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The Rocky Mountain American Baptist

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

2014 Annual Reports

Thank you to the churches listed below who completed their 2014 Annual Reports. If you have not turned in your report, it's not too late.

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.

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Kids' Stations of the Cross at First Baptist, Laramie

Weary of the old Easter egg hunt with cries of "His Easter basket is bigger than mine. . . "I don't have any basket, only a sack . . .": She got more eggs than I did" . . "That's not fair ', etc… And REALLY what town needs one more Easter egg hunt? First Baptist of Laramie was weary also! So plans began for something different! It would be a ***Kids Stations of the Cross*** with 12 activities teaching the major events of Jesus' Final Week. Beginning in January, the idea took root quickly. And by Easter morning, everything was set to go! We began right after the Easter breakfast at 8:50 a.m. with two age groups 10 minutes apart. Each station was about 10 minutes. We finished in time for 11:00 a.m. worship.

The Stations included: (**Oriental Trading)

1. ***Jesus' Arrival in Jerusalem***: A video was shown of the Palm Sunday procession by costumed kids/youth plus senior choir the previous Sunday. Hunt for a Green egg: a palm leaf necklace**. *(Church family had been asked to donate towels and blankets for Palm Sunday. The children carried them in the procession and placed them on the altar. These will be donated to SAFE House, a shelter and assistance agency for mistreated women and their children).*
2. ***Maundy Thursday/Last Supper***: The Pastor told about Last Supper with the Disciples'. He served grape juice and vanilla wafers to the kids. No Egg, but could have one with an oyster cracker and grape.
3. ***Prayer in the Garden***: In a darkened room with fake trees and plants, the kids heard about Jesus' prayer. Jesus appeared with a small light. Two young men were dressed as the sleeping Disciples. Kids made a "Pretzel" of play dough (arms crossed in prayer). Egg: small pretzels in it.
4. ***Judas' Betrayal:*** (Matthew 26:36-46) Church folk had offered "pocket change" which was put in small drawstring bags. In turn, the kids tossed a bag into a basket to represent Judas' throwing the bag of coins back to the priests. After tossing coin bag, kids received Pink egg with chocolate coin inside. (Coins in the Judas' bags were later placed in offering plate.)
5. ***Peter's Denial:*** (Matthew 26:11-35) Large poster with rooster with many multi-colored feathers glued on it greeted the kids. At the end of the story, kids shouted a cheer: I WILL LOVE JESUS! 3 times. Kids glued 3 feathers on a card with a rooster on it. Green Egg Hunt: feather, 2 chocolate eggs, small piece of paper: with these words:

   THREE times Peter said he did not know Jesus.
   Then the ROOSTER crowed THREE times!
   Then Peter was very sad!
   Be TRUE to God and your friends.
6. ***Crown of Thorns:*** (Matthew 27:27-31) Kids colored pre-cut crowns. **
7. ***Jesus takes up the Cross***: Matthew 27:11-26) – Kids put foam stickers on foam crosses **
8. ***Simon helps Jesus carry the Cross:*** *(Matthew 27*:32-33). ***How can we help?*** Children packaged 6 diapers in small plastic bags for Interfaith/Good Samaritan.
9. ***Jesus is Crucified:*** (Matthew 27:34-44). Kids make paper crosses by folding and tearing a single piece of paper.
10. **Jesus Dies on the Cross:** They then printed on the cross a sin they had done. Egg Hunt: Purple with cross necklace inside.** (#9 and #10 were done at the same station.)
11. **Jesus is Laid in the Tomb**: (Matthew 27:57-66) Room was arranged like a tomb. Eggs: Orange with small rocks; Yellow with a "shroud" (small piece of white fabric with face of Jesus stamped on it).
12. **Jesus is alive**! Empty Tomb. Cardboard tomb was placed on stage at front of church. All kids sat on the floor. Youth performed a short skit of the women running to the tomb, meeting the angel and Jesus. This was performed at the opening of our Easter worship service so the congregation experienced it.

The only complaint we have heard is that adults wanted to do it all, too!

Mary M. Burman
First Baptist Laramie

Pictures

1. *Mary Burman discussing Peter's denial*
2. *Coin toss after discussing Judas' betrayal*
3. *Celebrating the Last Supper with the younger kids, using Grapes and Tortillas*
4. *Coloring the Crown after learning about the crown of thorns*

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
August 6-7, 2015 | willowcreek.com/summit

August 6-7, 2015

REGISTRATION COSTS

$100.00 per person
early registration cost by May 15, 2015
(registration and payment must be received by May 15)

$125.00 per person
registration cost May 16-July 15, 2015
(if available)

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
Early registration deadline is May 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.frontrangecamping.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.frontrangecamping.org.

Early Registration Deadline is May 18!

Camp Fees:

EARLY REGISTRATION FEES

Through May 18, 2015

Camp	Grade Completed	AB Rate*	Non AB Rate
Elementary	2-5	$240	$265
Middle School	6-8	$255	$280
Sr. High	9-12	$255	$280

Full Payment must be made by May 18, 2015 to receive the Early Registration Rate.

REGISTRATION FEES

Through May 19, 2015 thru June 22, 2015

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 2015 Dates

Wyoming Men's Retreat
June 5-7

Survival Camp
June 28-July 1

Junior Camp
July 5-11

Junior High Camp
July 12-18

Senior High Camp
July 19-25

Primary Camp
July 26-29

Young Adult Weekend
July 31-August 2

Wyoming Women's Retreat
August 7-9

Registration packets for Camp Wyoba Junior, Junior High, Senior High and Primary camps 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!

WYOBA
Camp & Conference Center
WWW.WYOBA.ORG

"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

WYOBA
Camp & Conference Center
www.wyoba.org

July 31-August 2, 2015

$50/Per Person

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.

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

Mother...

You filled my days with rainbow lights,
Fairytales and sweet dream nights,
A kiss to wipe away my tears,
Gingerbread to ease my fears.
You gave the gift of life to me
And then in love, you set me free.
I thank you for your tender care,
For deep warm hugs and being there.
I hope that when you think of me
A part of you
You'll always see.

Author Unknown

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

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!)

Hornrette Washing-

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

Bible Story-Telling Workshop

May 16, 2015, 8:30am-4:30pm

Crossroads Church– Northglenn Campus

10451 Huron St., Northglenn, CO 80234

Guest Speaker: Jerry Wiles– President Emeritus of Living Water International

Cost: $35/person (includes lunch & book)

Group Rate of 5+ people: $20/person

Discover why church and mission leaders today are saying that the Orality Movement (Bible Story-Telling) is transformational in church history and one of the most significant developments in Kingdom advance in the past 500 years.

Check out their website for more information:

http://www.water.cc/orality

Registration details to follow

AB Women's Ministries of Colorado
Mission Trip to Deborah's House

American Baptist Women's Ministries was built on a passion for missions and sending women into the mission field. We support International, National and Local missions and missionaries through White Cross and State and Local Mission Projects. With this history, it was surprising to me that our AB Women's Ministries of Colorado had not taken a mission trip before.

After hearing personal testimonies from Ray Schellinger, guest missionary at our State Conference in Sterling, CO and then Adalia Gutierrez-Lee at our 2014 Winter Retreat at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs, where she invited us to come to Deborah's House in Tijuana Mexico, several of us started the conversation which developed into our first Mission Trip.

I saw pictures from Adalia of the sewing room at Deborah's House where women were taught to sew and products were sewn to raise funds for the ministry. This fit right into my own skill set, I love to sew and have taught many sewing and quilting classes to all ages. I signed on immediately.

Adalia urged us to "just come and love the women and children". We could certainly do that. Our trip began on Tuesday, March 10th with six Colorado women Bonnie Glass, Corky Nicols and Juana Mendoza from Longmont FBC, Mary Beth Mankin and Estelle Torpy from Pine Street Church and Karen Van Valkenburgh from the region office. We were joined by Jenita Calton from Wyoming and Gail Grovenstein from Montana. Chris Oldham had provided us with training and sent us off with prayer from DIA to fly to San Diego for our first leg of the journey to Deborah's House. Ray met us at the airport and loaded us and our considerable luggage into the van for our trip across the border into Mexico.

The week that followed was a blur of activity. Seven mothers and 14 children (plus a new one arriving at any time) would be enough to fill our days. Added to that on the first night was a birthday party for three of the children, the next day a visit from ABC's General Secretary Roy Medley and the Executive Committee, two former Deborah's House residents to share their stories, a trip to the Casa del Migrante shelter for 130 migrant men, a trip to the wall at the border for a Sunday communion service, and a trip around Tijuana and the surrounding area to give us a fuller picture of the culture the residents come from.

Meanwhile back at Deborah's House, Mary Beth started us off each morning with a time of devotion, prayer and planning. Juana gave much of her time translating for us all.

New food, new sights and insights, new language and customs for most of us, new to us house rules and established schedules and children or women wanting or needing your full attention were a lot to absorb. There were sewing projects, craft activities with duct tape, felt, coloring and chalk, singing and Sunday morning worship, counting bricks and mixing cement (by Karen and Jenita). It was fun to play with the kids, it was hard to hear the women's stories of past abusive relationships but it was joyful to hear and feel the peace and hope that is growing in their hearts from being at Deborah's House. The women are helped to develop a plan for the future for them and their children. They are given the opportunity to learn new skills, the children go to school regularly, there is a lawyer to help with legal documents, volunteers lead bible studies and counseling is available.

We are grateful to have experienced God's grace in a different setting than our own and to have shared our experience of God's love with the residents, staff and missionaries Ray and Adalia at Deborah's House. We are also grateful to the ABCRM mission committee for sending some financial support to Deborah's House. I encourage everyone to participate in a mission experience. We are having a conversation about sending another team to Deborah's House in the future.

If you would like to hear more or see photos from the AB Women's Ministries of Colorado's mission trip to Deborah's House, please contact one of us. Jenita Calton has given a Sunday morning program at her church, Bonnie Glass has shared a program for the AB Women's Ministries' Northern Association meeting in Flagler and Mary Beth and Estelle Torpy have presented a program for Pine Street Church and their local AB Women's Ministries' Annual Luncheon.

Estelle Torpy
Pine Street Church

Short Term Mission Opportunity

Black Hills of South Dakota – August 1-9, 2015

The American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and the Dakotas have teamed up in each of the last fourteen years to minister at the annual gathering of over 400,000 people in Sturgis, South Dakota for Bike Week! **(Estimates for this 75th Anniversary Rally are over 1,000,000!)**

The ***ABC Emergency Services Center*** was created in the basement of the First Baptist Church of the 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 FBC 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 ESC 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 2015?

- The ABC Emergency Services Center will be open Aug 1-9.
- Sleeping space is provided. Most bring an air mattress.
- RVers will be provided with space to set up camp.
- 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

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 Entrekin – hentrekin@cbts.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.

A church that can host a party!

The Wyoba Board is looking for a host church for the 2016 WyobaFest.

Contact Jenita Calton at mjmjpack@vcn.com for more information.

Deadline is May 8th.

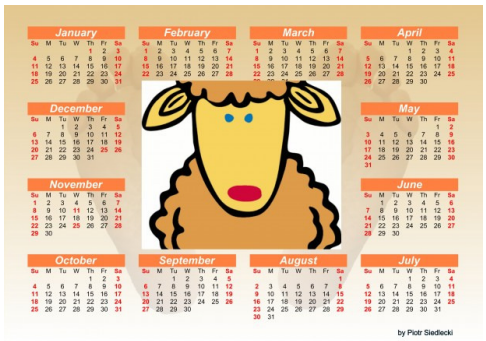
Calendar

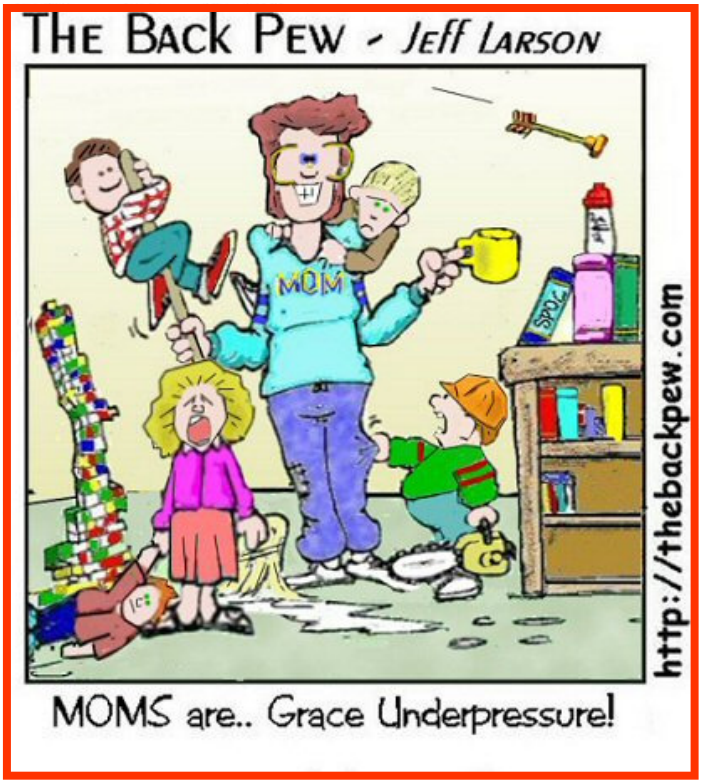
May

2	AB Girls Mother Daughter Luncheon at Gardens of Divine Hope
7	National Day of Prayer
10	Mother's Day
11-15	Festival of Homiletics, Denver, CO
16	Bible Story Telling Workshop
25	Memorial Day
27	Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting

June

5-7	ABW Colorado Ministries Conference
5-7	Men's Retreat @ Camp Wyoba
7	One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday
14-July 4	Grand Mesa Camps
21	Father's Day
25-28	Biennial Mission Summit Overland Park/Kansas City
28-July 1	Survival Camp @ Camp Wyoba





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