

## Professional Church Leadership Changes

### Incoming:

Adrian Lamkin - Interim Minister, FBC, Highland, IL  
Michael Dixon - Interim Minister Delmar Baptist Church, Saint Louis, MO  
Joseph Huse - Interim Minister, Grace Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO  
Scott Bennett - Youth Minister, FBC, Charleston, IL  
Dennis Mumaw - Interim Minister, FBC, Waverly, IL  
Chad Cooper - Associate Minister of Missions, University Heights Baptist Church, Springfield, MO  
Avery Duff - Pastor, New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East St. Louis, MO  
Glen Greenwood - Interim, Godfrey Baptist Church, Godfrey, IL

### Outgoing:

Janice Hazekamp, Universtiy Chaplain, University Baptist Fellowship, Normal, IL retired Dec 1, 2009  
Ellen Dyke - Children's Ministry Director, FBC, Champaign at Savoy, IL  
Tom Davis - Pastor, FBC, Highland, IL  
David Moor - Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO  
Terry Minchow Proffit - Pastor, Delmar Baptist Church, Saint Louis, MO  
Paul Sowden - Pastor, FBC Belleville, IL  
Rick Church - Pastor, FBC, Jerseyville, IL  
Rodney Winter - Pastor, Saint Matthew Baptist Church, East St. Louis, MO  
Clarence Downs - Pastor, Mulkeytown Baptist Church, Mulkeytown, IL

## Professional Church Leadership Changes (continued)

### Outgoing:

Timothy Munday - Pastor, Community Baptist Church, Utica, MO  
Walter Robinson - Pastor, New Mt. Zion Baptist, East St. Louis, IL  
Nancy Campbell - Associate Pastor, FBC Columbia, MO

## ***Our Great Rivers Region Family Is Growing!***

### First Baptist Church, Paris, IL

**Welcomes:** Ken Dowell, Karen Dowell, Al Englebright, and Nancy Englebright

### Sanders Assists Areas I & III

While GRR Associate Minister Richard Ricks is on Sabbatical from April 16 - July 15, Harry Sanders



(at left) will be the first point of contact for churches and pastors in Areas I and III. His email is sanders312@mchsi.com If Harry

is unavailable to meet your need, please do not hesitate to contact Dwight Stinnett directly ( e-mail is the best: Dwight@abcgrr.org ).

## **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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East Peoria, IL 61611  
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# The Mainstream

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## GRR Calendar

2010 Theme: Thy Kingdom Come

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 13 - **"Do What Jesus Did"**  
Central Baptist Church  
St. Louis, MO

May 14 - **Boundaries Ethics Course**  
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
St. Louis, MO

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

June 4 - 6 - **American Baptist Women's Ministries Retreat**, Lake Williamson Carlinville, IL

June 5 - **Blackhawk Baptist Camp Cleanup Day**

June 14 - 19 - **Great American Baptist Bike Ride Across Illinois**

## Great Rivers Region Mission Conference

April 23 - 24, 2010

**Hosted by:**  
Cherry Hills Baptist Church  
2125 Woodside Road  
Springfield IL

### Speakers:

**Rev. Ray and Adalia Schellinger** are assigned to Mexico, but have been involved with the recovery work in Haiti. Ray will be speaking at **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.**



## Great Rivers Region Mission Conference

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### Saturday:

8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast with  
GRR Staff

Kingdom Ministry Displays by  
GRR Churches Begins

### Workshops

Dr. Daniel Buttry will be leading a workshop on **Xtreme Mission Curriculum**, a new, hands-on, mission education resource from International Ministries ABC/USA

**Rev. Lisa Harris**, National Coordinator for the Children in Poverty Initiative of National Ministries ABCUSA, will be leading a workshop about this growing ministry among American Baptist churches.



Workshops begin at 9:00 AM, and will be repeated in two sessions (9:00 to 9:50 and 10:05 to 10:55) Other workshops still being planned.

11:15 a.m. - **Closing Worship** with  
**Dr. Daniel Buttry**

### Offerings

During worship Friday evening, we will receive an offering in support of Children in Poverty ministries through National Ministries, ABC/ USA. Make your checks payable to ABC Great Rivers Region and clearly marked for "Children in Poverty."

During worship on Saturday morning, we will receive an offering in support of Haiti relief efforts through One Great Hour of Sharing, ABC/ USA. Make your checks payable to ABC Great Rivers Region and clearly marked for "Haiti Relief"

### Used Book Depository

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning you may bring your book offering through the Used Book Depository. The greatest need is for theological books (commentaries, concordances, Bible dictionaries) for distribution at overseas education sites. In addition, children's books are welcomed. Sunday School curriculum in good condition is needed. They do NOT NEED Guideposts.  
<http://www.mcc.us/templates/cusmontgomerycc/details.asp?id=33999&PID=355367>

### Registration Information:

**Cost: \$30.00** (includes Friday evening dinner and continental breakfast on Saturday.)  
\$20.00 with no meals

### Send registration to:

Missions Conference Registrar  
Attention: Debbie  
American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region  
P.O. Box 3786 Springfield, IL 62708-3786

For more information call, fax, email or check the website.  
Phone 217-726-7366 Fax 888-922-2477 or email [debbie@abcgrr.org](mailto:debbie@abcgrr.org)  
website [www.abcgrr.org](http://www.abcgrr.org)

### "Do What Jesus Did"

A day of study and challenge for GRR pastors and church leaders with **Dr. Marvin McMickle** will be held **Thursday, May 13, 2010** from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at **Central Baptist Church**, 2842 Washington Avenue, St. Louis MO. The cost will be \$35.00 which includes the pastor and 3 other church leaders. (Additional church leaders will be \$10.00 each.)

### Dr. Marvin McMickle

has been serving as senior pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio since 1987, where he has led the church in establishing ministries in job training, a hunger center, early childhood education, addiction care, and community development.. At the same time he is Professor of Homiletics at Ashland Theological Seminary. Dr. McMickle is the author of eight books, a Contributing Editor for The Living Pulpit, and a featured writer for the National Baptist Voice.



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On Sunday, February 14, **First Baptist Church of Sparland** held an Appreciation Dinner following the worship service. The church provided the dinner for all who have been working for and serving the Lord in a special way. Many have been putting in long hours of service in ministries, as well as work on improving the church basement. All who have helped out in any ministry or any service were given a special thank you by the church.

### Lenten Concerts for Haiti.

In response to the devastation of Haiti that occurred with the earthquake earlier this year, **First Baptist Church, Decatur, IL** held three Thursday Lenten Concerts For Haiti during March. The concerts were free and featured a complimentary luncheon before and after each program.

People from all over the community attended the programs and generously donated to One Great Hour of Sharing Haiti Relief. Many senior citizens and families with home-schooled children attended as well. Attendees were encouraged to come and leave as their schedule permitted. Lunch was also made available for carry-out. Guest artists included organist Mark Gifford, violinist and baritone, Arthur Hinton and soprano Julie Shafer.

The church began the concert and luncheon program during Advent of 2002. This was the second time the concerts were held during Lent. The Church Kitchen Ladies (and Gentlemen) did a marvelous job preparing the meals and hosting our guest.

While the luncheons and concerts were free to the public, donations of more than \$800. were received for One Great Hour of Sharing Haiti relief.

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Get Ready! Get Set! Go! **First Baptist Church of Sparland**, held its Annual "**Race for Christ**" Pinewood Derby on March 7, 2010. Twenty-four children and 17 adults raced Pinewood Derby Cars down the Official Boy Scout Pinewood Derby Track. Every child that raced received a participation Trophy. Placement trophies were awarded: