

Great Rivers Regional Scholarship Programs

Scholarship programs exist in the Great Rivers Region to assist young people who are members in Great Rivers Region American Baptist Churches to secure a college and/or seminary education. Scholarships for any college student (regardless of major) or seminary student from the Gernenz-Shurtleff / Wilcoxon Scholarship are available. Ministerial students attending ABC-related schools and seminaries in preparation for ministry can also apply for the Harold O. Long Scholarship. All applications must be received in the GRR office by April 1, 2010.

To receive an application for these scholarships, write to: Scholarship Committee, Att: Sharon Downs, PO Box 3786, Springfield, IL 62708, phone: 217-726-7366; fax: 888-922-2477, email: Sharon@abcgrr.org



Recordings of speakers and workshop leaders from the 42nd Annual Assembly of ABCGRR are available. Contact Debbie Naugle: debbie@abcgrr.org.

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Send your stories of mission and ministry. Please also send the names of new members (fruit of this mission and ministry) to:

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Our Great Rivers Region Family Is Growing!

First Baptist Church, Greenville, IL Welcomes: Ann Marie Boland, Shani Golovay, and Oleg Golovay

First Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO Welcomes: Clarkston Gillis, Address Kernick, Mark Riles, Olivia Justice, Logan Justice, and Nancy Howard

Antioch Baptist Church, Reynolds, IL Welcomes: Leonard (Bud) Thomas

Paris First Baptist Church Welcomes: Mike Haase



2010 GRR Missions Conference

Speaker: Dan Buttry serves as an International Ministries global consultant for peace and justice.



Date: April 23 - 24

Place: Cherry Hills Baptist Church
2125 Woodside Road
Springfield, IL



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GRR Calendar

2010 Theme: Thy Kingdom Come

February 20 - **Trivia Night**
Lightbody Conference Center
Lake Springfield Camp

February 26 - 27 - **Scrapbooking Fundraiser LSBC**

March 6 - **Area III Annual Meeting**
Also Seminar: Less Clutter Less Noise with Kem Meyer
FBC Champaign, Savoy, IL

March 13 - **Area V Annual Meeting**
Second Baptist Church
Kansas City, MO

March 14 - **Area II Annual Meeting**
Central Baptist Church
Springfield, IL

March 20 - **Area IV Annual Meeting**
FBC Centralia, IL

March 21 - **Area I Annual Meeting**
FBC Sterling, IL

April 16 - 17 - **Clergy Spouse Retreat,**
Lake Springfield Camp

April 23 - 24 - **GRR Missions Conference**
Cherry Hills Baptist Church
Springfield, IL

Area Meetings

Area I

Date: Sunday, March 21, 2010

Place: First Baptist Church,
Sterling, IL

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Victoria Goff - National Director of Volunteers in Mission ABC USA



Registration: No registration fee but please register your attendance. Fried Chicken will be provided. Bring a dish to share. Notify Hilda Smith of your plans to attend.

Area II

Date: Sunday, March 14, 2010

Place: Central Baptist Church
Springfield, IL

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Allistair Brown
President of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Thy Kingdom Come

Area Meetings (continued)

Area III

Date: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Place: First Baptist Church of Champaign at Savoy, IL

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Dr. David Garver**, First Baptist Church Muncie, IL - "What I Learned from Being a Pastor for Nearly 40 Years"

Worship and Music from Baptist Student Foundation Worship Team

Registration: \$12:00 (\$15.00 after-Mardh 2)

Church Communication Seminar with Kem Meyer (Same place, same time, see article at right for more details)

Area IV

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: First Baptist Church, Centralia, IL

Speaker: **Dr. Randy Gauger, Sr.**
Pastor of FBC Champaign at Savoy, IL

Area V

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Place: Second Baptist Church
Kansas City, MO

Speaker & Bible Study Leader:
Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones

Less Clutter... Less Noise Seminar



Do your church's publications release the response in people that you have intended...that people will notice your message?

Join with others in finding helpful insights and strategies on Saturday, March 6 at First Baptist Church of Champaign, Savoy as you participate in Kem Meyer's Less Clutter...Less Noise Seminar.

This seminar explores what it takes to have a communications strategy that communicates the Good News in the language and limited time of the world we live in. All materials churches use to communicate are considered - paper and electronic.

Kem is Communications Director for Granger Community Church of Granger, IN.

Want to learn more about Kem and her "mantra" Less Clutter...Less Noise? Find her blog at www.kemmeyer.typepad.com.

Early registration saves each person \$10. Registering as groups saves even more.

Download the flyer/registration material at: <http://www.abcgrr.org/areas/KemMyerFlyer2010.pdf>

Find a review of her book at: www.abcgrr2.org/Review_Kem_Meyer_Less_Clutter_Less_Noise/engage.html

Dennis Bickers' Healthy Small Church is now available on DVD to pastors and churches of the GRR. Contact Richard Ricks (revrick4@comcast.net) for ordering your copy. (

GRR Clergy Spouse Retreat

Date: April 16 - 17, 2010

Place: Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

Retreat Theme: "**Lightning My Purse**"

Retreat Speaker: **Nancy Jeffreys**

Nancy and her husband Stephen are the founders of Kingdom Seeker Ministries. KSM mobilizes disciples for global evangelism. It provides discipleship, spiritual restoration, short term mission experiences, communications training and missions training. It assist churches and individuals in these areas in order to to equip and motivate them to help reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ



May 24 - 27, 2010

American Baptist Assembly
Green Lake Conference Center
Green Lake, WI

Details: http://www.abcgrr.org/fanFlame2010/FTF_14inch.pdf

Camping 2010

Lake Springfield Baptist Camp
Fundraisers



Trivia Night

Place: Lightbody Conference Center at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

Date: February 20, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$80 per table (8 people per table)

Theme: Summer Camp

Scrapbooking Fundraiser

Place: Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

Dates: February 26 - 5:00 to ????
(no meal provided)

February 27 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Bring sack lunch, dinner provided)

Cost: \$30.00 - Overnight housing in Carter Hall (bring bedding & toiletries)

\$20.00 No overnight housing

Who: All Scrapbookers and Crafters
(Bring a snack to share)

Camp Sunday: April 25

Promotional ideas available at the GRR Camps web site:
www.abcgrr.org/grrcamps/index.htm