

# Central Region Life

MARCH 2025

## 4TEN AT FBC MCPHERSON

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The region's 4Ten leadership group wrapped up their third and final event for the year at First Baptist Church of McPherson. At the third event the students take the things they learned from the past year and put them to work by serving in certain aspects of worship. Throughout the year the students learned about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how to use their gifts and strengths to serve in their schools, churches, and communities in a way that exemplifies the Lord and builds the kingdom.

Rev. Jennifer Schneider, Associate Executive Minister for the region, Morgan Aspinwall, region staff, David Vandiver, a former YLC student, and Trent Kasson, 4Ten graduate and intern at FBC McLouth serve as the leaders. We have two returning students, Emily Prater from FBC Hays and Mackenzie Moore from Garden Plain Community Church. The students new to the group are Joshua Delgado from FBC Herington, Aiden Pattison from FBC McPherson, and Wesley Rains from FBC Olathe. This group has been amazing to work with. They each possess such unique gifts and skills. During service at FBC McPherson, Mackenzie Moore and David Vandiver used their musical talents to bring special music during communion. Trent and Joshua, who have such inviting spirits served communion. Emily and Wesley tag teamed in preaching on what it means to love your neighbor, their words were deliberative and insightful. Aiden Pattison closed the service with a thoughtful and uplifting benediction.

At the end of each year the students have an opportunity to go on a mission trip. The 4Ten group will be traveling to Kodiak, AK in June where they will use their gifts to graciously serve at Kodiak Baptist Mission. Please be in prayer for the group and the work they will do. Applications for the 2025-2026 4Ten group will open this summer.



# NEWS FROM CENTRAL SEMINARY



## OPEN HOUSE

VISIT OUR NEW SEMINARY HOME

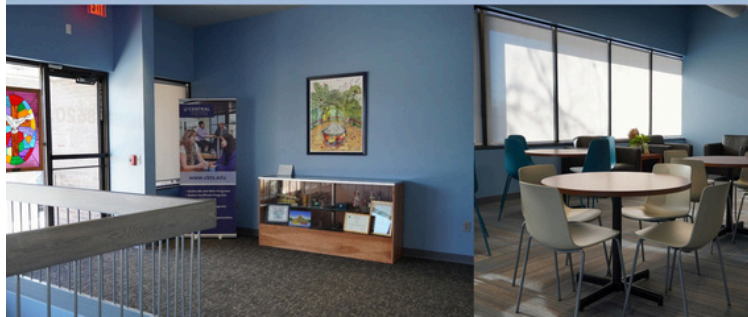
Join us for an Open House to explore Central's new main campus.

Our new space of 9,000 square feet includes classrooms, a library, prayer and reflection space, faculty and staff offices, and other shared work spaces. It is the perfect space for a global seminary in the 21st century that hosts both in-person and virtual classes.

This in-person event is at: 8620 W. 110th Street, Suite 200, Overland Park, KS 66210

Saturday, March 15, 2:00-4:00pm (CT) for a tour and refreshments.

[RSVP Here](#)



Join us for a virtual screening and discussion of Central's new 3-part video series on Cultural Competency in Congregational Leadership.

Topics covered will include Preaching, Pastoral Care, and Hospitality and Welcoming.

Thanks to the generosity of the video participants and the Henry Luce Foundation, we are proud to present this video series as a tool for congregations as they shape their own future in a multicultural world.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
7:00 PM Central Time

[Pre-register for this free event here](#)

## *Video Screening and Discussion*

Cultural Competency in  
Congregational Leadership





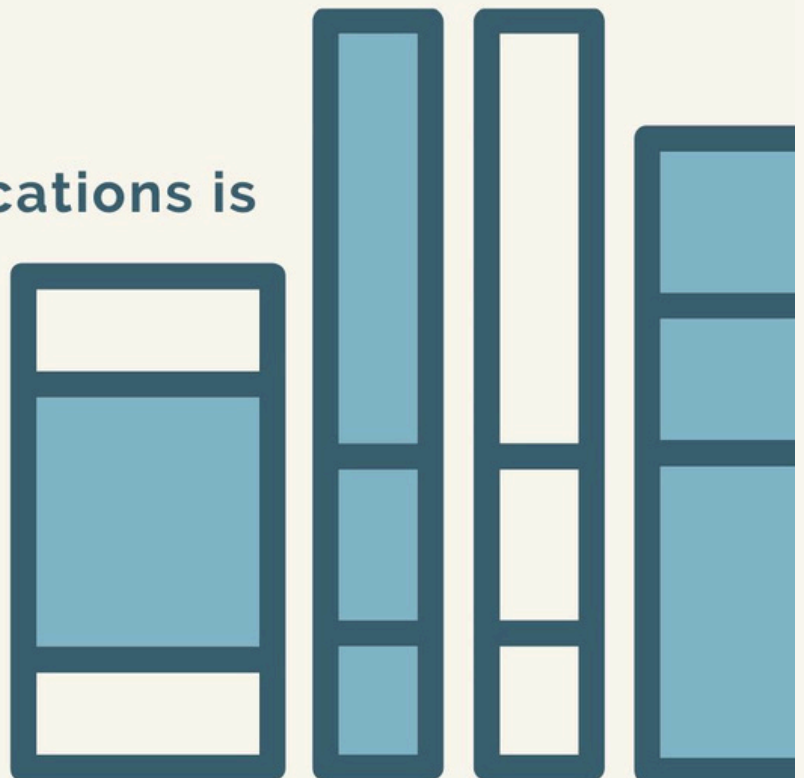
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF  
THE CENTRAL REGION

# "OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP"

This "Opportunity Scholarship" is awarded by the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region to encourage lifelong learning. It was established by the ABCCR Board of Directors in 2005. Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded each spring. This is a general scholarship to encourage higher education (beyond high school). It is a one-year award and students who wish to be considered for an additional year must reapply.

Deadline for applications is  
March 15, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)



# PLANNED GIVING

HELPING YOU TO GIVE GENEROUSLY,  
REV. TIM SCHWARTZ  
KBCF DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING  
913-424-9939 / 785-272-7622  
TIMMANS39@GMAIL.COM  
TIM.SCHWARTZ@ABCCR.ORG

Recently one of our donors, who has funded a couple of charitable gift annuities previously, asked me if the gift annuity rates were going up? I responded "no" because they are not going up at this point in time.

Some people may wonder if the interest rates for charitable gift annuities are connected to the interest rate from the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States? They are not connected. The Federal Reserve board meets eight times a year, considering aspects of our national economy and then decides whether to raise interest rates, lower interest rates or do what they did at this past meeting. They did not change the interest rates this time so they kept them stable at between 4.25% and 4.5%. Now if you were investing in a commercial annuity, that would generally be affected by the work of the Federal Reserve, but not with a charitable gift annuity.

As you will remember from reading previous articles that I have written, a charitable gift annuity is not the same as a commercial annuity. It is a split interest gift. What that means is that a portion of the gift donated goes to the beneficiary each year for the rest of their life and the remaining portion or the residuum goes to the charity or mission partners of the donor's choice. You can fund a gift annuity, but the interest rate depends on the age of the beneficiary, which is the person receiving the financial gift each year. A donor could choose himself or herself as a beneficiary and if they are a couple who decide to fund a gift annuity for themselves, then there is a separate interest rate for two lives, which is based on a second rate table. If the donor chooses to fund the gift annuity and wants the gift to go to another family member or friend, then the interest rate depends on their age.

So, for example, if you are 75 years old and wish to fund a gift annuity, choosing yourself as the beneficiary, then the interest rate for you would be 7.0%. If you are age 76, then the interest rate would be 7.2% and if you are 77 years old, then the interest rate would be 7.4% and so on and so on. Also, just so you understand, if you are funding a gift annuity and the beneficiary is a child instead whose age is between 5 and 11 years old then the interest rate for them would be 3.8%.

For many years, charities and nonprofits set their own interest rates for charitable gift annuities, but in 1927 the American Council on Gift Annuities was formed and it became a 501c3 non-profit in 1993. The council on gift annuities sets the interest rates for charitable gift annuities in our nation. The council does change the rates from time to time based on economic factors but they do not change them regularly or often like the Federal Reserve does. The rate model has historically tended to suggest a rate change no more frequently than once every one or two years.

So while the rates are not going up right now, the good news is that as you grow older and wiser and more mature, the rates do go up. That is one benefit or perk to aging! So whether you are 18 or 81 years old, you can fund a charitable gift annuity that will financially bless you for the rest of your life and provide a generous gift to a church, ministry, missionary or other mission partner of your choice.

If this is something you wish to do, please contact me at your earliest convenience and I will be happy to help you fund a charitable gift annuity. The minimum amount required is \$1,000, but you can give much more than that if you so desire. Please call, email, text or leave me a voicemail and I will be delighted to assist you with your wonderful gift!



That list of resolutions that I made up earlier was just a standard list of many things that people want to change. Still, if you are interested in the last two items on the list, I can help you with that. If you wish to fund a charitable gift annuity in this new year, I can assist you in that way. The benefits of funding a charitable gift annuity are at least three fold or triune, in my opinion. If you want to fund a gift annuity with \$1,000, \$10,000 or even \$100,000, then you can receive those three benefits or blessings. Just to be clear you can give any amount you wish, but the minimum gift is \$1,000.

The first is that a portion of the gift comes back to you, if you list yourself as the beneficiary. You can also include your spouse in that as well, which is called a two-life annuity. Based on the amount of the gift and the age or ages of the beneficiaries, a certain percentage of this split interest gift comes back to you in a payment that you will receive till the end of your life.

The second benefit will help you accomplish your resolution to give more money to missions and the church because you can choose the mission partners that your remainder amount will help when the Lord calls you home. These mission partners can include your home church, another church, a variety of offerings and a myriad of mission partners including American Baptist institutions, our Home Mission Society, International Ministries and individual missionaries that serve around the globe through I M.

The third benefit will help you accomplish that last item on the resolution list, which is to save on taxes. You will receive an income tax deduction based on the amount given to fund the gift annuity that corresponds to the remainder amount given to the mission partners of your choice. This amount is calculated by our planned giving software. Also, if you have appreciated stock and wish to use that to fund a charitable gift annuity, not only will you receive an income tax deduction, but you will receive a capital gains tax deduction based upon the amount of stock that you are using to fund the annuity. So that could be a win-win situation for you as well!

I guess there is really a fourth benefit as well because you will receive the satisfaction, joy and good feeling of knowing that you have helped a variety of mission partners to care for others and announce the good news of God's Kingdom, Jesus' love and the Holy Spirit's presence to help many more people become a part of the family of God!

If you are interested in funding a charitable gift annuity, please get a hold of me by phone or email and I will be happy to help you fund your annuity and benefit others in the process. I pray that God's grace and strength will be upon you as you work on your resolutions or choose another way to make changes in your life!



**For all girls 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up! (And all their friends!)**



**WHEN: Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm**

**WHERE: First Baptist Church Ottawa  
410 S. Hickory St. Ottawa, KS 66067**

**WHAT TO EXPECT: Fun, Friends, Food, Games, Crafts...**

- **Come celebrate the spring! “Plant” some memories!**
- **Grow as we dig into in God’s word**
- **Enjoy yummy food for breakfast and lunch (we made!)**
- **Make some new friends (young and old!)**

**REGISTER HERE**



# PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD

## NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL WORLD: TECHNOLOGY TIPS FOR SENIORS

In today's digital age, technology plays a crucial role in staying connected, accessing information, and enjoying entertainment. For seniors at Prairie Homestead, embracing technology literacy opens doors to new opportunities for communication, learning, and engagement. In this article, we'll highlight the importance of technology literacy and provide practical ways for seniors to use smartphones, tablets, and social media for staying connected and entertained.

### The Importance of Technology Literacy:

Technology literacy is more than just knowing how to use a smartphone or tablet—it's about understanding how these devices can enhance our lives. For seniors at Prairie Homestead, technology literacy empowers them to stay connected with loved ones, access valuable resources, and enjoy entertainment options tailored to their interests.

### Practical Ways to Use Technology:

#### 1. Smartphones and Tablets:

- **Communication:** Seniors can use smartphones and tablets for various communication purposes, such as making calls, sending text messages, and video chatting with family and friends.
- **Information Access:** These devices provide access to a wealth of information through the internet, allowing seniors to research topics of interest, read news articles, and explore educational resources.
- **Entertainment:** Smartphones and tablets offer numerous entertainment options, from streaming movies and music to playing games and reading e-books.

#### 2. Social Media:

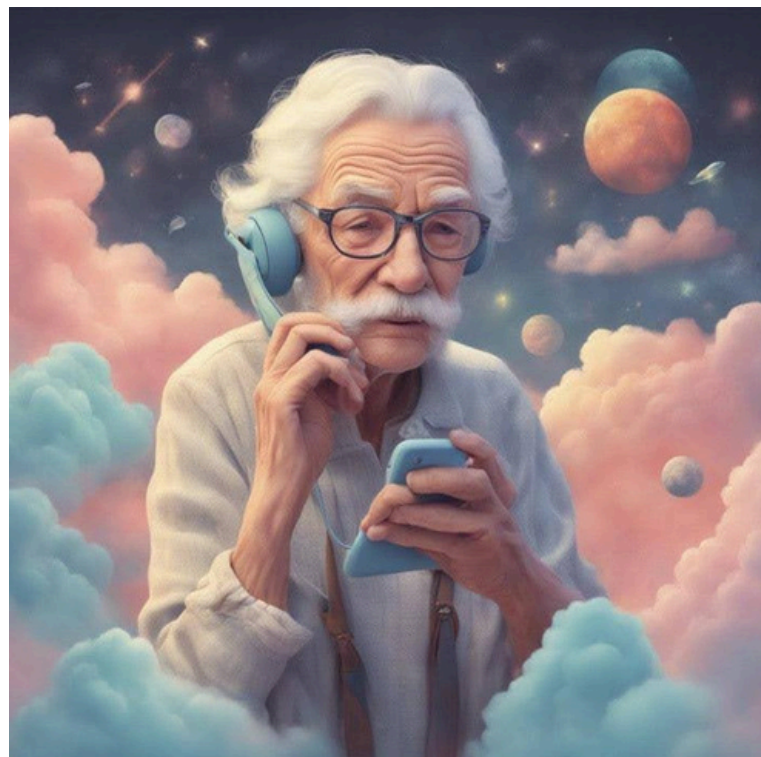
- **Connection:** Social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram enable seniors to connect with friends, family, and peers at Prairie Homestead and beyond. They can share updates, photos, and memories, fostering meaningful connections and relationships.
- **Interest Groups:** Many social media platforms feature groups and communities centered around specific interests or hobbies. Seniors can join these groups to connect with like-minded individuals, share experiences, and participate in discussions.

### Tips for Seniors Getting Started with Technology:

**1. Start Small:** Begin by familiarizing yourself with the basic functions of your smartphone or tablet, such as making calls, sending messages, and browsing the internet. Take your time and don't be afraid to ask for help if needed.

**2. Attend Workshops:** Prairie Homestead may offer technology workshops or classes specifically tailored to seniors. These sessions cover topics like smartphone basics, internet safety, and social media etiquette, providing a supportive learning environment.

**3. Practice Regularly:** Like any skill, becoming proficient with technology requires practice. Set aside time each day to explore your device, experiment with different apps and features and gradually build your confidence.



4. **Stay Safe Online:** Prairie Homestead emphasizes internet safety and encourages seniors to practice good online habits, such as using strong passwords, avoiding suspicious links or emails, and being cautious when sharing personal information.

**Embracing Technology at Prairie Homestead:**

Prairie Homestead encourages seniors to embrace technology as a tool for staying connected, informed, and entertained. With support from staff and fellow residents, seniors can confidently navigate the digital world and enjoy the benefits of technology literacy.

Ready to explore the possibilities of technology and stay connected with loved ones at Prairie Homestead? Contact us today at [yvonne@prairiehomestead.org](mailto:yvonne@prairiehomestead.org) or visit our website at [prairiehomestead.org](http://prairiehomestead.org) to learn more about our community and available resources.

Embrace the digital world and experience the many benefits of technology literacy at Prairie Homestead. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community!

# PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD

## NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL WORLD: TECHNOLOGY TIPS FOR SENIORS

### Mark Your Calendar

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# LAMB

**American Baptist  
Women's Ministries**

**Summer Conference  
FBC Herington, KS  
June 6-7, 2025**







Let us pray for the America for Christ offering that supports our American Baptist Home Mission Society, which helps to provide funds for Bethel Neighborhood Center, Murrow Indian children's home and Rainbow Acres, just to name a few of our mission partners that it supports.

Let us pray for all the marginalized,needy, poor, homeless, hungry and disadvantaged people that this offering will help through our churches across the country.

Let us pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and discernment about how much we should give to support these missions and help others come to know Christ.

Their theme scripture this year is: "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgive you."  
Ephesians 4:32. (NIV)

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2025



GRACE UPON *Grace*

"BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING  
EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU."

EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIV)



Keynote Speaker:  
Dr. Kathy Maxwell



## PRAIRIE PASTORS

CONFERENCE



**March 31- April 2, 2025**



**Sunset Hills Baptist Church**  
**9416 Pacific St.**  
**Omaha, NE 68114**

**REGISTER NOW**



There is no registration fee unless you register for the optional boundaries training. Lodging and some meals will not be provided.



A portrait of Dr. Kathy Maxwell, a woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue blazer over a light-colored top. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

## **Dr. Kathy Maxwell**

### **Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Kathy Maxwell has served as the Central Seminary Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty since 2023, providing vision and leadership in directing and overseeing the work of all faculty and academic activities that are consistent with Central Seminary's mission, vision, unique value proposition, and all current and forthcoming strategic and culture plans.

Dr. Maxwell earned her Ph.D. in New Testament from Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Her dissertation, *Hearing Between the Lines*, explores the audience's active role in receiving and telling the story of Luke-Acts and was published in 2010 by T&T Clark. Her current research focuses on the audience's formation and participation in hearing the biblical story in ancient times and the modern world. She is particularly interested in biblical storytelling and certified through the Network of Biblical Storytellers. Dr. Maxwell is also a two-time graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, where she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Logsdon School of Theology and a Bachelor of Arts in Church Ministry.

"I have worked to develop an empathetic leadership style, specifically valuing the art of listening, the questions driven by creativity and curiosity, and the hard work of seeking common ground. My interest in biblical storytelling has played a significant role in this regard. Through the process of internalizing scripture and the regular practice of placing myself in the "sandals" of biblical characters, I have become convinced that hospitality and reconciliation are at the core of the biblical story. Hospitality and reconciliation are impossible without cultivating empathy."

Dr. Kathy Maxwell and her husband, Dr. Nathan Maxwell, and their two young sons live in the Kansas City area.



## **Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn**

### **Workshop**

Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn is an MDiv graduate from Sioux Falls Seminary and has a PhD in Theology and Apologetics from Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Parker, SD for 21 years. In recent years, he has helped develop and teach certificate, undergraduate, and graduate programs at Colorado Christian University's Lee Strobel Center. He has also served as a faculty mentor for Kairos University in Sioux Falls, SD, and has enjoyed serving on the ABC of the Dakotas Region Policy Board.

Rev. Dr. Kilbourn has great joy in seeing men and women come to understand their God-given gifts and become equipped to serve their community and ministry context for the glory of God and the going out of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He loves the Scripture from Jude 3, "Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints."

He is married to Michelle, and they have a daughter and son, Aubrey and Zack. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and tennis. He also tries to avoid getting beat at basketball by Zack and tries new lunch spots with Aubrey.



## **Rev. Mike Justice**

### **Boundaries Course Instructor**

Rev. Mike Justice is the pastor of Milton Baptist Church in Kansas. A schoolteacher when called, he earned a master's degree in Christian ministry from Friends University in 2001 by taking evening classes. The church called him as pastor in 2002.



# SCHEDULE

## Monday, March 31

**1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

Boundaries Training at ABC of Nebraska Office **(Optional)**

11244 Blondo St., Omaha, NE 68164

Cost \$50 per person

Facilitator: Rev. Mike Justice

**4:30 PM** Registration at Sunset Hills Baptist Church

**5:15 PM** Welcome

**5:30 PM** Dinner

**6:45 PM** Session 1  
Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kathy Maxwell

**8:30 PM** Fellowship

## Tuesday, April 1

**9:00 AM** Session 2

**10:00 AM** Workshop 1  
Apologetics 101: Having an Answer with Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn  
Biblical Storytelling: Dr. Kathy Maxwell

**11:00 AM** Workshop 2  
Apologetics 101: Having an Answer with Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn  
Biblical Storytelling: Dr. Kathy Maxwell

**12:00 PM** Lunch- Regions gather for lunch

**1:30 PM** Free Time  
Optional Activity: Guided tour of downtown Omaha to show pastors and guests Mission Summit location and area activities.  
Speakers and Mission Partners available  
Dinner on your own

**2:00 PM** Coffee and Conversation hosted by Minsters Council

**5:00 PM** Women in Ministry Dinner (cost of dinner on your own)

**6:45 PM** Session 1  
Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kathy Maxwell

**8:30 PM** Group Photo

## Wednesday, April 2

**9:00 AM** Session 4  
Worship & Communion





# Where to Stay



## **Omaha Marriott**

10220 Regency Circle  
Omaha, NE 68114  
402-399-9000

1.6 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

## **Hampton Inn Omaha/ West Dodge Road**

11201 Davenport Street  
Omaha, NE 68154  
402-334-4938

3.4 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

## **Holiday Inn Express and Suites Central Omaha**

8736 West Dodge Road  
Omaha, NE 68114  
402-343-1000

1.7 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

## **TownePlace Suites Omaha West**

10865 West Dodge Road  
Omaha, NE 68154  
402-590-2800

3.5 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

## **Staybridge Suites: Omaha 80th and Dodge**

7825 Davenport Street  
Omaha, NE 68114  
402-933-8901

2.5 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

## **Best Western Old Mill Inn**

650 North 109th Court  
Omaha, NE 68154  
402-431-1246

3.7 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

## **Hilton Garden Inn Omaha Aksarben Village**

6737 Frances Street  
Omaha, NE 68106  
402-334-4441

3.2 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

## **Aloft Omaha Aksarben Village**

6201 Center Street  
Omaha, NE 68106  
402-819-2500

3.8 Miles from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

# VISIT OMAHA

## GENERAL INFORMATION

<https://www.visitomaha.com/>

### FOOD

FUN FACT! Omaha has one of the highest number of restaurants per capita of all large cities in America.

#### Blackstone District Aksarben Village Downtown

Do you like Reubens? They were invented in Omaha! Check out these restaurants claiming to have the best one!

#### **Restaurants near Sunset Hills:**

Cheesecake Factory  
PF Changs  
Bonefish Grill  
Wheatfields bakery  
Brother Sebastian's Steakhouse

#### **Local Coffee Shops:**

Zen Coffee Co  
Stories Coffee Co  
Village Grinder  
Cafe Botanica



### ACTIVITIES

Beautiful Downtown  
Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium  
Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge  
Lewis and Clark Museum  
Riverfront area  
Axe Throwing!  
Top Golf  
Multiple Mini-Golf locations  
Escape Room  
Archery games  
Spielbound board game cafe  
Joes Indoor Go Kart Track  
Scorz Sports Center  
Fontanelle Forest

### SHOPPING

Aksarben Village  
(Yes, Nebraska spelled backward)  
Nebraska Furniture Mart  
(The Original)  
Oak View Mall  
Old Market  
Regency  
Westroads Mall  
The Shops of Legacy  
Nebraska Crossing Outlets





Join us as we celebrate 114 years of  
service to our community!



# *Bethel Neighborhood Center Birthday Gala*



**Friday, April 4, 2025**

**6:00pm-6:30pm - Facility Tour**

**6:30pm - Dinner**





Registration Information & QR:  
\$100 Per Ticket



Location:

Bethel Neighborhood Center  
14 S 7th St. KCK 66101

Contact Mang Sonna @  
msonna@bethelcenter.org





# Metamorphosis

Crossroad Area Family Gathering

April 12, 2025

FBC Minneapolis

213 E 2nd St, Minneapolis, KS

67467

\$5.00 per

Person to Attend  
the Gathering

Email

[crossroads@abccr.org](mailto:crossroads@abccr.org)

to Register





# Schedule

9:00

Registration

9:30

Worship

10:15

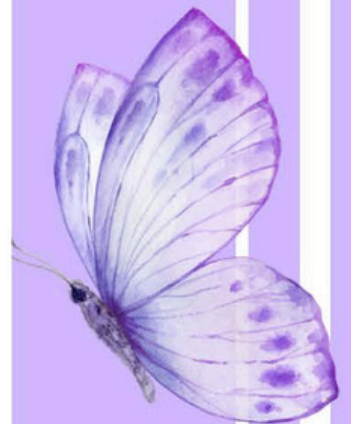
Business Meeting

11:00

Sunset Home

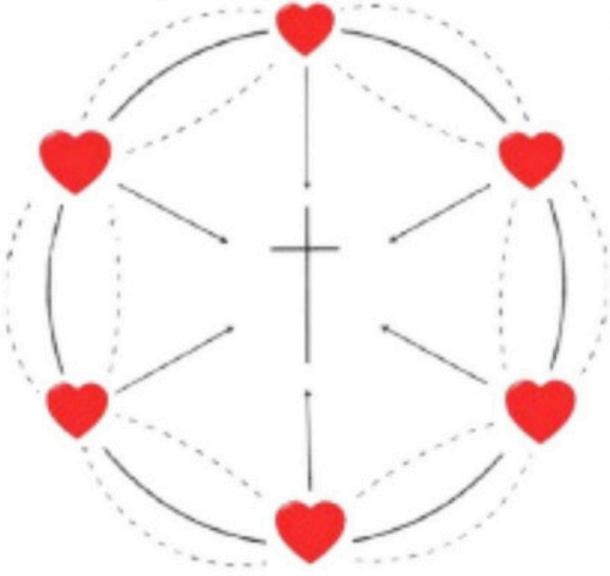
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Lunch Will Be Provided

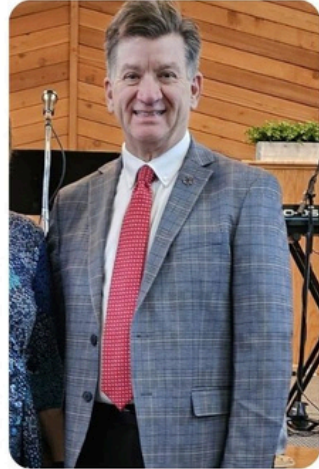


# 2025 SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

CENTERED IN CHRIST



Mark your calendars now for this event with keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops. Dr. Stoops has been engaging in a special assignment working in Mission Resource Development for the American Baptist Churches USA and is now currently serving as the interim Pastor at First Baptist Church Topeka. He previously served as the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska.



April 23-24, 2025

Central Baptist Church  
Great Bend, KS

Registration information will be available soon. Watch for more details throughout the Central Region's many avenues.

Ephesians 3:16-19

## Lodging and Hotels



Best Western – Angus Inn  
2920 10th Street  
620-792-3541  
Complimentary Breakfast

Super 8 by Wyndham  
911 Grant Street  
620-910-9523  
Complimentary Breakfast

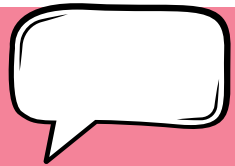
Days Inn  
4701 10th Street  
620-792-8235  
Complimentary Breakfast

Travelodge  
3200 10th Street  
620-792-7219  
No Breakfast mentioned on website

Holiday Inn  
3821 10th Street  
620-603-6565  
Complimentary Breakfast

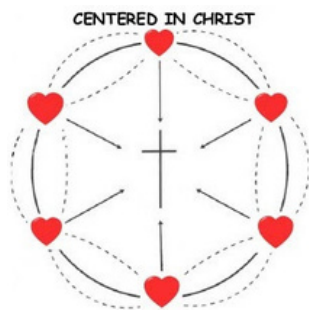
Quality Inn  
3500 10th Street  
620-793-8486  
Complimentary Breakfast

## Workshops



Handbells with Jan Smith  
Craft Class led by Janet Crow  
Spiritual Gifts with John Williams  
Choir led by Bob Artz and Ruth Clark  
All Group Bible Study with Waylon Upchego  
Walking with Jesus led by Mike Justice & Jerry Neeley





## ABCCR SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

April 23-24, 2025

Central Baptist Church, 3301 Lakin Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops

Theme: "Centered in Christ" Scripture: Ephesians 3:16-19 (NRSVUE)

First Time to Attend the ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If registering as a couple, please write spouse's name below)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

& City \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Retreat (includes program and 3 meals) per person

One Day only (Wednesday or Thursday) per person

# of Guests	Total \$
_____ @ \$95.00 per person	_____
_____ @ \$70.00 per person	_____
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	_____

### Dietary Requirements:

Sugar Free ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Vegetarian ☐

PLEASE NOTE: We will try but cannot assure to meet all dietary requirements

### Abbreviated Schedule

Wed. 11:00 AM Registration Begins

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Session #1

3:15 PM Interest Groups

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Session #2

Thurs. 8:30 AM Registration

9:00 AM Group Study

10:30 AM Interest Groups

1:15 PM Session #3

### Interest Groups (please mark preference)

3:15 PM Wednesday – Bells ☐ or Walking with Jesus ☐

4:30 PM Choir ☐

10:30 AM Thursday – Craft \$5 ☐ or Spiritual Gifts ☐

Please make checks payable to **Senior Adult Retreat** and mail payment and completed registration form to:

Senior Adult Retreat  
John Williams, Registrar  
C/O 5889 SW 29th Street  
Topeka, KS 66614

Online registration is available at [www.abCCR.org](http://www.abCCR.org)

**Registration Deadline - April 8, 2025**

**\*\*\* \$10 Late Fee Assessed if Postmarked After April 8, 2025**

**Cancellation Policy:** A full refund will be given if cancelled by April 15, 2025

**\$25 non-refundable cancellation fee per individual after April 15, 2025**

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

**ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat:** Central Baptist Church, 3301 Lakin Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530

**Dates:** April 23-24, 2025

**Registration begins at 11:00 AM, Wednesday the 23rd**

Retreat begins with lunch at 12:00 noon

Amount paid to Registrar: \_\_\_\_\_ Check number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_



"The Lord upholds all who fall and  
lifts up all who are bowed down."  
Psalm 145:14 (NIV)

You can register by  
scanning the QR Code



Age is determined by what grade the student is entering in the fall of 2025.

## CAMP CHRISTY

**JUNE  
2-6**

High School Camp: (\$280) before May 1 (\$300) after May 1

Director: Damion Denison **Registration Deadline: May 19, 2025**

**JUNE  
9-13**

Middle School Camp: (\$280) before May 1 (\$300) after May 1

Director: Damion Denison **Registration Deadline: May 26, 2025**

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16-20**

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23-25**

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Director: Becky Rider **Registration Deadline: June 9, 2025**

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26-27**

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14-18**

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