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# The Rocky Mountain American Baptist

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

## Greetings from San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas!

It's been six weeks since our relocation to Mexico and five weeks since we moved to our new home in San Cristobal de las Casas. During our first few days in Mexico we were blessed to participate, along with our Area Director Adalia Gutierrez-Lee and Global Servants Keith and Debbie Myers, in the triannual gathering of our Mexican partners, the Council of Rural Indigenous Evangelicals of Mexico (CICEM).



At this gathering, there were representatives from the six native Mexican groups CICEM serves across Mexico. We were introduced as their new missionaries for Chiapas and we got to meet the representatives from the Tseltal and Tsotsil communities. There was a lot of joy and gratitude from the representatives of the Tseltal and Tsotsil churches in Chiapas. During this gathering, four new churches from the Tseltal and Tsotsil communities joined CICEM.

It was in September 2016 at ABCRM's Gathering when our family met you for the first time in Colorado. You blessed us with your prayers and with your pledge to support us as we responded to God's call to Chiapas.

We want to express our gratitude for ABCRM's continued support along this journey. Through your prayers, love and support God's presence has been palpable. This has served to confirm, once more, a conviction of mine: that God's love is best manifested through our brothers and sisters. We also want to express gratitude for Rev. Mike Oldham and his wife, Mrs. Chris, hospitality and support. Pastor Mike as our children, Juancito and Ziba, called him has been a companion in this journey sharing his insights, love for the people of Chiapas, and welcoming us in his home.

I want to let you know that we're doing ok. Our priority right now is to establish our new home for our kids. They are into their fourth week of school. Our daughter, Ziba, is enjoying the experience very much. We've nicknamed her "the 4x4" as she behaves like an all-terrain vehicle! Our son, Juancito, on the other hand, has met some challenges. But we are grateful that he feels the trust to express his emotions. Both are playing soccer and we're trying to find ways to make them feel at home. We're just asking God's for wisdom to know how to deal with it as we were not expecting him to struggle so much.

Once again, thank you for your continued prayers and support!

We're excited to be here and look forward to joining our brothers and sisters in the

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highlands of Chiapas in what the Lord is doing in their midst.

With much gratitude and love,

Juan and Denise

IM Missionaries

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*The American Baptist Churches  
of the Rocky Mountains*

*Invites our retired clergy and spouse or guest  
to attend a*

*“Thank You”  
Luncheon  
for ABCRM Retired Clergy*

*on*

*Thursday, November 16, 2017*

*at*

*11:00 a.m.*

*at*

*Augustine Grill  
519 N. Wilcox  
Castle Rock, CO 80104*

*Your personal invitation was  
mailed last month. Be sure the Region office  
has your current mailing address.*

*Please RSVP by November 8  
to  
office@abcrm.org or 303.988.3900*

*Thank  
You*

## Camp Wyoba, the Great American Eclipse, and a Quilt Raffle

We hit a home run with the total solar eclipse at Camp Wyoba. Besides raising \$13,000 for the camp, we showed our more than 400 guests great Christian hospitality. Many guests told us 'that is different up here'. We like to think that is the strong presence of God's Holy Spirit. Another benefit was we were stretched to think about our facilities in new ways.

Thank you for all of your prayers to make this a successful undertaking.

We were given a beautiful quilt last spring to use as a fundraiser. We have started a raffle. The winner will be drawn at our January board meeting, and we will ship the quilt to the winner. Tickets are \$10 each, and you can purchase them on the ABCRM web ([www.abcrm.org](http://www.abcrm.org)) page under 'About' then go to Push Pay, under Fund, select Wyoba Quilt Raffle Ticket. We will put your name on a ticket and place it in the bucket with the 38 entries we have so far.

Your prayers for Camp Wyoba are appreciated and held in high esteem. We could use strong direction from the Lord as we begin planning our camps and retreats for summer 2018.

*Jenita Calton*

*Camp Wyoba Board President*



*250 people gather to hear Bill Mankin's discussion on solar eclipses.*



*Two guests waiting for totality.*



*Two of the volunteers that made 'Eclipse in the Lodgepole' a success.*



*Beautiful quilt that is being raffled to support Camp Wyoba.*



## Glenrock Community Baptist Church Centennial

In October 1917, the First Baptist Church was organized in Glenrock, Wyoming. A decade later it changed its name to Community Baptist Church. Rick Bishop has been the pastor for twenty years.

On October 7 and 8, the church celebrated its centennial. On Saturday, an open house was held at the Glenrock Senior Center. Many friends from around the state joined the members in the celebration. Displays of historical memorabilia provided highlights of the history, along with a timeline of the church for the past century. Letters of congratulations were read and refreshments, including a decorated cake and the church's signature homemade ice cream were served. There was lots of fellowship with friends from near and far.

The worship service on Sunday highlighted the ministry of the church for a hundred years. Letters were presented from the Region, from U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, and from former pastor Dwayne Axworthy. The service was followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

Community Baptist Church has been a witness for Christ in Glenrock for one hundred years; may their witness continue for many years to come.

*Bill Mankin  
Wyoming Ministry and Mission Coach*



*Congregation of Glenrock Community Baptist Church sings hymn at closing of centennial worship service.*



## Upcoming Houston Hurricane Relief Trips

**2017 Dates:** November 6-11; November 12-19; December 3-9

**2018 Dates:** January 14-20; February 11-17; March 11-17; April 8-14; May 13-19; June 3-9; June 10-16; June 17-23; July 8-14; July 15-21; August 12-18; September 16-22; October 14-20; November 11-17; November 18-24; December 2-8

**Contact:** Dr. Stuart Lord at [texashurricanerelief1718@gmail.com](mailto:texashurricanerelief1718@gmail.com) — volunteer coordinator for Texas Hurricane Relief of the ABC of the Rocky Mountains.

Visit our website at [www.abcrm.org](http://www.abcrm.org) for the service flyer (below), volunteer information packet, and directions to base.



### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Sponsored by the ABC of the Rocky Mountains  
Working with All Hands Volunteers organization  
Rebuilding Hope**

Service trips to the Houston area are in response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey. They will focus on helping families whose homes have been flooded and left for ruin.

The gutting of homes is happening quickly, so teams should come with an open heart, ready to serve and step into the process. Efforts may include gutting, cleaning, and demolishing. This is an incredible opportunity for people to mobilize and help their neighbors in a time of great need.

So much of what people once knew has been covered by floodwaters and/or swept away.

In addition to Service trips ABCRM is currently accepting financial donations to help fund these trips. Their goal is \$25,000. Contact Dr. Stuart Lord at [texashurricanerelief1718@gmail.com](mailto:texashurricanerelief1718@gmail.com) if you are interested in making a financial contribution to these critical efforts.

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**Contact:** If you are interested in serving on a trip as an individual or bringing a group on a trip contact Dr. Stuart Lord, volunteer coordinator for Texas Hurricane Relief of the ABC of the Rocky Mountains, at [texashurricanerelief1718@gmail.com](mailto:texashurricanerelief1718@gmail.com) for further information.

Sleeping accommodations and meals are provided by All Hands Volunteers at no cost to the volunteers. Headquarters are located at Faith United Methodist Church in Richmond, Texas.



## Pine Street Church Recognizes Polly McDonald

Many thanks to all who helped the recognition of Polly McDonald, PSC Grandmother, and her service towards 50 years of children's ministry so special. It was a wonderful and blessed day of celebration for the inspired and selfless commitment Polly has given to the children of Pine Street and First Baptist Churches over the last five decades.



*Submitted by Bill Mankin  
ABCRM Ministry and Mission Coach  
Member of Pine Street Church*



## Rev. Dr. Steve Van Ostran Recognized at Annual Gathering

Award presented to Rev. Dr. Steven Van Ostran during the business meeting at the 2017 Annual Gathering held at the First Baptist Church in Fort Morgan "for sharing his passion for missions with ABCRM pastors and churches".



## ABWM Scholarship

\$500.00 education scholarship available to qualified Wyoming student. Criteria: member of ABC church; junior, senior, or graduate; must attend ABC related college or seminary; studying for full-time Christian service. The scholarship is ABW funded so preference is given to female, but males may be considered. For application, send name, address, and education information to [Vee3@aol.com](mailto:Vee3@aol.com) (subject: scholarship).



Barbara Vinzant

**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.**



### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Region office will be closed November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, your Region office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 22. We will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24.



Your Region office will also be closed December 25 through January 1 for the Christmas and New Year Holiday Season.

## Calendar

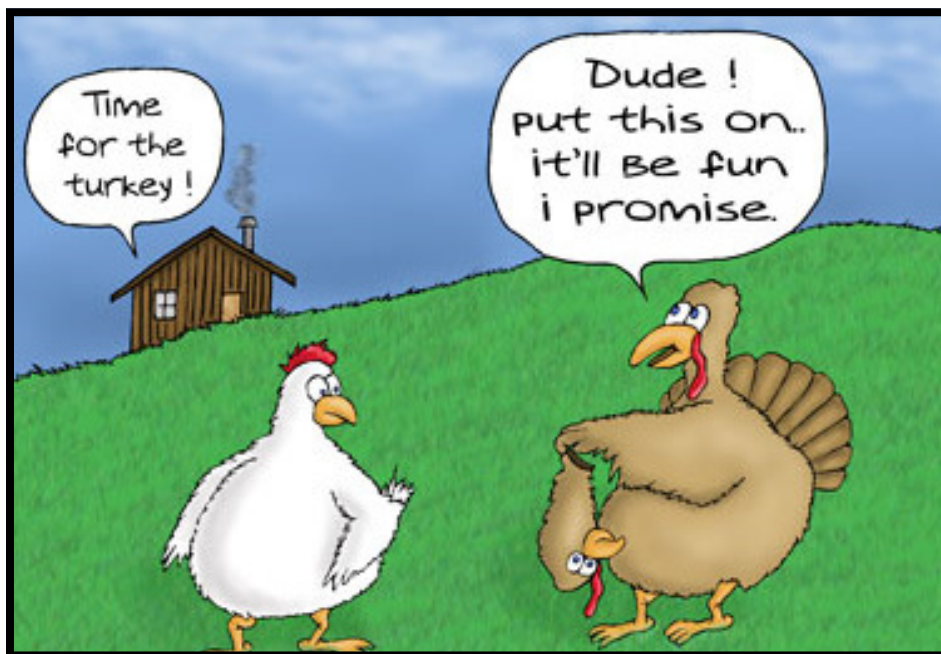
### November

- 3 FBC Longmont Gospel Concert
- 4 Wyoba Board Meeting
- 5 Daylight Savings Time ends  
*Set clocks back one hour on Saturday night*
- 7 Empower the Small Church Webinar
- 10 MLC Meeting
- 11 Veteran's Day (Region office will be Closed Friday, November 10)
- 16 Retired Clergy Appreciation Luncheon
- 17 Solomon Temple 47th Anniversary
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday Break  
*(Region office will close at noon on Wednesday)*

### December

- Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Month
- 9 Wyoming Pastors Christmas Party
- 12 SE/NM Pastors Christmas Party (tentative)
- 14 NFR Pastors Christmas Party (tentative)
- 15 Denver Pastors Christmas Party
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 **Christmas Day**
- 25-Jan 1 Christmas Holiday Break  
*Region office is closed*
- 31 New Year's Eve





Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!!

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