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## Continuing to Walk With the True Light

**"That was the Light which gives light to every man who come into the world... But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." John 1:9 and 12 (NKJV)**

We would like to invite all who read this article to join with the Region staff in sending best wishes to True Light Baptist Church, Denver on their 31st Church Anniversary!

True Light was founded on March 12, 1988 under the



leadership of the Rev. William T.

Golson, Jr. From the genesis of their journey it appeared that the sovereign hand of God was guiding their every step. As this group of saints began the process of finding a place to gather and worship God on a regular basis, every place they went to said "no", with the exception of the Holiday Inn in the

Montbello section of Denver. Planting this new fellowship in Montbello would prove to be "God directed" in many ways.

After meeting at the Holiday Inn for nine months, God moved the new fellowship to a new location. It was still in Montbello. However, it was the perfect location for a young budding church. The Lord gave True Light a store front facility in a shopping center at 4812 Chambers Road. Their new location gave them visibility. With visibility came the opportunity to do more evangelism and outreach. Being in a shopping center in Montbello was a perfect location for True Light Baptist Church. Montbello was a new community. True Light was a new church. God's handprint was on this young fellowship. Being in the shopping center helped True Light to grow and be recognized in the Montbello community.

In 1993, the divine hand of God was made manifest in the life of True Light in a "mighty way". True Light was growing. They were looking for a place that would allow them to grow into the vision that God had given Pastor Golson and the church leaders at True Light. God allowed True Light to identify four acres



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of land located at Bolling Drive and 51st Avenue, in the Montbello section of Denver. The location of the land was in walking distance of the shopping center! (Smile, this story is getting good!) Upon learning of the asking price for the land, Pastor Golson and the True Light leadership quickly recognized that the asking price was far beyond their reach. Once again, the Spirit of the Lord moved on behalf of True Light. God became the “mediator and negotiator”. The Lord spoke to the heart of the land owner and the land owner sold the land to True Light for ten percent of the asking price! (Why 10%? Well, only God knows. Smile) The rest is history! God placed True Light in the Montbello section of Denver in 1988 and the church is yet there today. It is still advancing the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ, both in the Body and in the world!

From True Light’s beginning, Pastor Golson’s focus was on being a teaching church-making disciples for Jesus Christ. True Light has a long history of being a biblically sound teaching church. (True Light is my home church and that’s what drew me to True Light.) The biblical motto for all who join True Light is, “Every Leader A Learner and Every Member A Minister”. Those who teach or lead at True Light are required to be anchored in the word of God-both in “learning and living”. True Light takes seriously what Jesus says in Matt. 28;19-20 and Acts 1:8.

God has placed the care of True Light into the hands of two godly pastors over her thirty-one years. Rev. Dr. William T. Golson, Jr. served as pastor from 1988-2017. Pastor Golson led True Light in the way of “The True Light”. The current pastor, Rev. Dr. Shannon J. Warner (pictured), was called to True Light on May 7, 2017. He was called because he had a background anchored in the word and way of Jesus Christ. And, we trust that he will continue to lead True Light in the way that we will “Continue to Walk with the True Light”. Amen.



*Rev. Larron D. Jackson, DMin  
Ministry and Mission Coach-Denver Cluster*

## 2018 Annual Reports

Thank you to the churches listed below who completed their 2018 Annual Reports. *If you have not turned in your report, it's not too late.* We will accept your reports at any time. If you have questions, need help, or another copy of your report, please contact our office at [akeys@abcrm.org](mailto:akeys@abcrm.org) or 303.988.3900.



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

We thank the following churches for already submitting their reports.

Audubon Heights Baptist Church  
Aurora Hills Church  
Community Baptist Church, Glenrock  
Community Church of Moab  
Crossroads Church  
Ebenezer Ethnic Baptist Church  
Ecumenical Church  
Elevating Life Church  
Evanston Baptist Church  
Faith Community Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church, Austin  
First Baptist Church, Colorado Springs  
First Baptist Church, Delta  
First Baptist Church, Gillette  
First Baptist Church, Grand Junction  
First Baptist Church, Lamar  
First Baptist Church, Lander  
First Baptist Church, Torrington  
Forefront Church at Harvey Park  
Gardens of Divine Hope Church  
Lave Avenue Baptist Church  
Macedonia Baptist Church  
New Hope Baptist Church, Denver  
New Hope Baptist Church, New Castle  
Reconcile Church  
Rising Star Baptist Church  
Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church  
Sombra Del Monte Christian Church  
True Light Baptist Church  
United Church of Los Alamos  
West Alameda Baptist Church  
Wind River Indian Baptist Church



## Cultivating Co-Learners/Co-Disciples

Short-Term missions have provided a learning and deepening of faith platform to thousands of volunteers for the past fifty years. They served alongside hundreds of global servants in very diverse ministries in all continents. Many of the volunteers who responded to God's call in the early 1960's, have themselves served as long-term missionaries, and are now seeing another generation begin to explore kingdom building opportunities in various missional settings. The desire to be the hands and feet of Christ touches many beautiful hearts along the faith journey.



The Short-Term Mission team, formerly known as Volunteers in Global Mission team, has registered hundreds of volunteers in the past fifty years. In 2018, 931 volunteers registered to serve in all parts of the world. Singles and teams have been sent by churches, regions, associations to all corners of the earth to be instruments of peace, mercy and love in the name of Jesus. In the early 1960's volunteers often went for a year of volunteer service. In more recent years, men, women, families, inter-generational teams have served anywhere from two weeks for up to two years. Many journals have been written, suitcases packed, passports stamped and hearts transformed. But do we really know what happened to members of the X-Treme teams who went to Costa Rica or Ghana? What about those volunteers who served in the hills of Nicaragua a decade ago or played with children in remote villages in The Congo? So many unknown, which understandably shall remain unknown.

This year, some members of the Short-Term Mission team (Special Assistants, volunteers, graduate intern, staff), want to intentionally walk alongside a few volunteers and become co-learners, walk as co-disciples of Christ and reflect on lived experiences.

Short-Term Mission trips are transformative. God sees beauty in wilderness.



It is also clear, that when volunteers return to their home base, adjust to a new routine, questions linger. The re-entry process to the life they knew before they left has its own emotional and spiritual timeline.

When the Apostles were walking with Jesus, there was a constant "teacher-student/servant/mentor" exchange. Jesus presented a learning platform by walking alongside His followers. Jesus encouraged them and



us to “go and make disciples.” (Matthew 18:19-20). True discipleship, true learning never stopped because witnessing and storytelling never stopped. Today, in whatever setting we find ourselves ministering and living Matthew 25 (whether it be sitting in the back pews of a congregation, serving at a soup kitchen, waiting in line with other migrants at a border crossing, or learning to put together a water filtration bucket), we strive to show God’s image of mercy, truth, hope and love in all we do. We are followers of Christ 24/7. The Emmaus Walk referenced in Luke 24 is as real in 2019 as it was 2,000 years ago. The questions remain, and the STM team is eager to walk alongside willing co-learners to delve into faith raising questions. We want to create an intentional platform to be co-listeners, co-laborers cultivating God’s Kingdom. As Kara Martin says in her book *Workship 2 How to Flourish at Work*, key methods of mentoring involve “listening, asking questions, discerning emotions, building relationships and focusing on the spiritual growth of the other.” The STM team will interact in a new way with volunteers/co-learners as part of the de-briefing sessions. This old and new Emmaus Walk will forge and strengthen relationships for kingdom building in the lives of all involved.

Sarah McCloy, our graduate minister intern feels that “one aspect of cultivating disciples is to provide encouragement. The path of discipleship is often difficult. A crucial part of mentorship is to provide support and reassurance during moments of doubt, anxiety, or stress. I was reminded recently of an example of this from my own discipleship journey. A close friend filled a little bag with Scripture verses and encouraging messages, and I carried it with me during a short-term mission trip to Japan. During the moments when I felt worried or inadequate, I opened up that little bag and read a word of encouragement to have faith and keep following the path of discipleship.”

James Williams, our Administrative Assistant, sees the process of continued dialogue as “a continued learning process for teams to have when they return to the US. It is an ability to develop long standing relationships, like Jesus did with the Apostles and with His followers. We are told to do likewise. I find myself striving to “witnessing through with-ness” in the de-briefing sessions with teams.”

Herb Rogers, our volunteer Special Assistant to STM and Haiti, reflects on his 25 years of teaching laboratory and X-Ray techniques in Cap Haitien during his missionary years in Haiti, and says that “the most effective teaching moments were during the one-on-one sessions.”

It is a humble honor to walk alongside volunteers and be holders of individual and corporate questions during pre-trip orientation sessions and post-trip de-briefing conversations. The STM team recognizes that the Emmaus Path is not a solitary one. We are all grateful that you let us come and gently journey with you. We are honored to be co-learners, co-laborers, co-disciples in Faith Raising.



To view this article online, visit <https://www.internationalministries.org/cultivating-co-learners-co-disciples/>



*Sandra Dorsainvil  
International Ministries, Director of Short-Term Mission*

***ABCRM Mission Team provides opportunities for short-term volunteer experiences. Plans are currently underway for a November trip to the Dominican Republic. For more information, contact the team leader, John Turnage at [jbkt@aol.com](mailto:jbkt@aol.com).***

## Communication Tip: Turn Boring Into Interesting

I'm fascinated how someone can attend two similar church services (maybe even with the same Pastor) and have the 30-minute sermon seem long and boring in one while the other can feel interesting and not enough time. And it's the same amount of time. And maybe similar content!

Or you can watch a YouTube video and be fully engaged with it for several minutes while another will drive you to close the window after a couple of minutes. Even if it's the same subject.

Or there's a website that can captivate you for a long time versus the website that loses your interest in about 30 seconds.

**Communication is tough.** Our audience has changed. Their attention-span has gotten shorter and shorter. In fact, according to a 2015 Microsoft study, humans lose interest in most things after only 8 seconds. This is astounding since a goldfish has a 9 second attention span. We're doomed. Our audience certainly isn't changing, so we need to tackle things differently with our communication style.

Here are 3 things we (as communicators) must understand and change to turn boring into interesting:

1. Make it matter to your audience. This is key. In the first few seconds, in the headline, or first sentence, speak to a pain that you know your [audience](#) faces or a challenging goal that they seek. Then deliver as quickly as possible the hope of a solution in your communication. Or a straight-line path to their goal. This requires you to know your audience extremely well. So do everything within your power to discover their pains and goals.
2. [Edit](#) your content as short as possible and present it the way your audience wants it. Do the difficult work of eliminating everything that's unnecessary or redundant. Get your communication to the basics and don't overdo the details. Then, based on your communication channel, deliver it in a style you know they'll enjoy. For in-person or on video, that's an interjection-style that captures the wayward attention and holds it by bringing people back into the conversation. For printed or static web content, give in to their propensity of scanning. Create eye-interrupters (headlines, subheads, bullets, captions) that tell most of the story and lead to the deeper content so they can read more.
3. Deliver it so you seek engagement. Remember you're not just telling. All content today should [engage](#). Drive them to other locations through links and suggestions. Allow them to process or do things so they interact with your content. Where possible, let them respond. This engagement says you care about them and want them to fully understand. This relationship of love and empathy will allow your audience to overlook flaws and truly be interested in what you have to offer.

**Summary?** Make it about THEM and less about YOU. Say it as quickly as possible. They'll feel the love. That's the role of all church communication today.

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# Front Range Camp

**at Quaker Ridge  
July 21-27, 2019**

Again this year, all registrations must be completed online. Please go to the registration page at [www.frontrangecamping.org](http://www.frontrangecamping.org). You will need to upload the Resident Campers Health Statement. This form can be found on the registration page at [www.frontrangecamping.org](http://www.frontrangecamping.org). You will also need to upload your campers Immunization Record. See other side for more details.

***Online registration begins April 1, 2019***

***Early Registration Deadline is May 31***

***Final registration deadline is July 8***

## ***Camp Fees:***

### **EARLY REGISTRATION FEES**

***Through May 31, 2019***

Camp	Grade Completed	AB Rate*	Non AB Rate
Elementary	2-5	\$275	\$300
Middle School	6-8	\$295	\$320
Sr. High	9-12	\$295	\$320
White Water Rafting add (grades 9-12 only)		\$ 80	\$ 80

***Full Payment must be made by May 31, 2019 to receive the Early Registration Rate.***

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

***June 1 thru July 8, 2019***

Camp	Grade Completed	AB Rate*	Non AB Rate
Elementary	2-5	\$320	\$345
Middle School	6-8	\$335	\$360
Sr. High	9-12	\$335	\$360
White Water Rafting add (grades 9-12 only)		\$ 80	\$ 80

**CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY.** Cancellations received by July 1, 2019 will receive a 90% refund. Cancellations received July 2-July 9, 2019 will receive a 75% refund. Cancellations received July 10-July 16, 2019 will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations after July 16 are non-refundable.

# Camp Dates 2019

## Front Range Camp @ Quaker Ridge July 21-27

## Camp Wyoba

Mini-Camp — June 30-July 2

Post High Retreat — July 5-7

Senior High Camp — July 7-13

Junior High Camp — July 14-20

Junior Camp — July 21-27

Primary Camp — July 28-31

Women's Retreat — August 9-11

Family Camp — August 9-12

## Grand Mesa Baptist Camp

Family Camp  
June 14-16

The Alpine Zone (High School)  
June 16-22

The Ascent (Middle School)  
June 22-27

The Trailhead (Elementary School)  
June 27-June 30



## Camp Wyoba

Looking for an experience that will change the life of your child for the good long-term? Attending a Christian camp this summer could:



- help your child be nicer to family members
- reawaken the desire to be in the outdoors instead of in front of a screen
- raise your child's self-confidence
- strengthen their faith

Camp Wyoba is ready to receive registrations for our Summer 2019 camps. Visit [wyoba.org](http://wyoba.org) for camp dates, fee schedule, and registration forms.

*Jenita Calton  
Wyoba Chair*

### Short Term Mission Opportunity Black Hills of South Dakota – August 3-11, 2019

**T**he American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and the Dakotas have teamed up in each of the last eighteen 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 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 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 ABCESC 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 2019?

- ♦ The ABC Emergency Services Center will be open Aug 3-11. Early arrivals can be accommodated on August 2.
- ♦ Sleeping space is provided. Most bring an air mattress.
- ♦ RVs 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:  
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## The Global Leadership Summit Thursday-Friday, August 8-9, 2019

Fresh, actionable and inspiring leadership content from a world-class faculty at a convenient location near you.

**Save the Date**  
**August 8-9, 2019**

### Region Sites:

- Albuquerque, NM (Fellowship Miss. Baptist Church)
- Canon City, CO (Vineyard Christian Fellowship)
- Casper, WY (Highland Park Community Church)
- Colorado Springs, CO (1st Presbyterian Church)
- Denver (Aurora), CO (Elevation Christian)
- Denver (Thornton), CO (Crossroads Church)
- Estes Park, CO (YMCA of the Rockies)
- Fort Morgan, CO (Elevating Life Church [aka FBC])
- Grand Junction, CO (Vineyard Church)
- Pueblo, CO (Fellowship of the Rockies)

Join 405,000+ of your peers for two days of **fresh, actionable and inspiring leadership training** from a world-class faculty at a location near you.

For a list of speakers, additional information and additional sites, visit <https://globalleadership.org>. If the site that you would like to attend is not listed above or on our registration form, just let us know, we can get your ticket(s) for whichever site you would like.

### ABCRM REGISTRATION COSTS

**\$100.00 per person**  
**(Early Bird) thru June 16, 2019**  
*(registration and payment must be received by June 16)*

**\$140.00 per person**  
**(Late/if available) after June 16, 2019**

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

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

Our biennial gathering of the American Baptist Family is scheduled to occur at Virginia Beach, VA, June 21-23. The every other year event features:

- Special luncheons of our major national programs (ABHMS, IM and MMBB) where we hear updates on their ministries, stories of how God has used them and learn how we can both be supported by them as well as support them.
- Powerful worship and powerful preachers and teachers
- Amazing fellowship with our diverse ABC Family

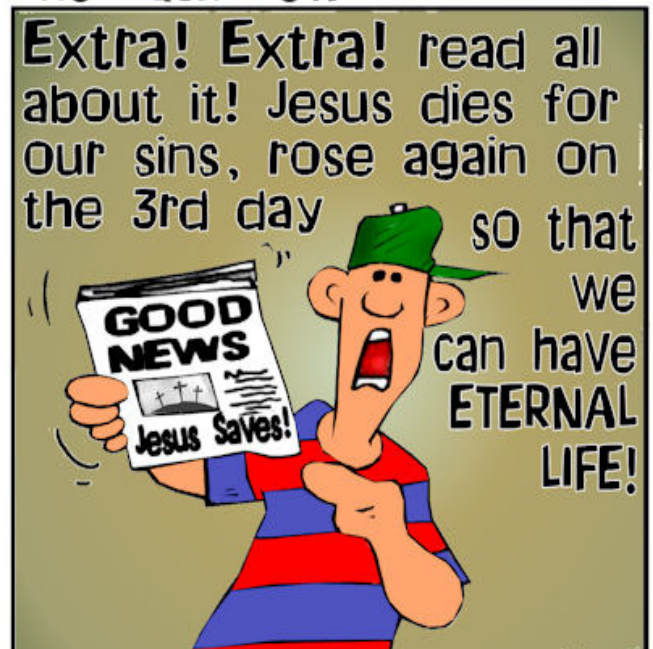
The Biennial Mission Summit is a great time of learning, inspiration and fellowship. To learn more, visit: [www.americanbaptists2019.com](http://www.americanbaptists2019.com)

To Register, go to: <http://www.abc-usa.org/2019/01/25/individual-registration-for-2019-biennial-mission-summit-opens/>

ABCRM folks should enter the code: RockyRegion for a \$49 discount.



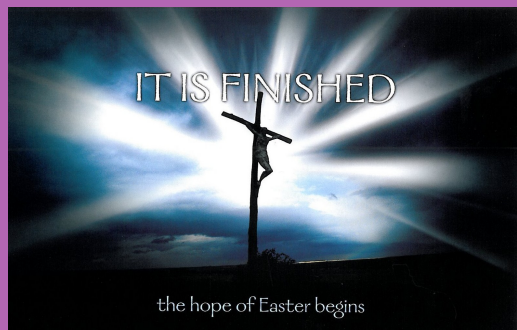
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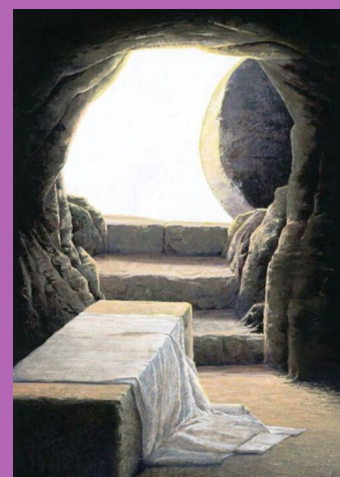


## Celebrate Jesus

Palm Sunday  
April 14



Good Friday  
April 19



He is Risen  
Easter Sunday  
April 21

# What's Happening



## Calendar

### April

- 8-10 Western Slope Pastors Retread  
Cedar Edge
- 13 Wyoba Camp Directors Meeting  
Laramie, WY
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 19 Good Friday (*Region office closed*)
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 22 Easter Monday (*Region office closed*)

### May

- 10 Executive Committee Meeting
- 12 Mothers Day
- 27 Memorial Day (*Region office closed*)

## Fashion Show

Several young Girls will be modeling Handmade Fashions on June 8, 2019, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Gardens of Divine Hope, located at 1955 E. Arizona Ave. in Denver. This should be a fun, interesting and loving event as young girls move around the patio in beautifully handcrafted designs. The event will take place on the patio as it is decorated with flowers and colorful designs.

**ALL ARE INVITED. THERE IS NO ADMISSIONS FEE.** There will be food, drink and entertainment. DONATIONS are welcome!

Contact Pastor Karen at [reverend-karenwschneider@yahoo.com](mailto:reverend-karenwschneider@yahoo.com) or call at 720.308.8418 if you plan to attend. We would like to get a headcount prior to the event so we know how many are coming.

**Lanell Designs Garden Gala Fashion Show**



**FUNDRAISER**  
**Watch Them Bloom**

Dinner will be served  
June 8, 2019  
Sat. 6-8:30pm

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Open to the public.  
Free admission but donations are welcomed.  
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