

**“Women Destined For  
God’s Purpose”  
Annual GRR Retreat  
For Women and Girls**

Date: June 4, 5, & 6, 2010

Place: Lake Williamson  
Conference Center  
Carlinville, IL

Come hear the Word  
with **Rachel Gilmore**

Come Praise with **Rachel West  
Kramer**

Come & Go to the World Racetrack  
Ministries with **Vincent Harris**



**Register for Camp**

Need a registration form? E-mail  
Sharon Downs: sharon@abcgrr.org.  
Or:

Go to the GRR camping web site:  
<http://www.abcgrr.org/grrcamps>

**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:

**Linda Ricks**  
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**East Peoria, IL 61611**  
**E-Mail: Ricks4Lr@comcast.net**

**New Members in the GRR!**

**First Baptist Church, East Moline,  
IL Welcomes:** Cathy Rieger and  
Pauline Vaughn-Cahoon

**First Baptist Church, Greenville,  
IL Welcomes:** Boyd Turley and  
Amber Turley

**First Baptist Church, Moline, IL  
Welcomes:** Jason Exbom, Kallie  
Exbom, Kieran Exbom, Kaw Gay  
Moo, Paw Lu, Sah Clu, Brittney  
Shipley, Josh Shipley, and Emma  
Newell,

**Lake Springfield and  
Blackhawk Baptist Camp  
Workdays**

**Lake Springfield** - May 15, 2010  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Blackhawk** - June 5, 2010  
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Exciting things are happening at  
the camps! One way to get men,  
women and youth from your church  
acquainted with the camp is to  
become involved with the Work  
Days. This is a great mission  
opportunity right here in the Great  
Rivers Region. We will be raking  
leaves, cleaning cabins, cleaning  
gutters and windows and much  
more.

Lunch will be provided.  
Contact the appropriate Camp  
Manager and report how many from  
your church will be participating.  
Ask for volunteer waivers. It is very  
important to have each person par-  
ticipating fill out the volunteer waiver  
and give the waiver to the manager  
of the Camp when they arrive.



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**GRR Calendar**

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**

August 6 - 7- **Baptist History  
and Polity Course**  
NIU Campus Ministry,  
DeKalb IL

September 30 - **Ministers’  
Conference**,  
Mt Vernon, IL

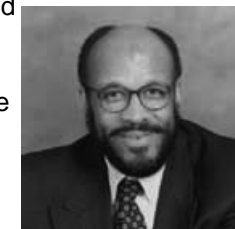
October 1 - 2 - **GRR Annual  
Assembly**,  
Mt Vernon, IL Holiday Inn

November 5 - 7 - **ABY Gathering**  
FBC Pontiac, IL

**“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.



## Mission Conference 2010



Ray Schellinger spoke about conditions in Haiti after the earthquake and led a workshop on Deborah's House, a ministry for abused women in Mexico where he and his wife are missionaries.



Dan Buttry preached and led a workshop on Xtreme Curriculum.



Lisa Harris, National Coordinator for the Children in Poverty Initiative led a workshop about this growing ministry.



One Hope United's Patricia Griffith led a workshop and offered a display of their ministries



Praise bands from First Baptist Fairbury, IL (at left) and First Baptist Jacksonville, IL (pictured below) led worship.

Participants were blessed by the ministry of hospitality practiced by Cherry Hills Baptist Church, our hosts.



## Area IV Group Goes to Costa Rica



A small work group from Area 4 went to Costa Rica to La Iglesia Bautista Misionera de Alajuelita-the Missionary Baptist Church in Alajuelita, Costa Rica. They traveled from Feb. 15 through the 24th. Pictured are: Tom Hesse- FBC Mattoon, IL, Olman Gonzalez- Pastor of the Baptist Church in Alajuelita, Costa Rica, John Stewart- Pastor FBC Arthur, IL, Jon Lobos- Pastor FBC Paris, IL, Casey Chatham from Terre Haute, IN, and Darcy Trego- FBC Paris, IL.

### Tom Bayes Recognized for 35 Years of Ordination

**First Baptist Church of Peoria, IL** recognized **Thomas Bayes**, pastor, for 35 years of ordination on Sunday, April 25, 2010. After recognition at the end of the worship service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall. Scott Davis (on left) led in the recognition of Pastor Bayes (on right).



## Region Youth Raise Money to Combat Poverty

The youth of the Great Rivers Region have been participating in The Penny Project since the fall of 2009 as our mission project for the 2009 ABY Gathering. The Penny Project, sponsored by National Ministries, hoped to raise 14 million pennies by April 2010. Each penny represents one child or youth who lives in poverty in the United States and Puerto Rico. The poverty level is defined as a family of four who earn less than \$22,050 a year.

The Great Rivers youth have raised \$739.19 in change for The Penny Project. The money raised by youth groups and churches stays in their local communities. Each group selects local organizations that help fight poverty among children and youth.

Currently the national goal stands at almost 3 million pennies. The youth encourage churches, youth groups, and other church groups to still participate in The Penny Project. More information is available at [www.nationalministries.org/CIP](http://www.nationalministries.org/CIP).