

**First Baptist Church
Greenville, IL Installs Pastor**



On April 19, 2009, **Rev. Jeffrey Moore** (pictured on the right with Douglas Marti, Chairman of the Deacons) was installed

as the new pastor of **First Baptist Church of Greenville, IL.**

Jeff's former pastor, Rev. Ed Haun (retired) of Jerseyville, IL delivered the message. Regional Associate Minister for Area IV, **Randy McNeely**, delivered the charges for the new pastor and the congregation.

The services were followed by a meal and time of fellowship hosted by First Baptist Church.

Both Pastor Jeff and First Baptist Church look forward to what the future holds for this body of believers as they work together to continue building the Kingdom of God in Greenville, IL.

**ABW Ministries - GRR
Annual Retreat**

**June 5, 6, & 7
Lake Williamson
Carlinville, IL**



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in Christ Jesus

More Information:

www.abcgrr.org/abwm/index.htm
or call: Marcia Wimmer: 217-877-4128

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

**Eldred Baptist Church, Eldred, IL
Welcomes:** Leroy Robinson.

**First Baptist Church, Paris, IL
Welcomes:** Madison Johnson, Marissa Noffsinger, and Gracee Johnson

Central Baptist Church, Quincy, IL Welcomes: John Broughton, Tricia Broughton, Adina Butler, Bobette Cawthon, Heather Coulter, Zachery Cress, Betty Lynch, Brittany Smith, Elaine Solenberger, Jazmine Thomas, Robert Whitley, and Fern Whitley

Creekwood Baptist Church, Rockford, IL Welcomes: Duane Steffenhagen, Jeff Smith, and Suzanne Smith

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

First Baptist Church, Sullivan, IL Welcomes: John Ingram and Donna Holland

**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

2009 Theme - Plant the Harvest

May

16 & 23 - Lake Springfield Baptist Camp Cleanup

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

June

5 - 7 - GRR ABW Ministries Annual Retreat Lake Williamson, Carlinville, IL

20 - 50th Anniversary of Blackhawk Baptist Camp

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

July

8-9 - National ABM Council IL Wesleyan University Bloomington, IL

10-11 - GRR Men's & Boys Conference - IL Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL

25 -31 - National ABWM and ABGirls Conference, Lake Williamson

**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, notebook, and one copy of Hammett's book for the Pastor, and 3 lay leaders (Additional people from a



Moments from Mission Conference 2009



Blackhawk Baptist Camp To Celebrate 50th Birthday

January 1959: 160 acres of wooded farmland was purchased from Floyd W. Stauffer for the price of \$12,000. June 21, 1959: a Camp Sunday was held on the property so the churches of Northern Illinois could see the new camp site. A camp naming contest was initiated. Eventually the name **Blackhawk Baptist Camp** was selected (probably a recommendation from George McCoy of Rockford).

On **June 20, 2009**, we are



again inviting everyone to join us at Blackhawk Baptist Camp to celebrate the **50th birthday of Blackhawk Camp**.

Our celebration is called the "**Blackhawk Fiftieth Funanza**." It will be a day filled with music, memories, food and fun. We are inviting all former campers, managers, board members, directors, counselors, staff members and friends to return to the camp for a grand reunion. We will start at 10:00 a.m. and have a full schedule of on-going activities such as tours, praise and worship, swimming, games, reunions, re-dedication of the camp, fried chicken and much more.

If you have memories you would like to share, write us a letter or

send us photos that we can include in the memory book that is being prepared. We will present a special video for the evening Grand Celebration. We will conclude with the time honored campfire service complete with singing and s'mores!! Send your reservation by email to area1grr@comcast.net or phone 815 - 986 - 7932.

GAB-BRAM

Great American Baptist Bike Ride Across Missouri

June 15 - June 20

Participating riders are accepting pledge money on a per mile, per day, or whole ride basis. One hundred percent of the money raised will go toward new church development programs. This year we are providing camp scholarships for the children of new church plants.

Pledges can be made online through the regional website at www.abcgrr.org.



[abcgrr.org](http://www.abcgrr.org).

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