcome the ABCMC family to their church home on Saturday, November 10. The pastor recommends that we enter the building through the courtyard on Lake Street. The registration table will be inside that entrance.

Parking is available on the street, BUT that is metered parking, and meters are in effect on Saturday. There will be **FREE PARKING** in the lower lot of the Best Western motel behind (west of) the church building. Ignore any signs that say otherwise. The church has an arrangement with the Best Western to use that lot on weekends.

Following registration, which will open at 8:30 a.m., the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. A delicious lunch, featuring hot sandwiches (a choice of barbecued chicken or portabello mushroom), sweet potato fries, a terrific salad and corn bread will be served at mid-day. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10. The gathering will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Please be sure to call Tony Rake at the ABCMC office, 773-695-9791, or email him at tony@abcmc.org to let him know you are coming to the meeting. You won't want to miss it! Please let Tony know as soon as possible.

ABCMC Ministers Council Meeting November 9

In conjunction with ABCMC's Annual meeting, the Ministers Council will meet the day before at the First Baptist Church of La Grange, 21 N. Catherine, La Grange.

Ross Peterson, Executive Director of the Midwest Ministry Development Service, will lead a workshop on the theme "Encouragement for Advent." This will not be a program about ideas for observing the advent season in your congregation. This program will focus on how ministers themselves can prepare for and live in the season as a time of refreshment and renewal.

The gathering will begin with lunch at noon, and continue until 3 p.m. All ABCMC Professional Church Leaders are invited.

Please phone the church at 708-352-2740 to let pastor John Sundquist know you are coming.

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.

NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

Harvest Dinner at First Baptist Church of La Grange November 3

On Saturday, November 3, the First Baptist Church of La Grange, 21 N. Catherine, La Grange, will host a Harvest Dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.. Proceeds from the dinner will go to support community ministry. The menu will feature food of the season, including homemade chicken pot pies and pumpkin desserts. Tickets, which will be available at the door, will cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Please phone the church at 708-352-2740 if you need more information. Better yet, just come hungry!

First Baptist Church of Chicago to Ordain Kirstin Boswell Ford December 9

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will ordain Kirstin C. Boswell Ford, a doctoral student at the University of Chicago Divinity School, to the Christian ministry on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to be present to witness and participate in this event at The First Baptist Church of Chicago, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago. All clergy should bring their robes for the procession.

There will be a reception immediately following the service.

A response is not necessary, but is preferred just so that accurate numbers for the reception can be determined. RSVP to kboswell@uchicago.edu or 773-203-6684

For more information, please phone the church at 773-536-3430

ABCUSA NEWS

Bulletin Insert for New Baptist Covenant

This communication is from ABCUSA's General Secretary, Roy Medley.

Grace, Mercy and Peace through our Lord Jesus Christ,

We hope that you will plan to attend the New Baptist Covenant Celebration, Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 in Atlanta, Ga., so that American Baptists are well represented at this historic meeting. Organizers expect some 20,000 people to attend. It will be an unprecedented gathering. Nothing like it has happened in the Baptist community for more than 150 years. We have prepared a bulletin insert (at <http://www.abc-usa.org/documents/NBCInsert2.pdf>) that we hope you'll share with members of your church family as well as others.

If you are able to attend, you're invited to a free breakfast with other members of your American Baptist family on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Atlanta Sheraton. Our speaker will be Baptist World Alliance General Secretary, Neville Callum. Please be sure to preregister (at <http://www.abc-usa.org/documents/nbc.htm>) for the breakfast so that we can accommodate everyone.

Centered in Christ,
A. Roy Medley

PEACE NEWS

BPFNA Friendship Tour to New Orleans

This invitation is from Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski, Program Coordinator of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

Come to New Orleans and see for yourself why we titled our latest issue of *PeaceWork* "Gulf Coast Update - Slow Progress, Enduring Hope".

Meet with pastors, city officials, education leaders, students, and many ordinary storm survivors to hear what challenges remain for them and what gives them hope. Take a revealing tour of the city to see which neighborhoods are coming back, which are not, and why. Add your efforts to the courageous work to reclaim the Lower Ninth Ward. Spend free time in a lovely, vibrant city -- hear great music, eat wonderful food, enjoy the rich environment created by generations of the intermingling of cultures. Become friends with the city and the people of New Orleans -- you'll be touched forever by who you meet and what you see.

Your costs:

- \$100 registration
- transportation to and from New Orleans
- shuttle between hotel and airport, if flying (\$13 each way)
- hotel in New Orleans
(we get an excellent rate and can also share rooms)
- meals (breakfast is provided at the hotel each day)

To register, please call me at (704) 521-6051. Call or email me for more information.

Peace and Grace,

LeDayne

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 persons whose lives have been affected by the fires that roared through southern California in the San Diego area.

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 or call 630-768-9305.

THIS WEEKEND! November 2-4--Healthcare Sabbath

SATURDAY! November 3--Harvest Dinner, First Baptist Church of La Grange, 21 N. Catherine, La Grange, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

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 9--Ordination of Kirstin Boswell Ford, First Baptist Church of Chicago, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago, 4 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 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.

July 14-19, 2008--Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's Peace Camp. Please visit www.bpfna.org for more information.

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