

Central Region Life

APRIL 2024

REGION OFFERING: RESHAPING MY LIFE

VUCA? What's VUCA?

VUCA: Volatile, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity changed my life! The COVID virus disrupted many lives. But, did it also disrupt your church? My church?

In the fall of 2020, the church I attend joined the ReShaping Church initiative to support the "thriving congregations" resource of Central Seminary in partnership with Pinnacle Leadership Associates and sponsored by Lilly Endowment Inc. The introductory information came from the Central Region office and emails.

Introducing the initiative was the first step, but I also had to introduce myself. I learned many new details and traits of my church friends. I began to understand why some felt one way and others felt another way. One quote that sticks with me from the first lesson states, "We change when the pain of staying the same exceeds the pain of changing". My group, led by Rev. Bill Hendricks, Interim Minister at the time, took on the HARD events in my church that had left me feeling uncertain and lost.

Of course, the outbreak of COVID was the most challenging to me. I couldn't hold my 2-year-old twin grandsons anymore. I couldn't worship in person with my church family, since all worship services went fully online. Because everyone in America was encouraged to stay at home, all informal meetings and greetings, all hugs and high-fives ceased. I became lonely for others. I missed my grandchildren, I missed my friends, especially my churchfriends. While going through all of this, the staff resigned. The pastor resigned first, and then the worship team. My heart broke, and I didn't know what to do with the VUCA in my life. I didn't even know what VUCA meant until the ReShape initiative was launched! Learning and using the ReShape information changed my life!



THRIVING CONGREGATIONS
RESHAPING CHURCH

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I am so grateful that Rev. Bill knew about this initiative because of his position with the Central Region! I am beyond excited that my church accepted the challenge to heal, and I look forward to continue working with my people to re-create a church that is in love with the Trinity, and has slowly worked through the ReShape process to create a loving congregation who has a more relaxed worship climate, small groups, equip classes, and service opportunities with our neighbors. The best part is, we're growing!!

ReShape presented me an opportunity to really look at the volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity I was walking through! I learned and created a means to teach discipleship groups, discern my weaknesses, and become a critical thinker in a non-threatening environment. It was at the end of this initiative that I heard God's call to become a leader in the AB Women's Ministries of the Central Region. When that phone call came, I knew my answer would be "Yes"!

Mona Huggins,



What is region offering? Why is it important? What does it do? I'm sure these are all questions you have asked when you hear the topic of region offering come up. Region offering is the lifeblood of the work that the region does in aiding churches in building the kingdom of God.

When you contribute to Region Offering, your generosity plays a vital role in the construction of the Body of Christ within the Central Region. Your gifts take on various forms, acting as the arms of the region staff. Region staff aids in facilitating effective service to pastors and churches. Region offering helps serve as the head of support staff, supporting essential functions like information distribution and financial operations.

Your contributions become the hands of Interim Ministry; providing assistance to churches in transition while seeking a pastor. You help form the heart of Annual Gathering and the ABCCR Board of Directors; acting as the central core of these crucial aspects. Additionally, your gifts serve as the feet of training events, empowering sessions that cover diverse topics such as boundaries, evangelism, stewardship, missions, and conflict resolution. Region offering also function as the legs of youth ministry, supporting activities like camping, conferences, and initiatives such as 4-Ten.

Furthermore, your contributions act as the lungs of ministry at Bethel Neighborhood Center and other institutions, sustaining outreach efforts. Lastly, they serve as the eyes of New Church Starts and Plants, enabling vision and growth in emerging congregations. Together, your contributions form the lifeblood that shapes and sustains the diverse ministries, creating a vibrant tapestry within our shared faith journey.

Over the next several issues of the Central Region Life you will read stories about the ways that region offering has aided our local churches. Region offering has helped develop new ministries, breathe life into existing ministries, and develop the kingdom of God.

To give to Region Offering, you can scan the QR code.





Kansas Zotung Christian Church in Kansas City, KS celebrate 14 years. The celebration was filled with vibrant music and dancing.



Members at FBC of Winfield gathered to celebrate a Passover Seder meal. They used portions of a Seder service written by former pastor Warren Smith for his service in 1991, making the service extra special.



The Bethel Community Garden Project at Bethel Neighborhood Center is complete with help from Bethel students, staff, and volunteers from local congregations.



The youth of FBC of Coffeyville, KS enjoy a night of worship at Winter Jam

CAPTURED!

In the Central Region



The members of West Side Baptist Church of Topeka, KS celebrate Palm Sunday.

"HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID: BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST."



The kids at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Hoxie, KS had a blast at Kids Fun Fest. They learned about the "Good Samaritan" and Proverbs 18:24- "A real friend sticks closer than a brother" by sticking one of their children's ministry leaders to the wall with duct tape.



MINISTRY IN ACTION

3D RESURRECTION

Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen, Executive Minister

Imagine it's a Sunday evening about the year 30. Earlier that day, rumors swirled about the most bizarre event ever. If rumors proved true, everything people knew would now be different. As the sun begins to set, two followers of Jesus are walking away from Jerusalem toward Emmaus. These two had been followers of Jesus for quite a while but now as they walk, they are perplexed and saddened. They hoped Jesus would save them from pagan domination. But instead, he was put to death in the most violent way people can treat one another – crucifixion.

While they walk, a stranger joins them. He smoothly merges into the conversation and it's obvious these two Jesus followers are distraught. One can't blame these two for being a little suspicious of the stranger because after what has happened in the last few days, everyone is on edge. They keep scanning their surroundings as if they're waiting for someone to jump out of the bushes and attack. As the trio moves farther away from Jerusalem, the tension eases and the two followers talk more openly with the stranger about their own hopes and dreams for the one who was crucified.

Gradually, this stranger reframes the whole discussion. He describes the history of their people in ways that are fresh and new. He adds Technicolor and a 3-D perspective to a narrative that has always been black and white. As this stranger tells familiar stories of their Jewish identity in a new way, it's as if these two followers of Jesus have been looking through the wrong end of a pair of binoculars. Everything was far away and blurry. Now, the way this stranger tells the story, everything is suddenly up close and clear.

As they got close to Emmaus, the two followers don't want the conversation to end so they invite the stranger for supper. As they recline around a table, the stranger takes a loaf of bread, breaks it apart, prays for the meal, and shares it with his new friends.

Suddenly, their eyes were opened and they knew. This wasn't a stranger after all. There was a peculiar attractiveness about this stranger that neither one of the followers could put their finger on. But in a single moment after wrestling and processing all that happened, this stranger was someone who not only knew their collective story, but knew them as individuals. Resurrection wasn't just a hope any more, it was a reality. They both saw him! Brokenness in life wasn't so hopeless anymore. Dead dreams became resuscitated hope. And just as quickly as this stranger merged into their conversation along the road, he disappeared.

Only Luke tells us this amazing story but it has become a paradigm for all of us. You and I are those two followers walking along trying to make sense of our lives and the events that come at us. We are often talking and discussing, yet not really seeing. We are often spinning our wheels in disappointment, wondering who or what might offer us the traction we desire to get unstuck. And maybe the most troublesome of all is that we have interpreted our stories in black and white, lacking color, redemption, and quite frankly life itself!

I've told this story many times and heard it even more. I've both heard the story dissected and cut it up into all kinds of empty pursuits myself. Where exactly is Emmaus? Are the Cleopas of Luke 24 and the Clopas of John 19:25 the same person? If so, that makes the followers on the road to Emmaus husband and wife and what does that mean? Does it really matter?!!! I think you get the idea. We can strip this biblical story of its power, complicate it, and add to it in ways where we too will miss Jesus just like the two who were walking to Emmaus.

What are we left with then? We are left with a story of resurrection that is meant for our ears. It's a story that we are to hear with our own ears for our own lives. If we're only hearing this story because we think the person beside us needs to hear it, Jesus will not just be the stranger on the road to Emmaus, but he'll be a stranger sitting among us right now and we won't notice him any more than his two followers did.

The story of this resurrected Jesus is for us so that we'll have a "holy aha!" in our lives too. I'll speak only for myself in this but these two Jesus followers on the road to Emmaus are my soul mates because I'm just as foolish and slow of heart as they were. There's a resurrected Jesus on the loose in our neighborhoods and if you believe that, it changes everything! But does it in my life? Does it in yours? Shouldn't it change the way we spend our money and how we treat our neighbor? Shouldn't it change what we think is important in this church and dissolve some of our stubborn ways? I think so and while I'm not there yet, I think I know the direction I'm supposed to go. Do you?

The Australian philosopher Ivan Illich said it best when he wrote, "Neither revolution nor reformation can ultimately change a society, rather you must tell a new powerful tale, one so persuasive that it sweeps away the old myths and becomes the preferred story...If you want to change a society, then you have to tell an alternative story."

We have that alternative story. Jesus was killed for us. It doesn't matter what you've done, God offers you forgiveness. God sees you through the eyes of love and offers you a new life that's yours for the taking. All you're asked to do is believe. That's not black and white. It's not a formula. It's a 3D Technicolor Jesus tale. Will you believe it and retell it?



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I don't know if you are aware of it or not, but the Kansas Baptist Convention Foundation is turning 65 years old this year and that is something to celebrate! For 65 years the foundation has been giving churches, individuals and our region the opportunity to invest in the foundation and leave a legacy for future generations of American Baptists in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Still, what does it mean to leave a legacy? A simple definition of the word is "something that is passed on." Now as far as the foundation is concerned, this would mean money that would be passed on to churches, institutions and mission partners, both locally, throughout our region and nationally. This could include ABHMS and IM, which supports our missionaries all around the globe, who have worked hard to do their own fundraising, but also could enjoy the blessing of a monetary legacy that comes from the Kansas Baptist Convention Foundation! Just to be exhaustive, there are other agencies, national ABC-USA organizations and offerings that could also benefit from a monetary legacy.

Yet, there are other ways to leave a legacy as well including your faith, ethics, core values and also your character, reputation and the life that you live or have lived. A legacy can also come through your family including your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and beyond. While many might see that as the most important legacy, I want to mention one more, which would be a home, building, monument or statue.

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While I hope to touch on this more in future articles, I want to speak to you today about one example of a legacy. My father, J Fred Schwartz, who was a farmer in West Central Illinois, in an area that abutted the Mississippi River just across from Hannibal, Missouri, decided that he wanted to leave a legacy to the city of Hannibal, which is not only the home of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, but also of Cliff Edwards, Margaret Tobin— otherwise known as “ Molly Brown” and Bill Lear, who was credited with inventing the car radio, the Lear jet and the 8-track tape player!! (I know many of you are googling now!)

You might be asking the question, “ why would my dad want to leave a legacy for the city of Hannibal?” That is because, when he was in high school, the Hull, Illinois, high school burned to the ground and because of that the good people of Hannibal, Missouri, offered to let the students from that district attend Hannibal High School for a number of years until the new high school was built in Kinderhook, Illinois, in 1951. Even though a country high school can provide a good education, my dad thought that he got a better education and the opportunity to participate in the Future Farmers of America, while attending Hannibal High School and that was a substantial educational gift to him and his classmates!

That’s part of the reason why he wanted to give the statue of a young Mark Twain at the pilot’s wheel to the city of Hannibal to be placed in the riverfront park along the Mississippi.

So he consulted with Mark Twain experts, professors and museum directors to find a photo or image to base the statue on. My father chose a photo of a young Mark Twain wearing a pompadour hairstyle with mutton chops on the side of his face. (You can see this in the photo below.) After their advising, through other connections and help, he was able to work with an artist in Taiwan, who made a mock-up of it and later it was cast and sculpted there and shipped across to California. Then a very good LDS friend of his, Keith Mackay, paid for the statue and the stone base to be shipped to Hannibal on a train.

It was dedicated on July 4th, 2003, and my father wanted me to be there to give the opening prayer with my sister, Rev. Mary Armstrong Reiner. While I wanted to be there, the only problem is I was serving as a missionary and an English teacher in Thailand and we were in the middle of the school year because the Thai schools begin near the end of May and conclude in February! So I had to get an official letter from the mayor of the city of Hannibal, Missouri, so I could get permission from the principal to come home for one week for the dedication and thanks be to God that it all worked out!

Most of us are not planning to give a statue as our legacy, but you are doing other important things to leave a substantial legacy to your family, church and community! I know by experience that many of you have your Investments, trusts and wills in order so that you are ready when the Lord calls you home. However, if you or anyone else wishes to leave a legacy through a charitable gift annuity from the foundation, please contact me by email, text, phone call, voicemail, etc and I will be happy to help you in funding a gift annuity and leaving another part of your legacy to your church, region, mission partners or offerings that will sustain and strengthen the gospel ministry for many years to come!

2024 SENIOR ADULT RETREAT



The Sr. Adult Retreat is a two-day event that brings together those 50+ for relaxation, fellowship, entertainment and learning. Plan to join in the fun at the next Sr. Adult Retreat!

April 24-25, 2024



**First Baptist Church
800 N Main St.
Hutchinson, KS**

**Keynote Speaker
Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen**

Theme – *“Preparing Seniors Along Life’s Many Seasons”* (Psalms)

Scripture – *“That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.”* Psalms 1:3 (NIV)

Why should you come to the Senior Adult Retreat?

- To gather with Central Region senior adults
- To be inspired by messages from Dr. Hemmen
- To experience the learning sessions
- To have fun and fellowship with others

Don’t miss this opportunity to be inspired and informed!



Registration Deadline is April 9, 2024

You can register online by clicking the button below or you can send in a paper registration form that can be found on the next page.

REGISTER NOW

ABCCR SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

April 24-25, 2024

at

First Baptist Church, Hutchinson

800 N Main St, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Preparing Seniors Along Life's Many Seasons
(P.S.A.L.M.S. of orientation, disorientation, and reorientation)

Psalm 1:3 (NIV)

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen

Registration Deadline - April 9, 2024

***** \$10 Late Fee Assessed if Postmarked After April 9, 2024**

Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be given if cancelled by April 16, 2024

\$25 non-refundable cancellation fee per individual after April 16, 2024

Name: _____

(If registering as a couple, please write spouse's name below)

Phone: _____

Spouse: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Home Church: _____

& City _____

City / State / Zip: _____

of Guests

Total \$\$

• Full Retreat (includes program and 3 meals) per person _____ @ \$95.00 per person _____

• One Day only (Wednesday or Thursday) per person _____ @ \$70.00 per person _____

Total Amount Due _____

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

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

Online registration is available at
www.abccr.org

Dietary Requirements: Sugar Free

Gluten Free

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

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

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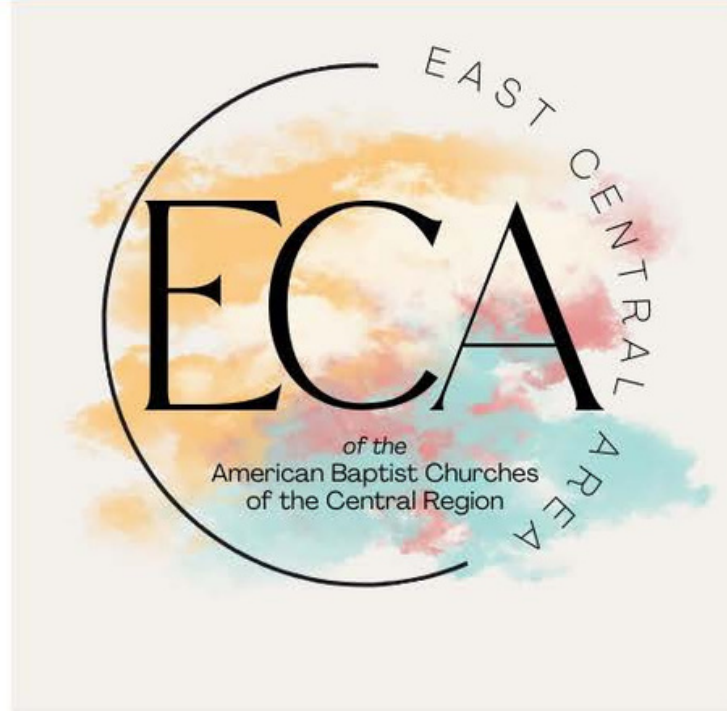
ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat – First Baptist Church, 800 N Main St, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Dates: April 24-25, 2024

Registration begins at 11:00 am on Wednesday the 24th. Retreat begins with lunch at 12:00 noon.

The Sr. Adult Retreat will end mid-afternoon on Thursday, the 25th.

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



East Central Area Relaunch Fellowship

April 28, 2024

3:00 PM

First Baptist Church Olathe

2024 E. 151st St.

Olathe, KS

All churches within the East Central Area are invited to a time of fellowship, visioning and refreshments

**Churches, please register your attenders
(requested but not required)**

at <https://ecaabccr.wixsite.com/eastcentralarea>

Mountain and Prairie Youth Conference

Register for MPYC

You can scan the QR code to access the MPYC website where you will find information about registration and access important forms. You will also be able to find information about speakers, music, and activities as it is released.



MPYC is a high school youth conference sponsored by American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains, ABC of Nebraska, ABC of the Dakotas, ABC of the Central Region, and Mid-American Baptist Churches

Get ready for an unforgettable time of inspiration, connection, and adventure at MPYC 2024! Join us in hearing from dynamic speakers, engaging in powerful worship, meaningful small groups, and exciting late night events!

You can enjoy swimming, roller skating, hiking, basketball, sand volleyball, campfires, and MORE! Your group will also have time to check out other activities offered by YMCA of the Rockies.

Don't miss the chance to be part of this transformative experience! MPYC is your opportunity to grow spiritually, connect with others, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

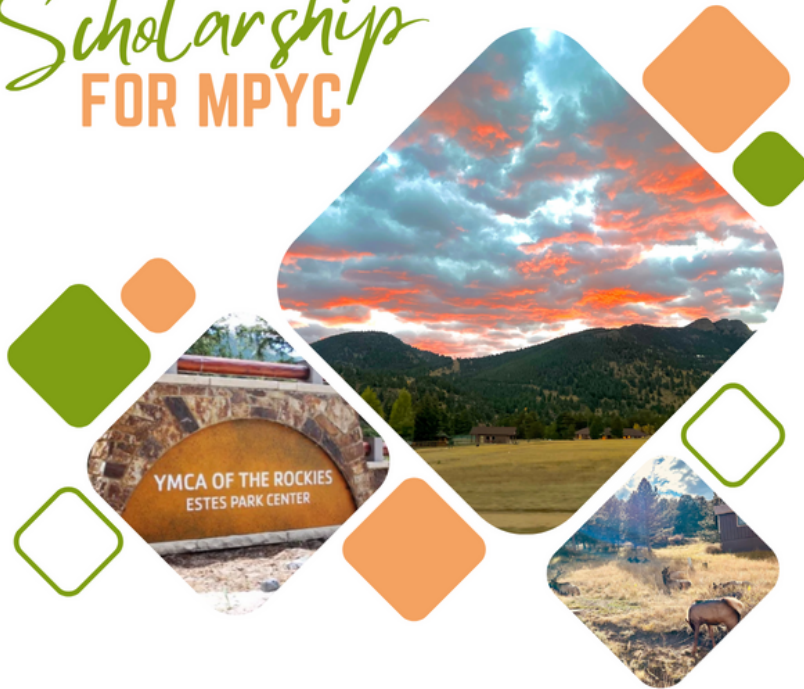


YMCA of the Rockies
Estes Park, Colorado

June 6-10 2024



CROSS WIND Scholarship FOR MPYC



[MPYC Flyer](#) >

[MPYC Postcard](#) >

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[MPYC Video](#) >

[MPYC Website](#) >

The ABCCR is offering \$120 scholarships for students and sponsors for the Mountain and Prairie Youth Conference. The first 60 students and sponsors who register by **April 1, 2024** are eligible for the scholarship. The scholarship is not applied to the deposit but to the balance.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
JENNIFER SCHNEIDER- JENNIFER.SCHNEIDER@ABCCR.ORG
MORGAN BANDY- MORGAN.BANDY@ABCCR.ORG**

PRAYER
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EMPHASIS

As we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and enter the Easter season, let us pray and ask the holy spirit for wisdom and inspiration that we might figure out new ways to present the gospel to those who have never heard the good news of Jesus life giving death and resurrection! Let us also pray for Jesus to guide us and help us to live out the gospel everyday, so that people would see Jesus light shining through us and come to know him as Savior and Lord.

As the scripture says, "Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Matthew 28:7 (NIV)

American Baptist Women's Ministries

**2024 Summer Conference
June 7-8, 2024
First Baptist Church, Topeka, KS**

Abbreviated Program Schedule

Fri.	9:00 - 9:45 am	Registration
	9:45 - 11:55am	Gathering & Session
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Workshops
	2:40 - 3:40 pm	Workshops
	3:50 - 4:15pm	Devotional
	5:15 - 6:30 pm	Dinner
	6:30 - 7:45 pm	Session
Sat.	8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration
	8:30 - 8:50 am	Devotional
	9:00 - 10:00 am	Workshops
	10:10 - 11:55 am	Session
	12:00 - 1:15 pm	Lunch & Business Mtg.
	1:20 - 2:45 pm	Session

Online Registration

ABW Website



Keynote Speaker: Mary Shannon



PAY ONLINE FULL CONFERENCE - \$100 + COVER FEES

PAY ONLINE ONE DAY CONFERENCE - \$50 + COVER FEES

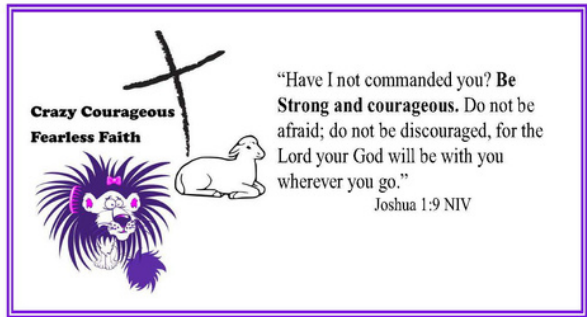
LATE FEE - ADD \$25 AFTER MAY 31, 2024

The American Baptist Women's Ministries Summer Conference is almost here! The event will take place at First Baptist Church Topeka, KS on June 7-8. It's now time to get your form and payment in either through a paper registration or through the www.abwmcr.org website. Paper registration forms can be found through the ABWM Central Connection, you can print through the ABWMCR or Central Region websites. Registration forms must be postmarked by May 31 or additional fees are added. If you do the online registration, you will be able to fill out the form and pay at the same time. Be sure to mark if you are a first-time attendee and we would like to know if you are an ABW Ministries Vital Partner. There are 9 workshops to choose from with your first and second choices. They were chosen to enhance your learning experience during the Conference so it might be a difficult choice. I believe you will have fun, hear inspiring words from our speakers and enjoy a time together with other women of God. I am looking forward to seeing you there!!

Lois Chiles, Conference Associate

AB Women's Ministries Central Region Summer Conference

June 7-8, 2024
First Baptist Church
3033 SW Macvicar Avenue, Topeka, KS



(One form per person, please)

PLEASE MARK: FIRST TIMER _____ ABW MINISTRIES VITAL PARTNER _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Address _____ Church _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Registration Costs

Full Conference \$100 (includes 3 meals) \$ _____
 One Day \$50 Fri. ___ Sat. ___ \$ _____
 If postmarked after May 31st add \$25 \$ _____
 If Scholarship Recipient deduct amount received \$ _____
 (Attach scholarship documentation)
Total submitted \$ _____

Hotel arrangements are your own responsibility

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1:20 - 2:45 pm	Session

Special Diet Needed - We will attempt to accommodate but we can't guarantee all items can be provided.
 Please specify _____

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS (Indicate your 1st & 2nd choice by **NUMBER** for EACH session from the following descriptions)

	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice
Friday 1:30 - 2:30 pm (Session One)	_____	_____
Friday 2:40 - 3:40 pm (Session Two)	_____	_____
Saturday 9:00 - 10:00 am (Session Three)	_____	_____

Refund Policy: Cancellation before May 31 subject to a \$25 Administrative Fee. NO refund after May 31. Substitution permitted by registrar only.

For paper registration - Please make check payable to:
 AB Women's Ministries CR
Add \$25 late fee if postmarked after May 31st
 Mail registration and payment to:
 Lois Chiles
 201 Cottonwood Dr., Lansing, KS 66043
 Questions - 913.727.2232/913.683.8680 or
Lchiles@kc.rr.com
Online Registration is available through May 31 at
www.abwmcrr.org

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Date Received _____ Check # _____
 Amount Received _____

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (Please designate by NUMBER your 1st and 2nd choice options for each session on the front page of this form.)

Session #1 - Friday, 1:30-2:30pm **Session #2** - Friday, 2:40-3:40pm **Session #3** - Saturday, 9:00-10:00am

1. Tour de Project – Sherill Carlson & Melissa Newberry **Session #1**
Come and explore the myriad of missions that will be recipients of this year’s project.
2. Harmony in Design – Robin Klein & Lisa Terrill **Session #1**
You will be singing praises while you craft your way to the perfect gift or addition to your home. Create a unique piece using old hymns and make it your own or for someone special. Cost \$6. Limit 24.
3. Scriptural Anecdotes to Fear (or, Claiming Courage, Crazy or Not) – Diane Hemmen **Session #1**
We will scour the scriptures for reminders of what it takes to live lives of faith more free from fear! Is it crazy to think that our lived witness to the love of God shown in Jesus Christ could be a source of courage for those beside us as well? (No!) Be warned: this hour will benefit from a Bible but not be spent solely in a chair!
4. Conference Choir – Jan Smith & Ruth Clark **Session #2**
If you have Crazy Courageous Fearless Faith in the Joy of Praising of the Lord, join Jan Smith and Ruth Clark as we prepare a song to share.
5. Harmony in Design – Robin Klein & Lisa Terrill **Session #2**
You will be singing praises while you craft your way to the perfect gift or addition to your home. Create a unique piece using old hymns and make it your own or for someone special. Cost \$6. Limit 24.
6. Women of Courage: Following Their Lead – Melissa Newberry **Session #2**
Come glean lessons from the lives of faithful, courageous women who faced great challenges in the midst of adversity. Come discover how we, as women today, can follow in the footsteps of those who have come before us.
7. Finding Courage in Grief: Supporting Others Through Loss – Jo Templin **Session #3**
A list of losses that we experience in life is inexhaustible. The grief experience is complicated and we often struggle to know how to help others through it. When someone you care about is grieving after a loss, it can be difficult to know what to say or do.
This workshop explores how people grieve after different life events and how they got through them based on a National survey as well as survey results from our own Central AB Women. You will learn practical and helpful ways to support others in time of loss.
8. Well Versed – Lisa Terrill **Session #3**
A beginner’s guide to Verse Mapping Scripture. Steps for beginners, pointers and encouragement for diving deeper into God’s word through a technique used to gain a deeper understanding. It is a method of breaking down a verse by identifying and defining keywords, historical context, alternate translations, and cross references.
9. Bible Emoji – Jordan Fritz **Session #3**
You will be divided into teams to guess which person of the Bible is described based off of Emoji characters. Come have a fun experience!

ABCCR CAMPING 2024

ALIVE

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

Ephesians 2:4-5

CAMP CHRISTY

High School Camp
9th-12th grade
June 3-7, 2024
\$275

Directors: Damion Denison & Brandon Pitt

WHITE MEMORIAL

High School Camp
9th-12th grade
July 15-19, 2024
\$385

Director: Morgan Bandy

CAMP CHRISTY

Middle School Camp
6th- 8th grade
June 10-14, 2024
\$275

Directors: Damion Denison & Brandon Pitt

WHITE MEMORIAL

Middle School Camp
6th- 8th grade
July 14-19, 2024
\$385

Director: Wallace Smith

CAMP CHRISTY

Junior Camp
4th- 6th grade
June 17-21, 2024
\$275

Director: Danielle Johnson

WHITE MEMORIAL

Junior Camp
4th- 6th grade
July 21-25, 2024
\$385

Director: Kami Minor

CAMP CHRISTY

Primary Camp
2nd-4th grade
June 24-26, 2024
\$130

Director: Becky Rider

CAMP CHRISTY

Day Camp
K-2nd grade
June 27-28, 2024
\$90

Directors: Tonya & Tayler Koehn

Scan Here to Register



Age is determined by what grade the student is entering in the fall of 2024.
High school students who graduate in 2024 are still eligible to attend high school camp.
Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the director.

MEET THE DIRECTOR

Camp Christy
Primary Camp



Erin Massaglia

All About Me

I am Erin Massaglia. I am a senior in high school. I live at a church camp all year round which is really cool! I plan to leave for the mission field in September where I will be serving in Sao Paulo, Brazil in World Venture.

Fun Facts:

Favorite Camp Activity:
Hiking

Favorite Nickname:
Erin Bo Berin

Second Favorite Movie:
The Princess Bride

Road trip Snack:
Goldfish

Must Have Camp Accessory:
Cross-body bag

Favorite Scripture
Romans 8:18-39

Favorite Camp Memory

My favorite camp memory is when I was in my cabin with my group of campers and they were asking me questions that were very deep, especially for middle schoolers. They seemed so eager to learn more. It was a very inspiring moment to see them grow in their faith at such a young age.

MEET THE DIRECTOR

White Memorial Middle School Camp



Wallace Smith

Fun Facts:

Favorite Camp Activity:

Jell-O relays, Prairie Surfing, & low ropes

Favorite Nickname:

"Be careful using nicknames; always have the written permission of the person you attempt to rename."

Second Favorite Movie:

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Road trip Snack:

Dark chocolate peanut M&Ms

Must Have Camp Accessory:

Toothbrush & Flashlight

Favorite Scripture

There is not enough room in this edition of the Central Region Life to contain favorite scripture references, but a good place to start is Romans 8:28-39"

All About Me

Wallace Smith grew up going to camp (and serving as a camp counselor and director). Wallace is so old that 31 years ago when he started as a youth ministry intern at FBC Ottawa, and as a leader for Central Region YLC during college, he was a youth sponsor and camp counselor to students who are now parents of middle school youth who come to camp! Somehow in those 31 years he graduated from college, seminary, and got a Doctor of Ministry degree, so you can trust him, he's a doctor. He has served churches in Chicago, Indianapolis, and Kansas City, served on the national Youth Ministry Resource Team, and has also written a book for children and youth considering Baptism and wanting to grow in discipleship. But he is most proudly the dad of two strong and independent women who have previously served as camp counselors.

Favorite Camp Memory

His favorite camp memory: he can still hear and feel the breeze whirl through the mountain pines near high vespers at Black Forest Camp in Colorado when he went forward to proclaim Christ as Savior, and his dad was the camp pastor that year, so it runs in the family.