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The 2018 Gathering will be held in picturesque Breckenridge, CO. Join us for a time of beautiful sites, great conversation, renewal and important learning.

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September 27-29, 2018

Dear ABCRM Friends and Family,

I am excited to announce our 2018 Gathering theme: **"Gospel in an Age of Disconnection"**. This theme was developed by a diverse group of nine senior pastors, Region staff and our current and past Board Presidents. Our hope in this Gathering is to address the question: ***"Across our theological and contextual differences, we share this concern, how do we address a growing disconnect between church and culture?"***

As one who attends a lot of meetings, I must tell you that the development and fleshing out of this theme was one of the most vibrant and dynamic meetings I have ever attended. Talking frankly about the common challenges faced by pastors and churches in our modern culture, no matter their theology or contextual setting, was energizing and truly "inspiring" (literally, "a breath of God"). From this meeting, suggestions were made to make this Gathering better in every way: different scheduling, different content, different place and even different speakers. Having carefully considered the subject, the group identified a list of possible speakers who might speak into their ministries and lives, and from this list identified their preferred teacher. I am pleased to share we were able to secure our first choices of **Skye Jethani** and ABC-USA General Secretary, **Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer**. You can read more about these speakers in the bios enclosed.

And, of course, it wouldn't be one of our meetings if we didn't have some IM missionaries and mission work to share. Dwight and Barb Bollick, IM Global Servants to Chile and familiar friends of ABCRM, will be with us to present during our Friday lunch sessions. They will present alongside members of ABCRM's Disaster Relief Group that served in Puerto Rico this year.

So, make your plans to be with your ABCRM family September 27-29 to join in Breckenridge. I guarantee you will leave having been filled by God's presence!

In Christ,



Gathering Keynote Speaker

Reverend Dr. Lee B. Spitzer
General Secretary of
American Baptist Churches USA

Since accepting the call to serve as the General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA in June 2017, Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer has cast a vision calling for the American Baptist family to unify around the historic Baptist movement's core convictions and mission, and to enter into a new era of church growth, evangelism, prophetic witness and creative service in cooperation with our national and regional partners. He thoroughly enjoys the ethnic and racial diversity of our American Baptist family, which includes approximately 5,000 churches and 1.3 million members.

Judson Press has published two books by Dr. Spitzer. *Making Friends, Making Disciples* (2010) explores how relationships impact our lives and the discipleship and evangelism ministries of churches. His newest book, *Baptists, Jews and the Holocaust: the Hand of Sincere Friendship* (2017), reveals how Baptists in the United States responded to Nazism, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.



PreGathering Workshop

**Thursday, September 27, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Gospel in an Age of Disconnection
Open to clergy and lay persons

Workshop Leader

Skye Jethani



Skye Jethani, scholar, author, consultant and pastor, is uniquely qualified to address the increasingly diverse divide between our culture and faith. Born into a bi-cultural family and growing up in bi-cultural setting, Skye has served as a consultant for numerous groups facing challenges at the intersection of faith and culture. This workshop will challenge the model of corporate church and encourage us to rethink our image of who the church is and what the church does while keeping the Bible and core Christian concepts at the forefront.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner Tailgate Party

**Thursday, September 27, 2018
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Food, fun and fellowship before the
Annual Gathering

Dress in your favorite sports team colors!!

(TICKETS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE)



See page four for registrations costs.
For more information, visit our website at www.abcrm.org.

Gathering Registration Costs

Early Registration Deadline:

August 24, 2018

Thursday Gathering Workshop

Gospel in an Age of Disconnection

(includes lunch) \$50

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

(TICKETS REQUIRED AND MUST BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE)

ABCRM Clergy & Spouse \$0

free with paid Gathering registration

Non-clergy individuals \$35

and persons not registered for the Gathering

Gathering Registration:

(cost to attend Friday and Saturday)

Church Delegate (voting member) \$75*

Church Member (non-voting member) \$75*

August 25 thru September 14

Thursday Gathering Workshop

Gospel in an Age of Disconnection

(includes lunch) \$70

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

(TICKETS REQUIRED AND MUST BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE)

Same as early registration

Gathering Registration:

(cost to attend Friday and Saturday)

Church Delegate (voting member) \$100*

Church Member (non-voting member) \$100*

Cancellations must be received by September 21, 2018, and are subject to a \$10 non-refundable processing fee. Cancellations after September 21 are non-refundable.

* Cost includes snacks and refreshments, Gathering materials, and two meals — Friday lunch & dinner.

Registration forms will go out to our churches later this month.

Call 303.988.3900 for more information.

Who Should Attend

Pastors, Lay-Leaders, Youth Leaders, and anyone wanting to learn more about the

Region are welcome to attend this

Annual Gathering of churches and

people from around the

American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains.

Camp Wyoba

Curious about the future of Camp Wyoba?



Please join our next Wyoba Board meeting:

Saturday, September 15

at Camp Wyoba

We will start at 9:00 am, and lunch will be provided. For more information, details and to RSVP, contact Jenita at mimipack@vcn.com.

Wyoba Women's Retreat

Ladies, looking to reboot your spiritual life before school starts and things gets back to normal? We have a very relaxed, yet meaningful, women's retreat at Camp Wyoba August 10-12. Our theme this year is 'Living Through Change and Still Being Happy', and Mary Fabin will be our retreat leader. You can find more information at wyoba.org.



The guys will get their turn September 7-9. More information will be coming soon.

Camp Wyoba



Wyoba Junior High campers and leaders show off their "Paint the Pine" craft project.



Front Range Camp at Quaker Ridge





Puerto Rico Service Trip

Monday August 13th – Sunday August 18th

Pine Street Church &
American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains

Serve your neighbors as they recover from the terrible disaster caused by Hurricane Maria

For more Information Contact Stuart Lord
texashurricanerelief1718@gmail.com

Work may include:

- Clearing debris: Many people have gardens they depend on for food that need to be cleared and restored.
- Homes with tin roofs have been blown away and tarps are being used. Roofs will be a major focus of our rebuilding efforts.
- General construction is needed in most areas. There are thousands of homes that were totally destroyed or extremely damaged. With our partners we are mainly seeking to assist in the following ways:
 - Clean up and construction prep
 - Wall and floor construction
 - Roofing
 - Painting
 - Cooking for volunteers



Join us for...
Space for Grace 2018

THY WILL BE DONE

Wed., Nov. 14 – Fri., Nov. 16 Loews Hotel, Philadelphia

THY WILL BE DONE (Matt. 6:10): Engaging Christian leaders in identifying the most critical priorities, opportunities and mission challenges confronting the church today in areas of community and mission engagement, advocacy, discipleship, worship and church transformation.



Featured Speakers

Dr. Amy Butler, pastor, The Riverside Church

Dr. Raphael Warnock, author, activist, and senior pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church

The Rev. Dr. Corey D.B. Walker, vice president, Virginia Union University; dean, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology

Dr. Molly T. Marshall, author and president, Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Special Panels

Restore, Rebuild, Renew Puerto Rico

Moderator:
Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, author and dean of Esperanza College

Panelists:
Rev. Edgardo Caraballo, executive minister, Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico
Dr. Josue D. Gomez-Menendez, Esq., president, ABCUSA
Rev. Laura Ayala, pastor, First Baptist Church of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Critical Challenges and Opportunities Facing Religious Leaders, Theological Education and the Church

Moderator:
Rev. Adam Taylor, executive director, Sojourners

Panelists:
Dr. Molly Marshall, president, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Dr. Marvin A. McMickle, president, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Early Bird
Registration fee
(through Aug. 15):

\$229

Register now to save!



For more information, visit abhms.org or call 800.222.3872, x2452

Jane Loring Jones scholarship Recipients

Greetings in the name of Jesus

This is a new chapter in the lives of our Jane Loring Jones scholarship recipients. As they return to college to complete their program, let us pray God's favor and blessing upon them. The scholarship committee awarded three Jane Loring Jones scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year totaling \$9,000 (\$3,000 for each recipient). Our 2018-2019 recipients are:



Angela Farley is a member of Faith Community Baptist Church in Denver, CO. She is attending Savannah State University, Savannah, GA. Angela is majoring in Mass Communication with a major in Journalism and a minor in Africana Studies.

Jennifer Lee is a member of Loveland Korean Church in Loveland, CO. She is attending Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Jennifer is majoring in Biology.



Marissa Murdock is a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Denver, CO. She is attending Baylor University, Waco, TX. Marissa is majoring in Mass Communication Specialist with a minor in Public Relations.

Let's give God all the praise and glory for being able to offer scholarships to women who desire to further their education and use their education to make positive changes in their chosen career.

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jljscholarship@gmail.com
720-879-2700



A Garden Gala

Come to a "GARDEN GALA" August 25, 2018 for a time of relaxation, good food and wonderful music.

We are having a gathering at 1955 E. Arizona Ave., Denver, CO from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm where all are invited.



Our "Garden Gala" will take place in the courtyard of our church where baskets of flowers and arrangements of flowers will surround us as we listen to the music of a professional saxophone and guitar player. Hear your favorite hymns, listen to gospel, blues and jazz while we also enjoy a Fashion Show by Lanell Designs. All models will be wearing clothing by Barbara King for Lanell Designs whose motto is "every woman should feel beautiful in the clothing she wears". Barbara is a member of Gardens of Divine Hope and this is her own company.

Prizes will be awarded. All proceeds will go to Gardens of Divine Hope whose mission is to feed the hungry and to spread the Gospel through the planting of community gardens.

Admission is:

Adults – \$20.00 Adults

Children – \$10.00 Children

RSVP to Rev. Karen Schneider ASAP to purchase your tickets as they are being sold in advance. Contact Karen at reverendkarenwschneider@yahoo.com or call 720.308.8418.

*Rev. Karen Schneider
Gardens of Divine Hope*



Calendar

August

- 9-10** Willow Creek Leadership Summit
- 10-12** Wyoming Women's Retreat
at Camp Wyoba
- 13-18** Puerto Rico Service Trip
- 23-24** Region Board Meeting
- 30** Mission Committee Meeting

September

- 3** Labor Day (Region office closed)
- 7-9** Wyoming Men's Retreat
- 15** Wyoba Board Meeting at Camp Wyoba
- ANNUAL GATHERING**
Breckenridge, CO
- 27** Pre-Gathering
- 27** Clergy Appreciation Dinner
- 28-29** Annual Gathering

ABW Girls Leaders Needed



We would like to have one person, a leader, from each church within the State of Colorado to represent the American Baptist Girls. We need a

liaison to filter through each church to keep the ABW Girls informed as to what events, camping excursions, or gatherings we have each year. Coupled with that, it would be nice if each leader could

encourage, develop and guide the young girls in each of your churches to form a group of their own and collaborate with the ABW Girls of the State of Colorado.

Please contact Rev. Karen Schneider at reverendkarenwschneider@yahoo.com with the leader you have chosen for your church and with any questions.

*Blessings
Pastor Karen
ABW State Committee Leader*

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



While the parting of the Red Sea provided a safe passage for the nation of Israel, it became the 'great chasm of horror' for Clarence the Sea Carp.
Exodus 14:21

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