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The Rocky Mountain American Baptist

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

Matthew 25 Grant Information



American Baptist Churches USA's **Matthew 25 Grant** is designed to channel gifts to help meet the needs of "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." The Grant was created through the monetary gifts of a generous donor whose primary wish is to help ameliorate poverty. The **ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant** fund has been established to respond to this donor's generosity.

Beginning this fall, we will be moving to one grant application period each year rather than two. Completed applications are due September 1, 2017. Applications will be accepted beginning July 1, 2017. To qualify for a grant, the applicant is required to be in a direct relationship with ABCUSA. Due to the limited funds available, the application process is competitive, with grants being awarded to ministries that best exemplify the goal of helping to end poverty. A committee reviews the applications and makes the awards, and will consider only one application per ministry/church in a 24-month period.

The application process is structured to help small ministries with limited staff time. Each applicant will need to complete the form, explain the need for and uses of the awarded funds, submit a budget for the ministry, and finally complete a report with stipulations detailing progress and outcomes related to the use of the grant. As the donor has asked that the funds be used to directly assist impoverished persons, staff positions will not be funded through this grant. Grant funds may not be used to supplement the church budget, although direct ministries that receive funds from the church budget will be eligible to apply.

An application form will be available and applications will be accepted beginning on July 1, 2017. Applications will be due on September 1, 2017. All applications must be submitted electronically to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.

[Read about what different organizations and churches have done with Matthew 25 Grant Funding](#)

If you have questions about the Matthew 25 Grant, please contact Tina Turner at Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.

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Camp Wyoba

Worship Arts Retreat

August 4-6, 2017

Does your church struggle with the technical aspects of worship like good audio sound, projections on the screen which facilitate worship, and music that is inspiring? Plan on sending the people responsible for these aspects of worship to Camp Wyoba, August 4-6 for a Worship Arts Retreat that will be led by Mary and Rob Fabin and Jason Benson. Cost will be \$60 per person. The retreat begins on Friday at dinner and concludes Sunday at lunch. For additional information, contact Jenita at mjmjpack@vcn.com.



Thank You

Thank you to the following folks who attended Work Week at Camp Wyoba. Rocky Bolin, Jenita Calton, Josh Calton, Joyce Hinze, Lloyd Hinze, Walt Jeter, Shauna Roberts, Heyden Roberts, Peyton Roberts, and Karen Van. Camp Wyoba is looking great and has some exciting new activities because of your hard work.

A Summer Retreat for American Baptist Girls 2017

A Summer Retreat is planned for AB Girls ages 7 to 19, and their Mothers/Grandmothers for August 4-6, 2017, for all to enjoy the last days of Summer before returning to school. The Retreat will be held at the Hotel Elegante at 2885 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO and an exciting list of activities is planned.



The following agenda is in place:

- Bible Study
- Conversation
- Small Groups
- Hiking
- Swimming
- And a visit to the World Arena and United States Olympic Complex

It will be a time for the girls in the Colorado RM Region to get to know each other.

Costs will be reasonable for Mothers/Grandmothers and girls. Tentative pricing will be \$50.00 to \$75.00 a day. (We will be doing some room share to cut costs). Bring friends and introduce them to the Gospel.

For information and registration, contact Reverend Karen Schneider at reverendkarenwschneider@yahoo.com or call at 720-308-8418.

Blessings
Pastor Karen
Gardens of Divine Hope Church

Storyline

Our Unfinished Story

THE GATHERING

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

SEPTEMBER 29TH - 30TH, 2017
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FORT MORGAN, CO

FBC, Greybull Prison Ministry

Greybull First Baptist's prison/jail ministry began when the new local, county, state, and federal facility was built. Initially, only men were housed in the facility but when an area opened for female inmates, I knew why God had placed me there. Young women outnumber older ones and almost all have children. Only a few are local gals. Those who attend consider themselves Christian.

Prison ministry is held every Sunday afternoon after church. Each unit that wants to have some Christian input is visited. Additionally, inmates in individual cells require individualized counseling.

The facility makes no differentiation between denominations. Care is taken to minister from Scripture.

Materials are minimal. We have a library book cart with Bibles, devotionals and spiritual books along with other kinds of books. We use our Secret Place devotionals as a personal outreach to the women and our Judson Press Sunday School booklets for Sunday Sessions. Staples must be removed. Prisoners prefer the up-to-date materials.

Sleeping can be difficult in jail. Scripture memorization is encouraged as "God's sleeping pills" based on the advice of an old Christian lady in Burlington, WY. She had memorized a verse for each letter of the alphabet. When she could not sleep at night she would recite her verses to herself in alphabetical order. She refused to give her list saying each person has to get their own. I pass that along.

A session with inmates usually begins with an opening prayer followed by singing (if they choose) from a songbook created by the gals from selected songs they remember which are compiled in a booklet. Scripture is read and discussed. Sometimes discussion is based on the sermon for the day, sometimes Sunday School materials are used, sometimes the Episcopalian lectionary, other times I just scripturally answer questions the women ask. Prayer sheets are passed around for each woman to write her name and prayer requests. The sessions close in prayer for individual requests. The gals are urged to pray aloud because even when the exact same words are prayed by two people, God hears it differently from one person's lips than another. After all, God looks on the heart and the pictures in one heart are different than the pictures in another even when trying their best

to pray for the same prayer request.

The Crow still teach their native language. They sing songs in their native language and have put native words to Christian tunes. Over a period of several months, several of the gals helped write and speak the words to "This is the Day that the Lord hath made" and the chorus to "Jesus Loves Me" in Crow. We added them to the song booklet. When some new Crow gals came, they recognized the songs and joined in, that spelled success.

Sometimes women want to share their story and affirmed through judgement. The chaplain is not a judge. There are two judges to be faced. God, of course is the ultimate judge, and an earthly judge will be met in a courtroom. The chaplain affirms each life's value to God even when found in difficult circumstances. God reaches out in love there for a little while, reminding them how valuable they are and that He has a good plan for their lives. The chaplain does not judge between in-house fights either. Prayer is offered and forgiveness is encouraged. Everyone there is in a difficult situation and needs compassion. They can do that best.

Following the gals once they leave the facility is distinctly frowned on. Most are not housed there for long periods of time. Some are released back into their communities: others are transferred to prison for long term incarceration: many gals go through some alcohol remediation facility before returning home.

Whether we till, sow, or harvest, we believe God when He says He watches over His Word to perform it. We are thrilled to be a small part of what He is doing in our neck of the woods.

*Cathy Bayert, Pastor
FBC, Greybull*



Wind River Indian Baptist Church Mission Trip

Nestled into to west central portion of Wyoming, near Lander, is the headquarters of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapahoe peoples. Where the Wyoming plains meet the Wind River Mountains is Fort Washakie.... Intrigued yet?

The Ecumenical Church of Pueblo West, Colorado is putting together a team of interested followers of Jesus to partner with our brothers and sisters in Christ from across the whole ABCRM family in service to and with the folks of the Wind River Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Lander.

We will be arriving at Lander as our base of operations on July 9 and leaving on July 15.



WE NEED YOU!

There is much to be done. We will be offering VBS for kids up to 5th grade... can you teach? Can you play with kids? Do you have a love for Jesus? Then come lend a hand.

I know... some of you are saying to yourself... "Self, I would love to do something like that if only I could teach or play... alas, I can't so... WAIT!

If you don't do those things, can you hold a paint brush? Cut weeds or grass? Help take down a couple of sheds? Or wash and clean walls? Or wait... have any construction skills... no, I mean any at all!

We are also collecting blankets (new and gently used) and canned fruit for the Wind River Church's emergency pantry. We are also gathering basketballs to be dispersed from the church to the youth in their community.

Come join the fun. Everyone is invited. So far the youngest that is planning to go is 18 months... you are not too young! The oldest is 80...err.. something, you are not too old!

The cost of attending is \$40 for food for the week, sharing the gas costs from where you are to back home, and paying your own meals while in transport.

Bring your sleeping bag, and air mattress or cot, toiletries, Bible, gloves, appropriate clothing for weather, etc., ... and a servant's heart and great attitude!

If you are interested in joining us contact Pastor Bill at the Ecumenical Church 719-547-3088 ext. 5 or Stacey ext. 4.

*Pastor Bill Johnson
Ecumenical Church, Pueblo West*

Monday - Friday

July 10th - 14th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**Ages
9 - 14**

Classes Offered

- Theatre
- Stage Design
- Vocal Instruction
- Dance Classes
- Piano Lessons
- Bass Guitar
- Lead Guitar
- Drum Lessons
- Spoken Word
- Poetry
- Arts & Crafts
- Jewelry Making

Camp will conclude with:

**Camp of Talent Concert &
Back to School Give-away**

Saturday - July 15th

@4:00 p.m.

King Baptist Church

3370 Ivy St.

Denver, CO 80207

Not the camp you'd forget

Register Today

Only \$50.00 for the entire week

(Includes Lunch)

Sponsored by

Colorado Sisterhood Crusade, Cannon Learning Center, King Baptist Church & Landmark Ministries

www.coloradosisterhoodcrusade.org

303-388-3248 or 720-273-2472

A Gathering of Mothers

Several ladies from Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church, where pastor John L. Tellis, Jr. presides gathered to honor women, mothers and families at Coffee at the Point in the Five Points neighborhood in Denver on Saturday, May 13. God revealed to Evangelist Mary Tellis that Mother's Day is a day that encapsulates sensitivity, compassion, grace and understanding. Many women from the church and the broader community came together to honor all mothers.

The group had a common understanding that motherhood takes many forms and all mothers should be embraced, whether they are traditional mother figures or not. They celebrated a full spectrum of mothers — from birth mothers to foster mothers to mentoring mothers to spiritual mothers. They celebrated single mothers, married mothers, new mothers and empty nesters. Some women had recently given birth while others had mourned the loss of a precious child. No mother was left behind.

This gathering created an opportunity to share personal and familial stories about women who have impacted their lives in a positive and transformative manner. The women talked about having warm and close relationships with their children and how their children had drawn them closer to God. Through this heartwarming dialogue, it became apparent that mothers are truly the heartbeat of the family.

Because our culture has historically been centered on faith, food and knowledge, the mothers didn't want the experience and memories of that grand day to be forgotten. The youth who attended were graced by three generations of mothers and were seated in the center of the circle, learning and engaging with the rich conversation. The youth summarized the stories they heard from their mothers, grandmothers, pastors, teachers, spiritual moms, and community leaders and were encouraged to transfer their thoughts into a cohesive book that others may learn from. Those youth began working on their book June 1. Some of the proceeds from their book will go to their church, and the young people will divide the remaining profit to further advance their educational and entrepreneurial endeavors.

*Allan C. Tellis
Solomon Temple MBC*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
701 KIMBARK ST. LONGMONT, CO 80501

BRIAN FREE & ASSURANCE

JULY 17, 2017

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM
GENERAL SEATING
CONCERT STARTS @ 7:00PM

\$20.00 In Advance
\$25.00 at the Door



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Tickets available through
www.fbclongmont.com

Come and Celebrate 100 Years of Camping on Grand Mesa

Saturday, July 8, 2017 Baron Lake Camp

10 a.m. - Worship and Program

12 noon - Hamburger Cookout/Lunch

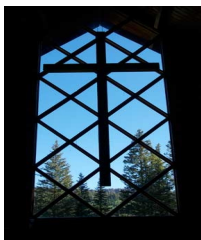
Afternoon - Boating and Ball Games, Crafts, Camp Store, Camp Songs

Don't Miss the Fun and Your Camp Friends!

Contact us to RSVP, ask questions and help invite past campers (please provide name and email/address):

Betty Schanz, 970-250-5102, bkschanz329@msn.com

Connie Pittenger, 970-249-4308, conpittenger@gmail.com



Short Term Mission Opportunity

Black Hills of South Dakota – August 5-13, 2017

The **American Baptist Churches** of Nebraska and the Dakota have teamed up in each of the last sixteen years to minister at the annual gathering of over 400,000 people in Sturgis, South Dakota for Bike Week! (Attendance in 2015 was 739,000.)

The **ABC Emergency Services Center** was created in the basement of the First Baptist Church of Northern Hills in Deadwood to help those who became stranded due to injury, abandonment, or mechanical breakdown. Many of those we help are referred to us by law enforcement, hospitals or social services agencies. Posters and brochures also help many find us for help. Since 2011 we have worked out of the First Baptist Church of Rapid City.



Volunteers from American Baptist churches around the country spend all or part of the week helping, feeding, transporting, and counseling the dozens of individuals who come to the ABCESE for assistance. Throughout the week calls come in at all hours of the day and night from churches, police and rescue workers, and individuals, wanting us to help men, women, and children in need.

Volunteers don't need to be motorcyclists, but need a heart for evangelism and a willingness to serve. Women volunteers are especially needed due to the large percentage of women and children that we end up assisting. If you can come for all or part of the week, we can find a job for you!

Interested in Sturgis Rally Ministry 2017

- ◆ The ABC Emergency Services Center will be open August 5-13. Early arrivers can be accommodated on August 4.
- ◆ Sleeping space is provided. Most bring an air mattress.
- ◆ RVers will be provided with space to set up.
- ◆ This mission project is designed for adults. High school students will be permitted when accompanied by a parent.
- ◆ Follow-up on those ministered to will be coordinated by contacts in ABC regions around the country.
- ◆ Each participant is asked to contribute \$100 towards this project. Local churches are encouraged to assist participating members in raising this amount. Contributions may be made through ABC Nebraska and ABC Dakotas.

For more information contact:

ABC of Nebraska • 6404 Maple Street • Omaha, NE 68104

402.556.4730 • 877.244.7339 (toll-free)

LCline@ameritas.com



American Baptist International Ministries

Volunteers in Global Mission

DISCOVERY 2018

AMSTERDAM

Details

Date	April 23-May 1, 2018
Global Servant	Rev. Dr. Lauran Bethell
Team Leader	Angela Sudermann
Cost:	\$1000/\$1500 Not including airfare

What is included in this price?

- Housing, food, transportation once in Amsterdam.
- Stay at Lauran's apartment: \$1000 plus airfare
- Stay at a hotel: \$1500 plus airfare

Note: Accommodations at Lauran's home are first come, first serve and for women only.

- Experienced leader

What is not included in this price?

- Round trip transportation from your home to Amsterdam
- Expenses to secure your passport and immunizations.
- Spending money, snacks, personal expenses

If you would like to apply for the Amsterdam Discovery Team, please email us at the email address below and we will send you the application.

PROJECT PROFILE

Join Lauran Bethell in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in a unique opportunity to learn from one of the pioneers in the anti-human trafficking movement. From Amsterdam to Rotterdam to The Hague, you will visit creative anti-trafficking organizations, interact with practitioners and see how grass-roots projects are addressing the issues of human trafficking and prostitution. Each evening you will gather with Lauran and the group to debrief the day's experience, as well as brainstorm and pray about what you can do in your own context.

Intermingled with visiting ministries in red-light districts, will be high tea at an anti-trafficking project and visits to the famous Keukenhof tulip gardens and the Corrie Ten Boom house.



Two options are available for housing:
Stay at Lauran's apartment, close accommodations, one bath room (women only).
Stay at a hotel near Lauran's apartment (double occupancy)

Learn more about Lauran [here](#)
Or go to www.internationalministries.org, click "People" and choose "Bethell"

Team size limited to nine, so don't delay in applying! Deadline is February 1, 2018

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

After your acceptance into the Amsterdam Discovery Team you will receive information about:

- Booking Airline Tickets
- Travel Documents
- Packing List
- Emergency Contacts
- Cultural do's and don'ts



www.discoveryteams.org

Questions? Call Volunteers in Global Mission 1-800-222-3872 ext 2164 or 2366 or email to Volunteers@internationalministries.org



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday-Friday, August 10-11, 2017

Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit August 10-11, 2017

ABCRM REGISTRATION COSTS

\$140.00 per person

(Late/if available) after June 16, 2017

If you are a member of an ABCRM church and purchase your ticket through ABCRM your price is greatly reduced.

Click [here](#) to register and pay online

Region Sites:

- Casper, WY (Highland Park Community Church)
- Cheyenne, WY (Cheyenne Hills Church)
- Colorado Springs, CO (Woodman Chapel)
- Denver [East], CO (Elevation Christian)
- Denver [North], CO (Crossroads Church)
- Denver [South], CO (Cherry Hills Community Church)
- Grand Junction, CO (Vineyard Church)
- Loveland, CO (Crossroads Church)
- Albuquerque, NM (Fellowship Miss. Baptist Church)

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Registration form is available on our website at www.abcrm.org (under resources/forms), by calling our office at 303.988.3900 or click [here](#).

For additional information, visit www.willowcreek.com

Calendar

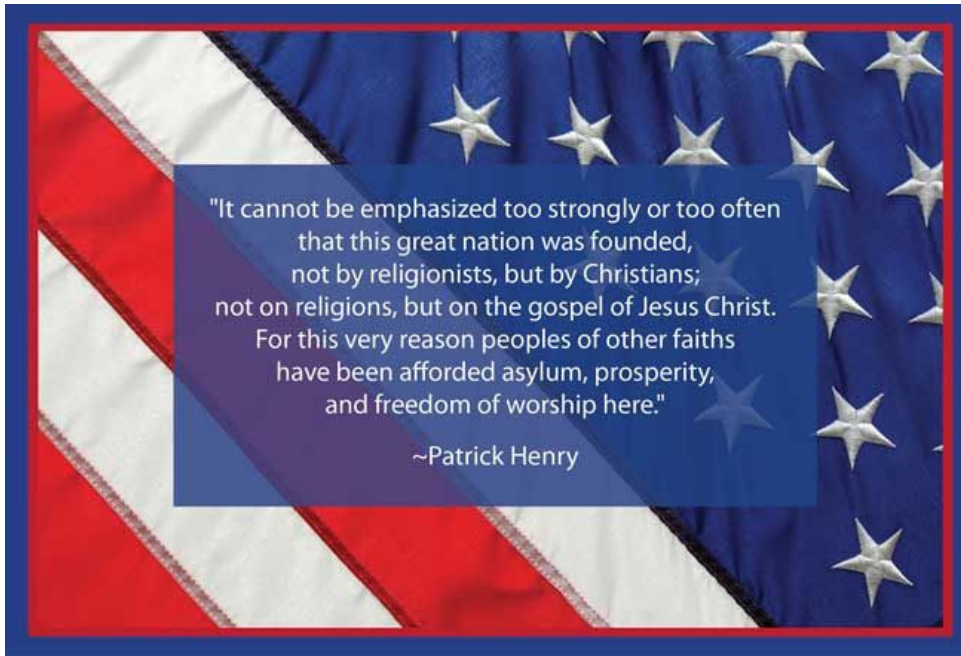
July

4	Independence Day
8	MLC Meeting
9-15	Wyoba Senior High Camp
13	Gathering Committee Conference Call
16-22	Front Range Camp
16-22	Wyoba Junior High Camp
17	FBC, Longmont Gospel Concert
23-29	Wyoba Junior Camp
27-28	Region Board Meeting
30-Aug 2	Wyoba Primary Camp

August

4-6	Wyoba Worship Arts Camp
4-6	AB Girls Retreat
10-11	Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit
11-13	Wyoming Women's Retreat at Camp Wyoba
18-26	Wyoba Solar Eclipse Rentals
28	Empower the Small Church Webinar #2
30	Mission Committee Meeting





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