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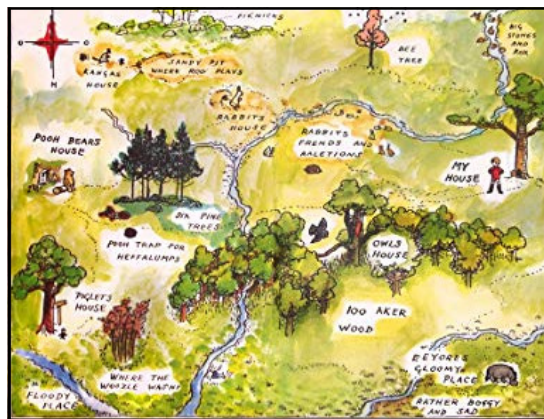
The Rocky Mountain American Baptist

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

Servant Offering

The STEM School Shooting and The 100 Acre Woods....

People of a certain age... I think that age is two... are familiar with Winnie the Pooh and the 100 Acre Woods. We even know the song! Whether it be through the books, Disney movies or morning cartoons, we know of Winnie, Tigger, Rabbit, Kanga, Roo, Eeyore and Piglet. For each of these we know not only their names but their unique personalities, their inherent strengths and also their inherent weaknesses, fears and inabilities. And we have come to love all of them and that fictional wonderland



of The 100 Acre Woods where Christopher Robin goes to play and to- in some sense at least- rule and regulate the empire; to banish the Huffalumps and Woozles for the fearful and timid Piglet, to provide by helping slightly dim and sweetly gluttonous Pooh to find honey, to keep the wanton energy and narcissism of Tigger in check and to brighten up the day of depressed and pessimistic Eeyore.

Can you imagine what The 100 Acre Woods would be like if it were “ruled” by any of these?

Imagine The 100 Acres if all the ruler is concerned about is honey? Or a wood that is governed by the fear of Piglet or the anger and narrow mind-set of Rabbit. Then again, in our current state, I guess it's not too hard to imagine life governed by the zaniness and narcissism of Tigger!

But what's all this got to do with STEM School shooting, you ask?

Well, I can't help but wonder if some of these ineffectual characteristics and

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weaknesses aren't actually ruling our culture and world today?

Did depression and a dark world view like that of Eeyore contribute to the actions of the shooters? Does a consumeristic culture (Pooh) and a culture of fear (Piglet) tend to alienate and create actions of desperation? Does a narcissistic and vain culture (Tigger) over-ride our instinct to work for the good of all? Does our anger over a waning privilege, power and status, both as individuals and as a culture (Rabbit), cause us to be misdirected and bounce from thing to thing, never really working on that which is important? Does our tendency to seek to ally our fears by creating legislation and barriers cause further isolation and fear? (No Huffalumps or Woozles allowed here!)

Obviously, I think so.

Colorado and more specifically, Metropolitan Denver has been the bull's eye of all sorts of gun crime over the past 20 years. Out of fear labeled as "the paramount of caution"... you can't even carry a pocketknife into sporting arenas anymore, we've created tougher laws on guns, set up suicide and mental health services, and trained people to recognize someone who feels alienated.

All appropriate. But it still isn't working.

Maybe we need Christopher Robbin to come visit and provide a little common-sense leadership. Maybe we need to be guided not by human hands, but by God's hands, hands that teach us to love one another as He loves us.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

-2 Chron. 7:14 (KJV)

Now, I know that it has become popular to say "Enough of Thoughts and Prayers; Let's... (fill in your favorite action here...Guns, Hate Crimes, Bullying, LGBTQ Rights, etc.). Again, I understand the concern and the need to be working on and addressing all of these. The problem is that while all of these provide some movement towards short term relief, none of them address the root cause of the problem or even the type of problem that we are truly

facing.

In my opinion, the problem we have in the US is not primarily a systemic problem, but problem of our corporate Soul. The problem we have is that like the 100 Acre Woods without Christopher Robin, the United States or any group of people that ignores and fails to acknowledge god will be in chaos. Yes, I intended the small "g" because any old unifying belief system will do except the narcissistic god of "self" which seems to be the prevailing deity of choice in the US. Socially, religion provides the "soul" to a society that drives them to work for the good of all, to sacrifice their wants and rights for the good of the whole. Our society has gotten to the point that to express true faith in a particular expression of God is equivalent to wearing the uniform of the KKK... doesn't matter if it is progressive faith or a conservative faith, a Christian faith or a Muslim faith. "Faith" has come to mean only a set of propositional beliefs and ideas... not a code, an ethic, a heart-felt understanding of our core being and purpose in life. Yes, by grace we are saved through faith... but a faith without works is dead! Ah... the paradox lives!

Theologically, of course, I believe that this core purpose...this "Soul" purpose... is expressed through faith in God as revealed in Jesus. I believe that it calls me to love this God who created our world, to love that which was created—not only the earth, the flora and fauna, but also other people... people who may understand their purpose differently. And as the God I serve gave them the free choice to understand their purpose differently than I do, I must allow others the freedom to believe and behave differently, even as I boldly claim and proclaim my faith in Christ Jesus and work towards a world in which Christ's love is expressed boldly and in a Christ-like way.

And yes, that does mean some systemic changes need to take place.... but change happens best when the Soul is first made right, whether it be an individual or a nation.

*In Christ,
Steve Van O*

Pastor Tony Abbott's Path to Palisade First Baptist

Antoine Abbott, affectionately known as "Pastor Tony" took an unconventional route to becoming the pastor at First Baptist Church of Palisade, CO. Having grown up less than 50 miles away in Olathe, CO. Tony according to self-proclamation was the first "hippie" in the farming and ranching community. He came from a non-church going family.



At 19, Tony was transformed by the power of the gospel and baptized at Garnet Mesa Baptist Church in Delta. Six months later he was off to Bob Jones University to study nursing for a career. During his freshman year the Lord called him to preach, yet he did not sense the leading to change his major. While at BJU Tony met the love of his life, Faye, who was also in the nursing program and they married. Tony and Faye have six grown children and one grandson so far. They have a special needs son, Benjamin, who has a unique form of autism.

In fact, the Abbott's moved to Palisade from the Olathe area in 2017 to find help and resources for their son. It was while living in Palisade that the Abbott's learned that Pastor Mark Johnson was retiring from leading the church after 25 years of ministry. Faye went to worship with Palisade First Baptist Church while Tony stayed home and watched over Ben that first Sunday. After the service she heard they were looking for a minister and Faye said, "My husband is a minister."

Tony Abbott was ordained in the preaching ministry on June 16, 1991 at First Baptist Church of Deltona, FL, an independent Baptist Church. He has served as a deacon and assistant pastor at Faith Baptist Church in north Georgia. Tony and Faye hoped to use their nurses training as missionaries in Bangladesh, but one of their children was diagnosed with leukemia and they thought it best to remain in the US. While in Delta County he pastored at Garnet

Mesa Baptist Church, the church where he was born again and Bible Baptist Church in Hotchkiss.

Pastor Tony is a dynamic speaker that weaves together the truth from scripture with humor and helpful tools of application. Since being installed in January of 2018 Pastor Tony and the First Baptist members have started an AWANA Club. They have joined the local Chamber of Commerce and continued to participate in the community Vacation Bible School Summer program. The baptismal waters have been running with new believer's coming into the family of God. If, you happen to find yourself in the Grand Valley or around Palisade on a weekend, stop into Palisade First Baptist Church and meet Pastor Tony and Faye Abbott as they live in the parsonage next to the church.

*Submitted by Rev. James Conley, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Delta, CO*



*Tony and Faye Abbott, plus five of their grown children
as their youngest son, Nathaniel graduated from
Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction.*

Doing Kingdom Work With a Heavenly Heart

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt. 6:21 (NIV)

During a recent conversation with my beloved friend and brother in Christ, Rev. Rick Barlow, Development Advisor, the American Baptist Foundation, (AB Foundation) I listened with great interest as we talked about directed giving and visionary planning in our churches. As we talked, Rev. Barlow was overflowing with “spiritual enthusiasm”. Without pencil nor paper in front of him, he began outlining the many services that the AB Foundation can provide to American Baptist Churches and those who worshipped in each of our churches. As I listened, I became more excited! I could see the power and presence of God being made real in our midst as our conversation continued to unfold. As Rev. Barlow talked about the benefits of “planned giving” and the products that the AB Foundation can provide, I began to say to myself, “the work the AB Foundation is a tremendous asset for Kingdom Service”.

Like any good Baptist preacher, Rev. Barlow began to use his words to excite me and to paint pictures in my mind! Knowing that I am a former offensive guard in the NFL, he began to talk about **“Huddle Theology”**. I began to smile. I thought to myself, huddles and theology have nothing in common on game day. Rev. Barlow began to explain the phrase “Huddle Theology”. He stated that just as football teams have a game plan for every segment of their team, offense, defense and special teams, the huddle is used in every phase of the game to communicate information to allow the team on the field to carry out their assignment successfully for the purpose of winning the game. That is the role the AB Foundation plays in helping Believers and their church to develop a game plan that’s consistent with every area and stage of their mission and vision development plan throughout the life of their respective church. Translated into biblical and theological terms, the AB Foundation is “the hands and feet of God” in helping Believers and their respective church to bring into being the mission and vision that God has placed on the hearts of those in that



church. The AB Foundation has the skills, abilities and resources to help Believers and churches with their

“Strengthen Your Financial Future” Planned Giving strategy by: 1.) “Clarify” their vision; 2.) Successfully “communicate” their vision; and, 3.) Celebrate their accomplishments to the glory of God!! The AB Foundation is “the functional and financial bridge of God” to “connect people who care to ministry that matters” by “strengthening their future through planned giving”.

The AB Foundation services are not merely about money only but relationships also that produces a culture of generosity. They exist to help both Believers and churches to “sow seeds of love, mercy and grace” into Kingdom service and ministry. In Matt. 6:19-21 Jesus talks to His disciples and the crowd that gathered around Him about the matter of how they used their money. He concluded His words on this matter in verse 21 with these words, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Jesus says to all who have surrendered our hearts into His Sovereign care, He is calling us to “Do Kingdom Work With a Heavenly Heart”. The American Baptist Foundation is there to assist Believers and churches to that end. And the people of God said, “Amen.”

For a listing of American Baptist Foundation services please feel free to contact:

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Submitted By:

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



**ABCRM thanks the
members of
First Baptist Center
for their faithful and
generous service.**

First Baptist Church of Center Closing Worship Service

On April 28, 2019 after nearly 125 years, First Baptist Church of Center, CO held its final worship service. Many former members joined the current congregation to celebrate the church's rich history. Rev. Dr. Steve Van Ostran led the service which featured beautiful music, a special Power Point presentation with many pictures of church events, communion, and an opportunity for members to share their memories of the connection they experienced to this community of faith.

Rev. Dr. Steve Van Ostran gave a powerful message. The church is the people and instructed the members to clear the altar in the sanctuary as a visual sign of the de-commissioning of the church building. He then asked the members to leave the building and go out into the community to continue to serve as the hands and feet of Christ. And in keeping with any Baptist gathering, wonderful refreshments and fellowship followed the service.

*Karen Van
Region Administrator*



Global Leadership Summit

I've never considered myself a great leader. Leadership was expected of me when I became the senior pastor of Crossroads Church in January of 1993. I was basically lost and tried to cover my leadership inadequacies by moving faster and doing what everyone asked of me.

Then in 1999 someone suggested that I attend the Global Leadership Summit (GLS) at Cherry Hills Community Church. I went and I have never been the same. In fact I've attended the Summit along with my staff every year since. It has been the single most important leadership training for us bar none. It's become an annual best practice.

Without a doubt we are better leaders today largely because of what we learn at the GLS. To summarize it in a statement: the Global Leadership Summit is an affordable two-day leadership blitz where world-class leaders share, inspire and challenge what they've learned about leadership and how anyone can be a better leader.

Everyone has influence. No matter where your influence is, in your family, school, work or church, the GLS will help you maximize it.

We started hosting the GLS 3 years ago to make it easier for the people in the North Denver area to attend a host site. It's a great leadership event especially when experienced with your team. Invest in yourself and in your leadership capacity. Attend the GLS this August 8th and 9th at a site near you.

Kim Skattum
Senior Pastor
Crossroads Church

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.

August 8-9, 2019
Register Now!

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.

Register online at www.abcrm.org under events or click [here](#).

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

Pueblo Legacy Grant

As a Pastor of a small church, Gardens of Divine Hope, as well as being employed part-time in another job, my time is of the essence. That being said, I was awarded a Pueblo Legacy Grant for Logos 7 Software in 2018.



Rev. Karen Schneider

This is a Computer-Generated Program that simply adds to your study of the Bible through various observations, interpretations, and applications. Utilizing this source doesn't mean you have to discard all your hard copy Christian sources, it simply means you can add to your library of books and refer to them in a quick, concise, and decisive manner.

I remember when I worked for Barnes and Noble Bookstores and the "Nook" was introduced to the market. There was chatter that all hardcopy books would go away. That didn't happen and won't happen because a large part of the population still loves to hold the book in their hand. On the other hand, it is always nice when you are looking for resources that are not in the bookstore, where you need a DEEPER clarification on a passage, or you need some new ideas, to turn to a program such as Logos to extend your understanding.

With Logos, you can become refreshed through Bible study, be introduced to new and different ways to blend numerous commentaries with the passage you are studying and bring you into a "DEEPER" study as it breaks down each passage for better understanding. Because your favorite commentary and Bible passage stick together, insights are always close at hand. Scroll through one and the other rolls with it.

The great benefit is you can study on any device, a computer, a phone, a Tablet, and a Laptop. And my purposes, coming up with a Sermon is more efficient, quick and resourceful and most of all brings a deeper meaning to my sermons. I am more "theme" based in my sermons and have found this program to be extremely beneficial. You can circle, highlight, underline and make corrections. You can arrange a passage to show logic and emphasis.

As of this week, Logos 7 converted to Logos 8 and they are allowing a download of Logos 8 at no charge. This is mostly because Logos 7 will no longer be supported. So just as I am starting to get into Logos 7, now I have to re-learn Logos 8. I am in constant training, as we all should be, and I believe we never learn enough about the Bible. What else can you ask for? Try it, believe me, you will love it. Apply for a Pastoral Resource Grant through the Pueblo Legacy Grant Fund for your Logos Software!!

At this time Logos 8 is available at a 20% discount:

Starter Kit – \$294.99 plus 315 resources

Bronze – \$629.99 plus 545 resources

Silver – \$999.99 plus 735 resources

Gold – \$1,549.99 with 1,180 resources

Blessings,

*Reverend Karen W Schneider, Pastor
Gardens of Divine Hope*

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

reverendkarenwschneider@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
(720)469-5286
cking10@att.net

Open to the public.
Free admission but donations are welcomed.
1955 E Arizona Ave Denver, CO 80210
Sponsor Karen Schneider Gardens of Divine Hope Church

Annual Colorado AB Women's Conference June 7-8 in Grand Junction

Still Time to Register!

Our 2019 Annual AB Women's Conference is just around the corner – June 7-8 in Grand Junction. Time is short, but it's not too late to Register!

- Hear our national **Executive Director, Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain**, bring a vision of ministry with women and girls.
- Learn from **Rev. Mary Tellis** as she shares about a Regional mission trip to Zambia.
- Engage in Bible Study with **Rev. Jennifer Rutter**, Pastoral Resident at FBC, Colorado Springs.



Jacobs-Strain



Tellis



Rutter

Other highlights will include:

- Celebrating 100 years of White Cross
- Packing "Blessing Bags" for people without homes
- A book discussion on *The Faith Club*
- Worship with prayer, singing and special music
- Times of fun and fellowship

More information may be found at www.abcrm.org/women-s-ministries under AB Women's Ministries of Colorado 82nd State Conference. Look for links to the brochure (with schedule), Blessing Bags Flyer, and Registration Form.

If you are registering in June, please fill out the Registration Form **and** email or call Registrar Carol Cook, carolbar1@aol.com, 303.827.4427, to let her know of your plans to attend.



Feel God's Spirit — Feel God's Power — Feel God's Love

Additional Opportunity!

Meet Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain, Executive Director of AB Women's Ministries
Pre-Conference Welcome Reception on Wednesday, June 5 in Denver

New Hope Baptist Church, 3701 Colorado Blvd., Denver, will host a reception for women of our churches to meet Gina and hear of her vision for ministries for women and girls through our churches on Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 pm. We hope for a good turnout to welcome this national leader to Colorado. Please RSVP to Rev. Kay Farley, 303.909.8637 or kfarley40@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries
Executive Director**

Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain

Is coming to Denver, Colorado

You are invited to the
**American Baptist Women of Colorado
Welcome Reception**

Wednesday, June 5, 2019
7:00PM

New Hope Baptist
3701 Colorado Blvd.
Denver Colorado 80205

RSVP by Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Rev. Kay Farley 303-909-8637 or kfarley40@comcast.net



**Devoted to Generosity
Complimentary Stewardship Subscription Available**

The American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) Office of the General Secretary is pleased to offer the 2019 Year-Round Stewardship Resource theme Devoted to Generosity, published by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center.

ABCUSA has purchased a quantity of licenses for American Baptist churches who would like to use this online subscription. Interested churches should send an email request to ABCResources@abc-usa.org to receive a subscription code for your church.

[Learn more.](#)



Mike Oldham Earns Doctor of Ministry

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT



Many friends, family and co-workers gathered on Saturday, May 18 to see Mike Oldham, an ABCRM Ministry Coach, receive his doctorate diploma and “hood”. Mike displayed a lot of tenacity while going to classes and working full-time. His final paper was entitled, “ Empowering American Baptist Pastors of Pastoral-Size Churches to Develop Psychological and Theological Resilience in an Age of Disestablishment “ and highlighted a project he did with many ABCRM pastors. The project was “Thrive in Ministry: Equipping Pastors to Lead with Resilience”, which included a two-day face to face meeting, weekly readings and online discussion group every two weeks. The pastors who participated appreciated the insights Mike shared with them during the project and the open discussions with other pastors. ABCRM celebrates Mike’s accomplishment and know that the Region will continue to benefit from Mike’s knowledge and passion to walk along side pastors.

*Karen Van
Region Administrator*



Mike with Lauren Parliament, DS Student (current ABCRM Intern) and Jan McCormack, Denver Seminary Professor (former ABCRM Board President)



Big Dreams, Small Budget?

ABCRM might be able to help. Revised Pueblo Legacy Grant Applications are now available on the web-site. Click on Resources then Grants, then Pueblo Legacy Matching Grant application (or click [here](#)). You are there!



FBC, Pueblo

The Pueblo Legacy Grant Review Committee has awarded the remainder of the funds designated for camping to WYOBAs and Grand Mesa for various building and support projects at the camps.

The committee then revised the existing application into two different applications with one being for Pastoral Resource grants and the second one for Community Service Project grants.

We ask questions on the applications to determine that the funds are being used in the spirit of the First Baptist Church of Pueblo (now closed but where the funds originated) and our Rocky Mountain Region.

Our Region is blessed with several different grant programs to help with matching funds for our member churches, pastors and individual ministries. If your application doesn't fit the Pueblo criteria then the committee may suggest other grants that might work. All this is done for the glory to God and the nurturing of these big dreams.

Deadline for this round of applications is July 31st, 2019.

Keep dreaming and trying out new things while being the hands and feet and voices of Jesus wherever you are. Please share what you are doing in the name of our Lord to help spark dreams in others. The Pueblo Legacy Grant Committee looks forward to reviewing your applications and hearing about your dreams realized to share the Good News.

Estelle Torpy, chair

MISSION STORIES

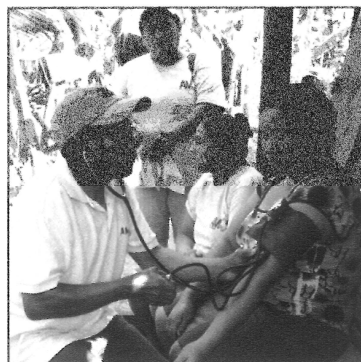
"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

Ephesians 3:20-21

More than We can Imagine: Providing Sufficient Medicine in Rural Nicaragua

The sociopolitical crisis that began in April 2018 has left the poorest people in Nicaragua facing even greater obstacles. Accessing health care has become more difficult, food prices have increased, and hundreds of thousands of people have lost their jobs. The national budget for the health system has been significantly reduced, making it harder and harder for families to afford or find medicines and supplies.



Health Promoter, Agustín Maluenos, providing health care services to the community of El Cedro, Nicaragua.

This is the reality for Maria*, who lives in the rural community of El Cedro, Nicaragua. Last year, Maria's two-year-old son had been sick with diarrhea for three days when she noticed he was bleeding. She knew he needed help, and fast.

She and her son would have had to spend a week's wages to ride a horse, walk, and take a bus, just to see a doctor. But One Great Hour of Sharing funds made a difference for moms like Maria – more than you can imagine.

An emergency grant from One Great Hour of Sharing was provided to American Baptist International Ministries' partner, AMOS Health & Hope (AMOS). AMOS is the medical ministry of American Baptist missionaries, Drs. Laura and David Parajon. The grant helped stock El Cedro's community clinic with essential medications and supplies, and continue to train its health promoter, Agustín Maluenos, to treat diseases, prevent illnesses, and promote good health.

"I examined María's son. AMOS provides me with training and manuals that include proper medication dosages according to age and weight. Thanks to the medicines in our clinic, I was able to treat the child. Maria was so relieved. Three days later I followed up to confirm he was recovering well. Without your support, kids in our communities would die from preventable and treatable diseases," says Agustín.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are ensuring that 11,460 people in 22 remote areas like El Cedro have access to essential medications and health care in their own communities. Thank you for saving lives! Your support makes a difference – more than you can imagine.

**name changed*

June is One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Month. For more information and to learn how you can give, visit www.abc-usa.org.

*American Baptist Churches • World Relief Office
1003 W. 9th Ave, Suite A, King of Prussia, PA 19406*

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 for camp dates, fee schedule, and registration forms.

*Jenita Calton
Wyoba Chair*



Please Pray for Camp Wyoba Prayer Update May 2019

God has answered our prayers for camp directors and pastors for our youth camps. We still need musicians for each camp and cabin leaders.



Pray that the themes that are being developed for youth camps will have a strong impact on young lives, hearts, and minds.

Pray for Jenita as she is developing a video to train volunteer staff.

Pray that God uses the youth camps at Wyoba to grow His Kingdom.

Pray that God will be directing Pastor Brian as he prepares for Family Camp. Pray for families to come to Family Camp.

Pray for Work Week that the kids from Fort Lupton, CO will come to know Jesus better as they spend time at Wyoba in service and worship.

Pray for each of these camps:

Mini-Camp for 1st and 2nd graders with an adult they trust **June 30-July 2**

Primary Camp for 3rd and 4th graders **July 28-31**

Junior Camp for 5th and 6th graders **July 21-27**

Junior High Camp for 7th and 8th **July 14-20**

Senior High Camp for high school students **July 7-13**

Post High Retreat for those who have graduated from high school **July 5-7**

Family Camp for families or those who want to be around families **August 9-12**

Women's Retreat **August 9-11**

Camp Dates 2019

Front Range Camp @ Quaker Ridge July 21-27

Register online at app.campdoc.com/register/abcquaker. For more information (costs, deadlines, etc.), visit www.frontrangecamping.org.

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Women's Retreat — August 9-11

For registration forms, more information (costs, deadlines, etc.), visit www.wyoba.org.

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



For registration forms, more information (costs, deadlines, etc.), visit <https://grandmesabaptistcamp.org/>

You Could Be a Camp Wyoba Ambassador or Cabin Leader!

We are looking for adults to provide hospitality to renters at Camp Wyoba. You will be trained in where things are at camp, how to make coffee in the morning, and build a campfire. You will be available to answer questions that our renters might have. You will be given a place to sleep and all meals will be provided. You will be assigned a time to be an Ambassador that works with your busy schedule. You could be in this picture!



Camp Wyoba is looking for cabin leaders for our youth camps. Folks need to have a desire to impact the lives of kids by helping them adjust to being away from home and navigating the tricky world of kid relationships. Folks need to help kids with the schedule and be there for all activities. Folks need to show the love of Jesus Christ to kids 24/7.

For young folks, this would look great on college applications, but you don't have to be young to be a cabin leader.

If you are interested in being part of the ministry of Camp Wyoba in either of these ways, please email Jenita at mjmjpack@vcn.com.

Heart for Chiapas Newsletter April 2019

Dear friends,

Late in March Juancito and Ziba switched from gymnastics to swimming lessons. They enjoy playing in the water, so this was a promising experience that would teach them a life-saving skill and expend some of their unending energies! After the first lesson, they were exhausted but cheerful. There was much enthusiasm for the second class. But after it, all I heard were complaints. Juancito headed the way: "I don't like that teacher anymore... she only wants me to do the same thing over and over. I want to swim as I want." Ziba, of course, joined the chorus of whines. His grumble continued, "I already know how to swim..." A perfect teaching moment, right? ...



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Our biennial gathering of the American Baptist Family is scheduled to occur in 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

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.



What's Happening

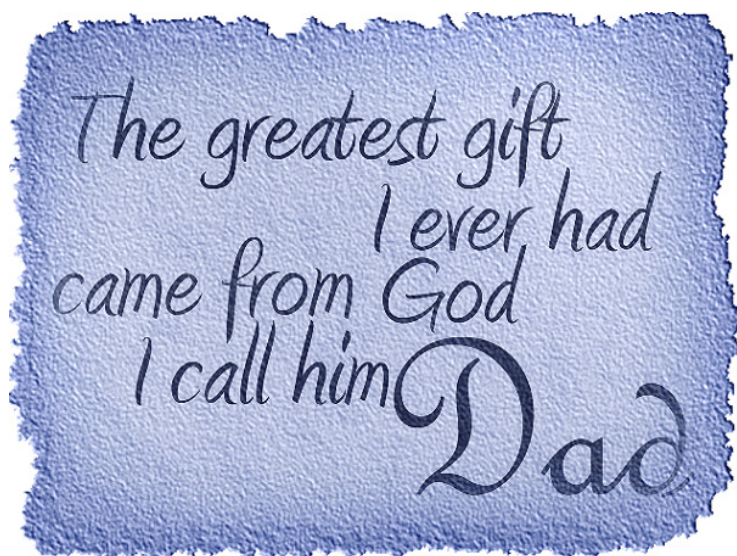
Calendar

June

	One Great Hour of Sharing Month
5	Missions Committee Meeting
5	ABW Colorado Pre-Conference Reception New Hope Baptist Church, Denver
6	Gathering Committee
7-8	ABW Colorado State Conference First Baptist Church, Grand Junction
14-16	Grand Mesa Family Camp
16	Father's Day
16-22	Grand Mesa Alpine Zone (High School) Camp
17-21	Wyoba Work Week
21-23	Biennial Mission Summit, Virginia Beach
22-27	Grand Mesa Ascent (Middle School) Camp
27-30	Grand Mesa Trailhead (Elementary) Camp
30-July 2	Wyoba Mini Camp

July

4	Independence Day — Region office closed
5-7	Wyoba Post High Retreat
7-13	Wyoba Senior High Camp
12-13	MLC Committee
14-20	Wyoba Junior High Camp
21-27	Front Range Camp at Quaker Ridge
21-27	Wyoba Junior Camp
28-31	Wyoba Primary Camp



**2019 Annual Gathering
September 26-28, 2019
Central Baptist Church
Denver, CO**

Thursday, September 26 Pre Gathering is optional

ABCRM Pastor's Night at the Rockies!

Join your fellow ABCRM Pastors at the Rockies game on Friday, July 12th. The Colorado Rockies will be playing the Cincinnati Reds so it should be a great game. The Region is picking up part of the ticket price for the pastor and up to three additional guests; each ticket will only cost \$12. We are requesting tickets in the right field mezzanine. Sign-up by June 26th so we can secure tickets for the group.

ABCRM Pastor's Night at the Rockies Game

- o Friday night, July 12th (Colorado Rockies vs. Cincinnati Reds)
- o Game start 6:40 pm
- o Must purchase tickets by June 26th
- o Cost \$12 a ticket for ABCRM Pastors
- o Each pastor may purchase three additional tickets

Online registration can be made using the link below.

<https://pastor-s-night-at-the-rockies-game-abcrm.pushpayevents.com>



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