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Nehemiah Network Provides Support for 'Change Leader' Pastors

The goal of the Nehemiah Leadership Network is to help churches move and adapt to a rapidly-changing world by equipping pastors to be more effective "change leaders" in their congregations.

The three-year group mentoring experience helps pastors deepen their self-understanding, develop new skills for leadership, increase emotional intelligence, and find healthy life-balance.

Participants create and implement an individualized learning plan, meet regularly with a mentored colleague group, and attend an annual conference learning event.

Thanks to a grant written by IN/KY staff, IN/KY and GI pastors are benefiting from this program. Three groups of three to four pastors each, meet with a mentoring pastor.

David Brown, Interim Pastor at Rushville BC is one of the small group facilitators, mentoring three younger pastors in the northern Indianapolis area.

"You take on three or four pastors who are willing to undergo some personal growth and some goals for growth within their congregation and to be held accountable," he said.

Each group meets about four times per year, in addition to the annual conference. "They create ministry goals for themselves that they would like to attain, it may be personal, it may be for their church," Brown said. "My job is to

kind of go over those goals when we meet, see how they are doing and how we can encourage them. Does this goal still make sense, or do we need to tweak it, or change it or dump it all together and find something different?"

Brown said his mentoring style is affirmation and encouragement. "When we hear the word mentoring, we sometimes think this person is a critic of these people, but that's not my style," he said. "I think people do much better when you tell them what they did well."

Brown said the Pastor's life can be "a lonely task". "You need somebody you can debrief with, someone you can trust, so confidentiality is a part of this thing, we talk about that right up front," he said. "We'll try to build some level of trust in the first year where they feel comfortable sharing with each other and with me. I'm going to enjoy the process. I'm a Barnabas. I'm an encourager."

Each year, 45 to 50 people meet at the national conference and focus on a different ministry emphasis. This year the emphasis was on personal spiritual formation. Presenters challenged pastors to consider things like ways to find spiritual direction and making sure

their personal spiritual life is growing and vibrant.

Tim Earle, Pastor at Denver FBC, said the element of personal spiritual growth can be important for pastors who sometimes feel lonely and isolated, especially when they serve in rural areas. "If you're not intentional about it, it can happen," he said.

Colleague groups provide a powerful experience of mutual support and trust. "That was one of the areas of emphasis this year," he said. "Making sure we keep our relationship with God fresh, because if we don't do that, then, how are we going to teach anyone else?"

"The ministry has to be from an outflow, not from an empty tank," he said. "One of the good things about it is that you get connected with different peers from different parts of the country," Earle said. "You get to see some different viewpoints."

"Even within our own region, there are four or five of us in each group, and you get to network and learn and support each other from different parts of the state. I've met a lot of good



Front Row - L-R: Bob Newlin, Brenda Darmelio, Diana Thompson, Debi Black, Josh Carney, Michael Johnson
Back Row - L-R: Steve Roper, Tim Earle, Ian McMillan, Jeff Stratton, David Carroll, Quentin Mullinix, Bernie Jackson
Not Pictured: David Brown, Sooz Ford

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Churches Encounter Communities Through Expanding Mission Grants

Financial seeds planted through the 2015 Expanding Mission grants are producing fruit in churches around the Region which received grants ranging from \$300 to \$1,000.

Among seven other recipients, the Expanding Mission funds helped to support successful outreach programs by Hope BC and Westport BC, and a tutoring initiative at FBC Young America.

"...Feel like we were the hands and feet of Christ."

The Golden Link Sunday School Class of Westport Baptist Church used their "Expanding Mission" grant to provide outreach services and meals to the surrounding community.

Their goal was to make connections with families in the community, so people knew the church was there to help meet their physical needs as well as their spiritual needs.

"We wanted to develop relationships with the un-churched families in the community and help them get to know us, so that if they came to church, they would feel comfortable and welcome," said Deanna McCullough.

During a very successful summer barbecue, members of the class walked several blocks around the church, knocking on doors and inviting people to come to the barbecue.



"Doing that right before the typical dinnertime was actually pretty successful and people seemed to enjoy the impromptu invitation," she said.

People with large families of children, as well as senior citizens with limited funds, especially seemed to benefit.

This led to the realization the class needed to focus their efforts on the elderly population for two reasons.

Many of the elderly live alone and are as hungry for someone to fellowship with as they are for a meal. They enjoyed sitting in the air conditioned

building, having someone to chat with, and someone to wait on them and show kindness and love.

These experiences made church members "feel like we were the hands and feet of Christ."

Near year's end, the group hosted a "Breakfast with Santa" which became the highlight of the year's events for everyone. They served a free breakfast, provided kids the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and have a picture taken, and visit with Mrs. Claus.

Also, they gave out information about all the upcoming events for the Christmas season. It included the young people's community outreach project, "Journey to Bethlehem", an interactive nativity experience with stations for each part of the Christmas story, a live nativity, and supper served by the class with grant funds.

There was a great turnout from the community and they plan to make this an annual event.

"We did have some families that attended worship as a result of our outreach meals, but more than that, the reward was in feeding children and adults who we knew were often going to bed hungry," said McCullough. "It was rewarding to see their smiles and the appreciation that they felt for such a simple act of service on our part.

"It was great for our class of senior adults to feel that we were impacting the community in a positive way and that ministry continues into the senior adult years. We found that we each had a lot of love to lavish on others, in meeting both physical and emotional needs."

Westport's Golden Link Class plans to continue these efforts in the coming year.

"We have been blessed to be a blessing to others and we want to thank the ABC-IN/KY for providing helpful funding for our efforts to impact the community of Westport," McCullough said.

'Cuts and Soles' helps students get ready for school.

In Hope, the church participated in "Cuts and Soles", a community-wide service project to help local students get ready for school.

In August 2015, they handed out

105 backpacks, 101 shoe cards, and gave 19 haircuts.

The community comes together with the United Way, which supplies names of students, who receive backpacks full of school supplies.



The "cuts" part provides free haircuts. A local salon and individual hairdressers come together and donate their time and talents.

The "soles" part of the event gives students \$20 gift cards, which they can take to Payless Shoe Stores for the purchase of new shoes.

Along with the 101 shoe cards given out, the group also placed nine extra shoe cards in the elementary school for kids that might need them throughout the year.

As of December 2015, about 90 percent of shoe cards have been redeemed for shoes.

"We are thankful for not only the grant money we received, but also, the money and support we have from the community," said a church representative.

"There was a specific need in our immediate area for 'one on one' tutoring..."

FBC Young America received an Expanding Missions grant with the intention of putting together a tutoring program through the church, but they found that God had a bit different program for them.

When they discovered that a larger church about seven miles away was already providing a larger after-school ministry, they did some further investigation with the local school system.

"We found out that there was a specific need in our immediate area for one-on-one tutoring," a church spokesman said.

The church is blessed with a number of retired teachers among the membership, including retired teacher Donna Downham, who has a knack for making a close and trusted relationship with kids that do not ordinarily connect with teachers.

By helping children on a one-on-one basis to bring up their grades, their confidence and desire to do better, she has already made a difference in the lives of children in the area.



With three other retired teachers, the church hopes to grow the tutoring program.

"Our motto here at First Baptist over the past seven years has been 'To be the heart and hands of Jesus Christ', not only portraying the loving heart of Christ and His grace, but getting our hands dirty in doing so."

Grant funds were used to purchase needed supplies and learning aids to help students in "hands on" training.

The program has made a connection with the school system and its administration, helping them identify children with a special need for one-on-one help.

"The biggest question we have received from parents is 'Why are you doing this and how come it doesn't cost us anything?'" a church spokesman said.

The church wants people to understand they aren't really looking for something in return, but are taking it as their mission for the good of the students who need the help.

Expanding Mission Church Grants are funded through a board designation of 10% of the Region Offering. Applications are available in the fall and grants are awarded in January by the IN/KY board.



Exciting Opportunities for Young Adult Women

By: Lauren Alexander, Young Adult Women's Ministries Coordinator

I am writing to convey some exciting opportunities for Young Adult Women in our region. Many in ABWM leadership have been praying for the next generation of women in our churches to step up to the plate and answer the call to "Declare His glory among the nations" (1 Cor 16:24). This has led to a brand-new initiative and I came on board to help it go from a dream in our hearts to a reality in our pews and at our meetings.

What is the vision for Young Adult Women's Initiative? We want to follow the example of Titus 2, which instructs us to inter-generational ministry. In that spirit, we are issuing a special invitation for younger women in ABC IN-KY to join us for our ABWM Summer Conference which will be held June 3-5, 2016 at Franklin College. We will hear inspiring teachings, worship together, and have new opportunities to learn from one

another as we build relationships between seasoned veterans and new faces to ABWM. We believe Christ wants us to expand our Kingdom reach in 2016 and that can only happen if we link arms and come together as the women of God in our denomination.

What can you do to help us in our endeavor to bridge the generation gap? Those of you who are currently involved with ABW can make plans to attend our Summer Conference. As you do that, look around your church and pray for God to reveal a few up-and-comers in the next generation with a passion for Christ and invite them to join us there as well—perhaps even carpool?! Let them know you would like to get to know them and share the exciting things that God is doing through this ministry. Some of you can even share stories of missionaries in the field and the opportunities to make a difference HERE for unreached people THERE. Let them see your passion and love for ABWM. This will draw them more than the most eloquent descriptions. Invite them to your meetings — let them know they are welcome! Once they know they belong, we can help them to believe in the mission and become a part of it.

Please join me in prayer for God to raise up women in our denomination to carry the strong mandate of the Great Commission: to go and make disciples among all the nations.

Still Time to Support Scholarship Applicants

By: Rebecca Burch, Scholarship Chairman

My mailman was probably wondering what was going on as 38 scholarship applications and letters of recommendation came to my door. As the new ABWM scholarship chairman, I have had an interesting start.

Judy Schafer and I went through all the applications, checking for complete documentation, and upon completion, the committee has twenty-three applications to consider.

There are still a lot of applicants, but how many will be awarded? That is a question each of you and your churches should consider. Currently, there are not enough funds to guarantee a scholarship for all qualified applicants. If it is too late to make a difference this year, donated funds will be used for next year.

Make plans now to attend Summer Conference at Franklin and meet the scholarship students!

AB Girls Joy Jamboree

May 6-7, 2016

Anderson FBC

Registration form is available on the website listed below

Mark Your Calendars Now for the ABW 2016 Summer Conference and the AB Girls Gathering June 3-5 at Franklin College
Registration forms are available on the region website at:

<http://abc-indiana.org/region-ministries/american-baptist-women/>

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people. The material is good, and they always bring in good people to do the presentations and the things are relevant to what we're doing today. You get to stay current with what's going on."

The program has helped in looking at strategies for his church, vision, and also personal goals.

Earle said one of his personal ministry goals in the program has been to tackle his aversion to talking about money. "I have always shied away from talking about money," he said. "That was one of the topics of the conference last year, generosity, how we talk about money in a way that's Biblical. The Bible talks about our attitude towards money probably more than anything else. So, that showed me that I had a deficiency

in my ministry that I needed to look at. How do I speak of stewardship and generosity in a way that it's a lifestyle instead of just, 'Hey, here's our stewardship campaign' and be done with it?"

Diana Thompson, Pastor at South Bend FBC, came to the program for professional support.

"One of the reasons I was drawn to Nehemiah was hoping that it would provide some of that colleague and camaraderie and support kind of thing," she said. She came to the Indiana Kentucky Region last year from an ABC church in Michigan, which she said has a really strong pastoral support system in place. She found the annual conference helpful. "I don't know that I

learned a whole lot, but I was reminded of some things," she said. "That's always a good thing, right?" Because we get busy in our ministry and our lives and some of those personal spiritual care things we kind of let slide. So, it's good to be reminded, you know, you really need to be focusing on taking care of yourself."

She said she also recalled useful information on the topic of congregational life cycles. "Again, I had heard some of that before, but it was good to be reminded," she said. "In fact, I've just presented it to my leadership team, and when I went over it, it was like light bulbs went off for them. So, that's been really helpful."

One of her personal goals was to get

a personal spiritual director, and she has now located and begun working with one.

"Again, keeping me healthy so that I can be a healthy leader in the congregation," she said.

"Overall, it's great, and I'm really looking forward to being a part of it in the next few years," she said.

Started in 2002 as a ministry of American Baptist Churches USA partners, the Nehemiah Leadership Network has graduated over 100 pastors since 2005, enriching and empowering their pastoral ministry.

For more information:

www.nehemiahleadershipnetwork.org

EMPOWERING CHURCHES

Greencastle FBC Connects to Community Through the 'Giving Garden'

A chance conversation that blossomed into action has led to a strong community connection at Greencastle FBC through their "Giving Garden".

"It all started from a random conversation during coffee hour between service and Sunday School," said garden director Heidi Menzel. "The music director came up to me and said she wished we had a community garden, because we had so much land around the church."

"I said, 'We have the perfect location, because we're right on a walking path that goes throughout the whole city, and also, directly across from public housing,'" Menzel recalled.

"Everybody walks by our church in the evenings. The trail is extremely popular in our town, and the people who need the vegetables the most are directly across the street."



The pair quickly brainstormed how they could pull it off in the 15 -20 minute break, went to the pastor, who immediately agreed, and took it to the trustees right away. They said "sure", and he went out and marked it off the next day, and one of the trustees tilled up a 60 by 60 foot plot. The size of the garden has expanded each year.

"Each year, we learned from our mistakes," Menzel said. "The first year, it was kind of a messy garden, but it was a beautiful garden. We planted some things way too close. The corn got blown over by some nasty storms that

year, and the butternut squash tackled it. We probably only got a dozen ears of corn that year, but there was plenty of butternut squash! The tomatoes got blighted and were nasty, but there were several things that came out alright."

"We didn't get it planted until late June. So, a lot of the naysayers were just like, "You don't know anything about gardening if you are starting this late." But the garden ministry thrived on the interactions between the church and the community.

"It was so much fun to hear the stories from what we call 'the pickers'," she said. "You had teenagers who were desperate for fresh vegetables, but had no idea what was ripe and when. We were having to educate them as they came through. Or hearing from the folks who live in public housing; there is one lady who came over every night to pick for her neighbors who weren't physically capable of getting out. Or meeting a lady who talked about how much she had missed being in a garden. "Just to get my fingers in the dirt and to weed and feel the soil between my toes and to share this with my children; you have no idea how wonderful that's been."

"That was really fun and fulfilling", Menzel said. "That is why we started that garden, to share with the community."

There is a core group of a dozen or so volunteers who meet each Wednesday evening to work in the garden. "We have set things we need to get done, and we get them done, but it's also social hour," she said. "Everyone just enjoys themselves, chats, hangs out. There are always one or two ladies that end up just working for three hours, because they're just into what they're working on."

"On planting day last year, we had 24 people. What had taken seven or eight hours the first year, took us two or three hours because so many people showed up."



The group has been meeting once a month through the winter to lay out plans and figure out needs.

The greatest and most unexpected impact has been on the church itself. "It has truly lit a fire in the whole church," Menzel said. "Talk about planting a seed. People started wanting to try new things, to try more outreach and everything. Now people are realizing that this is the way to go. 'This is our mission. It's not just an outreach.' Our church is really starting to seek more ways to reach out to the whole community." It has definitely become the direction we are heading now."

She said the garden committee just keeps building and learning. They are blessed that a new member of the garden committee has a PhD in agronomy. "So he's an expert who can help us fill in the blanks when we're confused," she said. "God has blessed us with his help right now."

Menzel said the guiding Bible verse for the whole project has been Jeremiah 29:5&7: "Build houses and settle down. Plant gardens and eat what they produce. Work to see that the city where I sent you enjoys peace and prosperity. Pray to the Lord for it, because as it prospers you will prosper."



Chile Trip - "A Great Learning Experience"



A group of 16 adults and youth from Columbus FBC journeyed to Chile in December of 2015, and enjoyed a great learning experience with Barbara and Dwight Bollick in their work with the indigenous people there.

The group went for ten days and held a "Vacation Bible School" while there. They also helped with a yarn project, learned about bee hives, a water reclamation project, and about the native worship experience.

Martin Licensed, Receives Pulpit Call



L-R: Dan Cash, Jeremy Martin & Dave Doles

Things are moving quickly for Jeremy Martin as he prepares for and enters the Gospel Ministry out of Columbus FBC.

The church voted last December to license Martin, who has been taking CLI classes. He was already preaching at Bernie BC when he received his license in February and shortly afterward, he was called as pastor there.

Columbus Senior Pastor Dan Cash continues to serve as a mentor to Martin.

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Holiday Celebrations at Quincy BC Included Baptisms



and all the trimmings followed by delicious desserts. On December 20, the congregation enjoyed a Christmas program with special music performed by the choir and a Christmas puppet show featuring animal puppets which visited the manger. The year was completed with a baptismal

service when four young people publicly professed their faith in Christ and were officially baptized into the fellowship of the church.

The members of the Quincy BC enjoyed a festive holiday season. It began on November 22 with a Thanksgiving meal complete with turkey

Talent Show Supports Mission Trip to Rainbow Acres Ranch



Petersburg FBC youth kicked off their spring fund raising by presenting a talent show and pitch-in dinner. The youth of all age groups participated in skits and music that both entertained and ministered to attendees. The group will travel for the third time this summer to minister and help at Rainbow Acres

Ranch, a home for developmentally disabled adults.

The mission statement of Rainbow Acres reads, "Rainbow Acres, a Christian Community with heart, empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose."

Amo Fundraiser for Historic Celebration

The Amo FBC Fun-Raising Team bundled up against the elements in mid-February for a Valentine's Bake Sale at Local Cooper's OK Hardware in Stilesville. Pictured are Pastor Shelly Zook, Jeanne Bryant, Carolyn Porter and Rosie Bell. Proceeds from the bake sale will benefit Amo's 150th Celebration planned for this September 16, 17, and 18. We praise God for 150 years in ministry!!



EXPANDING MISSION

Medical Mission to Haiti a Life-Changing Experience

By: Terri Ketterling, Hayden BC

Words cannot describe the blessings I received from God by being a medical team member on the trip to Gandou, Haiti in June 2015.

I went to Haiti as a nurse with team members from St. Anthony Padua Parish in Morris, IN. hoping to be of some help to the people there, and hopefully to make a difference in their lives in some way. I came away with the same thing from them. They made a difference in my life.

We are all God's children, and even though I was the only Baptist present, I felt so welcomed as a part of this wonderful mission family.

I saw first-hand how illness can cause devastation to a family. Unfortunately, many times it could have been prevented, if the people could have gotten the medical attention they needed.

I also saw the unbelievable strength these people have. Many would walk for hours, hoping to be seen at the clinic. Some people had to be carried or transported by mule, if they were lucky enough to have one.

I was given the opportunity to follow an elderly woman to her home, walking on very steep dangerous terrain. She was almost blind, but she could walk it with no problem, while I needed to stop several times.

Once we arrived at her home, made of sticks, rusty metal, and dried grass, I observed a twin sized bed with a mattress made of corn stalks. Her bed actually helped to hold the walls up.

On another occasion, I met a widowed mother with five children. Through the help of this mission, she is receiving \$36 every six months through the Poor Family fund. The mother is very ill, but with the help of the Mission, she is receiving the medical care needed at a hospital.



The thing that amazed me most was the faith the people of Gandou, Haiti have in our Lord.

People will walk over 2 hours in the dark to get to church on Sunday morning. Their whole life is built around church and family. The church is the center of education for their children and for their spiritual worship-for everything. I have never experienced a worship service as I did the Sunday I was there.

Their faith is tested every day. It is so hard to make sense of the suffering there. Their trust in God is far beyond anything I have ever witnessed.

These people have no electricity, very little to no food, and no clean water. I witnessed a small child getting a drink of dirty water out of the ditch. One member of this mission team is working very hard to get a water purification system up and running.

The people of Gandou are very hard-working people, trying to grow crops (all work is done by hand), but they have not been able to produce anything for the past several years.

This experience has changed my life. I will no longer take all the luxuries I have for granted. My eyes have been opened to see such suffering, and I plan to continue giving help.

For more information, email Terri Ketterling at terri_ketterling@frontier.com.

EXPANDING MISSION

Plainfield Pennies Help Family Promise Program

After studying "God's Prophets Demand Justice" in the 2015 Summer "Journeys" quarterly, the Genesis Sunday School class of Plainfield FBC was convicted to follow the lead of fellow American Baptist Churches and start a Penny Project.

Beginning in September, the church started collecting change to support Family Promise of Hendricks County.

When a family graduates from the Family Promise program, they receive a "Blessing Basket" filled with cleaning and laundry supplies for their new-to-them home. The goal was to raise \$750 in a year-long Penny Project to fund a "Blessing Basket" for the next 15 families graduating from the program.

The goal was shattered in under four months, through the Lord's faithfulness and the generous giving of the church family! The grand total collected for the Penny Project, Family Promise of Hendricks County, was... (drum roll, please) \$1,129 or 112,900 pennies!

Since the start of the project, they have prayed over three "Blessing Baskets" for graduating families. In 2016, they have started a recycle project to collect no-longer-needed-but-still-functional household items to further support these families.

More Info: (https://www.abhms.org/penny_project) (www.familypromisehendrickscounty.org)

Senior Adult Day Thursday, April 14 Connersville FBC

Theme:

Precious In His Sight

Registration information is available on the region website at: www.abc-indiana.org

Reservation fee is \$10.00 if sent before April 4.

Fee will increase to \$12.00 if received after the 4th.

All reservations paid at the door will be \$12.00

Don't Wait! Register Today!



CLI Programs Provide Greater Understanding to Leaders & Lay People

A pastor in a small rural ABC church told of a church member who approached him, asking to speak with him privately.

The pastor feared some bad news was coming, but instead the man, after securing a promise of confidentiality, said,

"I feel very unprepared and inadequate to do the kind of work I am called to all the time in our small church. It's not that I'm unwilling, but sometimes I just feel unqualified."

The pastor steered the man toward some classes about the Bible at one of the Church Leadership Institute (CLI) sites offered through the IN/KY Region.

The many different classes

available through the CLI program aren't just for ministers or those on a track to become pastors; they can be valuable in the spiritual life of every lay person by laying a solid foundation for the understanding of various subjects that will help them to be better Christians and better church members.

The CLI programs are also open to everyone, even people from other denominations.

A couple of years later, the man in the story is thriving as a Christian and lay leader in his small church and highly recommends the CLI classes to anyone – even if they are not planning on completing the entire program of classes.

Ministers' Spouses Retreat April 22-24 Indian Creek Baptist Camp Theme: "The Chocolate Boutique" based on Psalm 34:8



Registration information can be found at www.abc-indiana.org

Observer Article Submission Deadline

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.

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

2016 Camp materials will be mailed to campers and churches the first week in April

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

**2016 REGION BIENNIAL
WILL BE HELD
ON SEPT. 30 - OCT. 1**

at TERRE HAUTE FBC.

Plan Now to Attend the FABM Conference at Green Lake!

Church musicians of every kind will be blessed by the daily worship, rehearsals, workshops, and evening celebrations at the Conference for Church Musicians, sponsored by the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians (FABM).

Plan now to attend the July 17-23 Conference at the beautiful Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI. The conference is a family-friendly event with opportunities for children, youth and adults alike.

The event will feature new music releases from current publishers at seven reading sessions.

Clinicians for 2016 include Dr. Tim Sharp – Adults, Michael Englehardt – Youth, Melissa Malvar-Keylock – Children, Sondra Tucker – Handbells, Sue Mitchell-Wallace – Organ, Keith Christopher – Instrumental, Rev. Anne Scalfaro – Worship, Mark Hayes – Piano.



Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Executive Secretary Joyce Crowder at jcrowder@fbccolumbus.org.

The registration process is two-fold: Room and Board registration is with the Green Lake Conference Center (920-294-3323). To register for the Conference, contact FABM at website www.fabm.com, by phone at 812-376-3321 or by US Mail: FABM, 3300 Fairlawn Drive, Columbus, IN 47203.

FABM members have access to the FABM Choral Lending Library, which is housed at the ABC IN/KY Region office.

Indiana MPT's (Missionary Partnership Team) are Available to Come to Your Church!

If you would like someone to give a Mission Moment on Sunday morning, present a program for your ABW or Sunday School, and/or tell about the ministry of MPT, call Robin at 812-988-2808. Let's spend some time together!

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 2 - CLI -Vincennes
- 9 - CLI-Liberty Center, Westport
- 12-13 - Region Board Retreat
- 14 - Senior Adult Day
- 15-16 - Face to Face
- 16 - CLI-Vincennes
- 23 - CLI-Liberty Center
- 22-24 - Ministers' Wives Retreat
- 30 - CLI-Liberty Center

MAY

- 6-7- ABGirls Joy Jamboree
- 7 - CLI-Franklin, Vevay
- 10 - Region Staff Mtg.
- 14 - CLI-Liberty Center, Westport
- 21 - CLI-Franklin, Vevay
- 26 - Personnel Committee Mtg.

JUNE

- 2- Finance Committee Mtg.
- 4 - CLI-Fanklin, Vevay
- 3-5 - ABW Summer Conference & AB Girls Gathering
- 11 - CLI-Vincennes
- 14 - Region Staff Mtg.
- 18 - CLI-Fanklin, Vincennes