

American Baptist Men 2010 Gathering

I want to extend an invitation to all American Baptist Men of the Great Rivers Region to come and attend our 2010 gathering on **September 17 & 18**.

There will be a time of worship and a time of service. We are working on providing training for our Disaster Relief ministry. We will be offering CPR and AED training for anyone who wants it. The training is free, but space is limited. Register early and call to sign up for a class.

There will also be an opportunity to explore a new ministry that could have a big impact in your home church.

Our gathering will be held at the **Lake Springfield Baptist Camp**. By being at the camp, we plan to help the camp by doing some projects to repair and improve the facilities.

The cost is \$30 for adults (\$25 before September 1) and \$25 for youth. Additional youth in the same family are free.

Send registration to Earl Troyer, PO Box 211, Goodfield, IL 61742

Plan to arrive on Friday from noon on or early (8:00 a.m.) on Saturday. We will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday so everyone can make it back to their home for church on Sunday. Bring someone with you and together let's see how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Mark your calendars now. I hope to see you there!

Dave Comstock
ABM-GRR President

Our Great Rivers Region Family Is Growing!

First Baptist Church, Champaign at Savoy, IL Welcomes: John Malone, Karen Malone, Nichole Mann, Kyle Mann, Mary Stuff, Samantha Lucy Koon, Steve Wille, Phyllis Wille, Joshua Oyler, and Velma Gadbury

Grace Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO Welcomes: Phar Dar, Tmwee Hoe, Saw Klot Htoo, and Eh Hser Paw

First Baptist Church, Sullivan, IL Welcomes: Cheyanne Destiny Willoughby, Hunter Paige Trussell, and Skylar Deann Trussell

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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The Mainstream

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GRR Calendar

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

September 17-18 - **GRR American Baptist Men's Gathering**
Lake Springfield Baptist
Camp Springfield, IL

September 18 - 19 - **Lake Benton Baptist Camp Reunion**
Camp Manitowa,
Rend Lake, IL

September 30 - **Ministers' Conference,**
Holiday Inn
Mt Vernon, IL

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

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



2010 Assembly of the Great Rivers Region

Holiday Inn Conference Center
Mount Vernon, Illinois

**Beginning at 2:00 p.m. October 1
and ending at noon October 2**

Our guest preacher will be

Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
National
Coordinator
for National
Evangelism Team,
Specialist for
Evangelism
American Baptist



Home Mission Societies. He will be preaching during the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions.

Dr. Alistair Brown,
President of
Northern Seminary
will be teaching on
Friday afternoon
on the topic, **A 1st
Century Book in a
21st Century World.**



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2010 GRR Annual Meeting

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Angela Sudermann, Coordinator of Volunteers in Global Mission, International Ministries ABC/USA, will be the speaker for the Mission and Ministry Banquet on Friday evening.



General Schedule:

Friday, October 1:

2:00 p.m. - Dr. Alistair Brown and Business

5:00 p.m. - GRR Mission and Ministry Banquet with Angela Sudermann

7:30 p.m. - Evening worship with Dr. Jeff Johnson

Saturday, October 2:

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Workshops

11:00 a.m. - Closing Worship with Dr. Jeff Johnson

GRR Ministers Conference

Pre-Convention Seminar

**Krieger's Convention Center
Holiday Inn
Mt. Vernon, IL**

Thursday, September 30, 2010

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GRR Ministers Conference

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Harry Riggs, Senior Pastor, FBC Lincoln, NE (formerly Director of Congregational Transformation, National Ministries, ABC/USA) will be teaching **Biblical Preaching in a Facebook Age**.



Time: Registration - 12:00 p.m.
Seminar 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 (This is a separate registration from convention. Registration fee includes seminar, snacks, dinner, and GRReat Networking.)



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>

Professional Church Leader Changes

Incoming:

Chad Cooper, Associate Minister of Missions - University Heights Baptist Church, Springfield, MO

Avery Duff, Pastor - New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East St. Louis, IL

Glen Greenwood, Interim - Godfrey Baptist Church, Godfrey, IL

Aaron Jackson, Pastor - FBC Manlius, Wyanet, IL

Gilbert Sanders, Interim - FBC Jerseyville, IL

Donald Carpenter, Youth Minister - FBC, Jerseyville, IL

Ryan Bordner, Interim - Old Stonington Baptist Church, Stonington, IL

Kara Reagan, Pastor - Second Baptist Church, Saint Louis, MO

Darren Loeppky - Interim - Creekwood Baptist Church, Rockford, IL

Desiree Davis, Associate Pastor - Antioch Baptist Church, Saint Louis, MO

Victor Angulo, Pastor - FBC, Girard, IL

Scott Kinkade, Summer Intern - Central Baptist Church, Springfield, IL

Ivy Lyn Paul, Summer Intern - Central Baptist Church, Quincy, IL

Casey Frizzell, Summer Intern - FBC, Graymont, IL

Tom Tharp, Summer Intern - FBC Peoria, IL

Outgoing:

Clarence Downs, Pastor - Mulkeytown Baptist Church, Mulkeytown, IL

Timothy Munday, Pastor - Community Baptist Church, Utica, MO

Walter Robinson, Pastor - New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East St. Louis, IL

Nancy Campbell, Associate Pastor - FBC Columbia, MO (continued)

Roger Strunk, Pastor - FBC Goodfield, IL

Rob Miltenberger, Pastor - Erie Baptist Church, Erie, IL

George Ferguson, Pastor - FBC, Towanda, IL

John Peterson, Interim - Creekwood Baptist Church, Rockford, IL

Desiree Davis, Associate Pastor - Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO

Floyd Disney, Interim - FBC, Girard, IL

Retired:

David Hancock, Pastor - Walnut Grove Baptist Church, New Burnside, IL

Lois Bartley Ordained



Lois Ann Bartley was ordained by the **First Baptist Church of Ava, Illinois** on June 12,

2010. Lois serves alongside her husband, Rev. Francis Bartley, Jr. at First Baptist Church of Ava. Lois also is a campus minister at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL.

Rev. Carl Cottingham, dean of the Alternative Ministerial Education program delivered the message. **Dr. John Grisham**, Regional Associate Minister assigned to Area IV administered the vows to Lois. The service concluded with the laying on of hands and the prayer of dedication.