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A Newsletter of the American Baptist Churches in the Rocky Mountain Region

September SoulJourners Retreat: A Special Treat

Over the years this senior's retreat never fails to offer us special opportunities: (1) to re-connect with and share the experience with American Baptist friends from across the region; (2) to learn from a variety of spiritual leaders such as biblical scholars, pastors, missionaries, church musicians, and one another; and (3) to relax and appreciate the Franciscan Retreat Center setting near Colorado Springs.

My wife, Tam, and I have particularly enjoyed these occasions to learn from so many gifted leaders. We, like so many seekers and followers, really appreciate opportunities to grow and stretch on our faith journey. For us, it is always about the journey, the life experiences, the path we travel accompanied by our loving God. For these few days in September our journey is always greatly enriched by the friends, the worship and the session leaders who so generously offer us their gifts.

And so, we are looking forward to returning to the Franciscan Retreat Center **September 15-17**, as **Dr. David May** (pictured), **New Testament Professor at Central Baptist Theological Seminary** will lead our time together with the theme: *Understanding Jesus: His Culture and Context*.

Indeed, a special treat for us all! Please join us. Your church will be receiving brochures and registration forms, and/or you may find retreat information and registration form online at www.abcrm.org.

*Grace and peace,
Larry VanSpriell
Pine Street Church*



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One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday June 7, 2015

MISSION STORIES

Will you give to One Great Hour?



Beating the Drought in San Mateo County, California

Among those affected by one of California's worst droughts in the past century is Redwood Glen, an independently owned American Baptist-affiliated camp that has been serving American Baptists and nonprofit organizations for 57 years.

Nestled among the redwoods of the scenic coastal Santa Cruz Mountains in San Mateo County, approximately 30 miles south of San Francisco, Redwood Glen offers children and youth the type of wholesome experiences that create lifetime memories.

"Our multi-day resident camps provide a safe environment for young people to build relationships with others and with God," says Redwood Glen Executive Director Larry Rice. "They are instructed in God's Word, and have a fun-time experiencing true Christian community. Games, activities, singing, hiking, swimming, campfire and creek-stomping are some of the activities. In small cabin groups, our trained volunteer staff and counselors live out the love of



Redwood Glen Executive Director Larry Rice and board member Wyman Chinn prepare for a well to be drilled.

Christ and provide support as faith decisions are considered and made."

This past summer, 289 American Baptist-affiliated campers and volunteers participated in six sponsored-program camps for ages 7 to 18. Twenty-six American Baptist-affiliated groups, serving 983 individuals, utilized Redwood Glen in 2013. The groups ranged from five individuals for a staff retreat to 125 persons for church camping.

Redwood Glen had been receiving water from the adjacent county-owned Memorial Park as well as nearby Pescadero Creek. Then, because of the drought, the county informed the camp that the park was permanently closing and that the water supply would be discontinued. Redwood Glen entered crisis mode.

"We had to close our doors for a bit and scramble to have water trucked in," says Rice. Our water costs increased from \$6,000 a year to \$6,500 per week during the summer."

In August, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, awarded a \$10,000 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Domestic Emergency Disaster Grant to Redwood Glen. The camp is now investing in digging a well and installing a filtration system so it can become self-sufficient. The goal is to gain approval for the well and access to water by June 30, 2015. The estimated cost is \$65,000.

"Here in the metropolis of the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley, Redwood Glen is only an hour's drive away, yet worlds apart," Rice says. "We provide a place where people can get away from the hectic, frantic pace of the commuter and the computer to step into the calm, peaceful beauty of God's creation. Redwood Glen is that rare place that has not been taken over by the cement jungle, but is rather established in the firm foundation of God, his love for us and the peace he provides for each of us."

When you give to OGHS, individuals of all ages are ensured a beautiful Christian venue in which to conduct business, learn or have fun.

For more information about OGHS Domestic Development grants, contact Victoria Goff, ABHMS national coordinator of Volunteer and Disaster Response Ministries, at victoria.goff@abhms.org or 1-800-222-3872, x2449

Save the Dates

Annual Gathering *Dangerous Dreams*

September 25-26, 2015

@

Macedonia Baptist Church
Denver, CO

Pre Gathering
and

Clergy Appreciation Dinner
September 24, 2015

Congratulations to our Annual Report Drawing Winner

Congratulations to First Baptist Church, Torrington!! They are the winners of our drawing for turning in their 2014 Annual Report on time and in its entirety. They have received a \$50.00 gift card.

We would like to thank the all of our churches who completed their Annual Reports. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. *If you have not completed your report, it's not too late.* We will accept your report at any time. If you have questions, need help, or another copy of your report, please contact our office at akeys@abcrm.org or 303-988-3900.

We thank all of you for your support to our Region.

THANK you!



August 6-7, 2015

REGISTRATION COST

\$125.00 per person

Registration deadline is July 15, 2015

(if available)

(registration and payment must be received by July 15)

Featuring World Class Faculty including:

- ♦ Bill Hybels
- ♦ Craig Groeschel
- ♦ Dr. Brené Brown
- ♦ Sam Adeyemi
- ♦ Jim Collins
- ♦ and, many more...

Leadership Topics including:

- ♦ Hiring/Firing
- ♦ People Management
- ♦ Entrepreneurship
- ♦ Vision Casting
- ♦ Team Building
- ♦ Relational Intelligence
- ♦ Staff Challenges
- ♦ Succession Planning
- ♦ Leadership Development

Click [here](#) for registration form.

Form can also be found on our website at

www.abcrm.org

Registration deadline is July 15.

For more information and the full list of speakers, visit www.willowcreek.com.

Front Range Camp

**at Quaker Ridge
July 5-11, 2015**

Our registration process has changed. Beginning this year, all registrations must be completed online. Please go to the registration page at www.frontrangepcamping.org. When you register, you will need the following forms to upload:

- Resident Campers Health Statement
- Rock Climbing Permit (for middle and high school campers only)
- Immunization Record

All forms are available on the registration page at www.frontrangepcamping.org.

Registration Deadline is June 22!

Camp Fees:

REGISTRATION FEES			
<i>Through May 19, 2015 thru June 22, 2015</i>			
Camp	Grade Completed	AB Rate*	Non AB Rate
Elementary	2-5	\$275	\$300
Middle School	6-8	\$290	\$315
Sr. High	9-12	\$290	\$315



Camp Wyoba

Junior Camp
July 5-11

Junior High Camp
July 12-18

Senior High Camp
July 19-25

Primary Camp
July 26-29

Registration packets were mailed to last year's campers and our churches in January. If you did not receive a packet or if you need more packets, please call our office at 303-988-3900. We look forward to seeing all of you at camp this year!

**Registration Deadline is
June 26!**

Fees:

Primary Camp
\$140.00

Junior, Junior High and
Senior High
\$260.00



"AWAKEN" YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND



During the "Awaken Weekend" we will explore spiritual disciplines & discover ways to apply them to our lives. Maria from Horse & Soul will be bringing a horse and her ministry team for special demonstrations. You are not going to want to miss this retreat!



Retreat Leaders: Maria Perez from
Horse & Soul & Rev. Amber J. Shearer



This retreat is for high school grads, college students, & young professionals. The retreat will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Friday and end on Sunday afternoon. Scholarships are available for those that need.



July 31-August 2, 2015
\$50/Per Person

Camp Wyoba * 8350 Casper Mountain Road, Casper, Wyoming 82601 * wyoba@sbccm.org * 307-234-8240



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Pastoral Care and Counseling MLC Course

The Ministerial Leadership Committee of the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains is sponsoring a course titled **Pastoral Care and Counseling**. This course will be held Friday through Sunday, June 19-21, 2015 (Friday: Lunch at 12:00 noon, and class will follow till 5:00 p.m. Saturday class will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday class will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon). This course will be taught by Rev. Dr. Jan McCormack, Director of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling at Denver Seminary. The course will be held at the Region office located at 9085 E. Mineral Circle Suite 170, Centennial, CO 80112.

Course cost is as follows:

- † \$300.00 which includes two nights housing, Friday lunch and dinner and Saturday lunch
- † \$150.00 which includes meals only

This course is open to everyone — new preachers, pastors, evangelists, and laity and it will also fulfill requirements for ABCRM Regional Ordination. This will be an exciting and challenging time in the Lord!! Come and join us!!

For class requirements, visit our web site at www.abcrm.org or click below.

[Registration Form](#) – *Registration deadline is June 3, 2015*

[Syllabus](#)

[Required Article](#)



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AB Women's Ministries of Colorado "R & R Event" (State Conference)

This year the annual summer women's conference returns to the Denver metro area, **June 5-7**, hosted by our ABC church **Landmark Ministries at 18901 E Hampden Ave., Aurora CO** (sharing space with St. Paul Presbyterian Church). Come for a time to relax, recover, refill, reconnect, renew, restart, etc.!

Kihomi Ngwemi, International Ministries missionary to Haiti, will be our featured speaker focusing on the Theme "In Their Shoes: Empowering and Encouraging Women and Girls." Kihomi does extensive work with women and girls in Haiti and will have many stories to share.

We also welcome musician Hornrette Washington, as she will share her gifts as a worship leader and pianist extraordinaire. (Hornrette will also be the Worship Leader at national ABW Ministries' Women's Day, Friday, June 26, just prior to the ABC-USA Mission Summit/Biennial in Overland Park, KS. Colorado women are also encouraged to attend Women's Day!)

All women are encouraged to register soon for this special annual event, whether for full-time or part-time. For more information, see the "2015 Spring Lamplighter Extra" and find the registration form at <http://abcrm.org/ministries/abwm/colorado/>. For questions, you may contact me, or conference co-chairs, Yvonne Whisenhunt, 303-684-6460, or JoAnn Clutter, 719-480-3422.

We hope to see you in Aurora in June!

Mary Beth Mankin, President
CO ABW Ministries
303-494-5582



Kihomi Ngwemi



Hornrette Washing-

“Thank You” from the Dieselbergs

ABCRM annually provides financial support to missionaries who are connected to the Region either by mission trips, special relationships or the ongoing financial support of our churches. Recently \$15,000 was sent support nine IM missionaries/couples, one of them being the Dieselbergs in Thailand. We received the “thank you” note below from them.

You can learn more about the Dieselbergs’ ministry at ([Link to IM Website- Dieselbergs’ page](#))

Steve Van Ostran
ABCRM Regional Executive Minister

Dear Sisters and Brothers of ABCRM,

When I was notified recently of your very generous mission support for Annie and me here in Bangkok, the word "trust fund" came to mind. It came not in the traditional way we tend to understand "trust funds". Instead, it came to me as a description or picture of your most recent mission support. Let me try to draw this picture for you . . .

I have been to the Rocky Mountains a handful of times in my life. I have driven over them a couple times as well. They are God's beautiful creation! I have met a few people from churches in the Rocky Mountain region as well as some of the regional staff. They too are God's beautiful creation! But I don't live there. I don't work there. And I don't serve in a local church or in the regional office there. So I really don't know what is happening on a daily basis, but I completely trust that the Body of Christ represented in the region is alive, growing, engaging the local communities at some level and bringing change. I also trust that the local churches are prayerfully and financially supportive of mission in the region and throughout the world. Not being there, I can only trust that there are funds to represent Christ locally and globally.



As a representative of Christ serving globally for almost 21 years in Bangkok, Thailand I can tell you that both trust and funds are needed. The churches in general seem more than willing to trust us with the Lord's work in Bangkok. We can almost hear the cheers of encouragement that come through the prayers offered on our behalf trusting that the Lord will watch over us, protect us, keep us safe and that we will be the fruit of our labor in ministry. Many have written personal notes saying, "Thank you for doing what we cannot do." We have been encouraged by many from the churches that the ministry of rescue and restoration with exploited women, both Thai and internationally trafficked women, is an important and transformational ministry that needs to happen and the churches are glad to trust us with it as per the Lord's calling on our lives as global workers. But while most of the churches trust, not that many fund that trust.

Not so with you, dear friends of the Rocky Mountain Region!!

Thank you for trusting and funding Christ's work in and through us among the exploited here in Bangkok! Your very generous mission support of us really makes a difference. Trust alone won't keep us on the field, but trust and funds will - and that is what you have done! I pray that as your trust and funding for all that Christ is doing globally through us and other servants continues and increases, so will your own trust and funding for the region and the local churches continue and increase.

Thank you so much and may you be richly blessed as you have blessed us!

*Jeff and Annie Dieselberg
Bangkok, Thailand
NightLight*



Ebenezer Baptist Church of Colorado Springs Community Resource Day

Beloved family, we greet you the name of our Lord. In June 2015 Ebenezer Baptist Church of Colorado Springs will celebrate two years of fellowship and service as a unified body. Since our inception, our desire has been to live "church unusual" as well as to be a veritable resource and space of support for our community, particularly the Eastborough neighborhood of Colorado Springs. Though full of life, Eastborough is one of the denser and lower-income areas on the city's Eastside. As such, the people of Eastborough do not always have easy access to city resources that are often concentrated in the downtown or Northside areas of the city. For this reason Ebenezer Baptist would like to commemorate our anniversary by celebrating and servicing the people of Eastborough; we pray that you will partner with us.

On June 27, 2015 we will host a Community Resource Day from 9AM-4PM at Ebenezer Baptist Church. We will have various vendors to assist with resume writing, interviewing, health screening, dressing for success, food and entertainment. We are seeking support from sister congregations in a variety of areas that include, but are not limited to volunteers, donations of gently used professional attire, food donations for attendees, transportation, financial support, or however the Spirit of God may move you to bless the Eastborough community.

If you are able and willing to support in any way, or should you have further questions, please contact Ebenezer_baptistchurch@yahoo.com or 719-999-5484 by June 8, 2015 so that we may make adequate arrangements for logistical purposes. May the peace of God be with you!

*Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Stephany Rose., Pastor
4040 E. Bijou St., Suite 110
Colorado Springs, CO 80909*



Wyoming Women's Retreat Theme

*"Rock Solid Living: The Foundation of the
Sermon on the Mount"*



August 7-9, 2015

**The retreat begins promptly at
5:00 p.m. on Friday with dinner
and will end after lunch at 1:00
p.m. on Sunday*

**Women, we hope you will accept this invitation and
join us for a mountaintop experience where we will
learn principles for leading a rock solid life for Christ!**

Contact Jenita with questions at mimipack@vcn.com or 307-321-4681

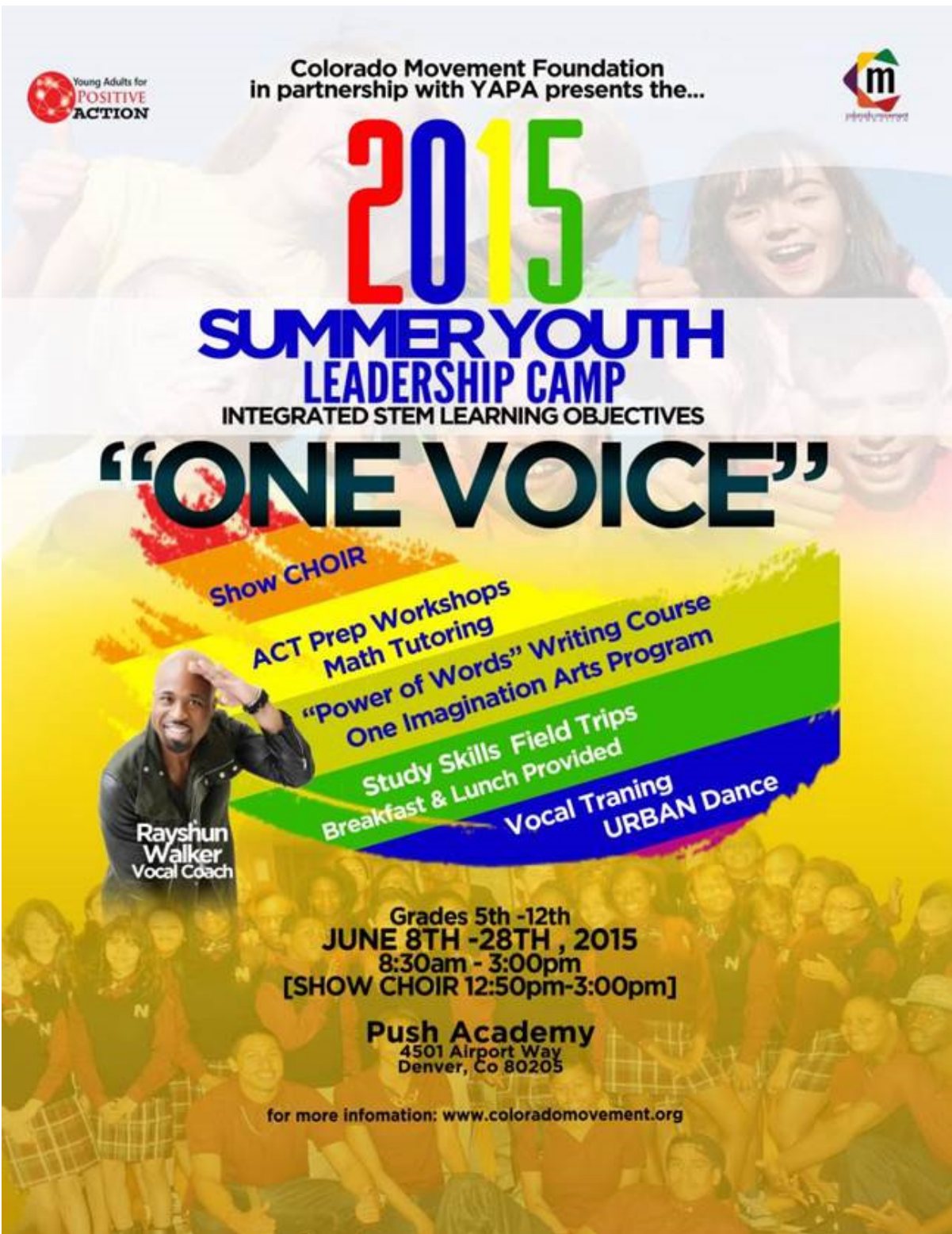


Please send registration form and payment to:
ABCRM
9085 E. Mineral Circle Suite #170
Centennial, CO 80112

Location:
Camp Wyoba
9350 Casper Mountain
Road, Casper, WY 82601

For a registration form, [click here](#).





Young Adults for **POSITIVE ACTION**

Colorado Movement Foundation
in partnership with YAPA presents the...

2015

SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

INTEGRATED STEM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

“ONE VOICE”

Show CHOIR

ACT Prep Workshops
Math Tutoring
“Power of Words” Writing Course
One Imagination Arts Program

Study Skills Field Trips
Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Vocal Training
URBAN Dance

Rayshun Walker
Vocal Coach

Grades 5th -12th
JUNE 8TH -28TH , 2015
8:30am - 3:00pm
[SHOW CHOIR 12:50pm-3:00pm]

Push Academy
4501 Airport Way
Denver, Co 80205

for more information: www.coloradomovement.org

Young Adults for Positive Action is hosting a Summer Youth Leadership Camp — June 8 - June 26 — Monday - Friday 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM — for students grades 5th - 12th.

This camp will focus on Integrated STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) learning objects. Additionally, through Young Adults for Positive Action's partnership with Club Z!, students will be provided services in: ACT Prep Workshops, Math Tutoring, "Power of Words" Writing, and Study Skills.

Every Friday students will attend STEAM-based field trips. Additionally, breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Registration for camp is a one-time fee of \$125.

For questions or more information, contact office@coloradomovement.org or 720.443.7300 / www.coloradomovement.org.



For more information, visit <http://www.americanbaptists2015.com/>

ACADEMY OF
PREACHERS
inspiring young people in their call to gospel preaching

Festival of Young Preachers

with keynote speaker

**Winterbourne LaPucelle
Harrison-Jones, MDiv.**

at the American Baptist Biennial Mission Summit

Overland Park, KS
June 26-28, 2015

About This Year's Keynote Speaker

From a troubled inner city adolescence to the halls of Fisk University in Nashville Tennessee, Winterbourne LaPucelle Harrison-Jones, a former Gene Bartlett Presidential Scholar, is a 2013 graduate of the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Winterborne has served as Youth and Young Adult Pastor at Mount Olivet Baptist Church and has worked extensively in the areas of community development, diversity competency and educational access and readiness for underrepresented youth. Currently a graduate fellow at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Winterborne holds a firm commitment to the application of Christian traditions for responding to public crises, poverty and educational disparities.



"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Courage for the Called"

Romans 8:30 (NIV)

To learn more and to register for the Festival of Young Preachers, visit www.americanbaptists2015.com.

For more information contact Heather Entrekkin – hentrekkin@cbs.edu
or Joe Kutter – joekut@gmail.com

ABHMS Seeks Volunteers for Rebuilding Efforts Continuing 10 Years After Gulf Coast Devastation

This year marks the 10th anniversary of hurricanes Katrina and Rita's devastation of the Gulf Coast, and American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) will continue to serve "Til the Work is Done."

Volunteer with us to rebuild homes, communities and lives August 2-8 in New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward.

Additional information is available by going online or by contacting Victoria Goff, ABHMS national coordinator, Volunteer Ministries, at victoria.goff@abhms.org, 800-222-3872, x2449, or 610-768-2449.

More information is available at:

http://abhms.org/caring_ministries/VIM/TilTheWorkIsDone_2014.cfm#sts='Home

Mission: 'Til the Work is Done" (Formerly "Ecumenical Work Week") Volunteer Work Week.

Red Cross Training

July 31, 2015

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Training includes First Aid,
CPR and AED Certification.

Location: TBD

Cost: \$72.00 per person

More information
available soon.

Calendar

June

- 5-7 ABW Colorado Ministries Conference
- 5-7 Men's Retreat @ Camp Wyoba
- 7 One Great Hour of Sharing
- Offering Sunday
- 7 Chapel Car Bible Church Homecoming Celebration and Bryan Roberts Ordination
- 14-July 4 Grand Mesa Camps
- 19-21 MLC Pastoral Care and Counseling Course
- 21 Father's Day
- 25-28 Biennial Mission Summit
- Overland Park/Kansas City
- 27 Ebenezer Baptist Church
- Community Resource Day

July

- 3 Region office closed in observance of Independence Day (July 4)
- 5-11 Front Range Camp at Quaker Ridge
- 5-29 Wyoba Camps
- 13-28 Ebenezer Summer Day Camp
- 17-18 MLC Meeting
- 24-25 Region Board Meeting
- 31 Red Cross Training
- 31-Aug 2 Young Adult Week @ Camp Wyoba



The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



In any circumstance I have learned the secret of being CONTENT whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. **Phil 4:12**

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