

Central Region Life

MARCH 2025

4TEN AT FBC MCPHERSON

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The region's 4Ten leadership group wrapped up their third and final event for the year at First Baptist Church of McPherson. At the third event the students take the things they learned from the past year and put them to work by serving in certain aspects of worship. Throughout the year the students learned about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how to use their gifts and strengths to serve in their schools, churches, and communities in a way that exemplifies the Lord and builds the kingdom.

Rev. Jennifer Schneider, Associate Executive Minister for the region, Morgan Aspinwall, region staff, David Vandiver, a former YLC student, and Trent Kasson, 4Ten graduate and intern at FBC McLouth serve as the leaders. We have two returning students, Emily Prater from FBC Hays and Mackenzie Moore from Garden Plain Community Church. The students new to the group are Joshua Delgado from FBC Herington, Aiden Pattison from FBC McPherson, and Wesley Rains from FBC Olathe. This group has been amazing to work with. They each possess such unique gifts and skills. During service at FBC McPherson, Mackenzie Moore and David Vandiver used their musical talents to bring special music during communion. Trent and Joshua, who have such inviting spirits served communion. Emily and Wesley tag teamed in preaching on what it means to love your neighbor, their words were deliberative and insightful. Aiden Pattison closed the service with a thoughtful and uplifting benediction.

At the end of each year the students have an opportunity to go on a mission trip. The 4Ten group will be traveling to Kodiak, AK in June where they will use their gifts to graciously serve at Kodiak Baptist Mission. Please be in prayer for the group and the work they will do. Applications for the 2025-2026 4Ten group will open this summer.



NEWS FROM CENTRAL SEMINARY



OPEN HOUSE

VISIT OUR NEW SEMINARY HOME

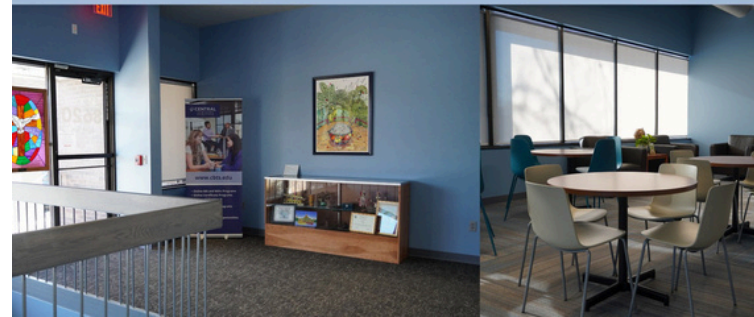
Join us for an Open House to explore Central's new main campus.

Our new space of 9,000 square feet includes classrooms, a library, prayer and reflection space, faculty and staff offices, and other shared work spaces. It is the perfect space for a global seminary in the 21st century that hosts both in-person and virtual classes.

This in-person event is at: 8620 W. 110th Street, Suite 200, Overland Park, KS 66210

Saturday, March 15, 2:00-4:00pm (CT) for a tour and refreshments.

[RSVP Here](#)



Join us for a virtual screening and discussion of Central's new 3-part video series on Cultural Competency in Congregational Leadership.

Topics covered will include Preaching, Pastoral Care, and Hospitality and Welcoming.

Thanks to the generosity of the video participants and the Henry Luce Foundation, we are proud to present this video series as a tool for congregations as they shape their own future in a multicultural world.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
7:00 PM Central Time

[Pre-register for this free event here](#)

Video Screening and Discussion

Cultural Competency in Congregational Leadership



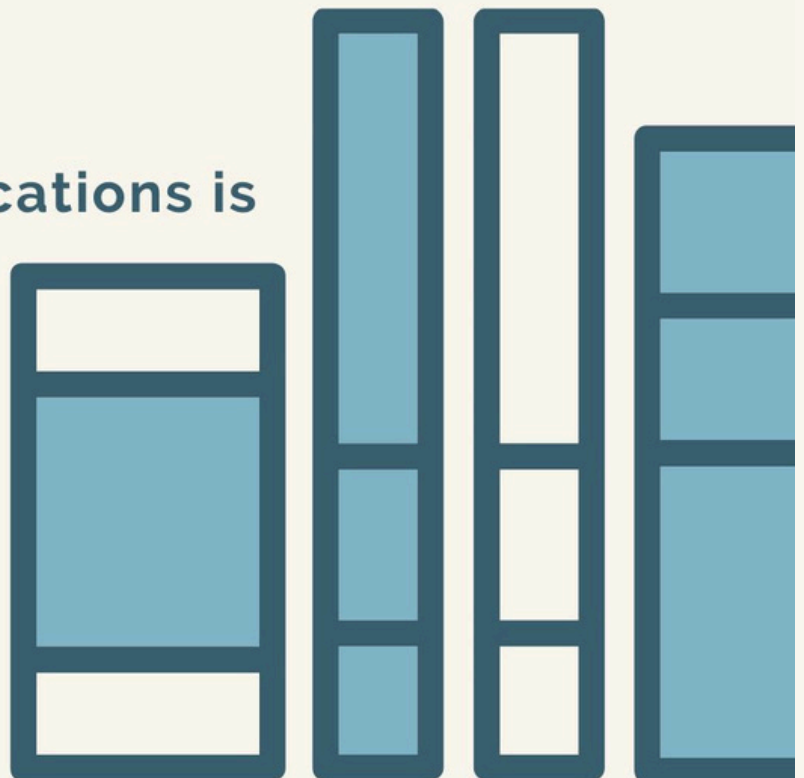
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE CENTRAL REGION

"OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP"

This "Opportunity Scholarship" is awarded by the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region to encourage lifelong learning. It was established by the ABCCR Board of Directors in 2005. Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded each spring. This is a general scholarship to encourage higher education (beyond high school). It is a one-year award and students who wish to be considered for an additional year must reapply.

Deadline for applications is
March 15, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)



PLANNED GIVING

HELPING YOU TO GIVE GENEROUSLY,
REV. TIM SCHWARTZ
KBCF DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING
913-424-9939/ 785-272-7622
TIMMANS39@GMAIL.COM
TIM.SCHWARTZ@ABCCR.ORG

Recently one of our donors, who has funded a couple of charitable gift annuities previously, asked me if the gift annuity rates were going up? I responded "no" because they are not going up at this point in time.

Some people may wonder if the interest rates for charitable gift annuities are connected to the interest rate from the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States? They are not connected. The Federal Reserve board meets eight times a year, considering aspects of our national economy and then decides whether to raise interest rates, lower interest rates or do what they did at this past meeting. They did not change the interest rates this time so they kept them stable at between 4.25% and 4.5%. Now if you were investing in a commercial annuity, that would generally be affected by the work of the Federal Reserve, but not with a charitable gift annuity.

As you will remember from reading previous articles that I have written, a charitable gift annuity is not the same as a commercial annuity. It is a split interest gift. What that means is that a portion of the gift donated goes to the beneficiary each year for the rest of their life and the remaining portion or the residuum goes to the charity or mission partners of the donor's choice. You can fund a gift annuity, but the interest rate depends on the age of the beneficiary, which is the person receiving the financial gift each year. A donor could choose himself or herself as a beneficiary and if they are a couple who decide to fund a gift annuity for themselves, then there is a separate interest rate for two lives, which is based on a second rate table. If the donor chooses to fund the gift annuity and wants the gift to go to another family member or friend, then the interest rate depends on their age.

So, for example, if you are 75 years old and wish to fund a gift annuity, choosing yourself as the beneficiary, then the interest rate for you would be 7.0%. If you are age 76, then the interest rate would be 7.2% and if you are 77 years old, then the interest rate would be 7.4% and so on and so on. Also, just so you understand, if you are funding a gift annuity and the beneficiary is a child instead whose age is between 5 and 11 years old then the interest rate for them would be 3.8%.

For many years, charities and nonprofits set their own interest rates for charitable gift annuities, but in 1927 the American Council on Gift Annuities was formed and it became a 501c3 non-profit in 1993. The council on gift annuities sets the interest rates for charitable gift annuities in our nation. The council does change the rates from time to time based on economic factors but they do not change them regularly or often like the Federal Reserve does. The rate model has historically tended to suggest a rate change no more frequently than once every one or two years.

So while the rates are not going up right now, the good news is that as you grow older and wiser and more mature, the rates do go up. That is one benefit or perk to aging! So whether you are 18 or 81 years old, you can fund a charitable gift annuity that will financially bless you for the rest of your life and provide a generous gift to a church, ministry, missionary or other mission partner of your choice.

If this is something you wish to do, please contact me at your earliest convenience and I will be happy to help you fund a charitable gift annuity. The minimum amount required is \$1,000, but you can give much more than that if you so desire. Please call, email, text or leave me a voicemail and I will be delighted to assist you with your wonderful gift!



For all girls 3rd grade and up! (And all their friends!)



WHEN: Saturday March 29th from 9am-1pm

**WHERE: First Baptist Church Ottawa
410 S. Hickory St. Ottawa, KS 66067**

WHAT TO EXPECT: Fun, Friends, Food, Games, Crafts...

- **Come celebrate the spring! “Plant” some memories!**
- **Grow as we dig into in God’s word**
- **Enjoy yummy food for breakfast and lunch (we made!)**
- **Make some new friends (young and old!)**

REGISTER HERE

PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD

NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL WORLD: TECHNOLOGY TIPS FOR SENIORS

In today's digital age, technology plays a crucial role in staying connected, accessing information, and enjoying entertainment. For seniors at Prairie Homestead, embracing technology literacy opens doors to new opportunities for communication, learning, and engagement. In this article, we'll highlight the importance of technology literacy and provide practical ways for seniors to use smartphones, tablets, and social media for staying connected and entertained.

The Importance of Technology Literacy:

Technology literacy is more than just knowing how to use a smartphone or tablet—it's about understanding how these devices can enhance our lives. For seniors at Prairie Homestead, technology literacy empowers them to stay connected with loved ones, access valuable resources, and enjoy entertainment options tailored to their interests.

Practical Ways to Use Technology:

1. Smartphones and Tablets:

- **Communication:** Seniors can use smartphones and tablets for various communication purposes, such as making calls, sending text messages, and video chatting with family and friends.
- **Information Access:** These devices provide access to a wealth of information through the internet, allowing seniors to research topics of interest, read news articles, and explore educational resources.
- **Entertainment:** Smartphones and tablets offer numerous entertainment options, from streaming movies and music to playing games and reading e-books.

2. Social Media:

- **Connection:** Social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram enable seniors to connect with friends, family, and peers at Prairie Homestead and beyond. They can share updates, photos, and memories, fostering meaningful connections and relationships.
- **Interest Groups:** Many social media platforms feature groups and communities centered around specific interests or hobbies. Seniors can join these groups to connect with like-minded individuals, share experiences, and participate in discussions.

Tips for Seniors Getting Started with Technology:

1. Start Small: Begin by familiarizing yourself with the basic functions of your smartphone or tablet, such as making calls, sending messages, and browsing the internet. Take your time and don't be afraid to ask for help if needed.

2. Attend Workshops: Prairie Homestead may offer technology workshops or classes specifically tailored to seniors. These sessions cover topics like smartphone basics, internet safety, and social media etiquette, providing a supportive learning environment.

3. Practice Regularly: Like any skill, becoming proficient with technology requires practice. Set aside time each day to explore your device, experiment with different apps and features and gradually build your confidence.



4. **Stay Safe Online:** Prairie Homestead emphasizes internet safety and encourages seniors to practice good online habits, such as using strong passwords, avoiding suspicious links or emails, and being cautious when sharing personal information.

Embracing Technology at Prairie Homestead:

Prairie Homestead encourages seniors to embrace technology as a tool for staying connected, informed, and entertained. With support from staff and fellow residents, seniors can confidently navigate the digital world and enjoy the benefits of technology literacy.

Ready to explore the possibilities of technology and stay connected with loved ones at Prairie Homestead? Contact us today at yvonne@prairiehomestead.org or visit our website at prairiehomestead.org to learn more about our community and available resources.

Embrace the digital world and experience the many benefits of technology literacy at Prairie Homestead. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community!

PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD

NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL WORLD: TECHNOLOGY TIPS FOR SENIORS

Mark Your Calendar

ROOTED

in the

LION *of Judah*

& the **LAMB**

**American Baptist
Women's Ministries**

**Summer Conference
FBC Herington, KS**

June 6-7, 2025





Let us pray for the America for Christ offering that supports our American Baptist Home Mission Society, which helps to provide funds for Bethel Neighborhood Center, Murrow Indian children's home and Rainbow Acres, just to name a few of our mission partners that it supports.

Let us pray for all the marginalized,needy, poor, homeless, hungry and disadvantaged people that this offering will help through our churches across the country.

Let us pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and discernment about how much we should give to support these missions and help others come to know Christ.

Their theme scripture this year is: "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgive you."

Ephesians 4:32. (NIV)

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2025

GRACE UPON *Grace*

"BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU."

EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIV)



Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Kathy Maxwell



PRAIRIE PASTORS

CONFERENCE



March 31- April 2, 2025



**Sunset Hills Baptist Church
9416 Pacific St.
Omaha, NE 68114**

REGISTER NOW



There is no registration fee unless you register for the optional boundaries training. Lodging and some meals will not be provided.



Dr. Kathy Maxwell

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Kathy Maxwell has served as the Central Seminary Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty since 2023, providing vision and leadership in directing and overseeing the work of all faculty and academic activities that are consistent with Central Seminary's mission, vision, unique value proposition, and all current and forthcoming strategic and culture plans.

Dr. Maxwell earned her Ph.D. in New Testament from Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Her dissertation, *Hearing Between the Lines*, explores the audience's active role in receiving and telling the story of Luke-Acts and was published in 2010 by T&T Clark. Her current research focuses on the audience's formation and participation in hearing the biblical story in ancient times and the modern world. She is particularly interested in biblical storytelling and certified through the Network of Biblical Storytellers. Dr. Maxwell is also a two-time graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, where she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Logsdon School of Theology and a Bachelor of Arts in Church Ministry.

"I have worked to develop an empathetic leadership style, specifically valuing the art of listening, the questions driven by creativity and curiosity, and the hard work of seeking common ground. My interest in biblical storytelling has played a significant role in this regard. Through the process of internalizing scripture and the regular practice of placing myself in the "sandals" of biblical characters, I have become convinced that hospitality and reconciliation are at the core of the biblical story. Hospitality and reconciliation are impossible without cultivating empathy."

Dr. Kathy Maxwell and her husband, Dr. Nathan Maxwell, and their two young sons live in the Kansas City area.



Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn

Workshop

Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn is an MDiv graduate from Sioux Falls Seminary and has a PhD in Theology and Apologetics from Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Parker, SD for 21 years. In recent years, he has helped develop and teach certificate, undergraduate, and graduate programs at Colorado Christian University's Lee Strobel Center. He has also served as a faculty mentor for Kairos University in Sioux Falls, SD, and has enjoyed serving on the ABC of the Dakotas Region Policy Board.

Rev. Dr. Kilbourn has great joy in seeing men and women come to understand their God-given gifts and become equipped to serve their community and ministry context for the glory of God and the going out of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He loves the Scripture from Jude 3, "Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints."

He is married to Michelle, and they have a daughter and son, Aubrey and Zack. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and tennis. He also tries to avoid getting beat at basketball by Zack and tries new lunch spots with Aubrey.



Rev. Mike Justice

Boundaries Course Instructor

Rev. Mike Justice is the pastor of Milton Baptist Church in Kansas. A schoolteacher when called, he earned a master's degree in Christian ministry from Friends University in 2001 by taking evening classes. The church called him as pastor in 2002.

SCHEDULE

Monday, March 31

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Boundaries Training at ABC of Nebraska Office (**Optional**)

11244 Blondo St., Omaha, NE 68164

Cost \$50 per person

Facilitator: Rev. Mike Justice

4:30 PM Registration at Sunset Hills Baptist Church

5:15 PM Welcome

5:30 PM Dinner

6:45 PM Session 1
Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kathy Maxwell

8:30 PM Fellowship

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 AM Session 2

10:00 AM Workshop 1
Apologetics 101: Having an Answer with Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn
Biblical Storytelling: Dr. Kathy Maxwell

11:00 AM Workshop 2
Apologetics 101: Having an Answer with Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn
Biblical Storytelling: Dr. Kathy Maxwell

12:00 PM Lunch- Regions gather for lunch

1:30 PM Free Time
Optional Activity: Guided tour of downtown Omaha to show pastors and guests Mission Summit location and area activities.
Speakers and Mission Partners available
Dinner on your own

2:00 PM Coffee and Conversation hosted by Minsters Council

5:00 PM Women in Ministry Dinner (cost of dinner on your own)

6:45 PM Session 1
Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kathy Maxwell

8:30 PM Group Photo

Wednesday, April 2

9:00 AM Session 4
Worship & Communion



Where to Stay



Omaha Marriott

10220 Regency Circle
Omaha, NE 68114
402-399-9000

1.6 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

Hampton Inn Omaha/ West Dodge Road

11201 Davenport Street
Omaha, NE 68154
402-334-4938

3.4 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Central Omaha

8736 West Dodge Road
Omaha, NE 68114
402-343-1000

1.7 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

TownePlace Suites Omaha West

10865 West Dodge Road
Omaha, NE 68154
402-590-2800

3.5 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

Staybridge Suites: Omaha 80th and Dodge

7825 Davenport Street
Omaha, NE 68114
402-933-8901

2.5 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

Best Western Old Mill Inn

650 North 109th Court
Omaha, NE 68154
402-431-1246

3.7 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

Hilton Garden Inn Omaha Aksarben Village

6737 Frances Street
Omaha, NE 68106
402-334-4441

3.2 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

Aloft Omaha Aksarben Village

6201 Center Street
Omaha, NE 68106
402-819-2500

3.8 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

VISIT OMAHA

GENERAL INFORMATION

<https://www.visitomaha.com/>

FOOD

FUN FACT! Omaha has one of the highest number of restaurants per capita of all large cities in America.

Blackstone District

Aksarben Village

Downtown

Do you like Reubens? They were invented in Omaha! Check out these restaurants claiming to have the best one!

Restaurants near Sunset Hills:

Cheesecake Factory

PF Changs

Bonefish Grill

Wheatfields bakery

Brother Sebastian's Steakhouse

Local Coffee Shops:

Zen Coffee Co

Stories Coffee Co

Village Grinder

Cafe Botanica

ACTIVITIES

Beautiful Downtown

Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium

Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge

Lewis and Clark Museum

Riverfront area

Axe Throwing!

Top Golf

Multiple Mini-Golf locations

Escape Room

Archery games

Spielbound board game cafe

Joes Indoor Go Kart Track

Scorz Sports Center

Fontanelle Forest

SHOPPING

Aksarben Village

(Yes, Nebraska spelled backward)

Nebraska Furniture Mart

(The Original)

Oak View Mall



Old Market

Regency

Westroads Mall

The Shops of Legacy

Nebraska Crossing Outlets



Join us as we celebrate 114 years of
service to our community!



*Bethel Neighborhood
Center Birthday
Gala*



Friday, April 4, 2025

6:00pm-6:30pm - Facility Tour

6:30pm - Dinner





Registration Information & QR:
\$100 Per Ticket



Location:

Bethel Neighborhood Center
14 S 7th St. KCK 66101

Contact Mang Sonna @
msonna@bethelcenter.org





Metamorphosis

Crossroad Area Family Gathering



April 12, 2025

FBC Minneapolis

213 E 2nd St, Minneapolis, KS

67467

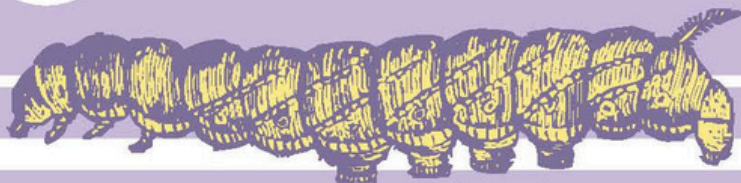
\$5.00 per

Person to Attend
the Gathering

Email

crossroads@abccr.org

to Register



Schedule

9:00

Registration

9:30

Worship

10:15

Business Meeting

11:00

Sunset Home

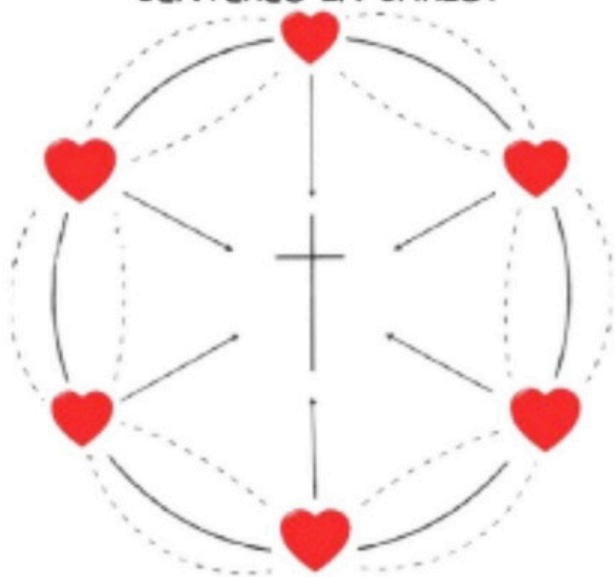
12:00

Lunch Will Be Provided



2025 SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

CENTERED IN CHRIST



Mark your calendars now for this event with keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops. Dr. Stoops has been engaging in a special assignment working in Mission Resource Development for the American Baptist Churches USA and is now currently serving as the interim Pastor at First Baptist Church Topeka. He previously served as the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska.



April 23-24, 2025

Central Baptist Church

Great Bend, KS

Registration information will be available soon. Watch for more details throughout the Central Region's many avenues.

Ephesians 3:16-19

Lodging and Hotels



Best Western – Angus Inn
2920 10th Street
620-792-3541

Complimentary Breakfast

Super 8 by Wyndham
911 Grant Street
620-910-9523

Complimentary Breakfast

Days Inn
4701 10th Street
620-792-8235

Complimentary Breakfast

Travelodge
3200 10th Street
620-792-7219

No Breakfast mentioned on website

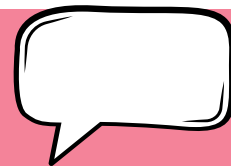
Holiday Inn
3821 10th Street
620-603-6565

Complimentary Breakfast

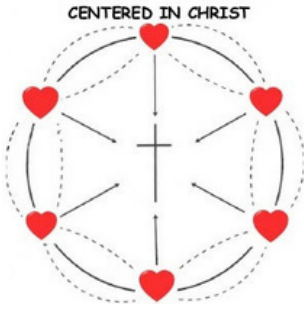
Quality Inn
3500 10th Street
620-793-8486

Complimentary Breakfast

Workshops



Handbells with Jan Smith
Craft Class led by Janet Crow
Spiritual Gifts with John Williams
Choir led by Bob Artz and Ruth Clark
All Group Bible Study with Waylon Upchego
Walking with Jesus led by Mike Justice & Jerry Neeley



ABCCR SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

April 23-24, 2025

Central Baptist Church, 3301 Lakin Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops

Theme: "Centered in Christ" Scripture: Ephesians 3:16-19 (NRSVUE)

First Time to Attend the ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat? Yes _____ NO _____

Name: _____
(If registering as a couple, please write spouse's name below)

Phone: _____

Spouse: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Home Church: _____

& City _____

City / State / Zip: _____

# of Guests		Total \$
_____	@ \$95.00 per person	_____
_____	@ \$70.00 per person	_____
Total Amount Due		_____

Full Retreat (includes program and 3 meals) per person
 One Day only (Wednesday or Thursday) per person

Dietary Requirements:
 Sugar Free Gluten Free Vegetarian
PLEASE NOTE: We will try but cannot assure to meet all dietary requirements

Abbreviated Schedule
 Wed. 11:00 AM Registration Begins
 12:00 PM Lunch
 1:00 PM Session #1
 3:15 PM Interest Groups
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM Session #2
 Thurs. 8:30 AM Registration
 9:00 AM Group Study
 10:30 AM Interest Groups
 1:15 PM Session #3

Interest Groups (please mark preference)
 3:15 PM Wednesday – Bells or Walking with Jesus
 4:30 PM Choir
 10:30 AM Thursday – Craft \$5 or Spiritual Gifts

Please make checks payable to **Senior Adult Retreat** and mail payment and completed registration form to:
 Senior Adult Retreat
 John Williams, Registrar
 C/O 5889 SW 29th Street
 Topeka, KS 66614

Online registration is available at www.abccr.org

Registration Deadline - April 8, 2025
***** \$10 Late Fee Assessed if Postmarked After April 8, 2025**
Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be given if cancelled by April 15, 2025
\$25 non-refundable cancellation fee per individual after April 15, 2025

(Cut here and retain this stub for your records and information.)

ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat: Central Baptist Church, 3301 Lakin Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530
Dates: April 23-24, 2025
Registration begins at 11:00 AM, Wednesday the 23rd
 Retreat begins with lunch at 12:00 noon

Amount paid to Registrar: _____ Check number: _____ Date paid: _____



"The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down."
Psalm 145:14 (NIV)

You can register by scanning the QR Code



Age is determined by what grade the student is entering in the fall of 2025.

CAMP CHRISTY

**JUNE
2-6**

High School Camp: (**\$280**) before May 1 (**\$300**) after May 1

Director: Damion Denison **Registration Deadline: May 19, 2025**

**JUNE
9-13**

Middle School Camp: (**\$280**) before May 1 (**\$300**) after May 1

Director: Damion Denison **Registration Deadline: May 26, 2025**

**JUNE
16-20**

Junior Camp: (**\$280**) before May 1 (**\$300**) after May 1

Director: Erin Isham **Registration Deadline: June 2, 2025**

**JUNE
23-25**

Primary Camp: (**\$140**) before May 1 (**\$150**) after May 1

Director: Becky Rider **Registration Deadline: June 9, 2025**

**JUNE
26-27**

Day Camp: (**\$90**) before May 1 (**\$100**) after May 1

Director: Tonya Koehn **Registration Deadline: June 9, 2025**

CAMP WHITE MEMORIAL

**JULY
14-18**

High School Camp: (**\$395**) before June 1 (**\$415**) after June 1

Directors: Morgan Aspinwall & David Vandiver **Registration Deadline: June 30, 2025**

**JULY
14-18**

Middle School Camp: (**\$395**) before June 1 (**\$415**) after June 1

Director: Wallace Smith **Registration Deadline: June 30, 2025**

**JULY
21-25**

Junior Camp: (**\$395**) before May 1 (**\$415**) after May 1

Director: Kami Minor **Registration Deadline: June 30, 2025**

No registrations will be accepted after the cutoff date.

COME SEEK LIVING WATER

American Baptist Churches USA
BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT
July 3–6, 2025 | Omaha, NE

Join us for the 2025 Biennial Mission Summit designed to inspire collaboration and action within local communities. This vibrant 'family reunion' will foster meaningful connections across generations. With engaging activities for all ages—including child-friendly options—workshops, and discussions, the event promises to inspire fellowship and spiritual growth.



Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain is a dynamic leader serving as the General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA



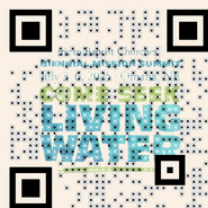
Rev. Dr. Zau Sam Lahtaw is a devoted senior pastor of the First Kachin Baptist Church of America in Omaha, NE



Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula is a dedicated executive minister and region missionary of American Baptist Churches of Nebraska



Rev. Dr. TaNikka Sheppard is a leader of leaders who is regional executive minister of the Cleveland Baptist Association and general secretary for the North American Baptist Fellowship



Register now at www.americanbaptists2025.com.

The Biennial Mission Summit is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025! We will honor supporters of the event through the Biennial Golden Jubilee Society. Become a member with a gift of \$500 or more. Contributions made by May 1, 2025, will receive special recognition in the printed event program and a unique memento distributed at the event. Learn more and make a donation at www.abc-usa.org/Jubilee.

SAVE THE DATE



Mountain & Prairie

YOUTH CONFERENCE

June 14-18, 2026

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES

Snow Mountain Ranch

Granby, Colorado

