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HIGHLIGHTING THE MINISTRIES OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN INDIANA & KENTUCKY

Reflections

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Fifteen years ago, Pam and I were busy leading our lives in Kansas. I was serving as the Northeast Area Minister and Pam was a social worker doing ministry at a nursing home in Topeka. We had little idea then that Indiana would soon be in our future. I corresponded with the Executive Minister Search Committee for the ABC of Indiana, and had even read a little about Indiana - though about all I really knew was the size, population and number of churches in the Region. Pam, on the other hand, had some "Indiana experience." Her father had grown up in Centerville and she had visited her grandparents during summers. Still, Indiana seemed a long way off.

Now that I am preparing to retire at the end of the year, those first contacts seem like a lifetime away. A lot has happened in the last fifteen years. Personally, we have seen our son, Dean, graduate from Ball State University and get married to a Muncie girl. We bought a home, roamed all over the State, developed friendships and established a wonderful root system that has felt very good. In short, we found "home", and though I continue to root for the University of Kansas basketball, in everything else, we are Hoosiers.

Professionally, our move to Indiana has introduced us to some of the most amazing people we have ever known. Pam and I have felt supported from the day we met



with the Region Board for my final interview. Throughout the last fifteen years, the leadership and strength we have witnessed in this Region's staff and churches have caused us to believe that anything is possible. There have been wonderful times, and actual "times of wonder," as obstacles were overcome and new visions came forward. God has blessed the ABC-IN/KY, and we know that will continue because you have always sought to follow a path lead by the Holy Spirit and have done so with love, hard work and commitment. We believe God led us to Indiana, and while here, we have had the honor of serving in one of the best ministry stations with some of the most wonderful of God's people.

We are excited about this new chapter in our lives, and we are excited to see who the next search committee chooses to lead you forward. All I can hope for the next Executive Minister and family is that they find the same love, support, and dedication to our Lord and others that Pam and I have found in you. If so, they will be truly blessed.



**2010 ABC-IN/KY
Region Biennial
October 1-2
Richmond FBC
Register Now!**

**Registration forms available at:
www.abc-indiana.org**

**Registration fees increase if postmarked
after September 10, 2010**



**ABY Youth Convention
November 12-14
Kokomo High School**

**Youth Ministers:
Watch your mail for information
and registration forms
coming soon!**

ABC-IN/KY Vision Statement

"As the hands and feet of Christ, *compelled* by his love, we will *do whatever it takes* to reach the lost and serve our communities and churches."



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Embracing the Future

Not long ago, I was part of a church gathering at which people were invited to share both positives and negatives about their church. Needless to say, it was a fascinating conversation as people felt empowered to say what was truly on their minds. I must admit, I was encouraged one minute and discouraged the next as people frankly offered their thoughts. In the course of that event, one person spoke in a very serious and firm tone saying, "I don't like change of any kind." For me, that was the most disturbing comment of all.

Change is one of the inevitable facts of life. Excuse the pun, but the truth is we won't change that! As much as some might yearn for 1970 or even 1955...you pick the

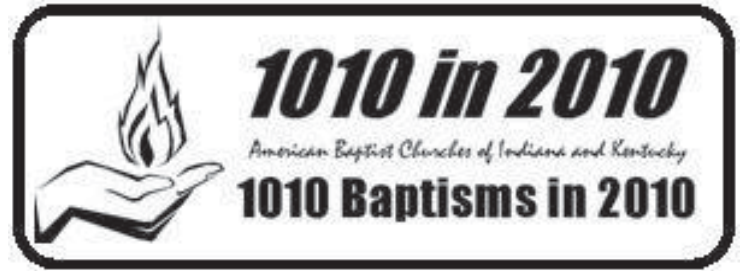
year: the fact is, we aren't going back. So, we are left with a choice. We can resist the irresistible change; we can long for perceived better days of the past and become frustrated and, in turn, become a frustration to others; or we can embrace change, learn new things, enjoy new experiences, and discover that God can work through a variety of means...even those that have not been part of our own personal experience.

As we look to the future in our Region, it is obvious that change is on the horizon. At our October 1-2 Biennial Meeting in Richmond, the delegates will be invited to embrace a new Region structure that, while not being put forth as perfect, does offer much promise as our Region seeks to serve churches in more effective ways. We believe that we have been led to this change by God and that while change is admittedly sometimes uncomfortable because it is unfamiliar, we believe God's Spirit has been in our midst as the proposal was created.

Soon after the Biennial, Dr. Mason will retire, resulting in another obvious change. Even though there is no doubt he will be missed, we need to see this change as another opportunity to discern God's plan for the future of our Region.

To be sure, none of this is easy. Most of us resist change to some degree. But the attitude that says "I don't like change of any kind" is not helpful and, indeed, will inhibit us as we seek to help build the Kingdom of God in and through our Region.

So let me invite you to prayer, to the Biennial Meeting and to the future that God will put before us.



Changing Hearts - Changing Lives

By: Dan Barringer
Southwest Area Resource Minister

Paul wrote to the early church in Corinth, "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak..." (2 Cor. 4:13).

It seems change is constantly being encouraged for the purpose of bringing individuals without Christ (outsiders) into God's Kingdom. Needless to say, there are changes that need to take place in many of our congregations (insiders) today. However, if outsiders are not walking through our doors every Sunday, we must be careful not to blame our program ministries, church leaders, pastor and staff, or God. Bringing in a new pastor, changing the form of worship, or building a new Gymtuary (place where worship & sporting events happen) for the most part will not attract outsiders enough to pull them through the door. Changes inside our churches will do little, other than lure other Christians.

There is a greater church issue at work. Change has to take place in the hearts of God's people first. People like you and me, who are radically changed by God's grace, are the hope of our churches and the motivators for church growth. If we do not feel comfortable building relationships; if inviting outsiders is not an emphasis; if no one else understands the need to reach outsiders- this is where change needs to begin. When our hearts and motives for service change, our churches will change. When we change our hearts and look outside of ourselves, outsiders around us will begin to change. Our primary focus must be on changing the lives of outsiders. If there is anything that has replaced God's passion for the souls of individuals in the lives of our churches, it may be time to examine and change our priorities.

AB Girls PJ Party October 8-9

FBC Indianapolis

Register Now!

Registration forms available by
emailing: musictjk@ymail.com

Registrations must be turned in before
September 25, 2010



Senior Adult Days 2010

October 7 - Unity BC, Morgantown, IN
Hosted by the Mt. Zion Baptist Churches

2011

April 7, 2011 - Calvary BC, Kokomo

October 13, 2011 - Seymour FBC

Mark Your Calendars Now!

NEWS FROM CAMP!

Indian Creek

Submitted: **Debbie McCray, Camp Registrar**

Over the past several weeks, children and teenagers, cabin leaders, directors, pastors and nurses came through the gates of Indian Creek and left having experienced the love of God and His presence. There was laughter, singing, tears, silly games, Bible study and more. Each person is a special creation of God and the volunteers and staff at Indian Creek have shown God's love to each person. Fifty-seven campers attended Special Persons Camp. Volunteers and staff saw to their needs, making sure they had fun at the Carnival and Bingo, cooling off at the pool and keeping their water bottles filled. One of the campers wrote Karen

Hunter, Special Persons Camp Director, and asked if the note could be shared in the Observer. The note read: "Dear Karen, Thanks so much for a wonderful camp. I rededicated my life to God at camp. Thanks for caring for us special people. May God bless you. I love you." What a beautiful tribute to Karen and her staff and the work they accomplished on Christ's behalf that week.

There is always room for volunteers at most of the camps. If you would like to be a blessing to someone at summer camp, contact Indian Creek at (812) 279-2161 or indiancreek@abc-indiana.org. You'll receive a blessing too!

Camp Tippy

Submitted by: **Rebecca Scott, Camp Tippy Manager**

Camp Can CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

How many of you have been to Camp Tippy in the last five years? As manager of Camp Tippy, I am challenging you to come and be a Cabin Leader, Camp Pastor, Camper, Grandparent, or a Volunteer for a week. Coming to camp can change your life forever! God is everywhere at camp and I am sure that you will be touched by our loving God if you come!

Many come to Tippy and say that they can feel the Lord's presence as soon as they arrive. Think about coming to Camp Tippy and help others feel the Lord's presence by sharing your walk with the Lord. Many campers come to camp to grow closer to the Lord or maybe make a decision

to accept the Lord as their Savior! Camp Tippy has kids on staff that came originally as a camper and then went on to become summer staff. Camp has made a big difference in the lives of the staff as well as the campers! I went to camp when I was 10 and have been involved every year since, and my life has been touched by the Lord and many special people every year that I have been involved with camp. Camp is where Max and I were called into the ministry of camping 22 years ago. It can CHANGE your life forever!!!!

Be one of those that make a difference in someone's life! To learn more about Camp Tippy call, (574) 834-4184 or email, tippy@abc-indiana.org.

The following is a letter written to Camp Tippy by Ralph Finister, who attended Camp Tippy in 1947! Camp Tippy has been and continues to be a place where lives are changed!

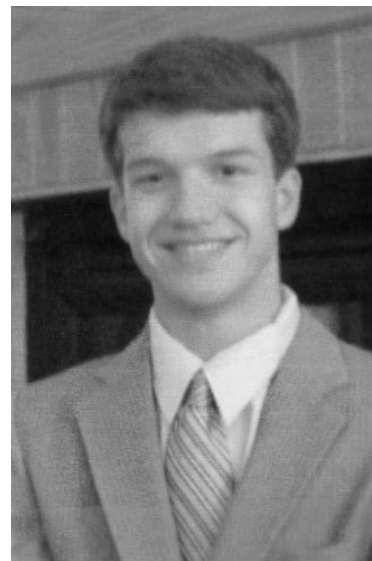
On behalf of the graduating class of 1947, I wish to show our appreciation to the dean, teachers, camp staff, board of Christian education and the local church that sends us and to anyone who has helped in anyway to make this camp possible. Because, it is possible to get something here that can not be found anywhere else. When first arriving, I was of the opinion that this could never be like Wawbee was. But after being here at this assembly for the

first time, we have found what Rev. Lansing meant when he said that there was a spirit here at Camp Tippecanoe. For we have something here that never existed at Lake Wawbee. We, the class of 1947, believe that there are great possibilities here and with some planning and hard work this can be made into one of the best camps in the state. With the help of God, we plan to come back whenever possible to help achieve this goal.

ABY 2010 Scholarship Recipients Chosen

Megan Harrell and Tyler Blakley were chosen to receive the 2010 ABY College Scholarship. It is a scholarship in the amount of \$750 to be used towards their 2010/2011 college expenses.

Megan Harrell is the daughter of Jeff & Linda Harrell of Lawrenceburg, IN. While in high school, she was very active in sports, clubs and community service while working part-time as well. She has earned various awards in academics and athletics. Megan is faithful and active in her home church, Greendale FBC, including Sunday school and youth activities. Megan exercises lifestyle evangelism by inviting & bringing her friends to church activities and living & leading as a godly example to others. Megan will be attending the University of Indianapolis this Fall where she plans to earn her degree in Nursing.



Tyler Blakley is the adopted son of Peggi Blakley and grandson of Wilma Blakley of FBC Bloomfield. He was active in high school through sports, choral group, clubs and community service while also working part-time. He is an active leader in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, First Fridays and youth group. He has participated in the ABC camping programs, ABY Conventions and experienced a Chrysalis weekend retreat. Tyler now returns to volunteer at the Chrysalis retreats; he also uses his challenging

experiences for God's good by counseling troubled youth that he encounters through his involvement in extra-curricular activities. Tyler will be attending Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington this fall as he pursues a career in Computer Information Technology.

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WEST CENTRAL AREA

Clinton FBC Holds Penny Project

This spring the youth Sunday school classes of Clinton FBC participated in the Penny Project, collecting over \$600. The children decided they wanted to help local children who live in poverty and with the help of the local Kid Kare Project, 6 local children were identified with June birthdays. The children did not have bicycles. The youth of Clinton FBC purchased six bicycles that were given to the children as a birthday gift. One of the children is a young teen who had just started a paper route and he was truly thrilled to have a bike to help with his route. This inspired



Pictured are the Clinton youth with the bikes they helped to purchase

the children to want to do more and at VBS they raised an additional \$300 to help children through the Rainforest Canopy Project, sending church materials to children in impoverished countries and donating to the local Clothe-a-Child project.

Amo Community Helping Hands



Amo Community Helping Hands, began as a Youth Mission WEEK to be held the week of July 11-17. However, because of God's blessing of so many requests for help, Amo Community Helping Hands completed 14 projects from June 1 through July 16. This ministry began as a vision of Pastor Shelly Zook, Amo FBC. Led by Pastor Shelly, Pastor Mike Torrance of the Amo United Methodist Church and Pastor Larry Boswell of the Friends church, Helping Hands had almost 50

volunteers involved. Projects included: washing windows, raking yards, trimming trees and bushes, painting, sweeping sidewalks, town flower planters, removing shrubs, cleaning gutters. Yard signs (pictured) were placed in the yards of the homes where Helping Hands served. Administrative work included: setting up accounts, ordering supplies, shopping, creation of application, liability release forms for applicants and participants, organizing work days and lining up jobs. Food service included organizing the menus, organizing volunteers, shopping, food preparation, set-up, clean-up, providing cold drinks for workers and taking meals to town shut-ins. God truly blessed the recipients as well as the participants. Praise God for all those who devoted hours of time, hard work, talent and love for this ministry! THANK YOU, LORD, for all that you led Helping Hands to accomplish!

Plainfield FBC Hosts Third WWJDrive Car Show

On a warm morning in June, a low rumble was heard from the parking lot of FBC of Plainfield. The rumble was not that of a summer storm, but the sound of classic cars arriving for the What Would Jesus Drive Car Show.

It is the third year for the car show. It originated from the FBCP's 150th celebration. It was so much fun that the Outreach Committee made it an annual event. FBCP's Child Care Ministry Board runs the concession stand to raise money for its ministry and this year the Worship Team sold floats. The show has grown from 33 entrants to as many as 75. The WWJDrive Car Show has enabled the Outreach Committee to educate entrants and onlookers about FBCP and earn



funds to support ministry. It also provides the opportunity to distribute New Testaments.

FBCP hopes to add a men's health fair and a family fun zone to the show in years to come. To learn more, visit the car show website at www.WWJDriveCarShow.org.

Bloomfield FBC and Gary FBC Hold Joint Project

Bloomfield FBC joined Gary FBC for an exciting weekend in Gary recently. The weekend consisted of work days and Youth-Led services. Thirty-six bags of trash and a truck load of brush were cleared from a city lot. As new friends were made while working, prayers were offered that the group's example of service would make a difference to passers-bys. It is the hope of Bloomfield FBC and Gary FBC that this lot might become a soccer field, or a park with swings, slides, and a skate boarding area. While these hopes may not come to fruition directly, it was seen that it is still possible to dream of something better, and working together can make it happen. Work was also done at church members'



Members of Bloomfield and Gary are shown clearing the city lot

homes which included trimming bushes and weeding for the elderly. An inspiring scholarship banquet was held. It was an outdoor rally filled with live praise, drama ministries, and testimonies. On Sunday, the youth choir revealed the true purpose of the Christian family as they raised their voices together to declare God's majesty. The two churches are anticipating their joint project next year!

SOUTHWEST AREA

Generosity of Huron BC Blesses Pastor

Although Huron BC is a small church, its people have committed to send their pastor to the Church Leadership Institute, which is an ABC region ministry designed to train lay leaders and bi-vocational pastors in the ministry basics. Pastor Allender says he had heard good things about CLI, but never felt he had time for it amidst his responsibilities to his family, his full time job and his church ministry. After hearing more and more testimonies of how CLI has enriched the ministries of church leaders, pastors and even churches in Indiana, Allender decided to talk to his church leadership for support. His church rallied behind him and he enrolled. Jo Besser, treasurer at Huron BC, said, "We are thrilled our pastor is participating in the CLI Program, we

support it completely." Half way through his second course, Allender remarked, "The experience has been more than I expected and it fits into my schedule much easier than I ever imagined too. I am like a kid with a new toy—that's how excited I am about it! The course of study is extremely practical to use in ministry today. I was able to put many of the thoughts and ideas from my first class to use immediately in my ministry. I would highly recommend and encourage pastors and lay leaders of every church in the region to take full advantage of this great opportunity." Allender further encourages every bi-vocational pastor without seminary experience to talk to him about his experience with CLI.

Coffee Creek Association to Hold Annual Revival

The Coffee Creek Association will hold its annual revival on October 4-8, 2010. Services will begin at 7:00 pm each evening with the exception of the Youth Festivities beginning at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. The regular service will begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, and please bring a friend! All evening services will be followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. Speakers, host churches and special music are chosen from within the association.

The schedule for the 2010 revival is as follows:

- Mon. Oct. 4:** Scottsburg FBC - Stan Carroll, Pastor at Alpha BC
- Tues. Oct. 5:** Alpha BC - Lloyd "Digger" Camp, Pastor at Austin FBC
- Wed. Oct. 6:** Bethany BC - Joe Smedley of Underwood BC
- Thurs. Oct. 7:** Kimberlin Creek BC - Bob Flynn, Pastor at Scottsburg FBC
- Fri. Oct. 8:** Austin FBC - Jerry Maynard, Pastor at Commiskey BC

Bethany BC, Crothersville Writes VBS Program

This year Bethany BC decided to write their own VBS program which was titled, Bethany's Mission is Possible; Where Kids become CIA Agents (Christians in Action). The children learned Philippians 4:13 which helped to prepare them to take on any challenge. Each night the children learned how God used a little person to do Great things for His glory. Some examples are the boy sharing his lunch, David slaying Goliath, Isaac & the ram, Joseph forgiving his brothers & Jesus as a boy in the temple.

Bethany BC raised \$150 for the Southeastern Youth Camp, which was the Mission Project for the week.



Fourteen Days of Mission at Bicknell FBC

During 2010, the congregation of FBC Bicknell launched a new vision. God began to reveal this vision, which was specifically to reach those who do not know the transforming power of Jesus Christ. FBC Bicknell identified the vision in this way: **"We live to grow Christ's Kingdom by passionately sharing His truth in love."** To make this important and life-changing vision a reality, the congregation looked for ways to become more outreach-focused. At the end of July, the church began two weeks of outreach projects in an effort to bless and serve the local community. The kickoff began with the third annual "Free 4 All" clothing giveaway. New and gently-used children's clothing are collected throughout the year and given to school-aged children. More than 150 people were served through the project.

During the County Fair, the church provided a Baby Changing and Nursing Oasis which served many families with small children. The Oasis was staffed by FBC volunteers, who did a great job showing love and servanthood. After the week long fair, FBC Bicknell hosted its

monthly Free Meal which is open to the community. Church members cook and serve the food as well as build relationships with those who attend. One hundred and fifty were served at this event. Some of the same faces are beginning to be seen at the meal each month which is exciting! Following the fair, the church hosted its annual Vacation Bible School. This year FBC Bicknell focused on outreach to local children. One hundred twenty-two children were registered for this fun week of VBS with a Superhero theme, where each child received a handmade cape! Of those children registered, 62 did not list a home church. FBC Bicknell strived to cultivate an attitude of outreach with the children with one of the craft projects, which was a flower pot that the children painted. These flower pots were delivered to the local nursing home by some of the children to brighten the residents' day. FBC Bicknell looks forward to many more mission opportunities!

Justin Kelley Awarded ABW Scholarship



Justin Kelley, of Seymour FBC, received the American Baptist Women's Ministries \$500.00 Scholarship on June 6th, 2010. He was also awarded the National Ministries American Baptist \$500.00 Scholarship on July 8th, 2010. Justin will be attending the University of Southern Indiana and majoring in science education. Throughout his high school career, he has been on five mission trips with the FBC youth group and has attended the junior/high school convention every year. Along with going to Indian Creek as a child, Justin has volunteered as a cabin leader the

last three years. Justin would like to thank the American Baptist Convention for helping him further his education.

NORTHEAST AREA

Iglesia Bautista Emanuel held a dedication service for their church building on July 17, 2010. The church is located in Ft. Wayne, IN



SOUTHEAST AREA

Shiloh BC - Community Outreach

Shiloh BC has a food pantry for friends and family members of the church who are in need of short term assistance with food. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, the pantry is well stocked with frozen foods, canned goods, paper products and miscellaneous items needed to make meals. The pantry has been very successful and is appreciated by those who are struggling in today's economy.

On another note, this is the second

year that Shiloh BC will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. The church experienced a tremendous response from the congregation in 2009 as shoe boxes were filled for children all over the world. Sharing the love of Jesus through these small gifts of toothpaste, toothbrushes, school supplies and toys is a blessing not only to those who receive the boxes but more so to the families that fill them. The final collection date for supplies for Operation Christmas Child is November 14th, 2010.

FBC Columbus Hosts Ice Cream Social

In June and July of 2010, FBC Columbus hosted two ice cream socials. The first one was held the first week in June as a "thank you" to all who came to the church programming during the school year and to those people who use the building, whether church members or those in the community. Everyone had the opportunity to make their own ice cream sundae and visit with others. There were also many activities for those in attendance to participate in. John Lipson, a member of FBC Columbus, brought his own fire



engine to the ice cream socials. It was a "big hit" with kids and adults alike! These two ice cream socials gave FBC Columbus a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the community.

Rock Creek BC - 175th Anniversary

The Rock Creek BC of Decatur County will be observing its 175th Anniversary on October 10, 2010. The church will hold regular morning services at 10:30 am, followed with lunch in the church basement. An

afternoon program is being planned. The Allen Family of Westport will provide music and it is hoped some of our former ministers and members from out of town will attend as well. Sister churches and friends are invited to come fellowship on October 10.

AB Men "Listening Luncheon" to be Held at Region Biennial

The American Baptist Men invite you to join them for a "Listening Luncheon" during the Saturday lunch hour at the region biennial in Richmond on October 2. This luncheon will provide an opportunity to share with the Executive Board how AB Men can better help you minister to the men of

your church.

No reservation is required. Just pick up your lunch and join the AB men leaders. (The location will be announced) Call coordinator Phil Waggoner at 317-758-4873 or email him at philwgg@aol.com with any questions regarding the luncheon.

NORTHWEST AREA

News From Hills BC

Celebrating Armed Forces Day

Members of Hills BC celebrated Armed Forces Day on Saturday evening, May 15, 2010 by honoring seventeen of the U.S. Military Veterans that live in the Hills BC area. A delicious meal was served by the Deacons, and framed certificates of appreciation were presented to each veteran. Here are some fun facts about the 17 Veterans: Two sets of father and son honorees - the Butchers and the Heffelmires; One set of brothers - the Crawfords; one married couple - the Henshaws; and one Uncle/Nephew combination - the Glunts. Collectively, their time in service covered a span from World War II to Iraq. These Veterans who served our country to protect our freedoms are greatly appreciated.



Pictured above are: Row 1: Mi Ja Henshaw, Hoyt Henshaw & John Bonecutter. Row 2: George Glunt, Fred Jones, Noel "Casey" Jones, Oscar Butcher. Back Row: Fred Durr, Lavere Crawford, Kenneth Heffelmire, Larry Boyer, Mark Butcher, Warren Crawford & Donald Johnson

Announcing 171st Homecoming Celebration

Current and former members of Hills BC will celebrate the 171st anniversary of the founding of the church on Sunday, October 24, 2010. The celebration service will begin at 10:00 am, and will follow the theme of "The Armor of God" based on the scripture passage from Ephesians 6:10-

20. After the close of the service, a pitch-in meal will follow. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a well-filled basket, table service (plates & silverware), and join Hills BC as they celebrate their 171st anniversary.

Campus Ministry and Camp

By: Shawn Zambrows, Pastor, Baptist Student Foundation at Purdue



This summer I co-ordinated at a wedding at Green Lake Conference Center. The groom was a recent alum of the "Found" ministry at Purdue. Even though both the bride and groom are from Indiana, they met at Green Lake where they served for multiple years on "Quest" Staff. As a result of the event, I began thinking and realized that I couldn't think of a single summer in my 11 years at the Found that we didn't have at least one student, often several, serving on staff at

camp, whether Camp Tippy, Indian Creek, IBA, Green Lake, and even camps that are not ABC. Not only that, but every year several alums from the Found volunteer at camp either as cabin leaders, camp program directors and even board members.

The connection between Campus Ministry and Camp is mutually beneficial. The experience that a student has by being on a camp staff adds greatly to their leadership abilities on campus when they return in the fall. Not only that, those students tend to be more connected with the wider church family and with ministries and missions outside of our campus ministry as well as the local church.



ABW 2010 National Conference

By: Charlotte Welling

As I write this article, I have just returned from the American Baptist Women's National Conference. Over 260 women had a great time in the Lord. Many AB GIRLS were also present for their National Gathering. Thirty-two states were represented as well as Puerto Rico, Mexico and Thailand. It was a joy to worship with ladies from different backgrounds, languages and cultures.

Rev. Marilyn Turner presented a wonderful message on Sunday, and great Bible Studies were led by Rev. Dr. Christine Roush from the staff of Rainbow Acres. Missionary speaker, Rev. Dr. Adalia Guierrez Lee, informed

those present about the missions ABW are involved with. Uplifting music was led by Pam Noah.

During the National Board meeting, all were challenged by Glynis LaBarre, Transformation Strategist with ABHMS, advising that we can no longer wait for people to come to church. The church must go to the people. She advised that focus needs to be on ministry outside the walls of the church and becoming involved in building disciples in the field rather than in the pews. Please join the American Baptist Women as they become determined to become missional and win others to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ABWomen Making a Difference

By: Peggy Robison, Mission & Service Coordinator

A tremendous outpouring of

generosity was seen at the annual ABW Summer Conference at Franklin College held on June 4-6, 2010. The Conference Committee planned a missions project to assemble hygiene kits and baby layettes to be sent to Church World Service. ABWomen from across the state were invited to bring the needed supplies for these "Kits of the Heart", and bring supplies they did! Hygiene kit items included hand towels, washcloths, combs, soap, toothbrushes, band-aids, and nail clippers. Layette items included diapers, sweaters, sleepers, shirts, washcloths, and blankets. Between sessions and during free times, the women worked to package these items



into kits. A total of 110 baby layettes and 275 hygiene kits were assembled! The kits have been shipped to Church World Service in New Windsor, MD, where they will be distributed to places of need around the globe. A big "Well done!" to the Indiana ABWomen who certainly have a passion for mission!

Discipleship Partners

By: Ruth Proctor



There is a small group of women at my church who make afghans to give to Burmese refugees in our city or to anyone in need of a warm covering. Some women crochet or knit the squares for the afghans the traditional way. Those of us without that skill have learned to knit using round plastic looms. Sometimes, we use odds and ends of yarns and those squares are put together in a crazy quilt pattern with many different colors. At other times, a lady in the group will decide to make all 49 squares needed for one afghan herself. She will buy the yarn, limiting the colors to two or three that coordinate with each other. There is one woman in the group who then crochets the squares together and the 49 individual pieces become a pleasing whole. Both the multi-colored and the coordinated color afghans turn out to be beautiful, warm, serviceable and are stitched and given with love.

At times, the Christian Education at our churches is similar to those afghans. Some are the crazy quilt type, made up of many different factors. Perhaps there is little coordination in Sunday School curriculum for children. Different publishers may be used at different levels, allowing for some topics to be covered over and over and others not at all as children move through the program. Perhaps the adult classes all choose their own material with little thought about how it fits in with what anyone else is studying. Christian Education is taking place, but just not in a coordinated manner.

Other churches may be like the afghans which are knitted from just a few colors, providing for a definite pattern. One

publisher is used from preschool through teens, or even adults. Perhaps adult classes tie in with what is being preached from the pulpit.

Intergenerational events are possible because there is a common theme running through the discipleship program. Once again, Christian Education is taking place, this time with a plan in mind and a coordinated result.

Discipleship Partners has someone who has the skill and gives the time to put our "squares together" to make the afghans. Some churches likewise have a person or a committee of people in the position to evaluate and coordinate their discipleship program. Other churches do not. Perhaps, as pertains to your congregation, you could ask yourself the question "how are we doing at doing discipleship?" Are we educating crazy quilt style or has some thought and planning gone into making for a unified program in training disciples for Jesus Christ.

Discipleship Partners is available for help in evaluation and planning for discipleship. Contact Ruth Proctor at 260-493-1694 or at proctor606@verizon.net for more information.

Why are Keeping Records and History Important?

By: Ruth Well, Historian, ABW of IN/KY

When the question, "Why do we give to American Baptist Missions?" was asked recently, I found out just how important "history" is. When no one could define American Baptist or what American Baptists stand for, I was amazed. Summer Conference was my "post graduate school". By attending ABWomen's Ministry functions, conferences, seminars and circle meetings, I was informed of how "our

history" has been formed and the importance of our heritage as American Baptists. Hearing about House Party and prior mission projects such as raising money for Elsey Hall at Franklin College to be refurbished or raising money to help build the Chapel at Franklin College, made me aware of how important it is to have a Historian so that information can be passed down to those who will follow us. Knowing what American Baptist stands for

is just as important as knowing why we are Christians. Love Gift, Special Projects, the Edna Martin Center, and many other missions make up the ABW mission history. The Historian takes pictures, keeps programs and information to display. This information is then made available to people who would like to research who the ABW are and the reason for what they do. The work of prior historians is kept at Franklin College and

is often displayed at ABW functions.





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AB Women's Ministries Fall Conferences Schedule

WEEK 1 - OCTOBER 18-21

Monday, Oct 18

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Mt. Zion	New Unionville BC, Bloomington	5:15/5:30
Brownstown	Seymour FBC, Seymour	5:00/6:00

Tuesday, Oct 19

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Bedford	McDoel BC, Bloomington	9:30/10:00
Bethel	West Maple St BC, Jeffersonville	5:30/6:00
Northwestern	Mill Creek BC, Mill Creek	9:30/10:00
Salamonie	Shawnee Heights BC, Muncie	8:30/9:30
East Central	Connersville FBC, Connersville	4:30/5:30

Wednesday, Oct 20

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Freedom	Freedom BC, Waveland	8:45/9:00
Orleans	Mill Creek BC, Salem	4:00/4:30
Monticello	Monon FBC, Monon	9:30/10:00
Decatur County	Union BC, Greensburg	3:30/4:30

Thursday, Oct 21

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Coffee Creek	Commiskey BC, Madison	9:30/10:00
Flat Rock	Memorial BC, Columbus	9:30/10:00

WEEK 2 - OCTOBER 25-28

Monday, Oct 25

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Curry's Prairie	Terre Haute FBC, Terre Haute	4:30/5:00
Whitelick	New Winchester BC, Danville	12:30/1:00
Sandcreek	Rockcreek BC, Westport	4:45/5:00
Harmony	Mounds BC, Anderson	4:00/4:00

Tuesday, Oct 26

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Union	Bicknell FBC, Bicknell	5:30/6:00
Friendship	Ellettsville FBC, Ellettsville	9:30/10:00
Madison	North Madison BC, Madison	4:00/4:30
Northeastern	Ft Wayne BC, Ft Wayne	5:30/6:00

Wednesday, Oct 27

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Evansville	Boonville FBC, Boonville	9:30/10:00
Tri-County	Mt. Vernon BC, Worthington	9:00/9:30
Laughery	Bear Creek BC, Friendship	2:30/3:00
Logansport	Mexico BC, Mexico	6:00/6:30

Thursday, Oct 28

ASSOCIATION	CHURCH/CITY	TIME
Long Run	Long Run BC, Vevay	9:30/10:00
Judson	Camden FBC, Camden	4:00/4:30