ABC/WI January Synergy E-News

American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin
SYNERGY E-NEWSLETTER
announcing, connecting, sharing for synergy in mission and ministry

January

Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
1 THESS 5:16-18

From the ABC of Wisconsin Regional Office
On the 20th of each month in the year 2020, set aside 20 minute pray for ABC Wisconsin.

This is an invitation for 20 minutes on a designated day for the whole month to pray. Of course, welcome and are in need of daily prayers, but the hope is that we can be assured that at least day a month our American Baptist brothers and sisters across the state are united in prayer for common or connected things and listening together to God for guidance. **CLICK HERE** to learn more.

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**PROCLAIM | YOUR Life Speaks — OUR Lives Speak**

Friday, January 24, 2020—Saturday, January 25, 2020

LOCATION: Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

"Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8 (NRSV)

Rooted and Grounded in key speeches by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr:

* "The Letter from a Birmingham Jail"
* "The Other America"
* "Give Us the Ballot"

King’s RADICAL CALL. Our RADICAL work!

FRIDAY, January 24th—Grand Opening - Institute in Session 6:30PM
SATURDAY, January 25th—Institute 8:00AM - 6:30PM

Session I The Letter from a Birmingham Jail
Session II The Other America
Session III Give Us the Ballot. We Speak. We Act.

To Register, email name to: NO COST

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For more information, contact: Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray

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Winter Youth Retreat

It isn’t too late to sign up for the Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Tamarack weekend of Jan 24th – 26th (Fri–Sun)!  
*(Early Registration deadline is January 10th!)*

Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to come for a time of worship, games, and fellowship focusing on “God’s Vision for You and Keeping Your Vision on God.” You can find a brochure and registration information at www.camptamarack.org
IRS issues standard mileage rates for 2020

Pastors, Church Secretaries, and Office Managers: Beginning on January 1, 2020, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 57.5 cents per mile driven for business use, down one half of a cent from the rate for 2019,
- 17 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down three cents from the rate for 2019, and
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

Read more HERE.

Regular Region Office Hours

During our office staff transitions, we aim to keep to our public office hours: Monday–Thursday 9 am–2 pm; however, to make the most of your visit, we recommend that you contact the staff person you would like to visit to make an appointment. Click HERE for our staff listing.
We are updating our databases...
If you have recently changed any of your contact information, click HERE to out a quick online form to update us.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

176th ABC/WI Annual Gathering  
Friday-Saturday; October 9-10, 2020

Community Baptist Church  
35512 Washington Ave.  
Honey Creek, WI 53138  
Rev. Jane Mathison, Pastor

~35 miles from Milwaukee, Janesville  
~70 miles from Madison  
~120 miles from Green Lake & the Dells  
~Just about 5 miles from Interstate 43

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Save the Date!
Mark your calendars now for the 176th ABC/WI Annual Gathering: Friday–Saturday, October 9–10, 2020 at Community Baptist Church of Honey Creek, Rev. Jane Mathison, Pastor.

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Looking for a volunteer opportunity or a new job?  
Just click on the appropriate box! New job postings have been added!

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From Our Churches and Denomination

Pastors: Please Share This Opportunity with Your Young Adult
The Short-Term Mission Office at International Ministries received a Palmer grant earmarked for American Baptist young adults (age 19 – 29 years old), ABC regions and churches, to provide a cross-cultural spiritually significant educationally relevant short-term mission opportunity. This pilot project is being launched for 2020. It is an example of creative short-term mission opportunities where American Baptist young adults are able to discern and out their faith in experiential settings across the globe, and live the realities mission work.

The project invites up to 12 young adults (no more than 2 young adults from one region) to explore the call of God in their lives. It aims to facilitate the development of global leaders in the context of close cooperation with global partners and career missionaries. The young adults will have specific partner project-based responsibilities as they co-labor with community members.

The young adults will travel abroad and serve a minimum of six weeks up to weeks, alongside American Baptist global servants (who have agreed to welcome them), simultaneously learning from and serving the needs of our global partners.

They will be immersed in cross-cultural settings, serving in programs and projects designated by the hosts, where they will utilize their skills and have opportunities to grow. Service sites include: Brazil, Lebanon, Philippines, Thailand, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Hungary, and Spain.
Don’t delay! Applications MUST be received by January 14, 2020.

For more information, download Program Description, Application, and Hosts.

The Ministers Council

As pastors, we have a huge opportunity to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and I church. We can do it better with the support of each other. That is why the Ministers Council exists and is needed. We really need each other, to connect, care, and to grow in grace. Did you know that our national organization is waving national dues in 2020 – the year of Jubilee? This is the perfect time to join and connect across the denomination and shape our local Wisconsin chapter.

To learn more about important resources and how to join, click HERE!

“Fundamentalism and the Baptists 1900–1950”
Fundamentalism and the Baptists, 1900-1950

A Call for Articles for the American Baptist Quarterly

The fundamentalist movement is 100 years old, and there is perhaps no group of American Christians that has been more affected than the Baptists. See, for example, the battles over fundamentalism in the Northern Baptist Convention in the 1920s, the various fundamentalist Baptist denominations that have emerged in the past century, and the fundamentalist takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1980s.

This issue of the American Baptist Quarterly solicits articles on fundamentalism and the Baptists in the first half of the twentieth century. Articles should be historical explorations of the origins, nature, and/or impact of early fundamentalism among Baptists, as well as examinations of seminal figures, groups, events, and ideas pertaining to Baptist fundamentalism (and anti-fundamentalism).

Articles should be between 5000 and 8000 words in length (notes included double-spaced, 12 point font, with notes gathered at the end of the manuscript and no bibliography). Citations must conform to the 16th edition of the Chicago Manual of Style. Please submit proposed articles by March 1, 2022 to ABQ Associate Editor William Trollinger (wtrollinger1@udayton.edu), who also welcomes inquiries.
Celebrating Ministering Women

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Green Lake Conference Center | Green Lake, Wisconsin

Rejoicing with American Baptist Women In Ministry as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary!

June 16-19 | 2020
All Are Welcome

American Baptist Women's Ministries | American Baptist Women in Ministry

For more information go to www.RadicalRedeemedReady.com

From Our Ministry Partners and Beyond
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2020 Baptist Joint Committee Fellows: Apply Today!

We are now accepting applications for the 2020 class of BJC Fellows.

This year-long program equips young professionals for a lifetime of religious liberty advocacy, kicking off with an in-depth seminar in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, on August 12–16. BJC Fellows will complete projects during the seminar and an individual project afterward.

The program is open to all young professionals between the ages of 25 and 35. There is no cost to apply, and there are no religious requirements. The program covers travel costs, lodging, and meals.

Applications are due February 21, 2020.

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Scholar's Retreat | Issachar Fund

The Issachar Fund is pleased to offer clergy, scholars, writers, thought leaders, and artists a retreat opportunity in a cottage near Lake Michigan for research, reflection, writing, and production of scholarship or creative work in alignment with our Foundational Questions. To find out more information and to apply, click here!
Links to NEWS AND EVENTS of some of the PARTNER MINISTRIES supported by your United Mission giving to ABC Wisconsin:

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