

**49th Annual Gathering of the
American Baptist Churches of the
Great Rivers Region, Area IV**

"Doing God's New Thing Together"

Sunday, April 30, 2017

First Baptist Church of Mattoon

1804 South 9th Street

Mattoon, IL 61938

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Registration: 2:00 p.m. (Refreshments available) Gathering begins at 2:30 p.m.

Schedule:

Praise & Worship: Music by FBC Praise team

Updates from Regional Ministers Paul Gibson, Muriel Johnson & Patty Bilyeu

Short business meeting; election of officers

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Keynote Address by Dr. Molly T. Marshall

Dr. Molly T. Marshall is President, and Professor of Theology and Spiritual Formation, at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, Kansas. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, she received her M.Div. and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has served as youth minister, campus minister, and pastor in churches across Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Kentucky. For over thirty years Molly T. Marshall has been in theological education, her life's work. President Molly T. Marshall's great passion in life is preparing women and men for ministry excellence.



4:30 - 4:45 p.m. Break

4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Q & A with Dr. Molly Marshall

5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu: Chicken, ham and fish, sides and homemade desserts

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Message by Muriel Johnson, Area IV Minister

Music by Mattoon Chancel Choir

Registration is \$15.00 per adult; Chaperones and youth ages 18 and under, no charge.

(Meal is included in registration fees.)

See Registration Form, page 2, for payment & mailing instructions.

Online registration now available on the Great Rivers Region website: www.abcgrr.org.

Childcare & Activities available for children ages birth - 7 years.

Children 8 to 18 will go Isaak's Family Fun Center where they will play laser tag, miniature golf and climber play from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

Important note: If your church will be sending 3 or more children, please encourage one of your youth workers to attend to assist with supervision.