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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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SATURDAY! *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.

SATURDAY! *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 Chicago 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. Parking in the lower Best Western lot is FREE on Saturday in the spaces marked "permit parking only," which are around the perimeter of the garage. The spaces in the center of the garage are metered, and those you do have to pay. Evanston is vigilant about parking, so if you are at a meter, you need to feed it.

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.

SATURDAY! *Regional Offering*

This message is from ABCMC's President Jesse Brown, Treasurer T. J. Litwiler and Executive Minister Larry Greenfield.

As in the past, we will be receiving our "Regional Offering" from member congregations at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 10 (at Lake Street Church in Evanston).

The offering, as you will remember, represents what congregations want to give to ABCMC *directly* – that is, beyond whatever they have budgeted for the denomination at the national and regional levels through the United Mission program. In this sense, it can be seen as an "above and beyond" contribution that helps the Region do its work.

In our current (2007) budget for the Region, the goal is \$10,000 for this Regional Offering. On average that would mean approximately \$160 from each congregation, but some of our congregations can do more and others are only able to make smaller gifts.

We hope every congregation would participate in whatever way they are able.

Representatives from congregations can present their gift at the time of the offering either by check (made payable to ABCMC and marked "2007 Regional Offering") or a pledge sheet (attached) that can be paid any time before the end of the calendar year. If a congregation will not be represented in person at the annual meeting, it can fax or e-mail the pledge sheet to the Region office and the congregation will be recognized at the meeting.

We thank you in advance for whatever generosity you can extend to our Regional ministries in this way and for all the ways we are partners on behalf of the Gospel here in Metro Chicago.

FRIDAY! 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.

ABCMC Music Festival

REGISTER NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

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 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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.

NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY! 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.

SUNDAY! 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.

Woodside Church and Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Worship Experience

Woodside Church in Flint, Michigan is an active member in the Interfaith Council there. On the evening of Sunday, November 18, the church will participate in the Council's Thanksgiving Worship Experience taking place at Temple Beth El.

The evening will open with a short welcoming drama. It will continue with a mix of musical expressions, prayers, meditations and "listenings." Music will include instruments such as drum, bagpipes and chimes. The evening will close with a sending forth drama created by those who will be presenting the service.

"This is intended as an 'experience'--in which everyone will feel involved," explained Deborah Kohler, pastor of Woodside Church. "That means a lot of opportunities to sing and meditate. But, we also want to avoid lecturing. So we are including *listenings*--to signify that, while one person may be reading, everyone is joined together to listen. In that way, it becomes a true interaction."

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.

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 ABCMC clergy are invited to bring their robes and participate in the procession. Clergy will gather at the church at 3:30 p.m. to prepare 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

"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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CBHC Annual Meeting November 20

This invitation is from the Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care.

CBHC 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

- The Place to Be on November 20! -

[Go online and reserve your tickets today!](#)

Whether you are working for health care reform full time or you are new to the issue and just want to learn more, CBHC's 11th Annual Meeting is the place to be.

More than 300 people - including national and state leaders - will come together to enjoy prominent speakers, in-depth panel discussions, good food and fun. This is a unique opportunity for you to network with health care reform leaders and learn more about resources on key health care issues.

Tickets are going fast, so visit our website to [reserve yours online now!](#)

Details of the Event

When: Wednesday, November 20, 2007 - 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (lunch provided!)

Where: Holiday Inn Mart Plaza; Chicago, IL

Who: You, your colleagues and friends! Participants will reflect diverse interests such as consumers, providers, advocacy and community organizations, labor, businesses, faith congregations, the media and more.

What: The event's agenda will include

- Panel discussions moderated by Elizabeth Brackett, *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*
- Speakers from faith and grassroots community organizations
- Business and health care round table
- Discussions with providers, labor, children's advocates and more

- Awards luncheon
- Board elections

Join us for this important and fun event by [registering online today!](#)

- Discounted and donated tickets are available
- Excellent sponsorship opportunities give your organization maximum exposure! For details, download a [sponsorship form here](#) (pdf).
- For more information, contact CBHC Events and Communications Organizer Kathleen Duffy at 312-913-9449 or kduffy@cbhconline.org

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

Fund Raiser Dinner for AFSC's Middle East Program in Chicago

This invitation is from the American Friends Service Committee

FEAST for the AFSC MIDDLE EAST Program in Chicago
with FRESH on-the-ground reports from Palestine * Israel * Syria * Jordan

MONDAY, December 10, 7 pm
Alhambra Palace Restaurant
1240 W. Randolph, Chicago

\$25 per person
Cash bar

Come feast with us on a Mezza Buffet
Support the work of the American Friends Service Committee
Middle East Program

Hear eyewitness reports from national AFSC experts Adam Horowitz and Peter Lems, both just back from the Middle East.

RSVP by 12/5 to lpollack@afsc.org
or call Lynn or Miryam at 312-427-2533

African American Students Are Not Applying

This information was provided by Damon Jones, Associate Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

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.

Pass this information on:

(If clicking on the link doesn't work, then type in the Web site address manually.)

- 1) Bell Labs Fellowships for Underrepresented 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_scholarshipsearch.jsp
- 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/aspen3.cfm>
- 20) Multiple List of Minority Scholarships <http://gehon.ir.miami.edu/financial-assistance/Scholarship/blackhtml>
- 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.ief.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 bEURoe Olympics 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

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

PEACE NEWS

Peace Vigil in Arlington Heights

Families for Peace will hold its silent vigil this Saturday, November 10, from 3 pm to 4 pm at the northeast corner of Northwest Highway and Arlington Heights Road at Dunton Park. Site is accessible and all are welcome. Signs are available or bring your own.

Families for Peace is a concerned group of citizens working to promote peace dialogue in the northwest suburbs. Co-sponsors are the Sisters of the Living Word, The Viatorian Community and the Women's Resource Center. Contact this address for more information.

VVAW Veterans Day Ceremony

Join Vietnam Veterans Against the War at its annual Veterans Day ceremony Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at Wacker and Wabash, at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (located on

the northwest corner, down the steps to the river level). Speakers will include Joan Davis and Ray Parrish from VVAW, Patty McCann and others from Iraq Veterans Against the War.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray for students who are being penalized for being advocates for peace.

Please hold in prayer those who have lost dear ones to gun violence.

CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY! November 10--Deadline for churches to register to perform at **ABCMC's Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival** December 8.

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

SATURDAY! November 10--Peace Vigil, Northwest Highway and Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, 3-4 p.m.

SUNDAY! November 11--Vietnam Veterans Against the War Veterans Day ceremony, Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Wacker and Wabash, Chicago, 11 a.m.

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

SUNDAY! 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.

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December 10--Fund Raiser Dinner for AFSC's Middle East Program in Chicago, Alhambra Palace Restaurant, 1240 W. Randolph, Chicago, 7 p.m. RSVP by December 5 to lpollack@afsc.org or call Lynn or Miryam at 312-427-2533

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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