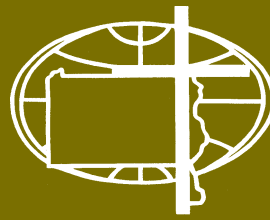


# NOTES & NEWS, THOUGHTS & VIEWS



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## GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

Dr. Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ tells this story of a famous oil field called Yates Pool:

During the depression this field was a sheep ranch owned by a man named Yates. Mr. Yates wasn't able to make enough on his ranching operation to pay the principal and interest on the mortgage, so he was in danger of losing his ranch. With little money for clothes or food, his family (like many others) had to live on government subsidy.

Day after day, as he grazed his sheep over those rolling West Texas hills, he was no doubt greatly troubled about how he would pay his bills. Then a seismographic crew from an oil company came into the area and told him there might be oil on his land. They asked permission to drill a wildcat well, and he signed a lease contract.

At 1,115 feet they struck a huge oil reserve. The first well came in at 80,000 barrels a day. Many subsequent wells were more than twice as large. In fact, 30 years after the discovery, a government test of one of the wells showed it still had the potential flow of 125,000 barrels of oil a day.

And Mr. Yates owned it all.

The day he purchased the land he had received the oil and mineral rights. Yet, he'd been living on relief.

A multimillionaire living in poverty.

I may not have millions in oil underneath the crabgrass in my backyard, but it doesn't make me any less a wealthy man. I've got the vast reserves of God's amazing love, grace and faithfulness at my disposal each and every day, but the truth is that sometimes I live like a pauper when God has lavishly poured His Love on me. Instead of leaning on His mercy, trusting in His Word and seeking the guidance of His Spirit, I find myself slipping into the destructive pattern of walking in my own strength when the One who holds the world in place longs to lead me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Even in the busy-ness of ministry, I find myself believing the not-so-subtle lie that my full schedule and harried life equate to a life lived by faith. In the midst of one of those "over the top" kinds of days, I was blindsided (in a good way) by the following quote:

*"These are days of much activity in the field of Church and mission work, but we do well to remember that no amount of activity in the king's service will make up for neglect of the king himself. I do not believe that the devil is greatly concerned about getting between us and work: his great concern is getting between us and God. Many a Christian worker has buried his spirituality in the grave of his activity."* —Duncan Campbell, Scottish Preacher

These are busy days in ministry here in ABCOPAD, and our lives are consumed by the challenging task of launching this new design for ministry that God has given us. And while it is true that God longs for us to be about His Work, He doesn't want us to allow that labor to supplant the nurture of our spiritual lives — to lose sight of the riches we have in Him.

My guess is that there are many of you that are feeling like me today. Harried, worn and frayed around the edges by the pace of life and ministry. If that describes you, I invite you to join me in once again tapping the vast stores of God's Grace and Goodness as we move through the days leading up to Holy Week. The lure of calendar and cell phone will seek to draw you away, but stand firm and strive to cement your relationship with God into the place of preeminence in your life that He so richly deserves.

Praying for you, as you pray for me,

*Frank*



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An important theme in our Region is partnership. Partnership is central to our Regional Vision, “To build Healthy Partnerships with Churches, Pastoral Leaders and the wider ABC Family to fulfill Christ’s Mission in our world.” Over the past few months ABCOPAD Staff have been highlighting the many ways our Region partners with local pastors and congregations, getting the word out through rollout meetings, news articles and web updates. While this partnership is easy to identify, the partnership between the American Baptist Home Mission Society (ABHMS – formerly National Ministries) and our Region might be a little harder to recognize.

ABHMS is a valuable partner, providing support to local congregations and pastors as well as our Region. In 2010 more than 30 pastors traveled to Green Lake for the Fanning the Flame Pastors Conference. Most of the ministers who attended the event received a \$300 Continuing Education Scholarship helping to underwrite the cost of the retreat. Those scholarships are made available annually through ABHMS.

Currently ABCOPAD has 10 pastors participating in the Nehemiah Leadership Network (NLN), receiving training and support as they seek to be transformational in the churches they serve. NLN is funded in part by ABHMS who contributed \$25,000 in 2011 to make Nehemiah happen.

As ABCOPAD seeks to help the many congregations caring for refugees who have settled throughout our Region, ABHMS has provided both funding and staff to support congregations in this effort. At the ABCOPAD Refugee Resettlement Summit held in June, 2010, Rothangliani Chhagte, Florence Li and Aundrea Alexander all attended the meeting, supporting efforts to minister to Burmese refugees who now live throughout the region.

Our own Rev. Dr. Jeff Johnson has been serving our ABCOPAD churches long before he joined the staff as our Regional Pastor with Congregations. Through ABHMS Jeff has been working with church families, serving as the National Coordinator of Evangelism for ABC-USA, sponsored by ABHMS. Jeff’s “Got Style” approach to evangelism has been helping churches share the good news of Jesus for many years.

ABHMS is a valuable partner in ministry. Currently the America for Christ offering is being received in American Baptist Churches throughout the country, including ABCOPAD. Two thirds of every dollar given to AFC supports the ministries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The other third of every dollar received stays right in the Region. Your gifts to the America for Christ Offering makes a difference in our Region. I hope you will consider taking up the AFC offering in March or April. If you need promotional material simply download it from our ABCOPAD website or contact ABHMS for assistance. Thank you for your support of the AFC offering as we seek to fulfill Christ’s mission in our world. ■



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*Continue teaching these things, warning people in God’s presence not to argue about words. It does not help anyone, and it ruins those who listen. Make every effort to give yourself to God as the kind of person he will approve. Be a worker who is not ashamed and who uses the true teaching in the right way. Stay away from foolish, useless talk, because that will lead people further away from God.*  
 2 Timothy 2:14-16 (NCV)

Friends, with the advent of the Leadership Learning Communities (LLC) around the corner, I’ve decided to let you know of my heart concerning this new ABCOPAD ministry. What does it mean to be an unashamed person that God approves of?

Several months ago Frank asked me to develop the LLC ministry. I asked if what he was talking about was what Rev. Dr. Reggie McNeal had written about in *Revolution in Leadership* (1998)? After some discussion, the answer was yes. Reggie

was one of my professors at Fuller Seminary and is one of the recognized leaders in the Missional Church movement.

At the core of what Reggie presents are two things: 1) Pastors need lasting deep friendships that are accountable and 2) Pastors need to be challenged to keep up to date in their studies on what God is doing in Christendom. Also, that these two things are best met in small groups of people dedicated and committed to learning from each other. I had three classes with Reggie, and he promoted this idea in each one. This is Reggie’s way of giving a scorecard for being approved in God’s eyes.

Frank and I know that we have set the bar high with asking the groups to read 10 books in a year. Read and glean information does not necessarily mean apply, although we will be pleased with some application! Some pastoral leaders have pushed back a bit at this and said that 10 books was just way too much to ask. Some pastoral leaders wondered why we didn’t attempt to do more – and could they suggest a book? The regional pastoral staff regularly reads about 20 or more books a year – many of them the same books so that we can talk about the principles and see what might be helpful to the larger body of Christ that we serve. It’s not uncommon for us to review three books a month at a staff meeting. We use our Amazon Kindles® to read to us while we drive – that’s how this is possible.

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We really believe that the books that were chosen by the regional pastors are ones that will bless the pastors who read them personally and professionally. As of today we have eight LLC groups that have formed, representing over 30 of our ABCOPAD pastors (or 10 percent). This is a *praise the Lord* moment because this was our goal. Personally, I had hoped to beat the goal, but reaching it is a good benchmark as we begin. ABC of the Northwest has been doing this for many years and their LLC groups expand yearly into new areas. (FYI – they also choose 10 books a year.)

God is moving and His people are responding to Him. The books we have chosen are examples of God's movement and faithfulness to equip His people for ministry. Our aim is to learn and be inspired. May He be glorified in our efforts to *prove faithful*.

### SPRING PASTORAL RETREATS

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer  
(All participants receive a FREE copy of Dr. Spitzer's new book from Judson Press.)

Camp Judson – April 26 – 28

Camp Ichthus – May 3 – 5

**Retreat registration deadline is Friday, April 15.**

To register, send an e-mail to Carol Bicking at [cab2644@aol.com](mailto:cab2644@aol.com) and include the following:

1. SUBJECT LINE: Pastor Retreat Registration
2. Your name
3. Which retreat you are attending: East or West
4. The church you serve
5. Your address
6. Your phone
7. Your e-mail ■



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The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Johnson joined our staff officially on Tuesday, March 1. As Jeff begins his ministry in our midst, we would ask you to be remembering him in prayer, especially as he and his family continue to look for a home in western Pa. ■



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Get your kids to an ABCOPAD Camp this summer! There's one near you!

- Camp Judson, North Springfield, Pa. – [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com) – 814-922-3834
- Camp Carmel, Dunbar, Pa. – [www.campcarmel.com](http://www.campcarmel.com) – 724-986-0993
- Camp Blue Diamond, Petersburg, Pa. – [www.bluediamond.org](http://www.bluediamond.org) – 814-667-2355
- Camp Swatara, Bethel, Pa. – [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org) – 610-933-6235
- Camp Ichthus, Palmerton, Pa. – [www.campfish.org](http://www.campfish.org) – 610-410-5871
- North Country Camps, Wellsboro, Pa. – [www.ncbym.com](http://www.ncbym.com) – 570-297-4257

## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE REGION

### ABINGTON ASSOCIATION

**Pastor Ginger Daubenhauer** of *Trinity, Scranton*, sponsored a Healing Service, on Sunday, Feb. 13, during the 11 a.m. worship celebration. Over 100 people were in attendance. All those who were suffering physically, mentally or spiritually were prayed over. Congregants could also ask for prayer for family members or friends. Pastor Daubenhauer used anointing oil on those desiring it. Tracy Smith, Gloria Seigle and Pastor each gave an individual prayer, as well as laying on of hands to each person who came forward. The award winning Gospel choir, URBANE, under the direction of Meredith Lamm-Ashton, sang for this special and very moving service. There were also Praise Dancers and soloists during the service. ■

### BRADFORD ASSOCIATION

The Bradford, Northumberland and Tioga Associations' 2011 Student Ministries Lock-In was held at the Williamsport YMCA. The event started at 10 p.m., just as the YMCA was closing to the public. Throughout the night students and adults were able to use many of the YMCA's attractions including, Volley Ball, Basket Ball, Swimming, Racket Ball, and Roller Skating. Pastor Scott Warren from the Muncy Baptist Church spoke to students about following Jesus, while Ben Nevin led the group in games designed to help youth and adults get to know one another. Babette Perednia assisted in a time of worship with singing and praise. Everyone enjoyed pizza at 1:30 a.m., and a great time was had by all. ■

**Pastor Myra Goss** shares that the adult Sunday School class of *Coryland* church is currently studying the book *Outflow* by Steve Sjogren and Dave Ping. One of the things this book inspired was a discussion about how we can do outreach projects for the church. Several ideas were bounced around until we decided to do "Potato Soup in a Jar" for Valentine's Day. This way we can continue to let people know that we think of them, not only just at Christmas time, but all throughout the year as well. The jars come with a label that says "We're sending a little soup

*your way to say, 'God Loves You!' Happy Valentine's Day (or Have a Great Day)."* Your *Coryland Church Family & Friends*. These are being given to people who live in the neighborhood, as well as our own folks who have been shut in this icy winter. We gave away 32 jars. ■

Sponsored by the Bradford Tioga Associations' ABWM, the **31st Annual Women's Retreat** will be held Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30 at the Mt. Zion Retreat Center in Roaring Branch, Pa. The theme is "Ruth and Naomi – A Mentoring Relationship," and the speaker will be Thelma Schaller. Cost is \$65. The registration deadline is Friday, April 15. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please call Suzette Bates at 570-596-2249. ■

### CENTRAL UNION ASSOCIATION

**Kathryn Eagles** (*Upper Merion, King of Prussia*) shares: UMBC sent a team to help the members of Iglesia Bautista de El Cristo, Cuba renovate their crumbling sanctuary. Art Munson, Sandy Schoeninger, Betty Leander, Pam Yong, Jose and Iva Norat, Werner Anderson, and Kathy Eagles spent a week digging trenches, shaping and tying rebar, scraping walls, and moving mountains of sand, gravel, dirt, and debris. We worked alongside Cuban Christians who not only appreciated our help but also inspired us with their vibrant faith and joy. During the week, we worshiped at a variety of churches. In the face of government oppression and severe economic hardship, the Cuban Church is growing rapidly as "houses of prayer" multiply throughout the cities and countryside.

On Wednesday, March 16, Cathie Holmes, a missionary to India for more than 35 years, will speak at our annual Mission Conference. The Conference begins at 5:45 p.m. with a dinner. On Sunday, March 20, at 9:30 a.m., we will have a Fair to promote the variety of ways to "plug in" to service both in the church and in the community. During the 11 a.m. worship service, members of the Cuba Team will present our experience in Cuba through pictures and testimony.

After Easter, our congregation will examine the book, *Outflow*, by David Ping and Steve Sjogren. There will be a sermon series, and small groups will be formed to engage the concepts presented by the authors. On the final Sunday, the congregation will be dispersed into the community for a day of service. After the service project is completed, the congregation will return for a worship celebration and a luncheon. ■

### CENTRE ASSOCIATION

**FBC, Hollidaysburg** (*Cory Hartman*) will be hosting a seminar entitled: "Mentoring Ex-offenders." How can you offer the light of hope? Rev. Roy Johnsen, pastor of Westgate, Lancaster, who has more than 25 years of experience ministering to prisoners in prisons and after release, will be offering a unique opportunity to anyone who is interested in learning what they can do to end recidivism in our area and to reach out to the incarcerated. He will discuss: Corrections in Pennsylvania, Unpacking the Mentoring Relationship, The Addictive Personality, The Criminal Mind, Codependency and Enabling, and How to Custom Design a Vital and Viable Ministry. Although the primary thrust is prison ministry, the application is far broader. Mentoring and discipleship are synonymous, and this eight-hour training seminar will enable participants to recapture the church's birthright — the formation of disciples who grow into Christ's likeness. Friday, March 18, 6 – 9 p.m., and Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Hollidaysburg, Walnut & Union Sts. Registration fee is just \$10 and includes Saturday lunch. You may pay in advance or at the door. To register, call 696-3027 or e-mail [info@firstbaptisthpa.com](mailto:info@firstbaptisthpa.com) ■

### FRENCH CREEK ASSOCIATION

**First Baptist Church** (*David Cox*) will be doing a HOMETOWN MISSION TRIP right in **Greenville, Pa.**, June 12 – 18. Plans are to seek those who need work done at home such as dry wall, electrical work, visitation, landscaping, VBS for the kids in the area, as well as visitation with the elderly and perhaps running errands

for those without transportation. At this time, more than 80 people have signed up for this MISSION TRIP just from FBC, with others showing interest in volunteering with us from another church in the area.

Participants will pitch tents in the yard and campers will be on the blacktop parking lot. Three meals a day will be served to all volunteers. There will be Bible study and Praise and Worship for the workers and adults from the community. Each volunteer will be given a t-shirt and journal to use to write their experiences down on a daily basis as well as bible study. What a way to record memories of an event such as this!

The ball is rolling for this great adventure and folks are excited about the opportunity to serve in their hometown. The scriptures say “charity begins at home.” It doesn’t mean just our house. It includes the town you live in as well.

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I, send me!”*  
Isaiah 6:8

Please keep First Baptist Church lifted in prayer as they prepare to do the Lord’s work in Greenville, Pa. ■

### MONONGAHELA ASSOCIATION

The next **Monongahela Baptist Association Clergy and Spouse dinner** will be Monday, March 21, at Olive Branch, Belle Vernon. Pastor Ken and Paula Sommerfeldt will be the hosts. ■

**Olive Branch, Belle Vernon** (*Ken Sommerfeldt*) recently spent a fun evening of fellowship. It started off with a pot luck dinner followed by White Elephant Bingo. Members and friends brought in items from home to be given as prizes. All winners then got to pick from these items. This was a fun way to re-gift some of those unused Christmas presents. ■

### NORTHUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

A woman from **Calvary, Williamsport** (*Pete Wilson*), who tutored Saudi students at a local college, has joined a friend in starting an International Women’s Group that meets Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Calvary. The women have an English class and then have the option

of a crafts class on Tuesdays and a Bible study on Thursdays. Women involved so far are from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, Russia, Venezuela, Mexico and Burma (the Burmese family has attended Calvary for a couple of years). Child care is provided. Another woman has helped form a group to record addresses from the police reports in the local paper. They then go each week to pray at the city’s current “hot spots” for shootings, domestic violence, drug dealing, etc. We call them our CSI unit (Crime Scene Intercession). ■

On Feb. 27, a celebration was held at **Clinton, Montgomery**. *Rev. Dr. Larry LeFever* retired after serving the Clinton church for more than 10 years. Larry and his wife, Debbie, were honored in this farewell celebration. Having recently purchased a home in South Williamsport, Pa., Larry and Deb will remain in the Northumberland Association looking for opportunities to do pulpit supply or interim work. ■

### OIL CREEK ASSOCIATION

On Friday, March 4, a Clergy and Spouse dinner was held at **Crossroads Community** (*David and Katie White*). Jack and Kate Preston organized the gathering with lots of clergy and their spouses in attendance. A delicious meal was created by the head chef from Camp Judson. Much time was spent in fellowship with old friends catching up with one another, as well as new friendships being formed. Following the meal, the pastor with the longest tenure in the group, *Rev. Mark McCallion*, introduced everyone as only Mark could — bringing plenty of smiles and laughs. *Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith* provided a short program, highlighting the recent ABCOPAD Haiti Mission Trip that was supported by the Oil Creek Association. Moderator for the group, *Rev. Bob Guldenschuh*, shared that plans are underway for a future meeting. ■

### PITTSBURGH ASSOCIATION

**Save the Date!** Dr. Gary McIntosh, president of Church Growth Network and author of the included “Growth Points” newsletter will be the guest speaker at the Fall Continuing Education event on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011. The location

is to be announced. Dr. McIntosh has: served as a consultant for more than 27 years; written 18 books on church growth and six manuals on pastoral ministry; served as a pastor and CE director for more than 15 years; and is the recipient of the Donald A. McGavran award from the American Society for Church Growth, the Distinguished Alumni award from Colorado Christian University, The Donald A. McGavran award from the Fuller School of Intercultural Studies, and the Robert B. Fisher award for Faculty Excellence at Biola University. Don’t miss it! Everyone is welcome! ■

**Broad Street, Washington** (*Jay Freudenberg*) is reaching out to their community. Since the beginning of the year, the church has held two free Community Dinners with excellent turnouts. A Game Night was held on March 12. The adults go to one side of the church while the pastor goes to the basement with the children. On March 20, a Baby Dedication for John Robert Byrd will be held. The proud parents are John and Amber Byrd. The church is also currently reviewing their Constitution and By-Laws, in addition to working on a Policy Manual. Beginning March 27, a Discussion Group will be held prior to Sunday Worship. The format for the group will be decided at that time. ■

Congratulations are extended to **Marie and Charlie Brown** (*Marie, FBC, Crafton*) who are the proud grandparents of a brand new baby boy, Parker Heath, 7 lbs., 8 oz. ■

**Emanuel, Donora** (*Beverly Frank*) is looking for a temporary organist/pianist for Aug. 13 through Sept. 25. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Frank at bfrankpa@comcast.net or 724-379-8750.

**Franklin Park, Sewickley** (*Carol Ross Irwin*) will use the *Outflow* material to begin several small groups in the Spring.

The ABWM of **Monumental, Pittsburgh** (*Tom Smith*) is making blankets for local senior homes and children. Donations of yarn would be welcome. Please contact Gwen Ware at 412-849-4401. ■

The Board of Christian Education of **North Hills Community** (*Tim Spring*) is holding a workshop on “Bully Proofing Your Kids” for parents of 5 – 12 year

olds on Sunday, March 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor. The workshop will deal with the dynamics of bullying including the difference between normal conflict and bullying. Participants will discover strategies to help their children deal with bullying behavior. The workshop is presented by Joan Wolf Schenker, M.Ed. Joan is a certified school counselor as well as the Community Education Director for Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry. Please call the church office at 412-366-2662 to learn more. ■

One pound baked potatoes with lots of toppings, fresh and delicious tossed garden salad, and cakes and brownies for dessert. That was the menu for the inaugural Baked Potato Lunch at **Penn Hills, Verona** (*Ralph Prinkey*). The luncheon was held following morning worship and was a fundraiser for the church's annual fall retreat at the Whitehall Campgrounds in Emlenton, Pa. The committee baked and served about 45 potatoes for this event, which was a lot of fun for everyone.

Understanding the importance of family, Penn Hills also sponsored another Family Movie Night. This time, the featured presentation was the latest Veggie Tales release, "Twas The Night Before Easter." Eleven kids and a number of adults enjoyed the movie, snacks and time of fellowship, while the kids enjoyed an egg hunt, made some crafts and prepared holiday cards for the shut-ins. The next Veggie Tales movie night will be coming in August.

Citing the desire of the Diaconate for renewal and revival, Penn Hills has scheduled a three day revival service for March 25, 26, and 27. Calling it Renewing The Flame 2011, the theme Scripture passage is 1 Thessalonians 5:19. Pastor Ralph and the Diaconate have scheduled three days of music and revival. The speaker for each service is Pastor Scott Fairman of First Baptist Church, Apollo. The special music for Friday the 25th is Brian McClure, music minister for First Baptist Church of Pegasus, Tennessee. The Saturday service will feature the music of contemporary Christian band FIRSTthursday from Pittsburgh. Sunday morning's service will feature the music of the Penn Hills

Baptist Choir. Friday and Saturday services will be at 7 p.m., with the Sunday service at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited for a time of renewal and revival. ■

**FBC, Tarentum** (*Bob Walker*) will be hosting the Community Lenten Services again this year. Different clergy from the community will speak each Wednesday morning and local singers and musicians will provide the music. First Baptist members will be preparing and serving soup and sandwich lunches to all who attend. On Sunday, April 10, the Christian Education Board will be sponsoring a "Spring Fling" Pot Luck Social complete with Easter egg hunt and games. The Easter season is always a joyful time for the family of God, and we try to share this joy with the community. ■

### READING ASSOCIATION

**FBC, Reading** (*Mike Hall*) is hosting two special services and everyone is invited:

**Sunday, March 27, 4 p.m.** – Berks Jazz Fest, Vesper Service featuring Maria Damore Quintet with Andy Roberts

**Sunday, April 3, 3 p.m.** – Organ and Piano Concert featuring Mr. Barry Holben, vice president, Allen Organ Company. In his association with the Allen Organ Company, Mr. Holben has assisted in the design, installation and tonal finishing of many notable installations, and has been a church musician for more than 40 years.

There will be a free-will offering and reception following both services. ■

### TIOGA ASSOCIATION

An ABWM report from **FBC, Mansfield** (*Steve Case*): Our gathering on Feb. 19 was brightened with the presence of a clown! "Ima Christian Clown" (otherwise known as Myra Goss) appeared. She became Ima right before our eyes, explaining the makeup process and sharing her clowning experiences. Myra is an American Baptist pastor serving the Columbia Cross Roads Community Church. She has been clowning around for several years and takes her Christian Clown, Ima, to hospitals and shut-ins and has also worked with youth, training them to be Christian Clowns as well. A Spring Shower for our church kitchen is

planned for our gathering on Saturday, March 19. Kitchen supplies may be brought to replenish, or replace some items in the kitchen, such as dish towels, dish cloths, paper towels, and 8 oz. paper cups. Please come with or without an item! Our women at First Baptist are like the Energizer Bunny – we keep giving, and giving! *Ann Nevin* ■

The **Annual ABWM Association spring meeting** will be on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9 a.m., and ending with lunch, at FBC, Tioga. As usual, our hostess church will provide the hot dishes; the rest of us will bring salads, breads and desserts. The really exciting news is our program! As a result of the *Outflow* theme of our Biennial, our theme will be "Being the Hands and Feet of Christ." We want to know what YOUR church is doing in YOUR community to be the hands and feet of Christ. Each church will have a table – bring pictures, items, etc. – anything to show and tell what your church and your women are doing in your community. ■

### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Don't forget to check out our website often at [www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org)! ■

### CAMP JUDSON

The 3-D Youth Leader Training event that Camp Judson hosted, led by Eric Kraihanzel and Darrell Pearson, was attended by 33 youth pastors/leaders/volunteers from seven different churches. It was a great time of training and fellowship, and Camp Judson will be planning to do more of these events in the future. Judson also invites all students in grades 7 – 12 to join us for the Breakaway Retreat, April 15 – 17. The cost is \$80 for the weekend. **Managing Director Kevin Saxton** will be the speaker for the event, which will also include great food, good music, and lots of fun and friendships. Students are welcome to come on their own, with a friend or with their youth group (adult leaders included!). Finally, as of March 4, Judson is 10 percent of the way to its goal of having at least 700 campers this summer. We want to fill as many bunks as possible, because every empty bunk means we have missed an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with a child or a teenager. Please pray for us

as we pursue this goal and that God will provide us with all the scholarship funds we will need. Call the camp office at 814-922-3834 or visit [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com) for a registration form. ■

### CLI, NORTHEASTERN PA

The Church Leadership Institute of Northeastern PA, will offer a course on Clergy Ethics, Friday, May 20 (6:30 – 10 p.m.) and Saturday, May 21 (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) at Calvary Baptist Church; 42 Washington Blvd.; Williamsport, PA 17701. Contact Administrator Eleanor Siegrist at 814-944-1468 or [ewsiegrist@gmail.com](mailto:ewsiegrist@gmail.com) for more information. ■

### 2010 ANNUAL REPORTS

A new shorter version of the 2010 Cooperating Church Annual Reports has been sent to each church. It's only three pages and most of the first page is preprinted with your church information. Please take a few minutes and fill out this report. You can file your report two ways: Online at <http://annualreport.abcis.org> or by filling out the hard copy. Either way, what you are able to share concerning your church and pastor is important information, enabling us to better partner with your congregation in ministry. If you have questions or need the forms, please call 412-687-3940 or send an e-mail to [pghbaptist@aol.com](mailto:pghbaptist@aol.com). Thank you! ■

### RANKIN CHRISTIAN CENTER

Executive Director Paul Sandusky (an ABCOPAD American Baptist Home Mission Societies Special Interest Missionary) is asking for some assistance with their Pitcairn site; 428 Highland Avenue; Pitcairn, PA 15140. They are looking for a team of volunteers who would be willing to clean the building. Currently, the Pitcairn site is only using the lower floor as a food pantry. They would like to explore the possibility of utilizing more of the building for ministry. Rankin will supply all the cleaning products. They are hoping to have a team scheduled for early March. If your church would like to help, please contact the ABCOPAD Western Office at 412-687-3940 or [pghbaptist@aol.com](mailto:pghbaptist@aol.com). ■

## Celebration of Mission Giving

*This single month compared to the same single month last year.*

	2010	2011
United Mission Basics	\$45,420	\$43,677
Love Gift	\$2,712	\$2,869
Partners in Ministry	\$9,313	\$5,346
Annual Offerings:		
A.F.C.	\$2,751	\$4,323
O.G.H.S.	\$56,090	\$2,902
R.M.M.O.	\$9,257	\$10,853
W.M.O.	\$4,101	\$3,578

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### *The cumulative comparison figures*

- United Mission Basics is behind by \$4,578. The increase in United Missions (includes UMB, Love Gift and Designations) amounts to \$228 more in actual dollars that ABCOPAD received this year.
- A.F.C. is ahead by \$910. The increase amounts to \$267 more in actual dollars that ABCOPAD received this year.
- Partners in Ministry is behind by \$2,928.

### APRIL 2011 DEADLINE

Items to be included in the March issue of Notes & News need to arrive by **noon, Thursday, April 7.**

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