

GRR Calendar

September

19 - 20 - **Junior High Weekend**
Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

19 - 21 - **Area I Junior High Retreat**
Blackhawk Camp

October

3 - **GRR Ministers Conference**
The Fifth Season Conv. Center
Moline, IL

3 - 5 -- **GRR Annual Meeting at the
Fifth Season Convention
Center Moline, IL**

24 -25 - **Face To Face**
First Baptist Church
New Castle, Indiana

November

7 - 9 -- **ABY Gathering**, Decatur, IL

Mainstream Contact Information

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Our Great Rivers Region Baptist Family Is Growing!

First Baptist Church Champaign, Savoy, IL Welcomes: Deborah Malone, William Malone, Tammy Faulkner, and Lorraine G. Pryor

First Baptist Church, Girard, IL Welcomes: Mikayla Ann Butler, Allie Beatrice Cousins, Kylie Renee Denton. Mariya Elizabeth Jones, and Tiffany Marie Scantlin

Second Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO Welcomes: Michelle McGhee, Noah Parker, Matthew Parker, Valerie Beatty, Brady Graham, Tahrique Petway, Lylana Petway, Justyce Petway, Lillian Roquemore, Deleon Harper, Samuel Jordan, Jr., and Clifton Johnson

First Baptist Church, Mattoon, IL Welcomes: Marla Rhine, Catherine Miller, and Nathan Miller

First Baptist Church, Plano, IL Welcomes: Stephen Russell, Pamela Russell, Frank Hermann. and Brenden Lingle

Ridgeview Baptist Church, Danville, IL Welcomes: Heather Jackson, Peggy Tinder, Joy Rayapati, and Sam Rayapati

Central Baptist Church, Springfield, IL Welcomes: Nichole Palsen, Autumn Cook, Andy Fuqua, Corinne Fuqua, Bob Smith, Paul Cressy, Susan Cressy, Darin Harms, and Dulci Harms



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Harvest Time

2008 GRR Annual Meeting

October 3 - 5, 2008

**Fifth Season
Convention Center
Moline, Illinois**

John 4: "Open your eyes and
look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest."

Schedule

Friday Evening:

Youth Ministry Team
Christian Comedian - **Charles Marshall**

Saturday:

Worship with Mylinda Bates - Missionary Serving in Costa Rica

Workshops:

Walk Across the Room (an evangelism approach);
Sharing the Good News in Electronic Form
Who Will Drive the Tractor?
The Broader Field with Gary Baits

GRR Mission Banquet - Focus on Mission: Costa Rica

Saturday Evening: "Emerging Voices"

Sunday Morning – Worship with Mylinda Baits

GRR Ministers Conference

**Harvest Time:
Self Care For the Worker**

Friday October 3, 2008

**Fifth Season (formerly Holiday Inn)
Convention Center
Moline, IL**

Presenter: Dr. Yvonne Martinez Thorne - bilingual (English/Spanish) faith-based, counseling psychologist practicing in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvani

Worship Leader: Rev. Cheri Grizzard

Preachers: Dr. Leroy Mitchell and Dr. Terry Minchow-Proffitt

Bike Blessing

Rolling Prairie Baptist Church in Rochester, IL held a bike blessing in June for the congregation and community. Sixteen bikes showed up and were blessed. **Dr. Mark Estrop**, pastor, explained that this is an old tradition with motorcycle riders, and is a way to develop relationships with people who may not have traditional relationships with churches. "It's a great way to meet people and get yourself known in the community," stated Estrop.



Pictured is Marvin Miller having his 1960 Cushman Eagle blessed by Dr. Mark Estrop

Area I Youth Fall Retreats

Blackhawk Baptist Camp
4491 W. Henry Rd
Oregon, IL 61061

Senior High (Grades 9-12):
September 5-7, 2008

Junior High (Grades 6-9):
September 19-21, 2008

Cost: \$48.00 (Leader Cost: \$24.00)
(Cost includes free t-shirt!)
Late Registration (Less than 10 days before the event): \$58

Registration begins at 8:30 pm Friday
Retreat Ends at 11:30 a.m. Sunday Morning (Lunch not provided Sunday)

Parents picking up students may join in Sunday Worship at 10:00 am.

Junior High Weekend

September 19 - 20

Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

"It isn't over til the weight challenged individual sings!"

"With God All Things Are Possible"
- Matthew 19:26

Speaker: J.P. Parrish

Cost: \$40 for Youth
\$20 for Adults

Registration begins at 6:30 PM
- Ends at 4:00 PM

Bring bedding, toiletries and Bible -
For more info: pastorjon@parisfbc.org

Pastoral Installation Services

First Baptist Church, White Hall, IL held an installation ceremony for **Pastor Chad Hoesman** on Sunday August 17, 2008. David Surbeck, pastor search committee chairman, gave a welcoming word to the congregation, then Dan Edwards, pastor of the Roodhouse First Baptist Church, led in the prayer of invocation. David Prosser of The Lighthouse Outreach in Roodhouse and Pastor George Cowper of Gentle Shepherd Fellowship of White Hall joined Pastor Edwards in readings from Scripture. Each



also took time to express to the new pastor and to the congregation their words of encouragement. Esther Jean Coates, pianist, accompanied the congregation in singing of several songs. Pastor Chad's daughter Niki played a piano special. This was followed by Pastor Glen Greenwood, interim, preaching the worship message. Duane Westnedge, chairman of the deacons, gave the Charge to the Pastor. The Charge to the Congregation and response were led by David Surbeck. Words of installation and welcome to the new pastor were presented as a responsive reading by Noel Smith, church member. **Dr. John Grisham** from the American Baptist Churches Great River's Region then led the prayer of installation. Pastor Gary Coates of the Pentecostal Church prayed benediction before all were invited to share in a time of refreshments and fellowship in the church fellowship room.

Installations (continued)

The First Baptist Church of Plano, IL held a service of Installation for their new pastor, **Rev. Jason Hladik**. Pastor Jason began his ministry in Plano on April 6, 2008. He is a graduate of Judson College and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Charge to the Minister was led by Rev. Allan Holder from Marley Community Church in Mokena, IL. Dr. Cheryl Henson, Area I Minister, led the Charge to the Congregation. The Prayer of Installation was given by Rev. Lee Johnson from Healing Stream Baptist Church in West Virginia, and special music was given by Ms Chrissy Bartholomew, Youth Pastor of Oak Park Baptist Church. An Open House at the church parsonage followed the service. The church thanks God for bringing Pastor Jason to First Baptist, Plano.

The First Baptist Church of Pontiac, IL held a service of installation for **Rev. Karen Boucher, Associate Pastor** on August 3, 2008. **Dr. Richard Ricks, Associate Minister** for Area III, ABC/GRR led in the charge. Dr. Jim Wolfe, Pastor, preached the message entitled, "Authentically Called". Following the morning worship service, the church honored her with a reception.

