

The American Baptist Youth Board of the Great Rivers Region presents

# The Gathering 2010

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**Leviticus 6:13**

November 5-7, 2010  
First Baptist Church  
Pontiac, Illinois

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# THE GATHERING 2010

Cost:

\$50 for Youth    \$35 for Youth Leaders

Open to youth in grades 8-12

College Freshmen and Sophomores

## **SPEAKER**

Wade Dobson

## **PRAISE BAND**

The EDGE  
Praise Band

## **FRIDAY NIGHT**

Games  
Karaoke  
Improve  
LOOK UP -  
In Concert

## **MISSIONS**

On Site Mission  
Opportunities

More Info Soon

## **WORKSHOPS TOPICS**

Sports & Faith  
Relationships  
School & Faith  
World Religions  
Old Testament  
Military & Faith  
Drama  
Missions  
Alternative Christian Music  
Camp Counselor Training

Check out our website: [www.grr-aby.org](http://www.grr-aby.org)

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Individual Registration Form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Youth Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Leader at Gathering \_\_\_\_\_

Request Host Family Housing YES NO **Registration must be postmarked by Oct. 15 for Host Families**

Hotel Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Disclaimer*

I agree by signing this that the American Baptist Youth Gathering and associated organizations will not be held responsible for any physical injury or loss of property incurred at the American Baptist Youth Gathering.

Parent's Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration: \$50 for youth \$35 for adults**  
**Additional \$5 per person for housing with families (covers background checks for host families)**  
**Make checks payable to First Baptist Pontiac**

**Mail form(s) to:  
THE GATHERING  
C/o First Baptist Church  
515 N Ladd St.  
Pontiac, IL 61764**

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Dear Youth and Youth Leaders,

Welcome to The Gathering 2010! We are looking forward to spending a weekend full of faith, fellowship, and fun with you and your youth leaders. The theme for this year's Gathering is *Keep the Fire Burning* based on *Leviticus 6:13*.

First Baptist Church of Pontiac, Illinois ([www.fbcpontiac.org](http://www.fbcpontiac.org)) will be our host. They have been planning and working hard to get ready for The Gathering. Once again this year, you will have two housing options: to stay with host families or to stay in a hotel. We can guarantee housing with families for the first 75 participants who register. A list of hotels and restaurants has also been included in this packet of information. The church will provide lunch and supper on Saturday.

Our speaker this year will be the Reverend Wade Dobson ([www.calbap.org](http://www.calbap.org)). Wayne is the Minister to Students at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. Praise and worship will be led by The EDGE Praise Band ([www.hopestudents.org](http://www.hopestudents.org)). This group leads praise and worship for the student ministries of Hope Evangelical Church in Springfield, IL. Friday evening will feature games, karaoke, an Improv Group and a concert by the band, Look Up.

Youth and leaders will also have the opportunity to participate in 2 workshops, work at mission sites, and small groups. Workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon; the topics and leaders are selected by the ABY Board. Work at various mission sites will also be on Saturday afternoon. Small groups will meet on Friday evening and after the two worship/speaking sessions on Saturday.

Enclosed you will find a registration form which can be copied for your youth, a tentative schedule, a listing of hotels in the Pontiac area, and information about the ABY Board, and how a youth can become a part of that group.

Yours in Christ,

*Jarod Haskall*

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President, American Baptist Youth of the Great Rivers Region

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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### Friday, November 5

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Registration/ Games, Karaoke
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Improv Group
8:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Concert by Look Up
9:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Small Group #1
10:00 – 10:30 p.m.	Coffee House
10:30 p.m.	Meet Your Host Family/Hotels

### Saturday, November 6

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Gathering
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Small Group #2
11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	ABY Board Information
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Workshop #1
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Workshop #2
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Mission Opportunities
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Supper/Interviews for 2011 ABY Board during dinner
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Gathering
9:00 – 9:45 p.m.	Small Group #3
10:00–10:30 p.m.	Coffee House
10:30 p.m.	Find Your Host Family/Hotels

### Sunday, November 7

9:00 a.m.	Worship ( <b>the worship service is broadcast on radio and TV; please be at the church by 8:30</b> )
11:00 a.m.	Head for Home

AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH BOARD  
GREAT RIVERS REGION  
SELECTION PROCESS

The American Baptist Youth Board is composed of high school and college young adults who plan and lead The Gathering each year. This board is selected through an interview process with the adult advisors to the ABY Board. Keys to selection include commitment to Christ, leadership abilities (both current and potential), ability to make meetings, and support of the home church and family. All of the decisions involved with The Gathering are made by the youth members of the board; the adults simply act as guides and mentors in the process.

The ABY Board usually meets six times a year (January, February, March, July, September, and October) plus the weekend of the Gathering (November). The board meetings are held on Saturdays, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and finishing no later than 3:00 p.m. The ABY Board meets at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp. While we know that school, church and family conflicts can arise, we encourage youth and adults on the board to make all the meetings if at all possible. A term on the ABY Board runs from January through November of the year.

The ABY Board consists of five officers: Past President (lend experience to the new Board), President (leads all meetings, make and supervise assignments, communicate with prospective speakers, musicians, etc.), Vice-President (leads meetings in absence of President, carries out duties as assigned), Secretary (keeps minutes of Board meetings), and Editor (maintains the website and publicity). In addition, there are four to five Older Youth Representatives. These youth are usually Juniors or Seniors in high school or college students. There are also four to five General Board Representatives. These youth are often Freshmen and Sophomores in high school. Both the Older Youth Reps and the General Board Reps will have assignments of finding workshop leaders, bands, T-shirt design, etc. All Board members have assignments during The Gathering. We encourage students entering their Senior year of high school to apply for the board even if they may be leaving the area in the fall for college. If the student can make it back for the meetings in September and October, that is fine. If distance and studies prevent that, it is understood. The college board member is certainly welcomed back for The Gathering and will be given duties as needed.

Any interested youth may apply to be part of the ABY Board. The application process consists of the following:

Complete prior to The Gathering if possible and bring with you:

- A written testimony of faith from the youth
- A letter of reference from the youth pastor/leader or senior pastor
- A letter from the parents/guardians consenting to the commitment to get the youth to ABY Board meetings

At The Gathering:

- An interview with the ABY Adult Advisors at The Gathering

If you have any questions concerning applying for the Board, please feel free to contact one of the Adult Advisors:

Kathy Hutchins ([kathy-hutchins@hotmail.com](mailto:kathy-hutchins@hotmail.com)), Margaret Rush ([sapphire\\_belle@hotmail.com](mailto:sapphire_belle@hotmail.com)), John Parrish ([parrish31@gmail.com](mailto:parrish31@gmail.com)) or Kelsey Parrish ([parrish.kelsey@gmail.com](mailto:parrish.kelsey@gmail.com))

## Pontiac Hotels

**Comfort Inn**                      **1821 W. Reynolds**                      **815 -842-2777**

This hotel has 58 rooms, including non-smoking and handicapped accessible. The hotel serves continental breakfast, has cable TV and free wifi. There is a restaurant within 1 block.

**Holiday Inn Express**                      **1823 W. Reynolds**                      **815-844-4444**

This hotel has 54 rooms, including non-smoking and handicapped accessible. The hotel serves continental breakfast, has cable TV and free wifi. There is a restaurant within 1 block.

**Super 8**                      **601 S. Deerfield**                      **815-844-6888**

This hotel has 48 rooms, including non-smoking and handicapped accessible. The hotel serves continental breakfast. Has cable TV and free wifi. There is a restaurant within 1 block.

## Pontiac Restaurants

### Fast Food

Arby's  
Burger King  
Dairy Queen  
KFC/Long John Silvers  
Mc Donald's  
Subway  
Taco Bell  
Wendy's

### Pizza

Monical's  
Pizza Hut