

## “Shaped for a Purpose”

GRR Women’s Retreat

Date: **June 10, 11, & 12, 2011**

Place: **Lake Williamson Christian Center, Carlinville, Illinois**

Cost: **Full Weekend \$160.00**  
(2 nights & 4 meals)  
**Saturday Only \$55.00**  
(includes lunch & dinner)

Theme Scripture: **Jeremiah 18: 3-4**

**STUDY GOD’S WORD – Katie K** will guide us through God’s word throughout the weekend.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** through music with **Abbey Sullivan**. There will be a concert on Friday by **Rachel West Kramer**

**EXCHANGE TABLE –** Bring your gently used Christian hard cover books, paperbacks, and CDs.

**SHARE THE GIFTS OF YOUR HANDS –** Bring craft/art items that are handmade to sell at the Hands of Love Shop.

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### 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**  
**232 Devron Circle**  
**East Peoria, IL 61611**  
**E-Mail: Ricks4Lr@comcast.net**

## Great Rivers Region Churches Celebrate Growth

**First Baptist Church, Champaign at Savoy IL Welcomes:**

Rosemary Woods, Katie Schrock, Carol Mazure, Sandy Miller, Ben Turpin, Jamie Turpin, Julie Anders Becker, Sharon Kennedy, Vickie Reep, Allen Hanegan, Lester Miller, and Mary Kinsella

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### “Girls Shaped for God’s Purpose”

**American Baptist Girl’s Retreat for Girls Grades 6 - 12**

Place: **Lake Williamson Conference Center, Carlinville, IL**

Date: **June 10-12, 2011**

Cost: **\$130.00**

Concert by: **Rachel West Kramer**  
Friday evening pizza and pajama party

Registration: Send registration by May 28 to:

**Nancy Johnson - AB Girls**  
137 East 6th Street,  
El Paso, Illinois 61738  
309-830-4342



# The Mainstream

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### GRR Calendar

April 16 - **Area I (West) ABWM Spring Spiritual Feast**, FBC East Moline, IL

**Area III ABWM Spring Rally**, FBC Peoria, IL

**Area IV ABWM Spring Rally**

April 30 - **Area I (East) ABWM Spring Spiritual Feast**, FBC Marengo, IL

May 14 - **Bible Study for Adults of the 21st Century**  
**Dr. Eddie Hammett**  
First Baptist Church  
Mattoon, IL

**Blackhawk Baptist Camp Camp Cleanup Workday**

**Lake Springfield Baptist Camp Workday**

May 17 - **Area II ABWM Spring Rally** FBC Jacksonville, IL

June 4 - **Blackhawk Baptist Camp Prepare for Camp Workday**

June 10 - 12 - **GRR Women’s & Girls’ Retreats**  
Lake Williamson Conference Center, Carlinville, IL

August 5 - 6 - **ABC History and Polity Course**  
GRR Resource Center  
Springfield, IL

### Bible Study For Adults in the 21st Century

When: **May 14, 2011**

Where: **First Baptist Church, Mattoon, IL**

Many churches and Christian educators are finding **adult Bible study to be an increasing challenge today**. The curriculum, teaching styles, and goals of twenty five years ago don’t seem to work. Some even question the relevance of the Bible.

This workshop is intended for Pastors, Christian Educators, and lay leaders who believe that Bible study is essential for adult discipleship, even in the 21st Century. **The goal of the seminar is that you leave with a framework and practical tool kit** for attracting and engaging adults in transformative Bible study.

Seminar Leader:  
**Dr. Eddie Hammett** is Senior Coach for Lake Hickory Learning Communities and Valwood Christian Leadership Coaching, and a founding partner for The Columbia



Partnership. He is the author of four books on how the church can be prepared for more effective ministry in the 21st Century. (continued)

## Bible Study For Adults in the 21st Century (continued)

Cost: **\$30.00** for the pastor and 3 lay leaders. Additional lay leaders are \$5.00 each to cover lunch.

**Download Registration Form:** [www.abcgrr.org/hammett](http://www.abcgrr.org/hammett) or

**Register online:** <https://www4015.sslldomain.com/grr-reg/hammet2011/reg.cfm>

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## Church News

**Delmar Baptist Church of Town and Country, MO** proudly announces that **The Reverend Chris L.**

**Fillingham** has been called as the 20th senior pastor. The church was first established 134 years ago and continues to focus on a strong tradition of service to the St. Louis community. He gave his first sermon on Sunday, March 6, 2011.



Rev. Fillingham and his wife Jessica, have two children, a daughter, 3, and a son, 2. Rev. Fillingham earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Music from Southwest Baptist University. He received a Masters of Divinity from Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, in 2007. He was ordained by DaySpring Baptist Church in Waco, TX in 2008.

## Campus Ministry News

Students from the **Campus House, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL** took an Urban Mission trip to St. Louis, Mo. over spring break. The focus was on growing in awareness of poverty. They worked



alongside the community and served with Joint Neighborhood Ministries in partnership with Epiphany UCC. The students believed that this trip was a faith strengthening and life changing experience for all of them.

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Koinonia and Stratford Houses of the **University Baptist Church and Campus Housing Ministry of the University of Illinois** started off the year 2011 well with an overnight retreat in nearby Mahomet. The event was full of great food, fellowship, games, and teaching. Bible-based messages from guest speakers and housing staff members encouraged residents of both houses. These messages stressed the importance of prayer, the need to die to self and put on Christ every day, and the great opportunity for international outreach on Illinois' campus. The house chaplains also led in times of worship and intercessory prayer for the campus. The retreat was a refreshing time for house members to enjoy together and has spurred them to consider the need for campus outreach this semester.

## Images from GRR Missions Conference 2011



Stan Slade preached Friday and Saturday.

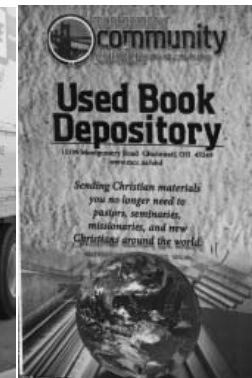


Katie Longkumer on Friday Afternoon. The Longkumers are above 90% in raising funds and hope to go to Southeast India in the fall.

One of the Bacone College Choirs shared in worship with their music.



Jack Smith loads the van with food for Murrow Indian Children's Home



Over 100 boxes of books were given to be distributed to Christian workers around the world.