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## Wayne and Ingrid Dvirnak to Retire in June



It is with both regret and celebration that the Region Board accepted the retirement resignations of Wayne and Ingrid Dvirnak effective at the end of June 2007. The regret comes because each in their own right provided unique “firsts” for the Region and performed their ministries with distinction.

Wayne was appointed to be our first Ministry and Mission Coach under the new structure implemented over the last three years. In the beginning months, before additional coaches were hired, he worked with over a dozen search committees simultaneously. He came to this position with significant experience that now has spanned 35 years as a pastor as well as serving on the staff of two

Regions. Serving Wyoming, which, by the way, was where his pastoral ministry began, as well as Northern Colorado, Wayne has been tireless in his travels serving churches. He has set a high standard for assisting churches

in searches for pastoral leadership, challenging healthy congregations to become stronger, coaching congregations through difficult issues, and mentoring new young pastors and pastoral candidates.

Ingrid’s most visible “first” has been managing the Region’s e-newsletter, facilitating weekly online devotionals, and maintaining the Region’s website. Since she began, monthly visits to the website have grown from 221 to 5672. The number of unique visitors to the site has risen from 133 to 2031. Both statistics speak to the value a growing number of people are placing on this form of communication, and this must be attributed to Ingrid’s leadership. Much less

visible, but in some ways even more valuable, has been Ingrid’s contribution of her writing skills to many projects the Region has undertaken. Her stamp is on our new Bylaws, the policies developed by the Ministerial Leadership Committee, and the recently adopted statement on homosexuality, to name a few.

While we regret losing these two fine people who have contributed so much, we also celebrate with them as they reach this milestone in their lives. In addition to traveling, they look forward to spending more time with family—Wayne’s aging parents in North Dakota and their own seven-year-old grandson and his parents in Parker, CO. They feel certain that there are places of ministry that can benefit from their volunteer services after they take time to unwind and refocus.

At the same time we know they will not be far away. We hope they will consent to occasional specific short-term assignments by which they can share their years of experience with pastors and churches when the need arises. We wish them well as God leads them through the next steps of their journey together.

*Submitted by Rich Schweissing  
ABCRM President*

# Building Community Through Creativity

Paradoxically, as we age, we become less active while the world around us becomes more active with its fast pace of growth and technology. At The Residences at Franklin Park, an American Baptist Homes facility, we serve low-income elderly and disabled. As I look at the residents within this building, I recognize they have a gift of teaching us to slow down and build community through our creativity.

Community is relationships. The residents have developed relationships with each other through creative methods. The Residences at Franklin Park has about six to twelve residents who gather for various spiritual care groups during the week. These groups involve watching DVDs, creating artwork, crafts, music, discussions, Bible studies, church services, pet ministry, and fellowship.

Once a week we are watching a DVD of the New Testament. We started with Matthew and are currently in the book of Colossians. This creative method creates community as we watch the New Testament. We then discuss its applications to life and offer prayers for each other. We also have fellowship with refreshments and coffee.

Another area of creativity at The Residences at Franklin Park is the use of artwork to connect with each other. The artwork group centers around art that helps the residents learn about themselves as creations of God. They use oils, chalks, and pencils to create their artwork. Some artwork involves connecting with the Bible's metaphors such as

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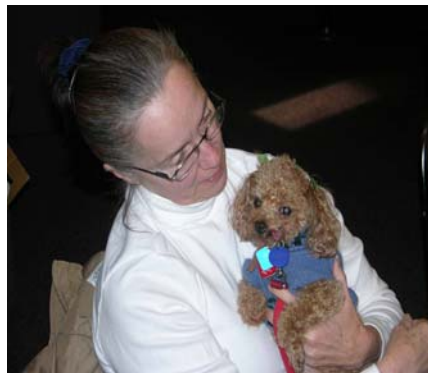


Two of the six residents who participated in the connection between art and spirituality.

water. Using the spring of life, the sea on which Jesus walked, the significance of water in baptism, and other similar images, residents create pictures of rivers, seas, oceans, and waterfalls.

Many residents have difficulty in their lives. However, amid these difficulties, they desire to serve others. One of the ways they serve is by doing crafts. The residents make small crosses and other crafts to give to those at nursing homes or those in hospice as reminders that God loves them.

Another nurturing and creative aspect within spiritual care is the pet ministry at the facility. Currently, there are two dogs providing pet ministry: Teddy and Patti. Teddy comes with his owner, a volunteer chaplain, on Thursday mornings, and Patti, my own registered pet therapy dog (*shown below*), visits regularly.



Traditional types of spiritual care activities such as Bible studies, church services, and music performances also support relationship and creativity at The Residences at Franklin Park. I am grateful to have such a wonderful group of volunteers who serve the residents by performing these activities. Volunteers are from many churches, thus



Volunteer Mike from Church in the City



Over 100 baskets were donated and delivered by volunteers from Friendship Baptist Church of Christ Jesus.

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creating an ecumenical atmosphere. United Church of Christ, Old Landmark Baptist Church (American Baptist), Friendship Baptist Church of Christ Jesus, Church in the City, East Bible Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church of Boulder (American Baptist) are represented with volunteers.

With all of these activities, there is still an attitude of relaxation and creativity. The residents can teach us in this hectic world how important it is to continue to study God's Word, pray for each other, acquire hobbies, and fellowship with each other. It amazes me how much the residents who are considered to have very little in this life often have what society wants most—relationship and connection to each other and to God.

*Jody James  
Chaplain and  
Director of Spiritual Care  
The Residences at Franklin Park*



**Staff who are serving and ministering at The Residences at Franklin Park. (Jody is pictured at the front right.)**



**Volunteer Scott, endorsed United Church of Christ Chaplain, and his Bible study group with therapy dog, Teddy.)**



*In addition to The Residences at Franklin Park, our other Baptist Home Association sister community, Mountain Vista Retirement Community, is also doing creative spirituality to build relationships and minister to its residents.*

## Montessori at Mt. Vista

Stephy Martinez-Anderson, our new Activities Director, designed and initiated a program specifically for our residents with Alzheimer's who live on our secured unit. It is based on the Montessori educational program developed originally for children. During Montessori Moments, activities staff interact with each resident allowing the resident to take the lead in deciding what to do. Stephy established activity centers where residents have the opportunity to explore spirituality, home life, work life and other areas that our residents would remember from their childhoods. In addition, a Montessori school brings the same group of children on a monthly basis to interact with the residents. Studies have shown that engaging Alzheimer's residents in Montessori activities with children helps retain memory and increase quality of life.

I am glad to have the opportunity to work here at Mt. Vista because God is at work in so many ways – including many of our staff – to bring quality of life to our residents. It is an honor for me to serve as the Director of Spiritual Care.

*Kathy Bird DeYoung, Chaplain  
Mt. Vista Retirement Community*

## Looking for a Piano?

Church of the Master in Denver is selling its property and moving to First Baptist Church of Denver. The church has several pianos that it is not taking along.



If any churches or individuals are interested in purchasing one at a reduced rate, please call Judy Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at 303-399-8107 to schedule an appointment or to receive information. You will be expected to arrange the moving of the pianos. The church also has a Rodgers electric organ that needs work, if any one is interested.

The church is anticipating moving in the next two weeks, so if there is an interest we need to know as soon as possible.

*Slayden Yarbrough  
Interim Pastor*

## Curtis Park Community Center: My Passion and My Mission

When I came to Curtis Park Community Center barely six months ago, I knew it would be a challenge to lead the almost 70-year-old organization back to financial and spiritual health. I never dreamed it would become my mission in life. Sure, I've passionately raised countless funds for several non-profit organizations throughout my 20-year career. I've served on boards of directors, volunteered with other non-profits, and supported childhood education and health initiatives. But Curtis Park Community Center opened my eyes to the invisible side of running a community-based agency.

During my first week on the job, the invisible began to appear. Upon entering the building, I was greeted by Miss Mary, a frail but spry 90+-year-old-AARP "worker" assigned to Curtis Park Community Center. Miss Mary has been at Curtis Park longer than anyone else. She came up to me, clasped my hands in hers, and said, "Thank God you are here."

As I gazed into her eyes, I saw the pain of her youth as she grew up in poverty in Mississippi. No one knows much about Miss Mary—only what she chooses to tell us "in her own time."

Miss Mary cannot afford to quit working, even at her age. She was placed by AARP in hopes of learning a new career. With few marketable skills, including reading and writing, Miss Mary spends 20 hours each week sorting donated clothing, setting up the weekly Seniors Hot Lunch, and assisting

**You don't need special skills to help others in need.**

families in the food bank. No one would ever know that Miss Mary quietly (and invisibly) folds and hangs clothes so mothers can "shop" for their children. You don't need special skills to help others in need. Miss Mary proves that.

Promptly at 11:00 a.m. each day a parade of people starts marching down 29<sup>th</sup> Street to the Center. Mothers pushing two strollers, men carrying backpacks and bedrolls, people with canes and walkers, grandsons with their great-grandmothers – all come seeking food, clothing and toiletries. They come from all over: Curtis Park, Cole, Whittier, Park Hill, Aurora, Centennial, Green Valley, Thornton, and Highlands Ranch. They spend 15 minutes each looking for school and work clothes and leave with their garments and a box of food, and then they disappear again back up 29<sup>th</sup> or Curtis.

Along their journey, some may have stopped to talk to Christine, Director of Community Advocacy. Christine speaks Spanish and reaches out to those having difficulty communicating in English. In her unassuming manner, Christine figures out that many of them have been victims of crime. Afraid to report their victimization, they find support and advocacy through Curtis Park Community Center's Victim Services program. She provides resources for counseling and services,

accompaniment to court, and many times a shoulder to lean on. The crimes are horrendous, ranging from dog bites, identity theft, and muggings to sexual assault and elder abuse. Many have suffered all of their lives, never knowing there was someone who could help or simply listen.

The successes are few and far between. One older, "invisible" woman who never reported her incest and rarely spoke a complete sentence to anyone, now smiles, holds her head up high. She has even taken off the wool cap that covered her beautiful white hair. Christine exceeded her goal of helping 120 people in 2006.

These are a few examples of the "invisible" work Curtis Park Community Center does. We must become visible – visible to the community that supports us. The financial and in-kind support of individuals, foundations, businesses, faith-based and social service organizations help Curtis Park Community Center provide opportunities for over 6,000 people each year. For this, we are grateful. I hope these real-life stories have helped you discover why the little community center in Curtis Park is my life mission.



*Diane Mourning  
Executive Director, CPCC*



## Children Learn About Missions

Learning to share with others and help others is a kindergarten lesson that takes a life time to perfect. While sharing and helping are wonderful human behaviors and our responsibility as good human beings, it is also our privilege as Christians. Christians have the responsibility to teach our children that when they share and help, they have the privilege to act as the hands and feet of Jesus. Taking this lesson one more step, the church has the responsibility to connect sharing and helping to missions—to help children learn that missions is the way the church as an institution has the privilege to share and help. How do we teach missions to our children?

The children's story and mission moment are obvious settings for mission education during worship. Sunday school and children's church are other very appropriate settings. Consider teaching a missions lesson during class each time your congregation has a mission focus—*World Mission Offering*, *One Great Hour of Sharing*, *America for Christ*. Children's lessons frequently come with the offering material. The ABCUSA website <http://www.abc-usa.org> has current information about our missionaries and missions. Also the American Baptist Historical Society publishes the *American Baptist Quarterly* that includes excellent articles about earlier missions and missionaries.

Moving beyond typical classroom teaching, the women of our ABWM at FBC Boulder have been particularly clever. They planned a Sunday afternoon mission party for our children. The women wanted to send school kits to tsunami victims. They invited a wide age range of children and taught them about some of our missionaries, provided supplies for our children to decorate cloth bags that they then filled with the school supplies. Our children learned about missions, did a mission project, played, and ate. It was also a wonderful intergenerational activity in which the children got to know women who were not their regular teachers, and they had an opportunity to become connected with children on the other side of the globe.

One of our mission groups also wanted to specifically involve our children. The group held a fiesta to raise money for a Mexican orphanage and coordinated with the Sunday school teachers who discussed the project with the children's class. In addition the children made many of the decorations for the fiesta, and the fiesta itself included children's games, opportunities to buy school supplies for the orphanage children, and my personal favorite, a visiting llama.

The school kits and the fiesta were wonderful, creative ideas that worked for our congregation. What is a good idea for yours? The church has the responsibility and privilege both to disciple our children and to participate in missions. How can you help make this happen in your congregation? How can you teach missions to your children? Try something new this year. It might be fun.

*Nancy Darnell, Senior Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Boulder*

## Metro Denver Cluster to Host Worship Conference

On Saturday, April 28, the Metro Denver Cluster will host a Worship Conference. The one-day conference will be held in the chapel at Regis University from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is open to all ABCRM churches. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a box lunch. You may download a conference brochure and register online on the ABCRM website at <http://www.abcrm.org>.

The purpose of this conference is

- **to ignite a passion for the act of worship** by offering pastors, worship leaders, church musicians and congregations inspiration, participation, application, and collaboration for these key aspects of worship.
- **to open the heart** by bringing together a diverse range of worshipers who want to explore the gifts of multi-cultural approaches to worship.

The event will indeed be a multicultural experience as attendees explore a rich variety of ways Christians approach the act of worship. That variety will include the praise band from *Palabra de Fé* in Aurora. Other leaders from the Denver area include Brad Berglund, Pastor of *The Threshold* congregation meeting at First Baptist Church; Benita Edwards, Minister of Music at True Light Baptist Church; Daryl Walker, Minister of Music and Arts at New Hope Baptist Church; and Mary Tellis, ABCRM Ministry and Mission Coach for the Metro Denver Cluster and Associate Pastor at Solomon Temple Baptist Church in Denver.

## 2007 Earth Day Sunday – April 22

# The Food That Sustains Us

Rural poverty and hunger. Artificially high land prices. Industrial agriculture. Childhood obesity. Unfair treatment of minority farmers. Dangerous working conditions for farm workers. These things probably aren't the first things that come to mind when you consider your commitment to Eco-Justice—to delivering justice for God's creation. This year's Earth Day Sunday looks beyond the traditional boundaries of Eco-Justice to address all of these issues, because in the incredibly complex world of U.S. farm and food policy, none of these things can be separated from clean air and water, diverse ecosystems, soil erosion, global warming, and preservation of wildlife habitat.



We live in a time of industrial agriculture where, for many of us, family farms no longer hold a current or central place in our own personal family story. The average meal has ingredients that have traveled 1,500 miles to our table. Grocery stores are where most of us get our food, making it hard to connect the items we purchase to the soil in which they grew. While we fill our shopping carts with pre-packaged commercial produce, we walk through aisles devoid of the true smells and textures of the land from which food comes. Meanwhile

those family farmers who “live off the land” and help provide food for our tables are forced to work *off* the land away from the farm, in order to make ends meet. And, farm workers, often underpaid for their work, are exposed to harmful farm chemicals and hazardous working conditions. While we might revel in having any food we want any time we want, the industrial agricultural model is wreaking havoc on God's Earth and on human communities around the world and close to home.\*

### Our Christian Call\*

As Christians, we are given instructions about how God intends for us to care for creation. As we read biblical stories about justice rolling down like water, of walking the pathways of peace, and of Jesus and his disciples feeding the 5,000, we get a vision of God's plan for justice. This helps paint a picture of how we can structure our daily living to strive for justice. We are called to seek lifestyles (individual and corporate) that allow God's creation to flourish. We are called to seek lifestyles that seek justice for all of God's creation. When we analyze the contemporary agricultural system, we must evaluate it with Christ-like eyes and find Spirit-filled solutions that bring God's reign on Earth as well as heaven.

God's creation and God's people can be devastated by poor farming practices, but through mindful choices about how we produce and consume our food, the creation and our communities can also be made whole. It all comes down to who

does the farming and how. In this, as in many other Eco-Justice concerns, the health and well-being of God's Earth is inextricably linked to the health and well-being of human communities.

Each spring, we celebrate the Resurrection, and we celebrate Earth Day Sunday. We put seed to soil, and we remember to live as a people of hope, spreading justice throughout the land for people and creatures who are voiceless and powerless. This Earth Day Sunday, we are called to examine our farm and food systems. With a willingness to act, let us believe in the goodness, grace, and mercy that can transform unjust systems.

### Prayer of Confession\*

*O God, even as we praise you we know we fail to live as we should. We are a resurrection people and you have given us every reason to be bold and faithful. Yet while you rise triumphant over death, we participate in unjust systems that diminish life—for other human beings, for animals, and for your creation. Individually and corporately we have turned from good. Forgive us, O God. Show us how to open our eyes, our hearts, and our arms to your good world, to live faithfully and peacefully with creation. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.*

\*From “Our Daily Bread: Harvesters of Hope and Gardeners of Eden.” Used by permission.

**More information on how you can help protect God's creation is available at <http://www.nccecojustice.org>.**

# Palabra de Fé Reaches Out to Wider Community

The Region's new church plant, Palabra de Fé, where Oscar Lopez serves as pastor, continues to grow and expand its ministries. Recently they hosted a concert for youth in a rented local high school auditorium and had over 600 youth present. He was thrilled to be able to reach so many young people, and these included many who accepted Christ as Lord!



The church continues to meet twice a week and Oscar continues with his four times weekly radio ministry. He and his wife Vianey have eight cell groups that they have started, including at least one new one close to downtown Denver. Oscar recently baptized five people in the newly reconditioned baptistry at Aurora Community Baptist Church, Aurora. (See photos at right.)

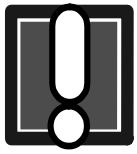
Recently they started a new outreach ministry in the Lafayette area which Eva Hernandez is pastoring. She and her husband now have about 20 people worshipping in their home. The "host" church, Palabra de Fé, hopes to start other new ministries in and around Denver and the outlying communities. Oscar is busy training people to do ministry both in cell groups and potential areas for outreach.

Aurora Community Baptist Church (host church) and Palabra de Fé keep in good communication and the support group of lay people and representatives of the Region continue to meet to support and encourage Oscar and Vianey as well as their congregants.

The Region, National Ministries, Calvary Baptist Church and other individuals and churches continue to be supportive, encouraging, and hopeful partners in this new venture which will celebrate its first anniversary with a pot luck supper on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Submitted by John Pipe*





## I Was Surprised by God

(Written by Terry Myers, International Ministries missionary in Bulgaria at the close of Holy Week, 2007.)

*"I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29: 11-13).*

### I was surprised by God this week.

After some months of waiting and wondering, it looks as if maybe I am finding some answers, and it is probably no coincidence that this comes during this, one of the most holy weeks of the year for Christians.

The disciples and others who followed Jesus were surprised (astonished, awed, shocked might actually be more appropriate words) by the events which took place that week over 2000 years ago. One of the twelve betrayed Him and later hung himself; another one disowned Him three times; nails were driven into Jesus' hands and feet and He was nailed to the cross where He suffered and died, but not before welcoming one more sinner into the Kingdom. On Easter morning Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were astounded to find the tomb empty. Jesus appeared to the unbelieving and stunned disciples several times after His resurrection. **All these things happened as Jesus had told them they would, yet each one was still surprised that it was so.**

Jesus' resurrection was His promise to us that He would be with us always. **Yet many times we are surprised when God's presence shows itself in tangible ways in our lives, just as I was this week.**

Living in Bulgaria requires lots of time and patience. I knew when we returned to Bulgaria last August from our one-year assignment in the United States that the process of readjusting to life here would take lots of patience and (my new favorite word since living in this country for four

years), flexibility. It has, and I admit that it has even taken far longer than I had prepared myself for. But what I was totally unprepared for, and most surprised about, is how long it has taken God to show me where I am to join God in ministry! Okay, maybe I'm just now seeing how long it took *me* to turn all *my* plans and desires over to God, to be patient, and to earnestly seek God's desire for my ministry path. **And, isn't it just like God to totally surprise and overwhelm us with the answers!**

Last Tuesday night I attended an Alpha Course. Alpha is an opportunity for people to explore the Christian faith and to learn, discuss and discover more about it in a small-group setting. This particular Alpha Course was directed toward women, many of them single mothers, who have received job training and are now working and supporting themselves and their children. Most of them are artists, whose works are being sold in a local, fair-trade handicrafts store. These women are not Christian, but they are seeking something more in their lives. Twenty people (including three men) turned out that night for a light meal and interesting conversation. Eleven of them were non-believers. **I was surprised, but I'm sure God wasn't!**

The next afternoon I went to the church, where I had gone the previous two Wednesday afternoons, to wait for one little Roma (gypsy) girl to come for homework help and perhaps a chance to bathe herself and receive some clean clothes. In spite of my elation from the success of the

Alpha Course the previous evening, I went with a heavy heart, sure that Vaska would not show up this day either, and that would mean this ministry would be a failure before it even got started. Upon walking into the church, I found three girls sipping tea and giggling nervously amongst each other. Vaska was not there, but Ginka, Rosie and Latinka were her friends and were there as a result of Vaska's invitation. Soon, Vaska came, bringing her unwashed body, filthy clothes, beautiful smile and energetic personality into the room. **I was surprised at this scene, but I'm sure God wasn't!**

The weekdays ended with some very productive meetings with our friends and partners in ministry, Teddy and Didi Oprenov and Susan Linderman, where both Tom and I could share some our joys and concerns of the past months. The observations and ideas they shared were a blessing and a much-needed encouragement to both of us. **I was surprised, but I'm sure God wasn't!**

It is now the Saturday after Good Friday, and I am reflecting back on an amazing and surprising week. And Easter Sunday, with its most amazing event of all, hasn't even happened yet! **Perhaps I should prepare myself for even more surprises before this amazing week is over.**

May our resurrected Savior surprise you with His unfathomable grace and love during this Easter season [and the days that follow]!

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<http://www.myersbulgaria.org>

## Help for Disciple-Making Congregations

- Do you dream of developing strong disciples in your congregation?
- Do you want to “kick it up a notch” in your Sunday school classes and small groups?
- Would you like to see the principles of Jesus lived out in every aspect of your church’s life—committees, boards, work groups, casual conversations?

The Discipleship and Transformation Team of National Ministries has designed the 2007 Planning Guide CD for Disciple-Making in American Baptist Churches to help you and your disciple-making, Christian-educating colleagues dig even deeper into what it means to nurture followers of Jesus. This year’s CDs have been mailed to each local AB church and is made available, in part, by your gifts to the *America for Christ Offering*.

Here’s the Discipleship and Transformation Team’s message to you:

*Some of you have full traditional programs of Christian education with classes for all ages, optional curricula, all the bells and whistles. That’s great!*

*Many of you struggle to staff (and enlist participants for) a skeleton of Sunday school. We salute your faithfulness!*

*Whatever your present disciple-making activities, we invite you to step back from your current program and assess its effectiveness in creating full-time, committed, radical disciples of Jesus Christ.*

*The Discipleship and Transformation Team of National Ministries has been working to identify resources to help all of us grow more deeply into the soil of our faith and branch out more abundantly to the world for which Christ died. We understand the call to the Church to be a challenge to bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and then to nurture them into full discipleship to become Christians who pursue the calling into mission that God gives all of us. We’re not talking about professional ministry here. We are talking about the demands of the Gospel placed on every single Christian.*

*Sunday church school is perhaps the most familiar element of a church’s discipling ministry. A disciple-making church, however, sees all aspects of church life as vehicles for nurturing discipleship. What we offer you here is not a program but a way of life. This is a holistic understanding of what it takes to make a disciple, spilling “Christian education” out of the Sunday school cup and into worship, committee and board meetings, social events, service activities, outreach into the community, the work of church officers, ushers, hospitality workers, and every facet of your church’s life.*

*Ten chapters make up the heart of the material on this CD. The first describes the foundational importance of leaders who are prepared to work in the power of the Holy Spirit toward the transformation of the church. The remaining nine chapters deal with qualities we have identified as characteristic of effective disciple-making churches.*

*Join us on this exciting journey! We believe that God calls each of us to deepen our faith, to equip ourselves and others for ministry within and on behalf of a hurting world, and to increase the numbers of those who choose to follow Jesus.*

*Your Discipleship and Transformation Team  
National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA*



**Palm Sunday** baptisms at First Baptist Church, Cheyenne, WY

- Aaron Cranmore
- Zac Engbretson
- Jason Kinsley

**Easter Sunday** baptism at First Baptist Church, Boulder, CO

- Caroline Sawtelle

*Share the names of those who have been recently baptised in your church with the ABCRM family. Send information to the RMAB editor at [idvirnak@abcrim.org](mailto:idvirnak@abcrim.org).*

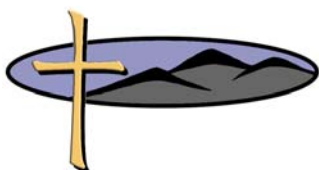
## Northern Front Range Cluster to Meet in Fort Collins on April 29

On April 29 at 4:00 p.m., ABCRM churches in the Northern Front Range (NFR) Cluster are invited to the American Baptist Church in Fort Collins to share ideas in Christian education. The church is located at 600 S. Shields.

A group of Christian educators from Cluster churches, moderated by Ingrid Dvirnak, will participate in a panel discussion. Panel members include Lynette Thayer and Betty Moseley (Fort Collins), Nancy Wheeler (Fort Morgan), and Mary Burman (Laramie). Following the panel, attendees will self-select a smaller group with which they want to meet for further exploration of the areas of Christian education presented by the panel members.

In addition, everyone will spend time answering questions to provide vital input for the Executive Search Committee.

The host church will provide beverages. Those who attend are asked to bring snacks to share.



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