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ABC-IN/KY Welcomes Transitional Resource Ministers

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce initial transitional staffing plans for 2016, following the retirements of Rev. Dr. Dennis Bickers and Rev. Dr. Jim Walter on December 31st. We are pleased to have such gifted and experienced leaders joining the ABC-IN/KY staff during this transitional year.



The Reverend Bruce Cochran has pastored churches large and small, served on the staff of a large church, and spent over 20 years as Senior Pastor at Seymour FBC, but stepping into the role of the Transitional Regional Resource Minister for northwestern and west central Indiana is a new challenge for him.

"It is sort of a steep learning curve," Rev. Cochran says. "I've never been in a regional staff position. I like learning things, so I'm excited about learning what an area minister does from the inside, rather than just watching from the outside."

Rev. Cochran says although he will be taking over the responsibilities of Jim Walter, the position is temporary in that it is transitional.

"As everyone knows, the Region is going through an assessment phase right now and I'm excited about being a part of that," he says.

"I want to listen, I want to hear what our pastors and our people are saying, what's on their hearts, the direction they feel the Lord is leading them, and what their challenges are."

"I'm just excited about being in the Region at a time of transition and seeking a new direction. I'm excited to be a part

of that process."

Rev. Cochran says he asks people to pray for him and "...to be thinking with an open mind about themselves."

"We're in a period in our culture and in our history as a church and as a nation that we're open to see change," he says. "We're open to how the Lord can do things through us that we haven't even imagined yet."

"It's kind of a challenge, because churches tend to think about old things and not think about new things, which is not always bad, but we have to be able to discern what the new, fresh move of the Spirit is right now," he says.

Also joining the Region staff as the Transitional Regional Resource Minister for southern Indiana and Kentucky is Rev. Adriana Chaney.

Rev. Chaney, of Lexington, KY, recently retired as the Associate Executive Minister with ABC of the Central Region, and brings many years of pastoral experience in the local church and at the regional level. She currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Green Lake Conference Center.





Rev. Sooz Whitten Ford
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My annual ritual of reviewing the year's events in preparation for writing the letter that will accompany our Christmas cards is underway. In a similar way, I enjoy looking back over IN/KY's year of ministry – photos, Facebook posts, plus notes from meetings, appointments and travel all contain hints of how we are Together on God's Abundant Journey alongside the churches of Indiana and Kentucky. Here are a few highlights...

It is my personal joy to serve alongside a dedicated and gifted staff, who care deeply for the pastors and churches we serve together. The Associate Regional Ministers for Pastoral Care provided encouragement and pastoral care to their assigned pastors. We are grateful for the "extra ARMs" of Seth Alexander, Darrell James, Dwight and Lydia Herrin, Diana Strunk, Don Scott, and Joyce Gaunt for their supportive ministry as part of the IN/KY staff. Their ministry has allowed the Resource Ministers (Dennis Bickers, Phyllis Goodyear and Jim Walter) and I to focus more intentionally on providing consultation and training in areas such as congregational health, governance, discipleship, generosity, pastoral leadership and community mission engagement. Jordan Morris and Rebecca Scott lead our camping ministries with great love for kids – of all ages. Becky Septoski, Jennifer Greene, Brandon Jackson, Melva Gray and Kristie Dowdy faithfully serve everyone,

staff and churches alike, using their unique gifts with a fair dose of laughter.

We were notified this fall that another grant from the American Baptist Foundation has been awarded. Along with the 2013 grant, the 2015 grant of \$24,200 will continue several initiatives in developing leaders through the Nehemiah Leadership Network (www.nehemiahleadershipnetwork.org). Current participants include Josh Carney (Crown Point), Ian McMillan (Bloomington), Steve Roper (Fort Wayne), Tim Earle (Denver), and David Carroll (Scottsburg). Bernie Jackson (Terre Haute) serves as the facilitator with part of this group. The new 2016 cohort, comprised of Debi Black (Mud Pike), Aaron Westfall (Liberty Center), Quentin Mullinix (The Journey Church), and Diana Thompson (South Bend) will begin soon with David Brown (Rushville) serving as their facilitator.

The Wabash Leadership Program (www.wabash.edu/pastoral_leadership) is funded by the Lily Endowment to enhance excellence in ministry among a group of gifted pastoral leaders over a two-year period. Shellie Jordan (FBC Seymour) and Mark Thompson (FBC Brazil) have completed the first year of this intensive experience with colleagues from other denominational traditions.

Following several years of conversation and building of relationships, ABC of IN/KY signed an agreement with Campbellsville University (www.campbellsville.edu) to support one another's ministry and mission, and to share expertise from our unique areas of focus. We anticipate this to be a growing relationship as Dennis Bickers (Madison), JC Campbell (Louisville) and I serve on CU's Church Relations Council.

The delivery of CLI (Church Leadership Institute) courses continues to expand to additional locations. In 2015 alone, 91 students studied with 17 instructors in 6 locations to deepen their discipleship journey, and to develop their gifts and skills for service to Christ, their church, and the world. Might 2016 be the year that *you* enroll in one or more classes, or encourage someone else to do so? (<http://abc-indiana.org/region-ministries/cli/>)

We are committed to investing in the lives of children and youth through the ministry of camps and conferences. The Senior High Region Youth Retreat recently brought over one hundred youth and their leaders together at Anderson First Baptist as they considered the theme, "Day One." We eagerly anticipate a related event for middle school students in April, hosted by Martinsville FBC. Josh Carney has provided able leadership to a team of youth pastors to plan both of these events. Providence Place, Camp Tippy's new dining hall, was a welcome addition to the summer camping ministry there. At Indian Creek, we have just broken ground on Phase 1 (kitchen and restrooms) for their new facility. Both camps rely on your generous contributions for their operational expenses, as well as for these construction projects. Camp managers, Rebecca Scott and Jordan Morris would be happy to talk with you about the ways your gifts can make it possible for people of all ages to encounter the love of Christ in the beauty of the outdoors.

Our faithful MEF (Ministerial Excellence Fund) team provided \$40,536.76 towards debt elimination for 10 clergy leaders this year, and we are grateful to that team's compassion and skill as they work with pastors. Your designated gifts to the MEF Sustaining Fund (cash, stock, insurance, bequests, etc.) will make it possible to continue this ministry long into the future. On a related note, The Lilly Foundation has extended their gifts to the national level. Both MMBB (Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board) and ABHMS (American Baptist Home Mission Societies) have been recently notified that their grant proposals to address economic challenges of pastoral leaders have been awarded. Each will receive approximately one million dollars. I was honored to participate in the advisory group that provided input and support for both of these grant proposals.

The region board gives oversight to our ministry together and gives leadership to developing ministries in the areas of our three priorities: equipping leaders, empowering churches and expanding mission. Continuing conversations begun prior to

2012, the board is currently leading ABC IN/KY in a discernment process, "Together on God's Abundant Journey: Discerning New Paths." Several focus groups have met this fall, and will continue into the early spring, providing rich conversation around the ways in which we perceive God is leading us. People of all ages are invited to complete the online (related) questionnaire at www.surveymonkey.com/r/DiscerningNewPaths1. The board is planning an April retreat to discern our new paths using the information gathered from the focus groups and questionnaires. We invite churches to join the board in prayer as we seek the ways in which God is directing us.

As we come to the close of 2015 and look ahead, we bid a fond farewell to two faithful staff members, Rev. Dr. Dennis Bickers and Rev. Dr. Jim Walter. Their combined ministry service to IN/KY as local church pastors and resource ministers totals well over 73 years! They have served faithfully and well, and we wish them enjoyment as they begin the next chapters of their lives. In 2016, we welcome Rev. Adriana Chaney (adrianachaney@abc-indiana.org) to serve Kentucky and southern Indiana, and Rev. Bruce Cochran (brucecochran@abc-indiana.org) who will serve in northwestern and west central Indiana. In addition, Rev. Cheri Grizzard and Rev. Richard Sipe will soon join us as consultants to pastors and congregations – more about their roles later! Rev. Joyce Castleman (Plainfield) will help review the CLI ministry, and Rev. Jeff Tryon (Gosport) is serving as co-editor of The Observer. We are blessed by the faithful and gifted staff who have served, and will begin serving among us.

It is my joy and privilege to join you in these amazing ministries and more! As God directs us, I eagerly anticipate sharing alongside you as we are Together on God's Abundant Journey: Discerning New Paths. God's promise and question to us: "I am doing a new thing... Can you perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19) Let us claim the promise, and live as God guides us towards new paths.

EQUIPPING LEADERS

New Year Brings Options for Leadership Training and More

Congregations have a couple of good opportunities for improving leadership within their churches through classes offered in early 2016 by ABC-IN/KY's Church Leadership Institute (CLI).

As a part of the Leadership Series, classes in developing leadership skills and leading youth ministry will be offered at two different locations by two highly qualified instructors.



Rev. Dr. Dan Cash will teach a 4-part class in Leadership from January through March 2016 in Vincennes.

Participants will learn the "raw materials" of Leadership and discover how to build them into their ministry within the Church and throughout their lives.

Rev. Cash has been serving as senior pastor at Columbus FBC since November 2007, as well as serving on the Region Board since 2012.

He has earned degrees as a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry from Northern Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Purdue University.

For complete information regarding registration deadlines, etc., go to: <http://abc-indiana.org/leadership-series/>

The same series is set to be offered at Franklin, IN during July through September 2016. Additional information will be available in March.

Rev. Shellie Riggs Jordan will lead a Youth Ministry class, "Youth & Young

Adult Ministries - Preparing Now to Preserve the Future!" at Franklin College beginning January 23.

This practical experience, usually offered only once per year, will be of interest to those serving in youth and young adult ministries.

Students will develop a working definition of Youth Ministry; understand some basics of adolescent development and how it effects their spiritual formation; become more familiar with modern American youth culture and how it shapes the worldview of our adolescents; and reflect on their own youth ministry context, exploring ways to build and strengthen it.

Seating is limited, but spouses are welcomed free of charge as space allows.



Instructor, Rev. Jordan, has over 23 years of experience in Youth Ministry. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Ball State University, a Master of Divinity degree from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and is ABC-ordained.

She currently serves as Minister of Youth at Seymour FBC.

A verbal RSVP by Monday, January 18, 2016 is MANDATORY for planning and preparation purposes. Please contact Jennifer Greene at 317-635-3552 X 221 or email jennifergreene@abc-indiana.org.

For complete information regarding the "Youth & Young Adult Ministries" class, go to: <http://abc-indiana.org/youth-ministry-class/>.

Rev. Mark Foreman New Pastor at Baptist Temple, Logansport

Rev. Mark Foreman is the new pastor at the Baptist Temple in Logansport.

Rev. Foreman has B.S. degrees in Theology and Biblical Studies from Liberty University, and a degree in Business Administration from Indiana University.

He has served at various churches since 1984, the latest being Huntly BC in Niles, Michigan.

He began his pastoral duties at Baptist Temple in July.

In his spare time, he coaches girl's high school basketball.



South Bend FBC Installs Pastor

Rev. Diana Thompson was installed as the Pastor of South Bend FBC in an October 11, 2015 ceremony. She is just the 28th pastor to serve the congregation in their 179 years of service to the Lord.

The installation service was presented by the search committee and

moderated by co-chairs Beth Welling and Ruth Craft. The FBC Choir provided special music and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Jim Walter.

Following the declaration of installation by Vice Moderator George Berlakovich, a reception was given by the Pastoral and Staff Team.

Together On God's Abundant Journey: Discerning New Paths



How you can participate in this Intentional Season of Discernment

ABC-IN/KY is entering into an intentional season of discernment, led by the region's board of directors, based on God's promise and question in Isaiah 43: 19, "I am doing a new thing...Can you perceive it?" (paraphrased).

We are asking ourselves:

- ◆ What is God doing with, for and through ABC-IN/KY?
- ◆ What is being asked of us?
- ◆ What do we need to set aside, or do differently, in order to join God in this new thing?
- ◆ What can we do better, or more of, in order to be what God is calling us to be?

To participate in this discernment process, you are invited to attend a

Focus Group (a facilitated conversation with other leaders) to give input into how you envision God leading ABC-IN/KY.

Below is the current schedule of Focus Groups taking place:

- January 19 - Culbertson FBC
- January 21 - Columbus FBC
- January 28 - Madison FBC
- February 2 - Seymour FBC
- February 28 - American Baptist East

Please note: Additional Focus Groups will be scheduled in the winter and early spring months of 2016.

You can also participate by filling out the brief online questionnaire. The questionnaire can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DiscerningNewPaths1>

EMPOWERING CHURCHES

Seymour FBC Has Busy Ministry Holiday

First Baptist Church of Seymour had a busy schedule over the holiday season with many kinds of outreach, mission and activities to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the "reason for the season".

It began with a homecoming celebration and Thanksgiving pitch-in dinner, which was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Fifty year members were recognized on this Sunday.

Seymour FBC once again participated in "Operation Christmas Child" – the shoebox ministry operated by Samaritan's Purse. Many children, youth and adults participated, sending 103 shoeboxes to make this activity a success.

Volunteer singers spent an enjoyable afternoon in early December caroling to shut-ins and older folk around town.

In mid-December, the congregation staged their annual "Home for the Holidays" variety show. People of all ages participated, singing, playing instruments and a sprinkling of comedy, all centered around a Christmas theme.

The church's youth group hosted a dinner before the show to raise money for their annual mission trip.

Seymour FBC is still in the process of locating a full-time pastor, with a search committee working hard at this task. In the meantime, the church is enjoying the leadership of interim pastor, Rev. Dan Barringer.

Sr. Adults Gather at Richmond FBC



Over one hundred Senior Adults gathered at Richmond FBC on a beautiful early October day for a day of renewing friendships, fellowship, inspirational music and informative speakers.

Richmond FBC members were wonderful hosts, providing plenty of welcoming goodies and a wonderful lunch with delicious pies.

Pastor Jim Spon brought a thoughtful devotion on "Getting Older and Getting Better". The ten-member FBC "Bells in Motion" played beautifully challenging arrangements of familiar hymns lead by Music Minister, Rex Bailey.

The morning program was brought by Jim Harlan, Director of the Wayne County Museum. He provided an

informative prospective and stories about the fascinating artifacts at the museum and history of eastern Indiana. It would certainly be worth a morning or afternoon to visit the museum in Richmond.



After a special duet by Leah Huddleston and Rex Bailey, the afternoon speaker was historian Duane Hodgkin, author of "*Honor and Remember: All Gave Some-Some Gave All*". His presentation involved inspirational personal stories of those who have given so much during the times our country was at war. He closed with a patriotic video, "My Name Is America!", which brought all to their feet.

The next Sr. Adult Day will be held on May 14, 2016 at Connersville FBC.

Moore Attends Regional Organists Convention

Logansport Baptist Temple organist Robert Moore was among some 300 organists who attended last summer's regional convention of the American Guild of Organists held in Indianapolis.

The three-day event included 10 organ recitals, a hymn festival and numerous workshops. There was also an exhibition hall displaying the latest electronic and pipe organ technology, organ music for sale and the Indianapolis Chapter's traveling pipe organ, which is used in area elementary schools to educate students about the pipe organ.

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) holds regional conventions each odd year and a national convention in the even years. This year's Great Lakes Region convention was held July 12-15.

Moore has been the organist at Logansport Baptist Temple since 1984.



Robert Moore is standing in front of the huge Casavant pipe organ at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis.

South Bend FBC Celebrates Sixth Generation

The congregation of South Bend FBC celebrated an historic baby dedication on October 4, 2015, as they dedicated a baby that represents the sixth generation of one family to worship at the church.

Josephine Havens was dedicated next to a pulpit Bible given to the church in memory of her great-great-great-grandfather, David Bradley.

Rev. Diana Thompson officiated while grandparents beamed in approval.

2016 Observer Article Submission Deadlines

We are emphasizing articles and news items that lift up the three priorities of ABC of IN/KY: equipping leaders, empowering churches; and expanding mission. The content will be adjusted to more closely align with these emphases while the layout will continue in the familiar style.

We welcome Pastor Jeff Tryon (Gosport BC) as writer and co-editor of The Observer, along with Becky Septoski.

Please send articles, ideas, and digital photos to Becky Septoski (beckyseptoski@abc-indiana.org). Please include the name, phone number and e-mail address of a contact person in the event that additional information is needed. Please understand that some articles may be featured in later issues of the Observer, depending on subject matter and length.

Deadlines for the 2016 issues are:

Spring (Apr/May/June) - Friday, March 4, 2016

Summer (Jul/Aug/Sep) - Friday, June 3, 2016

Fall (Oct/Nov/Dec) - Friday, September 2, 2016

Winter of 2017 - (Jan/Feb/Mar) - Friday, December 2, 2016

EXPANDING MISSION

Miami "H2O" Mission Brings Clean Water to Manipur, India

When Miami BC stepped out of their comfort zone three years ago and called a pastor from a different country, they never dreamed the ways their lives would change. Determined to take nothing for granted, they set out learning everything they could about their pastor and his family.

They learned that he came from a village called Tamenglong, in the state of Manipur, India. They learned about his long journey, both physical and educational, and they began their own long journey – physical and spiritual.

Pastor Daisok and his wife, Proquila, come from an area of the world that is unlike Indiana in almost every way. The most pressing need there is clean water – safe drinking water. Waterborne illnesses abound in this area. When the family at Miami BC learned about this critical need, they decided to take an even bigger step out of that comfort zone and help make clean water available to them.

"Naturally, we couldn't actually carry water to them," said Associate Pastor Carol Weaver, "but what we can do is to make the water they have safer to use."

Naming the project "Hope to Overcome," H2O, the church teamed up with the Global Engineering Program at Purdue University. Dr. Jafvert has created an innovative 2-bucket slow sand filter (SSF) system that is easier to assemble, much more portable than other systems, and most importantly can be made with local materials, with only a couple of parts shipped to them.

The church began to give money toward the purchase of supplies, and

the team members, the Panmei family, Tim & Karen Buffum, Sherrel Hudson, Dawne Kirk and John & Carol Weaver, began saving toward their expenses for the trip.



John Weaver, Jaojian Gangmei (guide, translator & local pastor) and Tim Buffum teaching the SSF set-up

During their mission trip to India, the team led a three day church effectiveness workshop which included the attendees assembling the SSF systems.

"Most importantly, this was a participatory learning process," said John Weaver. "The 215 attendees of the seminar now have the skills to teach others in their villages to assemble these systems. The effect of this is twofold. First, clean water will be available in these villages. Second, teaching non-Christians in the area and adjacent areas to build the systems opens doors for their missionary work in bringing Christ to their neighbors."

This is further enabled by Miami Baptist's intent to ship supplies to Tamenglong at least once a year.

Karen Buffum summarized the impact of the trip eloquently when she wrote, "Even though we are from different sides of the world, through God's love we are family now and are looking forward to serving Him together."

The church family, as a whole, has been awakened to a wider world view and sees the need to do more for His Kingdom. The mission trip has fueled their desire to do just that.

This is an ongoing project. If you feel led to participate, please contact Miami Baptist Church at (574) 753-0313.

Holidays Busy for Ft. Wayne BC Outreach Projects

This fall has been a productive time of outreach and missions support at Ft Wayne BC.

The first annual Trunk or Treat was held, serving over 250 children from the church neighborhood. Besides candy and books, Ft. Wayne BC was able to get packets with Bible tracts, information about the church and other community services

into the hands of 75 families. The following week, the annual craft auction was held to raise money for local, state, national and international mission projects. Sponsored by one of the Sunday School classes, the evening included a free chili supper and lots of fun bidding for the crafts and baked goods. It is estimated this year was the 40th annual auction event, and over \$2,500 was raised.

The following week the 20th annual Christmas shoebox packing day in support of Operation Christmas Child took place. Each year has seen an increase in the number of boxes filled. The hope was to surpass last year's total of 800 boxes. This year 885 boxes of love were sent in Jesus's name to children elsewhere in the world.



Pictured here are some of the volunteers who packed the Christmas shoeboxes

Bicknell Coat Giveaway

Members of Bicknell FBC work year-round to make sure local kids stay warm in winter and have decent clothes for school.

The church recently completed their ninth annual coat giveaway to kids from pre-school through high school.

Pastor Seth Alexander says the kids pre-register so that sizes are known ahead of time.

"They come in, try the coats on, make sure they fit, and that it's a coat they like," he said. "We always try to overbuy so there will be some choice."

The church also has a new clothing giveaway in August.

Whenever they are giving coats or helping people pick out clothes, they listen to people talking. If they hear of a need, they try to meet it in other ways, Pastor Alexander says.

"We try to carry on a conversation with the parents and the kids... and

encourage them and talk to them... and myself or one of the other leaders always pray with them as a family before they leave," he said.

Pastor Alexander says the church reaches out into the primarily low-income community in many ways.

They hosted about 350 people at the annual free Thanksgiving Dinner. They helped about 20-30 families with Christmas food baskets, and also provided a full Christmas with gifts for about 15-20 children.

The church's Wednesday evening children's ministry feeds about 80 kids a week, with programming, and most of them are picked up in the church van.

"The numbers don't really mean that much to me," says Pastor Alexander.

"We're engaging the community in the Gospel ministry, and that's what's important."



Visiting Tamenglong Hospital



Snapshots From the ABW Sr. High Retreat

ABW State Project for 2015

The vision of International Ministries missionaries Tom and Terry Myers for a café/ministry center at Sofia Baptist Church, Bulgaria is moving right along, and the ABW of IN have raised over half the funds needed to provide a Coffee Roaster.

The new Sofia Baptist Church and Ministry Center was opened, dedicated and celebrated in early September with prayers, music, speakers, and a three-hour worship service that was "Wonderful," according to Tom Myers.

The area for the café is ready to be completed as permits are being obtained. That's where the coffee roaster, purchased through funds raised by ABW of IN, will be installed.

As of December 12, the women's group had raised \$23,686.57.

They are planning and working together to reach a goal of \$25,000.

The missionaries ask everyone to pray for the necessary groundwork to be completed without delays, the right equipment will be found, and for those who will visit the café - both future employees and customers.

Can you see it? People sitting in the café, sipping freshly roasted coffee, enjoying one another and hearing about our Lord!

Tom and Terry Myers say: "Thank you to the ABW of Indiana for your faithful support."

The deadline to send funds for the Coffee Roaster for Sofia Baptist Church is December 31. Please send all funds to Cynthia Leffel, state treasurer.



Above: Students converse during one of the Breakout Sessions



Left: John Campbell shares with the students about God's continuous and renewing mercy.



Right: Jim Walter shares with one of the attendees

**Mark Your Calendars Now for the
ABW 2016 Summer Conference
June 3-5
Franklin College**

News and Notes From ABCUSA

Interim General Secretary Elected

The Board of General Ministries for ABCUSA elected Susan Gillies to serve as Interim General Secretary. Her duties began on December 1, 2015.

You can find out more at: <http://www.abc-usa.org/2015/11/17/bgm-elects-interim-recognizes-medley-as-general-secretary-emeritus/>

ABHMS Announces Scholarship Contest

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is encouraging entries to the 2016 Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest, Sponsored by the Religious Liberty Council of the Baptist Joint Committee (BJC). The grand prize is \$2,000 and a trip for two to

Washington, D.C.! Second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$250. To find out more go to:

<http://www.abc-usa.org/2015/12/14/abhms-encourages-bjc-essay-scholarship-contest-entries-4/>



Left: Building Nations leads the group in a time of worship

2016 Camp Schedules

For complete details and info regarding camp fees go to:

CAMP TIPPY: www.camptippy.org

INDIAN CREEK: www.campindiancreek.com

CAMP TIPPY

SESSION	DATE	GRADE
Leadership	June 12-18	9th - 12th
Explorer	June 12-16	2nd-3rd
1st Timers	June 17-18	K - 1st
Trailblazer	June 19-25	5th - 6th
J.A.M.	June 26 - July 2	7th - 12th
DAY Camp (9am-4pm)	June 27 - July 1	1st - 6th
Senior High	July 3 - 9	9th - '16 grads
Challenge	July 10 - 16	7th - 8th
Discovery	July 17 - 23	3rd - 4th

INDIAN CREEK

SESSION	DATE	GRADE
Special Persons	May 31 - June 4	16 and older
Boys Camp	June 5 - 9	4th - 6th boys
Explorer	June 12 - 14	1st - 2nd
Discovery	June 15 - 28	3rd - 4th
Girls Camp	June 19 - 23	4th - 6th girls
1st Timers	June 24 - 25	K - 1st
Senior High	June 26 - July 2	11th - '16 grads
Focus	July 3 - 9	7th - 9th
Teen	July 10 - 16	9th - 10th
Challenge	July 17 - 23	6th - 8th
Family Camp	June 10 - 12	All families

Winter Retreats at Indian Creek Baptist Camp

Young Adults - Ages 18-29

January 1-3, 2016

“Victory Over the Darkness”

High School - 9th - 12th grade

February 5-7, 2016

“Victory Over the Darkness”

For complete details regarding these retreats go to:
www.campindiancreek.com

SAVE THE DATE!
Middle School Retreat
April 8-9, 2016
Martinsville FBC
“Accepted: We Are in This Together”

More details to come in the near future.

Healthy Boundaries Saturday, March 12, 2016 Madison FBC

Healthy Boundaries Fundamentals (Level 1) is an introduction to the concepts of boundaries in pastoral and teaching relationships. Understanding boundaries can help ministry leaders manage the difficulties inherent in the role of clergy or spiritual leader. Knowledge of what is appropriate, what is not, and whether an action is in the best interest of congregants or students can help clergy leaders avoid possible boundary violations. This course lasts from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with lunch.

Completion of Healthy Boundaries 1 is required for ordination candidates and CLI students before graduation. It is also a requirement to take this training seminar prior to taking Healthy Boundaries 2.

You can register for this training seminar by going to
<http://abc-indiana.org/healthy-boundaries-level-1-march-12-2016/>

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 9 - CLI at Vevay
- 12 - Region Staff Mtg.
- 19 - Focus Group at Culbertson FBC
- 21 - Focus Group at Columbus FBC
- 23 - CLI at Franklin, Peru, Vevay, Vincennes
- 28 - Focus Group at Madison FBC
- 30 - CLI at Westport

FEBRUARY

- 2 - Focus Group at Seymour FBC
- 6 - CLI at Franklin, Peru, Vevay, Vincennes
- 9 - Region Staff Mtg.
- 11 - Finance Com. Mtg. at Seymour FBC
- 20 - CLI at Franklin, Peru, Vincennes, Westport
- 26 - Region Board Mtg.
- 27 - CLI at Vevay
- 28 - Focus Group - American Baptist East

MARCH

- 5 - CLI at Franklin, Peru, Vincennes, Westport
- 12 - Healthy Boundaries 1 at Madison FBC
- 12 - CLI at Franklin
- 15 - Region Staff Mtg.