

- We are a dedicated staff of regional missionaries who come alongside churches and clergy:
  - Providing support and resources as they discern God's voice in the calling of their next pastor
  - Providing training and education for churches looking for God's preferred future for ministry in their local context
  - Providing leadership and insight for new church planting and congregational transformation
  - Providing pastoral care and counsel for clergy in crisis or simply needing encouragement

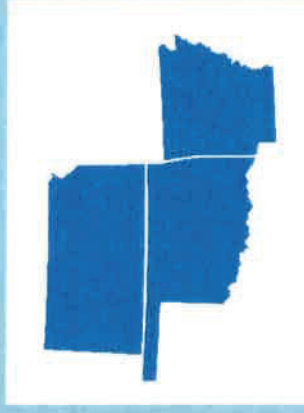
- We are an information network service, connecting churches with worship, inspiration, education, service and mission opportunities
- We are volunteer coordinators, helping mobilize people in response to disaster and need, both near and far
- We are a mission collection agency, serving as the conduit for your contributions to American Baptist mission locally and around the world
- We are a property management group, acting as stewards of property and resources turned over to the Region for furthering mission
- We are all of our churches working together to nurture spiritual and relational vitality in our midst so the mission we do individually as local churches and together as a Region will be healthy, fruitful and Christ-like

## Core Values of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region:

- ✠ We are Biblically Based
- ✠ We Hold a Shared Baptist Identity
- ✠ We Engage in Partnered Ministry for World Transformation
- ✠ We Serve to Resource One Another for Healthy Ministry in Response to God's Call



## Who We Are What We Do



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*Growing Healthy Churches  
to Fulfill Christ's Mission*

## American Baptist Churches of the Central Region

- We are a voluntary association of autonomous Baptist Churches glorifying God through living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to provide resources and services to assist, challenge, empower and represent local congregations in ministry.
- We are about 216 American Baptist congregations in relationship with one another to carry out mission that we cannot or should not do alone.
- We are a Board of Directors made up of representatives from constituent churches, associations and areas in Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.
- We are Mission Teams made up of volunteers from across the Central Region working to provide healthy ministries and resources for:
  - Children and youth through camping and regional youth conferences
  - College students through campus ministries supported by budgeted funds
  - Adults who work with children and youth

- Senior Adults through annual conferences and retreat opportunities
- Pastors and clergy through continuing education, training events and pastoral support networks.
- Lay people seeking training and preparation for lay pastoral ministry
- Individuals pursuing clergy credentialing through Regionally recognized processes of ordination and licensing
- Local Churches looking for a new way forward as they seek to be faithful to Christ in the changing 21<sup>st</sup> century
- We are churches working in partnership with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the Board of International Ministries to send and equip missionaries for service at home and abroad.
  - BIM has 106 long-term missionaries who serve in 27 countries around the world plus partnership with 217 partners, church organizations and other groups, in 76 countries around the world.
  - The American Baptist Home Mission Societies engages in mission in the United States and Puerto Rico under a number of banners:
    - Neighborhood Action Programs
    - Chaplaincy
    - Social Justice
    - Children in Poverty
- We are churches providing quality residential and medical resources for senior adults through the ministries of Prairie Homestead and Sunset Home
- We are a publishing house responsible for *Central Region Life*, FOCUS, the region web site, and email alerts; our news, information and communication tools for connecting and building up one another
- We are churches concerned about providing the educational and spiritual tools people need for living as Christians in the world around us through support of our institutions of higher learning: Bacone College, Ottawa University and Central Baptist Theological Seminary
- We are churches united to provide financial support for vital missions like Belhel Neighborhood Center and Murrow Indian Children's Home
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