

Central Region Life

APRIL 2023

ANTIOCH BAPTIST SCHOOL: SPECIAL PROJECT

The Reverend Samuel P. Garmondeh (Pronounced: Gar-MON-day) is one of those men of God you must meet in person. I could see this man was on a mission for the Lord. His charismatic personality was magnetic, his passion for sharing the Gospel with children and adults was evident with every word he spoke, and his love for his neighborhood sparkled in his smile. One cannot be in this man's presence very long without knowing this man loves Jesus!

As we stood on the rooftop of the Antioch Baptist School in Liberia on a warm January afternoon, he expressed with excitement his passion for seeing the second floor (third floor in the USA) built at the school. "Can you see it?" he asked me. "We need more space so more children and youth can learn about Jesus and receive an elementary education." The school needs to expand classroom space to include high school students (10-12 grade). "We want our kids to learn about Jesus and graduate with a diploma," he shared. "With a high school certificate, our students should complete their education and transform our neighborhood and nation for God."

Jessamine and I were invited to visit the Antioch Baptist Elementary and Junior High School as International Ministries (IM) guests. Antioch Baptist School received project funds from our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) disaster relief and development offering sponsored by International Ministries' World Relief Office. The Reverend Lisa Rothenberger, World Relief Officer, encouraged us to visit this project site since I served as IM's representative to the ABCUSA World Relief Committee for the past two years. She wanted us to witness God's restorative work in Africa through the generous giving of American Baptists to the annual OGHS offering.

Rev. Garmondeh and his staff greeted us with huge smiles, warm hugs, and festive clothes the day we visited the Antioch Baptist School in the capital city. Students stood and greeted us in unison in every classroom, "Good morning, visitors. Welcome to our school." Their bright smiles, African-styled uniforms, and serious attention to their studies warmed our hearts. It was amazing to see students and teachers returning to schools that were destroyed by the Liberian Civil Wars (1980-1999), the Ebola epidemic (2013-2019) and COVID-19 Pandemic (2019-2022). It was hard to imagine the impact upon our towns and communities if our US schools were destroyed or not fully operating for forty years. Yet, Liberia has lived through these crises and is trying to rebuild (post-war reconstruction).



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Liberia Direct Baptist Missionary Conference, which sponsors the school, has been a partner of IM since 2000, yet, they have rarely received US visitors. "We are so excited you have traveled all this way to see us!" Mrs. Gamondeh explained with tears and hugs. "God has blessed us by bringing you here!" Most of the students call her "mother." We loved seeing the church's commitment to prioritize this school-building project out of our mutual commitment to the dignity, liberation, and productive citizenship that require a solid educational foundation and nurture.

The construction workers were busy making mortar, setting blocks, and organizing materials as we toured the construction site and met the students in the classroom (yes, the kids attend classes as the building undergoes construction). "We used to teach in grass huts before the block school was built," a teacher told us. "During the rainy season (wet and cool every day for six months), the water and mud would come into the classrooms, as well as snakes, spiders, and mice. But now, thanks to the new building, we do not have to worry about that anymore." The local community and church built the ground and first floors in partnership with the OGHS sharing. Now, a second floor (third floor in the USA) is needed to expand the educational opportunities for the neighborhood

There are roughly 150 children attending classes from preschool age to Junior High in this private Christian school. We visited each classroom to encourage the students to "study, study, study." Seeing the girls' faces light up was a joy when I introduced Jessa as an Ottawa University Dean's Scholar and an ABWM Central Region Scholar. "You, too, can become a scholar," Jessa shared. "You can become anything God wants you to become: a teacher, a scholar, a doctor, a nurse, or even a president" (referring to Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberia president (2006–18) and the first woman to be elected head of state of an African country). We encouraged all the students to stay in school and help rebuild their nation.



There were children and youth who would like to attend school, but the classroom space was limited, and the students must wear uniforms and pay tuition. We met two boys drawing water from the well outside the center. "Would you like to go to school?" I asked the boys. "Yes!" they both exclaimed. "But we don't have the money, and the school is full," the older boy shared. "These are the boys who need us, and they need Jesus." Rev. Garmondeh shared. "These are the kids who hope to come when we build the new floor."

By God's providence, Jessamine and I were able to visit Antioch Baptist Elementary and Junior High School the same year it was selected to be the American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) of the Central Region Special Project. ABWMCR selected this mission school in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, for this year's Special Project: a grant of \$30,000.00, which will provide for the construction of the second floor of the building – bringing the building to three-fourth completion of construction! The long-term vision of upgrading the school to include Senior High grades and vocational training classes is critical to the local community and the nation. Completing the construction will serve as leverage and motivation to secure funding for finishes and furnishings for this second floor – desks, chairs, tables, boards, plumbing, etc. We are told, "One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) grants and local resources have resulted in constructing the ground and first floors of a four-floor school building – providing eight classrooms."



The construction and educational expansion attracted additional students, creating a need for more space! A good "problem" to have. HOW WE WILL HELP: DONATE! Men and women can give to the ABWMCR special project through their church or online. Learn more at <https://www.abwmcr.org/special-project>.

"The biggest joy I receive from the Lord," Rev. Garmondeh told me, "[was] seeing the transformation and growth my service has brought to the community, the church, and the nation as a whole by God's grace. The greatest of it all is serving God through the ministry at Antioch; bring me too much joy."

I hope to return as a guest to Liberia next year with a group of mission-loving Christians from the Central Region. We will plan a stop at the Antioch Baptist Church and School to witness God's work and hopefully see students in the new classrooms the ABWMCR funded. Please give generously – and sacrificially – to this year's ABWM Special Project. And, pray for the students, staff, principals, and nation of Liberia as they rebuild their school system and buildings!

Blessings,
The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter
Senior Minister at West Side Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas
Vice President of the Board of Directors, International Ministries

ABWMCR Special Project can be sent to:

Alice Gruber
ABWMCR Treasurer
1768 K-106
Minneapolis, KS 67467



INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES MISSION DISCOVERY TOUR TO LIBERIA, AFRICA:

Join IM Area Director Charles Jones on a Discovery Trip to Liberia, May 24 - June 2, 2023. It is an opportunity for a team of twelve people to meet with the IM partners: Link Aid International, Liberia Baptist Missionary & Educational Convention, the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, Ricks Institute, Lott Carey Baptist Mission, Liberia Tribal Baptist Convention, and the Liberia Direct Baptist Missionary Conference. A unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the historic relationship between American Baptists and Liberian Baptists, and between Liberia and the United States of America.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 24

[More Information Here](#)



AUTONOMY IN BAPTIST LIFE

REV JENNIFER SCHNEIDER, ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE MINISTER

One of the critical foundations of Baptist life is the idea of autonomy. Autonomy means that each Baptist church chooses its own pastoral leadership, determines its worship style, decides financial matters, and makes its own decisions about how the church will relate to other communities of faith and institutions. Baptist denominations and other organizations, such as associations, regions, and national conventions, have no authority over an individual Baptist congregation. Baptists believe the government or denomination has no authority to tell a Baptist church what it must believe or how it must worship. Jesus Christ is the only authority.

Recently, it has been reported that the Southern Baptist Church Executive Committee voted to cut ties with one of the largest churches in the US, Saddleback Church. The reason stated was that the church called Andy Wood as Pastor Rick Warren's successor and his wife, Stacie Wood as a teaching pastor. Saddleback was one of five churches the denomination determined "no longer in friendly cooperation" because of theological differences.

American Baptist churches strongly believe in the autonomy of the local church. We believe no denominational authority has the right to tell a community of faith what they must believe, how they should worship, or who they call as pastor. We believe individual churches cooperate with one another to do ministry we cannot do alone. ABC churches are called to support and encourage each other so that we might be more effective in sharing the Gospel and meeting the needs of God's people.

As region staff, we support and encourage our region churches and pastors. We do not have the authority to place pastors or decide individual church business. Instead, we seek to provide resources, encouragement, and advice when invited. We are thankful for each uniquely different church and the opportunity to do ministry together. Please contact any of us if you have questions or desire assistance.

"To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen". Ephesians 3:21



GOOD FRIDAY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – TOPEKA
3033 SW MacVicar Ave
April 7th, 2023
7:00 pm

Combined worship service with:
First Baptist Church – Lawrence
First Baptist Church – Topeka
New Hope and Love Community Church
New Life Baptist Church
West Side Baptist



[Link to Good Friday Livestream](#)



Rise Up O Men of God



It is time for men in our American Baptist Churches of the Central Region to do just that, "Rise Up!" Our organization has struggled for several years and the pandemic didn't do us any favors. Rusty Boyer has faithfully and courageously led us the last several years as our President and now that mantle has been passed to me. I want to rejuvenate enthusiasm in the men of our region to serve God while serving others. I will be setting up meetings in all of the Central Region areas to launch a "20 for 20" campaign.

The campaign is to sign up 20 men for \$20 each to be a part of the AB Men ministry. The goal is to update our database, increase membership, identify projects within the churches of our region and raise finances to carry out those projects. I know some are thinking, our church is too small and we don't have that many men. Then adapt it to 10 for 10 or 5 for 5, even one man is a start! AB Men Disaster Relief will still be a large part of our ministry but I believe we have churches throughout the Central Region that could benefit from some help completing projects from painting to new roofs. It all starts with men willing to get involved and participate in our organization.

I am excited to get started with the meetings Region-wide. Stay tuned for the date, location, and time in your area. I am making the same challenge to AB Men that I made to my congregation here at First Baptist Church of Milton, "Let's dream big and watch God do something Spectacular!" I have included my contact information, project application, and Rise Up Registration below.

In Christ's Service,
Rev. Mike Justice
American Baptist Men President

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Norwich, Ks. 67118
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Church#620-478-2486
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Project Application

Church name _____

Address _____

Pastor or AB Men Representative _____

Contact # _____ **email** _____

Brief description of project:

➤ **RISE UP REGISTRATION**

Benefits of Volunteering

Prairie Homestead Senior Living

April 16th -22nd is National Volunteer Week and a great time to recognize volunteers and also inspire others to consider volunteering their time and talents. Recently, Connie Adams gave an inspiring interview about the benefits of volunteering.

Interviewer: Connie, we know you volunteer for multiple organizations sharing various skills. Can you share those with us?

Connie: "I have been playing piano for a hymn sing-along every Monday afternoon at Prairie Homestead's Assisted Living for 11 years. I love playing and leading the songs residents choose. It is special for them to be able to sing their favorites from our hymnal. One gentleman LOVES the tunes by Bill and Gloria Gaither, so I have a list of page numbers for all the Gaither songs handy to help him find them.

I have been volunteering for 12 years at Wichita Friends School (Quaker), teaching singing and rhythm, Godly Play Bible Stories, and leading our weekly worship with 34 2 ½ to 9-year-old children. I also serve on the Board of Directors for the school. It is fun to sing and play piano with my Assisted Living friends on Mondays and with my school kiddos using guitar on Wednesdays. The children love hearing stories about my Assisted Living "older" friends! I think the two groups keep me balanced.

I've led singing prior to our worship time each Sunday at Heartland Friends Quaker Meeting, using my guitar, since 2011. Like at Assisted Living, I encourage my Quaker Friends to choose what they want to sing. Every now and then someone chooses a hymn we haven't done before, and I am scrambling to figure out the guitar chords as we sing. That is a brain work-out for me!

At Prairie Homestead, I also direct our Hand chime Choir and arrange music for them. This is a fun social activity for all of us. I think we laugh as much as we ring chimes. Reading music and coordinating the notes held in both hands is also a very healthy brain exercise. I tell choir members that they are doing dementia-prevention by rehearsing chimes each week. We prepare 3 or 4 30-minute programs each year to play for our Independent Living residents, and we take these programs to our Assisted Living facility and to the Homestead Health Center nursing home. Since we're all friends, sharing the same adjacent campuses, our AL and HHC concerts are a reunion time for us with people who were once part of the Independent Living community. It is fascinating to me that profoundly hard-of-hearing folks can hear the piercing ringing music of the hand chimes, even when they don't hear talking or vocal groups easily. That makes what we do at the nursing home very special.

I also maintain the resident Library at Prairie Homestead. In July 2011, after I had been here 1 month, the resident in charge of the Library, who was dealing with fading eyesight, told me she was going to announce to the Resident Council the next day that I would be taking over as the new librarian. She didn't ask. She made an executive decision. That is how I became the campus librarian. She and I have laughed about it a lot. Since I am a life-long advocate for literacy and reading, it is a management task I enjoy. I'm proud of the quality of our library collection, and grateful for the annual budget we receive from the Prairie Homestead office to spend on new books that residents request.

We have a lot of avid readers on our campus, so it is good to have good books easily available. And, since we're all retired, we can make up our own rules. There is no time limit for how long a book can be kept out, and no limit on the number of books one person can take. Reading retirees rock!"

Interviewer: That is terrific! Please share why you volunteer.

Connie: "I volunteer because that was always my retirement plan – to share what skills I have with others at "high-energy" times for me. I can do my fun activities during the day instead of in the evenings after working an 8-hour day! There is a song, "Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more." That is so true. My days are filled with love shared with and received from youngsters, oldsters and in-betweens. I am walking down paths of Love that God has given me."

Interviewer: What an inspiration you are! Anything else you think others would find helpful or encouraging words you'd like to share?

Connie: "Having the health and energy to volunteer is a gift I have received from God. And I truly believe I receive more than I give. In addition to the love and friends I have through volunteering, being active physically and socially keeps me happy and healthy. I have friends who volunteer with Meals on Wheels, at the Food Bank, with the International Rescue Committee, as elementary school reading partners, and with other social service groups and they are all happy, joyful people."

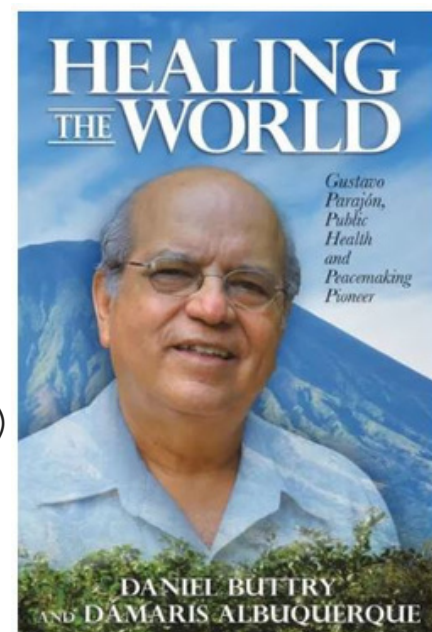
During the month of April, volunteers will be recognized and thanked. April is also a time to inspire others to consider volunteering of their time and talents. Volunteering efforts make a tremendous impact on the lives of others. If you would like to start volunteering, most communities have many different opportunities. As Connie has done, consider your talents and the things you love to do, and then find an organization that could benefit from you sharing. The benefits will be rewarding!

A LIFETIME OF SERVICE...

Romans 12:13 – "Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home."

Gustavo Parajón (1935-2011) could have been a successful medical doctor in the United States. Instead, he moved his young family to Nicaragua and served the people of his home country.

During his lifetime, he was many things to many people. He was a medical doctor who launched a campaign to rid his country of many common diseases. Following the massive 1972 earthquake that crumbled Managua, Nicaragua, Gustavo gathered church leaders and together they developed a program that would have a deep and lasting impact on the poor of their country. When First Baptist Church of Managua found itself without a pastor, Gustavo filled the vacancy. During Nicaragua's civil unrest (1978-1989) he visited insurgents and Government leaders alike to promote peace; always traveling without bodyguards. During the armed conflict in Nicaragua, the Parajón family welcomed refugees into their home from either side of their nation's conflict.



UNSHAKEABLE FAITH

life above the chaos

ABCCR CAMPING 2023

CAMP CHRISTY

- June 5-9: High School; \$229
- June 12-16: Middle School; \$229
- June 19-23: Junior Camp; \$229
- June 26-28: Primary Camp; \$124
- June 29-30: Day Camp; \$90

CAMP WHITE MEMORIAL

- July 7-9: Primary Camp; \$260
- July 10-14: Junior Camp; \$355
- July 10-14: High School Camp \$355
- July 17-21: Middle School Camp; \$355



**"NOW FAITH IS CONFIDENCE IN WHAT WE HOPE FOR AND ASSURANCE ABOUT
WHAT WE DO NOT SEE."**

HEBREWS 11:1

Ages for camp are what the student will be in the fall

High School grades 9-12

Junior grades 4-6

Middle High grades 6-8

Primary grades 2-4

PLANNED GIVING

April 15th is an important day to remember! It's Husband Appreciation Day, Record Store Day, Rubber Eraser Day, Take a Wild Guess Day, Titanic Remembrance Day, World Art Day, and World Circus Day, to name a few. Still, the most important aspect of this day for us to remember is that it's the day our income taxes are due. Although this year the IRS is giving us three extra days to get our taxes done. I don't think it's because they are trinitarian, so I checked their official website. There it says that you get three extra days due to the calendar. It also says that there will be 168 million individual income tax returns filed by then, although I'm sure many or most of you already have your tax returns completed. However, we always know that there are holdouts and procrastinators, so part of this article is for you.

In Matthew 22: 15–22, the disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians tried to trap Jesus in a question about paying a poll tax to Caesar. Jesus told them to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. (v21) We must do the same if we are to be law-abiding citizens. On that note, here are a few important annual inflation adjustments for the tax year 2022 from the IRS.

- The standard deduction for married couples filing jointly rises to \$25,900 up \$800 from the previous year. For single taxpayers and married individuals filing separately, the standard deduction rises to \$12,950 up \$400, and for heads of households, the standard deduction will be \$19,400, up \$600.
- Estates of decedents who died during 2022 have a basic exclusion amount of \$12,060,000, up from a total of \$11,700,000 for estates of decedents who died in 2021.
- The annual exclusion for gifts increases to \$16,000 for the calendar year 2022, up from \$15,000 for the calendar year 2021.

If you have inherited an estate or if you just want to pay fewer taxes, receive some fixed income & support missions in our region, you could fund a charitable gift annuity and do just that! By funding a charitable gift annuity through the Kansas Baptist Convention Foundation, you can provide a stream of income for you and your spouse if you choose so, and you can also save on your income taxes for the year 2023 and provide a gift to a variety of mission partners, including your local church, various offerings, missionaries, and our region. If you were to choose another beneficiary instead of yourself and your spouse, you could bless them with income as well.

If I could be of any help or assistance in this matter of funding a charitable gift annuity, please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me. I will be most happy to provide help and assistance to you in that process.

By the way, April 15th is also known as "That Sucks Day" but I didn't think it would be in my best interest to expound on that! While the expression may be seen as derogatory, the day is not. It is based on two other tragic events that happened that day! Many of you historians will already know what they are and the rest of you will be googling it soon. Until then, happy Easter and Resurrection Sunday to you all!!

**HELPING YOU TO GIVE GENEROUSLY,
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Legacy Of Faith

CROSSROADS FAMILY GATHERING

April 15, 2023

LOCATED AT: PRAIRIE

HOMESTEAD SENIOR LIVING

1605 W May St, Wichita, KS 67213

REGISTRATION

\$5.00 per person to attend the gathering

\$10.00 additional for the luncheon

Email Cindy Fritz at cindyfritz26@gmail.com

or phone her at 785-820-1640

Please register to attend by or before April 1

Agenda

9:00-9:30- Registration Open

9:30-10:15-Worship- Chapel

Music- Meridian Ave. Baptist Church Praise Team, Wichita, KS

Devotion- Rev. Mike Justice

Milton First Baptist Church, Milton, KS

10:15-10:50-Business Session

Approve Minutes from last CRA Annual Gathering

Treasurer's Report

Vote to Approve 2024 Proposed Budget

Election of 2024 CRA Officers and Representatives

10:50-11:00 Short Break

11:00- 11:45- Prairie Homestead Presentation/Panel

Brenda Janda, Executive Director, will share about the facility while a panel of residents (including a few retired ABCCR ministers) will talk about their experiences there and in ministry

11:45- 1:00 Tours will be available for those who are interested which will end with a Luncheon featuring a buffet of lasagna, salad, and dessert

Psalms 78:4

WE WILL NOT HIDE THESE TRUTHS FROM OUR CHILDREN;
WE WILL TELL THE NEXT GENERATION
ABOUT THE GLORIOUS DEEDS OF THE LORD,
ABOUT HIS POWER AND HIS MIGHTY WONDERS.

BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - MULTIPURPOSE CENTER PROJECT

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

We are very excited to share the status of the second phase of our expansion project with you and others in our churches. Construction of our activity and multipurpose center is in full swing! Last November, the ground preparation began and now the building foundation is being poured. So many of our children and families we serve tell us **how happy they are to see Bethel Center, the place where they feel love and support**, is now being expanded to provide a larger space for them to have fellowship, learn new things, exercise and promote healthy behaviors and lifestyles. We sincerely thank our community of faith for your continued support of the Bethel ministry. Your partnership with Bethel continues to allow us to provide programs and services that help to transform lives in our community.

We hired the Miller Stauch Construction Company to build our new multipurpose center. We hit an obstacle, unfortunately, and we are hopeful that your church will help us overcome it. We must raise an additional \$800,000 to finish the construction of the new center due to circumstances beyond our control. The original construction budget prepared by our architectural firm was too low as labor and construction costs have gone up very high within the last two years.

Unfortunately, we started the second phase of the expansion project in one of the highest-inflated construction markets experienced in decades. As a result, we were forced to increase the construction budget to reflect the following:

- Inflation
- Energy Cost Increases
- Labor Shortage
- Material Cost Increases
- Supply Chain Disruptions
- General Contractor Coverage



All of this had an impact and continues to have an impact on the costs to complete the construction of the multipurpose and activities center.

Your consideration and continued funding support for this project are requested and will be greatly appreciated. Dr. Mang Sonna, the Bethel Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and those in the communities we serve acknowledge the generosity of our churches and its members. Without your support, many of the services we provide could not have been achieved.

Your support is creating a brighter future for so many children, families and Seniors who find HOPE at Bethel. We can't say thank you enough!

With deepest gratitude,

- Dr. Mang Sonna, Executive Director
- Sandra Olivas-Talavera, Board President
- Dr. Robert Southard, Campaign Co-chair
- Marylou Reiter, Construction Chair
- Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen, Board Secretary
- Rev. Richard Copeland, Vice President
- Mary Etta Copeland, Campaign Member
- John Pauls, Board Member,
- Rev. Jan Smith, Board Member



PRAYER EMPHASIS

REV. TIM SCHWARTZ



Let us pray for the Senior Adult Retreat that will be taking place on April 26th and 27th. Let us pray for all who will be traveling that they will be granted traveling mercies and safety to Wichita, Kansas.

Let us pray for Westside Baptist Church, which will be hosting the retreat, that all will go well and that many will delight in the fellowship, fun, food and Christian hospitality there.

Let us pray for Reverend Dr. Jerry Cain, who will be speaking on a text from Philippians 3:13–15, that his words will provide encouragement, challenge and motivation to continue serving the lord every day in every way. As part of his chosen scripture passage says, " I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14 (NASB)



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FOR THE 2024
PRAIRIE
PASTORS
CONFERENCE**



Upcoming Events

"No Turning Back"

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-15 MSG

APRIL 26-27, 2023

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
304 S SENECA
WICHITA, KS



DR. JERRY CAIN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Registrations are due by April 10, 2023 in order to prevent the assessed late fee. Housing is not provided but there are many reasonably priced hotels/motels in the Wichita area.

Many fun activities have been planned by the Sr. Adult Retreat Committee.

These will include:

Bible Study led by Dr. John Clark

Bells led by Jan Smith

Virtual Tours of 7 churches led by James Callaway

Chair Exercises led by Morgan Bandy

Region Moving Forward led by Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen

Getting on Down the Tracks Interest Group led by Janet Crowl

"All Aboard" craft led by Lois Chiles

Choir led by Bob Artz

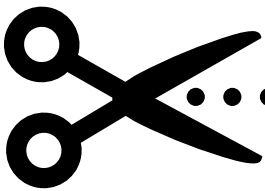
Fun coloring contest, puzzles, more fun, and fellowship.

Hope to see you there!



REGISTRATION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.ABCCR.ORG OR THROUGH YOUR LOCAL CHURCH OFFICE.

JOIN THE FUN!



ABCCR SENIOR ADULT RETREAT
April 26-27, 2023
West Side Baptist Church
304 S. Seneca
Wichita, KS 67213
"No Turning Back"
Philippians 3:13-15 (week)
Guest Speaker, Dr. Jerry Cain
Registration Deadline - April 10, 2023
*** \$10 Late Fee Assessed if Postmarked After April 10, 2023
Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be given if cancelled by April 19, 2023
\$25 non-refundable cancellation fee per individual after April 19, 2023

Name: _____ Phone: _____
(If registering as a couple, please write spouse's name below)
Spouse: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Home Church: _____
& City _____
City / State / Zip: _____ # of guests _____ Total \$\$ _____

- Full Retreat (includes program and meals) per person _____ @ \$85.00 per person _____
- One Day only (Wednesday or Thursday) per person _____ @ \$60.00 per person _____

Total Amount Due _____

Please make checks payable to **Senior Adult Retreat** and mail payment and completed registration form to:
Senior Adult Retreat
% ABCCR
5889 SW 29th St.
Topeka, KS 66614

If you are interested in finding a roommate to share motel expenses, please indicate by checking the appropriate boxes:
 Please help me find a roommate Male Female

Housing is NOT provided. Those attending the Senior Adult Retreat will need to make their own housing arrangements. Your internet search will reveal many reasonably priced motels in the Wichita area.

Dietary Requirements: Sugar Free Gluten Free

First Time to Attend the ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat? Yes No

Registration Begins Wednesday at 11:00 am Retreat Begins with Lunch at 12:00 noon

(Cut here and retain this stub for your records and information.)

ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat – West Side Baptist Church, 304 S. Seneca St., Wichita, KS – April 26-27, 2023
Registration begins at 11:00 am on Wednesday the 26th. Retreat begins with lunch at 12:00 noon.

The Sr. Adult Retreat will end mid-afternoon on Thursday, the 27th

Amount paid to Registrar: _____ Check number: _____ Date paid: _____

Application Period



All grant proposals must be received in the Region Office no later than April, 15, 2023. Successful grant applicants will be notified after the ABCCR Board of Directors meet in May. Remember, all grants shall be determined on a competitive basis according to the guidelines enclosed.

Grant money will be awarded once a year.

For more information,
contact the Region Office

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Special Ministry Grants

Do You Have an
Idea to Reach
Your Community,
But Lack the
Money??



Let Us Help.....

On February 15, 2023, the Special Ministry Grant application period opened and will continue until April 15, 2023. Special Ministry Grants are designed for those ministry opportunities you come across but lack the funding to implement. Grants will not exceed \$5,000.00 and will be approved by the ABCCR Board of Directors at their May 2023 meeting.

Click below to access the brochure and application.

Special Ministry Grant