

**Our Great Rivers Region
Family Is Growing!**

First Baptist Church, Jerseyville, IL Welcomes: Greg McKinnon, Tracey Fuller, Christina McKinnon, Sydney Schaefer, and Taylor Pointer

Second Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO Welcomes: Marcus Harris, Alexander Harris, Daniel Harris, Cheryl Harris, David Harris, Jayden Burkes, Gayle Gladney, Shawana Gladney, Akira Gladney, Chrystal D. Pride, Sharon Cunningham, Earnest Campbell, Crystal Sanderson, Michelle Adkins, Leroy Huggins, Barbara Allen, Janice Rollins-Reed, Tiffany Diggs, Michelle Goudeau, Marva Thomas, Ayanna Gladney, Anthony Stillwell, Sarah Updyke, Paul Cowley, Gayle Cowley, and Zaria Craig

First Baptist Church, Macomb, IL Welcomes: Sandra Hoskins, Matthew McClure, and Jamie McClure

First Baptist Church, Mahomet, IL Welcomes: Stephon Watts and Jeremy Rexroad

Antioch Baptist Church, Reynolds, IL Welcomes: Terry Leonard, Stephanie Leonard, Josie Finch, and Marion Chard

Elliott Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, IL Welcomes: Sharia Donald, Vanessa Cronister, Morgan Jackson, and Larry Glover

First Baptist Church Wood River, IL Welcomes: Lauren Ratliff, Drew Ratliff, and Jasmine Brown

Church News

On Maunday Thursday evening, the men of **Elliott Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, IL** recreated Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper."

As each disciple entered down the aisle he told about himself and his relationship with Jesus. Then he took his place at the table in the same pose as in the painting. When Jesus entered he broke the bread and passed the cup to those at the table. The disciples then passed communion to the congregation.



Those participating were, from left to right, Jack Davison, Donnie Monroe, Nate Williamson, David Berry, Harold Monroe, Dan Ford, Paul Hayden, Don Service, Roger Jackson, Steve Skeeters, David Nicholson, Jack King, Ron Greenfield. The backdrop was painted by David Berry. The table cloth created by Sandy King. Nancy Davison did props, costumes and makeup. Several others helped.

**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

News of Ministry and Mission

American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region

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GRR Calendar

2009 Theme - Plant the Harvest

April

24 - 25 - GRR Missions Conference
Cherry Hills Baptist
Church, Springfield, IL

May

2 - Blackhawk Baptist Camp
Cleanup

5 - Boundaries Course - GRR
Resource Center, Springfield, IL

16 & 23 - Lake Springfield Baptist
Camp Cleanup

28 - Church for All Generations
with Edward H. Hammett
FBC Bloomington, IL

June

5 - 7 - GRR Women's Ministries
(formerly ABWM)
Lake Williamson, Carlinville, IL

20 - 50th Anniversary of Blackhawk
Baptist Camp

25 - 29 - Biennial Meeting of ABC-
USA, Pasadena CA

GRR Missions Conference

April 24 - 25, 2009

**Cherry Hills Baptist Church
Springfield, IL**



**A Conference Designed for People
with a Heart for MISSIONS**

Friday:

- 3:00 p.m.: "Mission & Ministry in Rural and Small Town Churches" with **Susan Gillies** (Executive Minister of ABC Nebraska)
- 6:30 p.m.: Plenary Session
 - Testimonies on Habitat Projects in the Gulf
 - Special Music by 4-Given
 - Preaching by **Rev. Wilfred Brown** - Director of Indian Ministries for National Ministries ABCUSA and in many capacities at Bacone College
 - Offering for Alajuelita Project in Costa Rica

Saturday:

7:30 a.m. Continental breakfast
with GRR Staff

9:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. - Workshops

11:15 a.m.: Plenary Session

- Special music Karen Musical
Troupe

- Message on Baptists in Burma
with Dr. Angelene Naw
(Judson University)

Offering for Break the Chains project

Also at the Missions Conference:

Books for the **Used Book
Depository** will be received. This
lay ministry of the Montgomery
Community Church (an ABC church)
has been featured at the GRR
Mission Conference for years. They
provide educational resources for
ministers around the world. They
welcome your good quality devo-
tional and theological books and
commentaries, but have no need for
hymnbooks or Sunday School litera-
ture.

Food will be received for the
Murrow Indian Children's Home in
Oklahoma. Our own Jack Smith will
be collecting and delivering this offer-
ing of your staple food items.

Leadership Changes

Retired

Willis Durbin - Central, Willisville, IL
Shirley Hess - Community, Utica, MO

Being Church for All Generations... A Seminar for Church Leaders and Pastors



**Seminar
Leader: Dr.
Eddie Hammett**
Senior Coach
for Lake Hickory
Learning
Communities
& Valwood

Christian Leadership Coaching, and
a founding partner of the Columbia
Partnership. He is the author of four
books dealing with how the church
can be prepared for more effective
ministry in the 21st century.

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: First Baptist Church
2502 E College Ave
Bloomington, IL 61704

Cost: \$30.00 - Includes lunch, note-
book, and one copy of Hammett's
book for the Pastor, and 3 lay lead-
ers
(Additional people from a church will
be charged \$5.00 each for lunch)

Leadership Changes

Outgoing (Continued)

Rob Kirbach - Youth Minister, FBC
Edwardsville, IL
Delano Benson - Pastor, Pleasant
Green, Kansas City, MO
Cheryl Goliday - Minister of Mission &
Outreach, Central, Saint Louis, MO
Paul Burden - Campus Minister,
Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry,
Edwardsville, IL

Leadership Changes

Incoming

Star McCann - Children's Ministry
FBC, Aledo, IL
Rob Miltenberger - Pastor, Erie
Baptist, Erie, IL
Don Ruel - Minister of Outreach,
Erie Baptist, Erie, IL
Steve Larson - Pastor, FBC, Morris,
IL
Flint Miller and Debbie Miller, Co-
Pastors, FBC, Moline, IL
Mike Abel, Pastor, Tiskilwa
Community Church, Tiskilwa, IL
John Peterson - Interim Pastor,
Creekwood, Rockford, IL
Jack Smith - Pastor, Antioch Baptist
Reynolds, IL
Al Heger - Pastor, FBC Carrollton,
IL
Ed Haun - Interim Minister, Bethel,
Jerseyville, IL
Adina Butler - Director of Children's
Ministries, Central, Quincy, IL
Kraig Hufstедler - Youth Minister
Intern, Central, Quincy, IL
Angela Jackson - Director of Yth. &
Child. Min, Elliott Ave, Springfield, IL
David Comstock - Interim Pastor,
FBC, East Peoria, IL
Martin Wollin - Min of Music,
FBC, Galesburg, IL
David Garver - Pastor, Muncie
Baptist, Muncie, IL
Lyndall Propst - Pastor, FBC,
Urbana, IL
Randy Johnson - Pastor, FBC,
Carbondale, IL
Jeff Moore - Pastor, FBC,
Greenville, IL
Mike Hood - Pastor, Scottsboro,
Marion, IL
Bob Askew - Interim Pastor,
Pate Chapel, Murphysboro, IL
Jeff Pulliam - Pastor, Palestine,
Whittington, IL

Vernon Howard - Pastor, Second BC
Kansas City, MO
Delano Benson - Pastor, Antioch,
Saint Louis, MO
Cory Goode - Associate Pastor,
University Heights, Springfield, MO
Timothy Munday - Pastor,
Community, Utica, MO
Rob Kirbach - Campus Minister,
Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry,
SIU-E, Edwardsville, IL

Outgoing

Kelly Melvin - Associate Pastor, FBC,
Galesburg, IL
John Peterson - Interim Minister,
FBC Moline, IL
Jeff Morris - Youth Minister,
Creekwood Baptist Church,
Rockford, IL
Gary Rothwell - Pastor, Creekwood
Baptist Church, Rockford, IL
John Dawson - Pastor, Bethel,
Jerseyville, IL
James Gregory - Administrative
Pastor Cherry Hills, Springfield, IL
Otis Phillips - Associate Pastor,
Rolling Hills, Kansas City, MO
Jon Dainty - Pastor, FBC, East Peoria,
IL
Adrian Lamkin - Interim Minister,
Muncie, Muncie, IL
Charles Pearman - Pastor, Indianola,
Indianola, IL
Ron Haley - Interim Minister, FBC
Urbana, IL
Randy Johnson - Pastor, FBC,
Carbondale, IL
Don Klasing - Interim Minister, FBC,
Greenville, IL
Jeffrey Gee - Pastor, Pate Chapel,
Murphysboro, IL
Dan Reynolds - Minister of Music,
FBC, Mt Vernon, IL
Christine Phillips - Interim Minister,
Cherry St, Alton, IL

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