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October is World Mission Offering Month



During the World Mission Offering this October, your church has the opportunity to join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. God can use your participation not only to change lives internationally, but also to deepen your own discipleship in Christ. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

Through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, thousands across the country celebrate and support ministries that God is using to transform the world.

For more than two hundred years, International Ministries (also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society), has combined resilience, adaptability, and creative approaches to cross-cultural ministry with faithfulness to Scripture. We serve together with and learn from our many local partners in ministry around the globe.

During the 2021 World Mission Offering, you can see highlights of the work of Global Servants Ketly and Vital Pierre in the Dominican Republic, as they provide education, Bible studies, language classes, a micro-loan program, legal counseling, and more for Haitian immigrants facing inequity and maltreatment in the Dominican Republic. You can hear from Global Servants Alise and Mark Juanes, as they talk about their ministry of practical care and love for the hill tribe children in Chiang Mai, Thailand. You can also see the impact of Global Servant Ricardo Mayol-Bracero's ministry, as he serves and stands alongside communities in Latin America trying to access clean water and air.

Through these three ministries you will have a glimpse into what God is doing through International Ministries' 120+ global servants, 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners in 70 countries.

As you explore the resources available to you here on our website, we hope you will make use of them to spread awareness of this opportunity to take part in the incredible work God is doing around the world.

Join with us, as we work cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.

Join others
for the 43rd
Annual
Gathering
at Bacone
College in
Muskogee,
OK



Save the date: September 30-October 1, 2022 for the next Annual Gathering



AB Women's Ministries

National Theme:

Let the Walls Fall Down



Summer Conference – June 3-4, 2022

Theme: Reshaping in His Image





CALLING ABMEN FOR A

WORK DAY

ABMEN ARE HAVING A WORK DAY AT THE REGION
OFFICE ON **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD AT 9 AM.**

WE WILL BE TRIMMING BUSHES, CUTTING DOWN SOME
SMALL TREES, AND WEED EATING. IF YOU HAVE YARD
TOOLS PLEASE BRING THEM.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ABMEN
PRESIDENT, RUSTY BOYER AT RUSTY2440@GMAIL.COM
OR JENNIFER SCHNEIDER AT
JENNIFER.SCHNEIDER@ABCCR.ORG.

Coffee and donuts will be provided

KBCF Charitable Gift Annuity Small church grant for 'poor and needy outreach'

Charitable Gift Annuities can benefit a huge variety of ministries. The beneficiary(ies) can be any of the ministries that we have in Central Region or you could do something a little different as one annuitant did.

Because of the generosity of one annuitant, we now can offer grants to small churches (under 75 average attendance) who are doing outreach ministry directed to/with poor and needy families and individuals in their communities. Amounts can be up to \$ 1,500.00.

Applications are on our website or available from the Director of Planned Giving, Rev. Wilma E. Engle Submit between June 1 and August 15

Vantagepoint 3 is a discipleship & leadership development experience where groups get together on zoom or in person to grow and develop as a person and leader. If you're ready for a deeper look into your life and God's work in our world, contact the Region office for more details.





Welcome

Ahlan wa sahlan Bienveni Bienvenidos

Dam maw! Kae ccidue!

Kan in don hna Karibu E komo fùnyihng

Maligayang pagdating Marhaban Kyaosopartaal

Welkom Tatulomu Swagatam

Bethel
Neighborhood Center
Kansas City, Kansas

Nkuizulu yambote

Zoo siab txais tos!



Bethel Neighborhood Center

Serving our community since 1911

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Mk. 12:31

AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS: 100+ STUDENTS FROM GRADES 1-12

- * HOMEWORK HELP – PARENTS CANNOT HELP...
- * SOCIAL SKILLS, CONFLICT MANAGEMENT, DISAGREEING APPROPRIATELY ETC.



- * HEALTH EDUCATION
- * COLLEGE READINESS, CAREER OPTIONS, ETC.

**Donated by
American
Baptist Women
of
Central Region**

The ABW of Central Region donated **\$36,729.**

God multiplied their gift and we raised more than **\$3 million dollars!**



- ❖ FOCUS is a newsletter published for professional church leaders in the Central Region, and it is distributed monthly. It is on the Region website, <https://abccr.org/>.
- ❖ The deadline for FOCUS is the first of the month of publication.
- ❖ A variation in content and format is required for copy to be printed in two or more successive issues.

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Check our ABC Central Region Twitter link — <https://twitter.com/ABCCRegion>

Please like and share the posts made on these Central Region social media accounts to help us spread the news!

Kansas Baptist Convention Foundation

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Faith, Hope, and Love

These three combined theological virtues help us to live our best Christian life.

Faith is the instrument or means or the way God uses to save His people. It is a precious gift of God which enables people to believe in Christ as the only hope for their salvation and to trust in what He did on the cross is for them and to keep trusting in Christ.

Hope then causes believers in Christ to eagerly look forward to Christ's promises being fulfilled. If faith make the believers certain that Christ's promises will be fulfilled, hope fills them with eager anticipation.

Faith and hope are very personal. **Love** enables believers in Jesus to reach out beyond themselves and their needs and be concerned about others. I Corinthians 13 reminds us that love is patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast, is not proud, is not rude or self-seeking, is not easily angered, keeps no records of wrongs, does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. Love never fails. No wonder in I Cor. 13:13 we read that the greatest of these three is love.

Love is not the Hollywood type that we see on the screen, it is a deep selfless consideration for others. It is the deep desire that everyone knows the saving grace of Jesus. In recent years we see less and less of that true love of God in the world. It seems that worldly pleasures and selfish desires are taking precedence.

We, as Christians, often complain about all the senseless acts of violence and feel that something should be done about it. Unfortunately, we often think the answer is with someone else, we don't consider what we should or can do. We may not be able to stop mob violence, but we can be a living example of Jesus and witness to those at work, play, shopping, etc. There is an old hymn we used to sing that tells us to 'win them one by one'. If each one can influence another to love the Lord, we can change our country.

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Faith, Hope, and Love

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Maybe your life is primarily around those who are already Christians, so how can you be a witness? You can help provide financial assistance for those who are devoting their lives to being a living witness for Christ. There are many ways to do this. I'd love to share possibilities with you so you can decide which God would have you do at this time. There is no charge for my services and you are under no obligation, so please contact me.

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**Sr. Adult Retreat to have Central Region pastor,
Joel Grizzle as Keynote Speaker**



Originally from Georgia but transitioned to Dallas, Texas to attend Dallas Seminary in his mid-twenties. Married to a fiery Texas redhead named Kendra, who baptized him into ways of Texas A&M. Together they have 3 children: Kennedy 14, Jace 13, Gage 10. He has served at churches in North Atlanta, Dallas and has been in Lyons, Kansas since 2009.

“Handshakes, Hugs & Hallelujahs”

April 27-28, 2022

McPherson First Baptist Church



CAMP CHRISTY 2021



CROSS WIND 2021



OTTAWA UNIVERSITY 2021

Hats Through the Ages Presentation by Linda Wallace at the 2021 ABW Summer Conference.

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES





JOIN US AT THE CAMPFIRE

COLLEGE WINTER RETREAT

January 14-16, 2022

Free college retreat at Camp Horizon in Ark City, Kansas
Sponsored by American Baptist Churches of the Central Region

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER WEEKEND

"CRAZY FRIENDS"

JANUARY 28-29, 2022

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

410 S HICKORY ST, OTTAWA, KS 66067

SPEAKER: ERIC MOSHER, LIVING A LEGACY CHURCH, NEWTON, KS

\$35 A STUDENT IF REGISTERED BY JANUARY 14TH

\$50 LATE REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 6:30PM ON FRIDAY.

DEPARTURE IS AT 5:30PM ON SATURDAY.

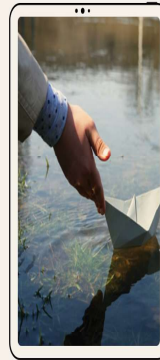


CENTRAL REGION

ANNUAL
MISSIONS
CONFERENCE

JANUARY 14-15

HAVE YOU HEARD?



TODAY, we're launching the 2022 Missions & Evangelism Annual Conference, and we don't want you to miss out on all the features and tools that can help your church grow.

Regardless of COVID, this conference will be in-person and simulcast.

This is not just about missions. You will receive tools that make missions relevant and practical. The tools you need to grow your church!

We'll see you there!

Central Region
Annual Missions Conference

It's LIVE and It's ONLINE.

JANUARY 14-15
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mission Conference Schedule

Friday evening - January 14, 2022

7:00 - 7:05 PM - Welcoming and Introduction of Dr. Ray Schooler

7:05 - 7:50 PM - Dr. Ray Schooler.

7:50 - 8:10 PM Question and answer period.

Saturday morning - January 15, 2022

9:00 - 9:09 AM Welcoming and expressing appreciation to our hosting churches.
Promoting offering, how it will be distributed and that the first \$750 will be matched.

9:09 - 9:10 AM - Introduction of Dr. Christine Roush

9:10 - 9:40 AM - America for Christ - Dr. Christine Roush

9:44 - 9:45 AM - Introduction of Linda Rothenberger-Winter

9:45 - 10:15 AM - One Great Hour of Sharing - Linda Rothenberger-Winter

10:15 - 10:40AM - Schedule Break

10:40 - 10:41 - Introduction of Rev. Sharon Koh

10:41 - 11:11 AM - World Mission Offering - Rev. Sharon Koh

11:14 - 11:15 AM - Introduction of Rev. John Williams

11:15 to 11:45 AM - Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering - Rev. John Williams

11:45 PM - Voicing thanks for attending. Remind listeners of the offering.



MISSION & EVANGELISM ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

January 14-15

Name:

Church Name: City:

Cell Phone: Email:

\$25.⁰⁰/Person

The Mission & Evangelism Committee has \$750 in matching funds. For every dollar the region receives above your \$25 fee, up to \$750, will be matched. The monies received will be divided equally between the four special offerings: America For Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission Offering, and Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Can you help us reach our goal of \$1500.⁰⁰?

Check One:				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – I'll Be there!	My Registration Fee	\$25. ⁰⁰	Additional Offering <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – I can't make it.	But I Still Want to Give	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	
			Total Due	\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>

Conference Details

FRIDAY JANUARY 14 - The 2022 Mission & Evangelism Conference kick-off with a mission challenge from Ray Schooler our Zoom Keynote speaker. Mark your calendar- Friday Evening January 14, 2022 Keynote 7:00 pm. When we receive your registration, a link will be sent to you.

SATURDAY JANUARY 15 – COVID Pending, we will have 'Watch Parties' in 8 locations across the Region. Our theme is TOGETHER – when we put our Missions Money, 'Together' we can do better! If we are under COVID restraints and cannot meet, you will receive a link. Please check the location where you will come 'Together' in ABCCR mission learning, and development.

Check One: I will attend the following Watch Party. A light lunch will be provided.

- Garden City FBC
 Great Bend FBC
 Hiawatha FBC
 Humbolt FBC
 KC Victory Hills
 McPherson FBC
 Topeka FBC
 Wichita Faith Renewal

Return this Registration Form to Wilma Engle - wilmaengle10@gmail.com or mail to: Wilma Engle; 6745 Interurban St.; Wichita, KS 67204-1323. Please make checks payable to: **Mid-Winter Missions**

Registrations Due By: January 1, 2022