

GRR Clergy Spouse Retreat

Date: April 16 - 17, 2010

Place: Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

Retreat Theme: "Lightening 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 assists churches and individuals in these areas in order to equip and motivate them to help reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ



Cost: \$40 First Timers - \$15

Send registration to: Diana Strunk
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Forms available at: <http://www.abcgrr.org/clergyspouses/retreat2010.pdf>

Judson University: Reaching the Hispanic Community (continued)

January 12, 2010, and will be completed before Thanksgiving.

For further information, please contact Dr. Ben Manso at 847- 468 - 8820, or e-mail pibhelgin@sbcglobal.net, or at Judson University at www.judsonu.edu.

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Our Great Rivers Region Family Is Growing!

First Baptist Church of Mahomet
IL Welcomes: Dustin Newton



Camping and Conferences Promotion Sunday April 25, 1010

Promote GRR Camping

Mainstream Contact Information

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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GRR Calendar

2010 Theme: Thy Kingdom Come

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

April 25 - **Camp and Conferences Sunday**

May 14 - **Boundaries Ethics Course**

May 15 - **Lake Springfield Camp Cleanup Day**

June 4 - 6 - **American Baptist Women's Ministries Retreat**

Great Rivers Region Mission Conference

April 23 - 24, 2010

Hosted by:

Cherry Hills Baptist Church
2125 Woodside Road
Springfield IL

Rev. Ray and Adalia Schellinger

are assigned to Mexico, but have been involved with the recovery work in Haiti. Ray will be speaking 3:00 PM Friday afternoon.



Dr. Daniel Buttry,
Global Consultant for Peace and Justice International Ministries

ABCUSA will be preaching at 6:30 p.m. Friday and 11:15 a.m. Saturday.

Daniel will also be leading a workshop on **Xtreme Mission Curriculum**, a new, hands-on, mission education resource.

Registration Info at abcgrr.org

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
ABCUSA

Registration: No registration fee but please register your attendance. Fried Chicken will be provided. **Bring a dish to share.** Download registration form: <http://www.abcgrr.org/areas/A1Flyer2010.pdf> and mail to Hilda Smith, registrar.

Area II

Date: Sunday, March 14, 2010

Place: Central Baptist Church
Springfield, IL

Time: 2:30 p.m.

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

Download registration form:
<http://www.abcgrr.org/areas/A2Reg2010.pdf>



**Thy
Kingdom
Come**

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

Registration Form: <http://www.abcgrr.org/areas/A4Reg2010.pdf>

Area V

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Place: Second Baptist Church
Kansas City, MO

Speaker & Bible Study Leader:
Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones
Registration materials available on
Area V site: <http://www.abcgrr.org/areanews/area5.htm>



The UBF Board is hosting a reception for Rev. Dr. **Jan Hazekamp** on March 20 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at North Bridge Baptist Church of Normal. Jan retired from her position as Campus Minister for the University Baptist Foundation at Illinois State University on December 31, 2009.

Jan served in this position for over 28 years beginning in August 1981. The Board invites churches, her colleagues, and students to come and celebrate with her.

Healthy Small Church Event

Following the regional small church event in September of '09, four area ABC churches near Taylorville, IL decided to bring the workshop closer to home. Rev. Sue Metcalf of Winchester and Rev. John Grisham of ABC/GRR led the training.



During the afternoon of February 21, eighty-five people gathered from FBC Stonington, Old Stonington Baptist Church, FBC Taylorville and Bethel Baptist Church of Taylorville, to eat and worship together and to learn that just because a church is small doesn't mean it's insignificant.

Small groups celebrated the successful activities of small churches and explored some new ideas for working together to bring Christ to Christian County.

Judson University: Reaching the Hispanic Community.

The growing Spanish-speaking church in Northern Illinois needs well-trained leadership. Like Elisha's School of the Prophets in the Old Testament and Jesus' three-year tutelage of the apostles, Judson University is providing growth opportunities for the Spanish-speaking leaders of area congregations.

Through the Center for Adult and Professional Studies at Judson

University, classes will be offered this year in Spanish for students who desire to grow their leadership skills to advance the Kingdom of God. Courses will be taught by well-trained professors with Continuing Education Units awarded for successful study. At the completion of the entire program students will be awarded a Certificate of Completion with all credits permanently recorded with the Registrar of Judson University.

Judson University is in Elgin, IL in Kane County where 40% of its residents now speak Spanish at home.

The Rev. Dr. Ben Manso has been appointed Coordinator of Spanish-English Ministry Studies at Judson University. A native of Puerto Rico, Dr. Manso holds degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary, MDiv. and D.Min. He currently is pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Elgin and Iglesia Misionera Shalom in Aurora. He is the First Vice-President of the GRR.

Nearly one dozen courses will be available through this Spanish language curriculum including Preaching, Missions and Evangelism, Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Education, Church Administration, Church History, Leadership, and Youth Ministry. Classes will meet for two hours per week for a 10 week term. Each course will be valued at 2 Continuing Education Units. A formal certificate will be awarded upon completing (10 courses) 20 CEUs. Each course will be priced at \$150 for each student plus the cost of books. When necessary, Judson University will work with students and local congregations to help find financial aid to meet the costs related to the course of study.

All are welcome to attend. Classes started (continued on page 4, lower left)