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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)

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Preaching the Word

Many of us have been blessed by the preaching of Larry Greenfield, ABCMC's Executive Minister. Attached to this issue of *eWind* is the sermon that Larry preached at North Shore Baptist Church on May 25. Please take the time to download and read this sermon. You'll be glad you did.

Annual Reports

Has your church filed an annual report with the denomination? If not, please take the initiative to make sure the report is filed. The report is like an annual census of American Baptist congregations. Filling it out helps your church look back over the last year and see where you are. It also makes a record for ABCUSA.

Has your church's form been misplaced? Not a problem. Forms can be downloaded and printed from http://www.abc-usa.org/resources/2004_CAR_form.pdf. If you need information such as PINs (Personal Identification Numbers) for your church or for professional church leaders, feel free to call Lynne Kelley at the ABCMC office, 773-804-1655, and request those numbers.

For your convenience, your church's report can be filed on line. For guidance with filing this report on line, please phone Maureen Morrissey at the ABCUSA Mission Center, 800-ABC-3USA (800-222-3872).

PLEASE FILE ANNUAL REPORTS BY THE END OF JUNE.

Youth Event at FBC-Berwyn

Jesse Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, is sharing this information about preparations for the ABC youth gathering in Colorado this summer.

We are having a Youth Event at the First Baptist Church of Berwyn on June 14 at 2 p.m. to raise the cost of bus transportation for the young people going to Estes Park, Colorado. The churches involved are: First Baptist-Berwyn, First Baptist-Chicago, First Baptist-Park Forest, North Shore, Beth Eden and 3rd Baptist. The program participants will be the young people from each church, and there will be a commissioning prayer by our Executive Minister.

If any of our churches would like to donate funds for this trip they can send them to FBC-Chicago, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago, IL 60615, and make the check payable to First Baptist with the designation, **More Than A Week**. We will be leaving Chicago on July 4th.

ABCMC is paying for 33 teens to attend the National American Baptist Youth Event. We appreciate those gifts.

Disciples Dinner

Disciples' Dinner III
American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago

**RADICAL DISCIPLES:
THE CHALLENGE OF NOW**
Saturday, June 21, 2008
Lindner Conference Center
(on the campus of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary)
660 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard

5:30 p.m. Reception
7 p.m. Dinner

Featured Speaker: Rev. Dr. Aidsand Wright-Riggins
Executive Director of National Ministries, ABCUSA
Chief Executive Officer, Judson Press

Reservations must be made and paid for in advance
\$35 donation per person or \$260 for a table of eight

Facilities are wheelchair-accessible

Contact office@abcmc.org or 773-804-1655 for more information.

NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

This Is a Cool Church

The Federated Church of Wauconda, 200 N. Barrington Road, Wauconda, now has air conditioning in the sanctuary. Organist Gerri Meyer and pastor Ryan Sutton are especially happy at the prospect of a cool sanctuary. The entire congregation looks forward to worshipping in comfort this summer.

The congregation thanks everyone who contributed to the air conditioning fund. The church especially appreciates the efforts of Don Meyer, who, says the pastor, "spent countless hours going over the plans, contacting vendors, and staying at the church while it was being put in."

Don Meyer, by the way, was the church's 2007 Daily Disciple. Be sure to come to the Disciples' Dinner later this month to see who will win that honor this year.

Mystery Dinner in Michigan

This coming Sunday, June 8, Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court Street, Flint, MI, will host a 1960's-style Mystery Dinner and Fundraiser at 11:45 a.m. after church. The event will feature an original mystery, *Whatever Happened to Baby Janis Cass?* written by the church's music

minister Dr. Quincy O. Dobbs, and Woodside Women's Folk Choir. Everyone is invited to wear hippie-style clothes and join in the fun while searching for clues about the disappearance of a famous folk singer. For reservations, please call 810-767-4911. The suggested donation is \$30. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Woodside's Music and Fine Arts Program.

175th Anniversary Year Celebrations

This invitation is from the First Baptist Church of Chicago.

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary during 2008. Please join as we celebrate. Our Children's Day Service is Sunday, June 8th at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Khaliph Green, will be our speaker. Our Men's Day Service will be Sunday, July 13th at 11:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Kenneth Phelps, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church. On Anniversary Sunday, October 12th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Michael Thomas, the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary will be our guest speaker. On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. our guest speaker will be Rev. Reginald Bachus Pastor of the historic Friendship Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Roy Medley, the General Secretary of ABCUSA will be our guest speaker on December 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Spring into Summer Concert

The music department of Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W Irving Park Road, Chicago, will present a concert, SPRING INTO SUMMER, on Friday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. This congregation is blessed with talented and creative musicians. Go to the concert, and share in their blessing.

145th Anniversary Celebration

Original Providence Baptist Church, 515 N. Pine Avenue, Chicago, is celebrating 145 years of service in the name of Jesus. The theme for the celebration is "Moving Forward: Walking by Faith," based on II Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

An anniversary dinner will be held at the church on Saturday, June 21 at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. A program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. The cost for adults is \$15; the cost for children 5-12 years old is \$7.

The anniversary worship service will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 11 a.m.

Beverly Finley-Gardner is interim pastor.

98th Anniversary: Department of Missions

The Saint John Church-Baptist Department of Missions will celebrate its 98th anniversary on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at the church, 4821 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. The theme will be "Servants of God: Called, Chosen and Faithful," based on Galatians 5:13 and Revelation 17:14b. Deaconess Earlene Blanchard will be the morning lay speaker.

An afternoon program at 1:30 p.m. will have the sub-theme, "Standing on their Legacy: Footprints in the Sands of Time." Sister Louise C. Moore is President of the Department of Missions. Dr. Ricky Freeman is Senior Pastor of the church.

Mark Williams Receives Orders to Afghanistan

This article is from the June, 2008 newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Waukegan.

First Baptist Church of Waukegan's Associate Pastor Mark Williams has received mobilization orders to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Rev. Williams is a member of the Illinois Army National Guard and is part of the largest mobilization of Illinois guardsmen since World War II.

Rev. Williams joined the staff of First Baptist Church shortly after returning from a 2006 deployment to Kuwait with the second battalion of 128th Infantry. Williams who has served as a chaplain's assistant and infantryman will be going to San Antonio at the beginning of June to train as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston. He will join his company in Afghanistan upon completion of his training.

Please keep Mark and his wife, Jonessa, in your prayers during his year-long deployment.

Waukegan Memorial Day Parade

This article is from the June, 2008 newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Waukegan.

First Baptist Church members Eli Olivarez, Louis Rodriguez and Jorge Zayasbazan participated in the Waukegan Memorial Day Parade. All three are members of the American GI Forum. They serve as Secretary, Commander and Chaplain respectively.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Doing Justice in the Global Economy: Fair Trade, a Panel Discussion

This invitation is from the Church of Jesus Christ, Reconciler.

On Thursday, June 5th, 7-9 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Elmdale Avenue, Chicago, just east of Clark and Elmdale Red Line Thorndale stop or on the Clark bus route, will be the location for a learning and sharing opportunity about fair trade in our global economy.

The program will feature Panel and discussion with **David Schweikart**, author of *After Capitalism*, Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University **Kelemwork Bayu**, a former fair trade worker in Kenya, Ethiopian refugee to the US and other guests

Faith-based, academic, and experiential perspectives on Fair Trade and the globalized economy will be shared

Learn what you can do about it!

For more info contact Jeremy John

Jeremy@jubileeUSA.org

773-262-2975

The Social Justice League of Edgewater Is a ministry of Church of Jesus Christ, Reconciler

Hope to see you there!

ABCUSA NEWS

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

Continue to Pray for Food Crisis in Karen Refugee Camps

This is a prayer request from **Duane Binkley**, who, along with his wife Marcia, serves Burmese ethnic Karen and Chin refugees both in the United States and Thailand.

http://www.internationalministries.org/missionary/duane_and_marcia_binkley

Duane writes: I am passing on the message below from the Thailand Burma Border Consortium (TBBC). As many of you know, this is the organization that feeds all the refugees in all the camps in Thailand. As a result of increased rice prices and a lack of funding, they will need to make a decision about cutting the food ration of the refugees in the camps on June 5th. Barring a miracle, it looks like rations will need to be cut to only half of minimum standards. The results could be serious. Exploring all options for funding, they are making an appeal to their friends and family.

TBBC, FAMILY AND FRIENDS APPEAL - Today, more than 140,000 refugees from Burma are living in nine camps along the Thailand Burma border. Unlike most other situations around the world there is no United Nations-coordinating mechanism responsible for these refugees. The Thailand Burma Border Consortium (TBBC), a non-profit organization, provides all of the food to these camps and must raise its own funds. Rice is the main ingredient of the refugees' food basket, the price of which has been seriously affected by the global food crisis.

During 2008, rice prices have more than doubled. Unless more funds can be raised quickly to cover the increased cost, TBBC will have to cut the refugee food rations to as little as 50% of the international minimum standard required to sustain life. World attention is currently focused on the victims of cyclone Nargis and once again, we are witnessing the incapacity and unwillingness of the military junta to respond to the needs of its own people.

The people of Burma have suffered decades of human rights abuses, civil war and economic mismanagement and for 24 years, TBBC has been providing assistance to those who have had no choice but to flee to the border. These refugees must not be forgotten. Before fleeing to Thailand, they suffered serious human rights abuses including forced labor, rape and torture and most have lost everything they owned as their villages were destroyed by the army. The refugees from Burma are confined to camps but if TBBC cannot support them with adequate food, they will be compelled to leave the camps, risking arrest, abuse, exploitation, and possible deportation back to Burma. We can expect to see serious malnutrition and health problems within a matter of weeks. Children, pregnant women and the elderly are most at risk. We are appealing to all traditional donors including governments to help us through this crisis. But we are also challenging ourselves as staff, friends and families. We believe that the huge network of family and friends we all have will make a difference.

We can make a difference – even a little means a lot.

National Ministries and Partners Launch Interfaith Isaiah Fund

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 06/04/08) — National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA has partnered with five faith-based organizations to launch The Isaiah Funds, believed to be the first interfaith fund for long-term domestic disaster recovery.

The funds—a Redevelopment Loan Fund and an Access to Capital Grants Fund—will initially focus on recovery in low income Gulf Coast communities by helping affordable housing projects close financing gaps, helping small businesses get back on their feet, and supporting the

development of community centers. Founders hope the funds become a springboard from which other funds are developed to support recovery following future disasters.

A collaboration of Jewish, Catholic and Mennonite as well as Baptist organizations, The Isaiah Funds grew out of the work of the Katrina Investment Response Team at the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) in New York, N.Y. As a founding member of The Isaiah Funds, National Ministries continues its long history of leveraging its financial investments to help address social justice concerns.

National Ministries' Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Michael Birdsell, CPA, who is spearheading the American Baptist home mission organization's participation in this effort, encourages American Baptist partners to consider investing in The Isaiah Funds. The funds' goal is to build up the program to \$10 million for loans and \$1 million for grants with the help of foundations and faith-based institutions by the end of 2009. Already \$4.5 million has been raised toward that goal.

"People of faith are called to play a unique and critical role in addressing the chronic needs of our society," Birdsell says. "More than two years after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, I am still struck by the level of devastation that continues in New Orleans. Not only the devastation of buildings and infrastructure, but also the devastation of lives, families and communities. Participation in The Isaiah Funds is part of National Ministries' continued commitment to use every available resource to support the Gulf Coast rebuilding effort."

Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, which has finished about 600 units of affordable housing since the storm and is working on an additional 500 units, will receive the first loan of \$500,000.

The funds' name hails from the words of the Old Testament prophet: "You will restore the age-old foundations and be called repairer of the breach, restorer of the streets in which to dwell" (Isaiah 58:12).

National Ministries' partners in The Isaiah Funds include: CHRISTUS Health, a Catholic faith-based, not-for-profit health system; Highland Good Steward Management, a provider of investment advice to not-for-profit institutional investors; Jesuits of the New Orleans Province, a Jesuit order that serves the people of God in the southern and southwestern United States; Jewish Funds for Justice, a national public foundation; and MMA Community Development Investments, a Mennonite-related community investment program.

For information about investing in The Isaiah Funds, contact Michael Birdsell at 610-768-2368 or mbirdsell@abc-usa.org.

American Baptist Women's Ministries Announces Recipients of Break the Chains Funding

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/29/08) — American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) has selected four American Baptist-related ministries to receive grants from Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21st Century, a two-year national mission project launched by ABWM in July 2007 and dedicated to ending sex trafficking. The selections were announced today by Virginia Holmstrom, executive director of ABWM.

A new ministry in Ghana will receive Break the Chains funding in 2009 to help provide safe care and job skill training to women and children rescued from sex slavery in a culture where families will give daughters to priests of traditional religions to "atone" for misfortunes experienced by the family. Patricia Neil, an American Baptist International Ministries-endorsed missionary candidate, will be working with the Ghana Baptist Convention in this ministry.

Woman to Woman, a new ministry to be implemented by International Ministries missionary Debbie Kelsey in northern Italy, will receive funding in 2009. The ministry will build relationships between churches and immigrant women through language tutoring, employment training, and outreach ministries. According to Kelsey, it's not unusual for immigrants in Italy to work in prostitution out of economic desperation.

In Lebanon, a grant from Break the Chains will provide funding for the Maids in Lebanon project begun by International Ministries missionary Sarah Chetti, who already visits imprisoned "illegals" brought into Lebanon to work as domestic maids; these women's human rights are largely ignored when they are exploited and abused. The Maids in Lebanon project will minister to the foreign maids who are in prison and will seek to get them back safely to their homes and families.

A Break the Chains grant will also fund The Good Samaritan Project, a new ministry of the Pleasant Green Development Association in Kansas City, Missouri, and directed by the Rev. Janice K. Blackmon. The project will engage the urban community in education about human trafficking, prevention efforts, and outreach ministries to persons at high risk of being targeted by traffickers in this high-profiled transit area of our nation.

AB Women's Ministries hopes to fund two more U.S.-based projects from second year donations to Break the Chains, and will solicit and consider proposals from emerging ministries in the United States that seek to end sex trafficking and/or reach out to at-risk women and children.

"We've set a national goal to raise \$250,000 over two years' time to invest in new projects that minister to victims of sexual exploitation or that work to prevent situations in which it happens," said Holmstrom. "Based on the enthusiasm and commitment of American Baptist women toward Break the Chains, I anticipate we'll exceed the half-way funding mark before the end of June." She noted that many of the AB Women's Ministries regions set ambitious goals last year and will conclude their project year this spring or summer. A number of them are adopting the project again for the second year.

ABWM President Terri Simpkins emphasized that the project is not all about raising funds for ministry. "Beyond the funding aspect of this national mission project, I see American Baptist women who are seeking out information and education about human trafficking because Break the Chains has introduced them to a real need. They're becoming enlightened women, and they're making commitments to *do* ministry because their hearts have been moved to action." One example is a team of American Baptist women in Massachusetts who became passionate about learning about human trafficking and are now sought-after speakers at AB women's events in surrounding regions.

Projects chosen last year to receive in 2008 funding raised during the first year of Break the Chains, are: resources on human trafficking and ministry outreach being developed by Rev. Susan Omanson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Night Light USA, a ministry to workers in the sex industry in Los Angeles, California; a jewelry-making cooperative for Mexican immigrant women at Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service, Peoria, Illinois; education and rehabilitation for trafficked girls and women at New Life Center, Chiang Mai, Thailand; the Convention of Philippine Baptist Church's new ministry to women working as prostitutes in the beach areas of Iloilo; and a community outreach and family life center ministry of The Mansion of Light Baptist Church in La Guacima, Costa Rica.

During each of the two years of Break the Chains fundraising, a portion of the donations is being set aside for new ministries begun by American Baptists in 2009 and beyond. Information about the project, its progress, and ways to get involved can be viewed at AB Women's Ministries Break the Chains website at www.abwmbreakthechains.org.

The Health Project for Tribal People

In 1991, in response to the growing problem of AIDS among the ethnic minority people of northern Thailand, the Health Project for Tribal People was formed. Christians from several ethnic minorities formed health teams and developed AIDS education materials that rely mainly on pictures to relate the facts about AIDS to reach those with low literacy. The original mission has broadened to include AIDS home care materials and general health education. Now that electricity has reached many villages, media such as DVD's are utilized for teaching.

Kim Brown is an ABC missionary with International Ministries in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Kim's work includes overseeing four Christ-like ministries for tribal people who are coping with the problems caused by AIDS, disabilities and migration from their traditional villages to urban slums. Lack of land and employment has forced people from rural areas to cities to find work. They are often exploited on the job, and are at risk for being infected with the AIDS virus.

The Health Project for Tribal People, an AIDS education and home care program, provides AIDS and health education in five tribal languages. Teams travel to villages, and support families and churches as they minister to those living with AIDS.

The House of Love is a home for women and children affected by AIDS. This includes women who had been sold into prostitution, AIDS orphans, and children taken out of their homes by the Social welfare Department because of abuse. Many of the residents do not have Thai citizenship and have few rights in Thailand.

The House of Blessing Daycare provides a safe place for slum children during the day. It prepares children to enter Thai schools and also works to strengthen their families.

The Community-Based Rehabilitation Project reaches out to families who are caring for disabled persons in tribal villages. The disabled are often hidden away. This project is designed to help the disabled reach their full potential and be accepted within their families and communities.

If you would like to help support Kim Brown's Health Project for Tribal People, here is how your contribution will help:

\$10 AIDS orphan support for one month

\$15 Twenty calendar posters on AIDS and influenza that are given as teaching aids

\$25 Sponsor one person to come to a two-day seminar, including teaching materials, transportation, food and housing

\$50 Scholarship to attend school for one year for one child from an urban slum

\$100 Personal hygiene supplies for more than 500 youth at the Juvenile Detention Center

\$150 Micro loan for an income-generating project such as raising chickens

\$150 Cost to build one bathroom or help with a clean water project in an urban community

\$300 Office rent for project team for one month

\$300 Salary for a staff member for one month

\$1100 Complete cost to produce an educational video on counseling persons with AIDS with 200 copies for distribution

Pick the project you would like to sponsor, indicate that on the "memo" line of your check, and send your check to International Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851. You are welcome to visit the web site, <http://www.thaitribalhealthservices.info>

HEALTH CARE NEWS

Campaign for Better Health Care

The Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care will host their Summer Gathering 2008 on Monday, June 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at La Decima Musa Restaurant, 1901 S. Loomis Street, Chicago. Join your friends in the fight for health care justice while reflecting on the current legislative

session, and planning for summer and fall. Come to the CBHC Summer Gathering to help kick off a unified summer and fall campaign for comprehensive health care reform.

Event tickets will cost \$50; sponsorships will be \$500. Please contact Kathleen Duffy at 312-913-9449 to request registration materials or request further information.

PEACE NEWS

Summer Peace Conference

The annual summer conference of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America will take place at John Abbott College Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec, Canada July 14-19. Below is information from the web site, www.bpfna.org. Please check the web site for more details.

Northwest Suburban Meeting

The Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at the South Church, 501 S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect. This group of volunteers works with local public high schools to help educate young people about peace. Their focus is on helping young people think about careers in peace-making and social change. All who are committed to peace are welcome to come to the meetings and help with the cause.

MINISTERS COUNCIL NEWS

Ministers Council Releases New Resource

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 06/02/08) — Dr. Kate Harvey, executive director of the Ministers Council, announced today the release of “[Ways to Appreciate Pastoral Staff](#)”. The new resource will assist congregations in expressing appreciation for their pastoral leaders. Pastoral relations committees and other lay leaders eager to manifest valuing of their pastoral leadership will find strategies of appreciation in various arenas: anniversaries and milestones, clergy family care, collegial relationships, regional recognition, spiritual nurture and education.

Harvey said, “The biblical text under-girding the practice of extending appreciation to pastoral leaders is I Timothy 5:17: ‘Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching’.”

Some of the [suggested strategies](#) include annual anniversary celebrations, provision of an occasional midweek “weekend,” encouragement of participation in a Together in Ministry collegial covenant group, payment of Ministers Council dues, establishment of a sabbatical policy, and of course, prayer support.

While [pastoral appreciation](#) is welcome any day of the year, a special day is generally honored in October. Other resources for [clergy-congregational relationships and ministries](#) include a minister-church covenant and agreement, materials for a pastoral relations committee, evaluation forms and transitions. These and other resources can be found on the Ministers Council web site: <http://www.ministerscouncil.com>.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

Please remember in prayer--and with a card--Marjean Gonzalez, chaplain of ABCMC's Cook County Jail Ministry. June 29 will be her birthday.
Please pray for veterans adjusting to civilian life after leaving the military. Please pray also for those who are helping them.

Please hold in prayer everyone who is working on ABCMC's Disciples' Dinner.

Please pray for everyone who is working to end the AIDs epidemic worldwide.

Please pray for refugees living in refugee camps and elsewhere, and for all who are working to help them.

Please lift up in prayer ABC missionaries David and Laura Parajon. Both are physicians ministering with the poor in Nicaragua.

CALENDAR

June 3—"Disaster Planning: Building Bridges to Provide Care," Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, 222 S. Riverside, Suite 1900, Chicago, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. You must register at www.mchc.org to attend the conference.

June 5—Doing Justice in the Global Economy: Fair Trade, a Panel Discussion, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Elmdale Avenue, Chicago, 7-9 p.m.

June 8--175th Anniversary Celebration Children's Day, First Baptist Church, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago, Mr. Khaliph Green, guest speaker, 11 a.m.

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June 21—Legal Seminar for churches, True Rock Ministries, 57 East 16th Street, Chicago.

June 21--145th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Original Providence Baptist Church, 515 N. Pine Avenue, Chicago, 5 p.m.

June 21—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. Reception at 5:30; Dinner and program at 7 p.m.

June 22--145th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service, Original Providence Baptist Church, 515 N. Pine Avenue, Chicago, 11 a.m.

June 29--98th Anniversary Celebration of Department of Missions, Saint John Church-Baptist.

July 5-11—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 13--175th Anniversary Celebration Men's Day, First Baptist Church, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago, Rev. Kenneth Phelps, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church, guest speaker, 11 a.m.

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

July 17—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

August 17-22—Christian Writers Conference, Green Lake Conference Center. Visit www.glcc.org and click on "conferences" for complete information.

August 19—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

August 23—Family Council meeting, 9 a.m.-noon, followed by lunch. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Suggested donation for lunch: \$5.

September 16—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

October 21—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

November 8—ABC MC Annual Meeting.

November 18—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

December 16—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

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