

GRR Calendar

September 11 - **American Baptist Women's Ministry Area IV Fall Rally**
Warder St. Baptist Church, Marion, IL

September 17-18 - **GRR American Baptist Men's Gathering**
Lake Springfield Baptist Camp Springfield, IL

September 18 - 19 - **Lake Benton Baptist Camp Reunion**
Camp Manitowa, Rend Lake, IL

September 25 - **American Baptist Women's Ministry Area III Fall Rally**
FBC Fairbury, IL

September 30 - **Ministers' Conference**,
Holiday Inn Mt Vernon, IL

October 1 - 2 - **GRR Annual Assembly**,
Holiday Inn Mt Vernon, IL

October 30 - **GRR's American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Team Leaves for Haiti**

November 5 - 7 - **ABY Gathering**
FBC Pontiac, IL

Our Great Rivers Region Family Is Growing!

Antioch Baptist Church, Reynolds, IL Welcomes: Dixie Finch and Ashley Nichole Chandler

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, New Burnside, IL Welcomes: Bobbi Catlin

Northern Baptist Church, West Frankfort, IL Welcomes: Maggie Valentine Arnold.

Church News

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, New Burnside, IL celebrated its 104th Homecoming Sunday, August 8, 2010 with Rev. John Grisham from GRR as the guest preacher. A dinner was held followed by a concert by the Glorylanders. Local talent also performed. **Rev. Jim Holderfield** is interim pastor.

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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2010 Assembly of the Great Rivers Region



Holiday Inn Conference Center
Mount Vernon, Illinois

**2:00 p.m. October 1 to
noon October 2**

Our guest preacher will be **Dr. Jeffrey Johnson**, National Coordinator for National Evangelism Team, Specialist for Evangelism American Baptist Home Mission Societies. He will be preaching during the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions



Dr. Alistair Brown, President of Northern Seminary, will be teaching on Friday afternoon on the topic, **A 1st Century Book in a 21st Century World.**



Angela Sudermann, Coordinator of Volunteers in Global Mission, International Ministries ABC/USA, will be the speaker for the Mission and Ministry Banquet on Friday evening.



2010 GRR Annual Meeting

General Schedule:

Friday, October 1:

Noon - Minister's and Spouses Luncheon

2:00 p.m. - Dr. Alistair Brown, Business Session

5:00 p.m. - GRR Mission and Ministry Banquet with Angela Sudermann

7:30 p.m. - Evening worship with Dr. Jeffrey Johnson

Saturday, October 2:

7:00 a.m. - **Breakfasts**

AB Women's Ministries
Speaker: Ramona Shawver

American Baptist Men

Northern Seminary

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - **Workshops**

God's Word at Work in Mexico
Charles & Ramona Shawver

God's Word on the Screen
Garland Criswell

Tech Tools for Ministry
Muriel Johnson

Tech Impact on Christian Education
Mark Keyser

11:00 a.m. - Closing Worship with Dr. Jeffrey Johnson

Download Registration Form or register online at www.abcgrr.org

GRR Ministers Conference

Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon, IL

Thursday, September 30, 2010



Dr. Harry Riggs, Senior Pastor, FBC Lincoln, NE (formerly Director of Congregational Transformation, National Ministries, ABC/USA) will be

teaching **Biblical Preaching in a Facebook Age**

Time: Registration - Noon
Seminar 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 (This is a separate registration from Annual Assembly. Fee includes seminar, snacks, dinner, and GRReat Networking.)

Installation of Plaw Hso Thaw To Full Time Gospel Ministry

First Baptist Church of Moline, IL is planning a special installation service of pastoral leader, **Plaw Hso Thaw**, to full-time gospel ministry on Sunday morning, September 12 during the 10 a.m. English worship service.

As the Karen congregation has steadily grown, there have been more and more pastoral needs. Plaw will serve the Karen congregation full-time to minister to these needs. The Karen congregation also encourages and supports Plaw in his part-time denominational responsibilities as Youth Consultant and Leader among the Karen churches nationwide.

In the future, Plaw may gain additional training, education, and experience as a pastoral leader that will move him toward ordination.

American Baptist Men 2010 Gathering

I want to extend an invitation to all American Baptist Men of the Great Rivers Region to come and attend our 2010 gathering on **September 17 & 18 at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp**.

There will be a time of worship and a time of service. We are working on providing training for our Disaster Relief ministry. We will be offering CPR and AED training. The training is free, but space is limited. Register early and call to sign up for a class.

The cost is \$30 for adults (\$25 before September 1) and \$25 for youth. Additional youth in the same family are free.

Send registration to Earl Troyer, PO Box 211, Goodfield, IL 61742

Plan to arrive on Friday from noon on and early (8:00 a.m.) on Saturday. We will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Bring someone with you! Together let's see how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Mark your calendars now. I hope to see you there!

Dave Comstock
ABM-GRR President

Disaster Relief Team Going to Haiti

GRR's American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief ministry is sending a team to Haiti Oct. 30. John McConnel, Area I team leader, is coordinating the team. The team will leave on Saturday, Oct. 30 and return Friday evening or Saturday morning, Nov. 5 or 6. (continued)

Herb Rogers of ABC International Ministries is coordinating the plans with John, which will include on site reconstruction from the earthquake in Grand Goave, Haiti.

All the expenses for each team member will be paid. Monetary gifts to offset the cost of this mission are being received by the ABMens treasurer, Earl Troyer, at PO Box 211, Goodfield, IL 61742. Make checks payable to ABMen's Disaster Relief and mark the check: "for Haiti Mission".

"Be prepared for God to work in, on and through you throughout this journey" writes the staff from Valley Forge. GRR's ABMens team is one of several Volunteer Missionary groups scheduled to help in Haiti this summer and fall. Pray about going! Please contact John for more information at 815-244-4005 or email at elifestyle@yahoo.com.

Skype™ a Missionary



Areas II and III sponsored Sr Day at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp on Thursday, August 19. For the second year in a row the program included a video call with one of our ABC Missionaries. This year Raymond Schellinger was the guest.

Skype is a tool that churches can use - several are - to make connections with our missionaries. Give the GRR Staff a call for more information (217-726-7366).