

# Central Region Life

MARCH 2026

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIAWATHA: BUILDING HOPE IN REYNOSA

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Every December, a group from FBC Hiawatha travels to Reynosa, Mexico with Strategic Alliance Ministries to build a home for a family in need. The house, little more than a backyard shed for most of us, is a secure place for a family living in the poorest part of Reynosa known as the Colonia. Much of the Colonia is built on top of a landfill, which is evident as old tires and other garbage is visible partially buried in the ground.

We generally leave Hiawatha on Christmas morning (making the ubiquitous stop at Buc-ee's) and cross into Mexico on the 26th, starting work on the 27th. Build day one starts fast: inventory of the supplies, painting, cutting boards, framing walls. By the end of that first day this year, all four walls of our house were up!

We were paired with an incredible group from Agua Viva church of San Luis Potosi in central Mexico. There were some language barriers, but many of them spoke at least some English and a couple people from our groups spoke at least little Spanish. We formed some incredible friendships with our brothers and sisters from Agua Viva!

On build day two, the roof trusses were put up and the metal roof was finished by mid-afternoon. After the walls and roof were up, it was time for finishing work on the inside. Some electrical gets run in the house, and lights are placed outside the entrance and inside the house including a ceiling fan. Curtains are then put up on the windows, the kitchen is stocked with fresh food, and donated clothes are placed in the bedroom area for the family.

On the morning of build day four, it's time to dedicate the house! We share communion with our build team and the family, pray over the home and its new owners, and then hand over the keys. It's an incredible moment when that house becomes a new, safe home for our family. I'm always amazed to see a pile of lumber and roofing on day one turn into a house by day four!



The trip isn't just about the build, however. We have time to connect with others in the neighborhood and show them the love of Jesus as well. One of our guys helped rewire a refrigerator compressor for a neighbor so he could fill the tire on his truck. Several of us sponsor children to go to school there and we got the chance to meet them and chat for a bit. When we weren't helping with other things, everyone had the chance to play with some of the local kids, buy them Cokes, and give them stickers and other small gifts.

Everyone is welcome to go on this trip. Even if you have no experience or ability with tools or construction, there is something you can do to serve Christ and the people of Reynosa.

Written By: Pastor Mike Lehman  
Lead Pastor  
First Baptist Church of Hiawatha



# 2026

ANNUAL  
BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

## LIGHT & HOPE GALA FUNDRAISER

10 APRIL, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

REGISTRATION FEE  
\$125 PER TICKET

**GOLD SPONSOR \$5,000**  
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## AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2026

The Wisdom and  
Power of  
Storytelling



"I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH TO SPEAK IN PARABLES;  
I WILL PROCLAIM WHAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION." MATTHEW 13:34-35 NRSVUE



# CENTRAL SEMINARY ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF THE ANTIOCH CENTER

The Antioch Center at Central Seminary is both a place and a calling. Geographically, it stands near the intersection of Antioch Road and 110th Street in Overland Park, Kansas—a crossroads where people, communities, and stories meet. Spiritually and theologically, it draws its name and purpose from the city of Antioch, the first great crossroads church, where diverse believers were gathered, formed, and sent into the world. In Antioch, the followers of Jesus were first called Christians, and from that place of learning, prayer, and shared leadership, the church was commissioned for mission beyond familiar boundaries.

Like its biblical namesake, the Antioch Center is grounded in the conviction that faithful ministry is forged at intersections—between tradition and change, local context and global vision, formation and action. It is a place where congregations pause to listen, learn, and discern together, drawing strength from community and clarity from shared purpose. Theologically, the Center embodies a sending posture, equipping lay leaders, congregations, and pastors to respond creatively and courageously to where the Spirit is leading next. Standing at a literal crossroads, the Antioch Center is spiritually located in the space where formation meets mission, where diverse voices are welcomed, and where the church is continually renewed for the sake of the world.

The Antioch Center will advance congregational vitality for both lay leaders and pastors through the creation of robust educational opportunities and practical resources tailored to today's diverse church contexts. The Center will offer a wide range of programming, including short webinars, certificate programs, and customized tools designed especially for small, rural, and multilingual congregations across the Midwest. Existing certificate programs—such as the Certificate in Chaplaincy and the Certificate in Peace and Justice—will be integrated into the work of the Center and evaluated for impact, while new certificates will be developed in response to emerging needs. The Antioch Center will also provide expert guidance and congregational coaching for both lay leaders and clergy on critical issues such as fragile church finances and outdated accounting systems, stewardship of large and aging facilities, mental health challenges within congregations and surrounding communities, accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities, and innovative outreach strategies to engage youth and young adults.

These offerings will be supported by adaptive, multilingual learning platforms that deliver culturally responsive resources and foster coached learning communities.

The Antioch Center will also serve as a hub for comprehensive lay leadership training that equips leaders to serve effectively in their unique ministry contexts. Existing programs at Central Seminary—including the Hispanic Lay Institute (Spanish), the Judson Communities Certificate Program (Burmese and Karen), and the Ola Hanson Bible Institute (Kachin)—will be supported and expanded. In addition, a new English-language lay leadership training will be developed and delivered. Building on this foundation, the Center will launch Lay Leader Communities of Practice, cohort-based learning experiences designed to meet the distinct needs of various denominations, cultural communities, and shared affinities.

Finally, The Antioch Center will expand and deepen partnerships with denominations that directly serve congregations, recognizing collaboration as essential to sustainable impact. The Center will work closely with denominational partners to co-create relevant content and support recruitment, while also convening regional gatherings to engage denominational leaders and host targeted listening sessions. Insights gained from these conversations and shared data will guide the identification of emerging congregational needs, shape flexible engagement strategies, and strengthen partnerships, ensuring that the Center's work remains responsive, collaborative, and grounded in the lived realities of congregations.

The Antioch Center will begin its work in spring 2026 with a three-part Congregational Learning Series designed to address pressing challenges facing churches today:

- March 12, 2026 | 7:00–8:30 p.m. (CST)  
We Don't Have Any Children in Our Church: What Do We Do?"  
Led by Rev. Trevor Beauford, Senior Organizer for Faith Communities, Children's Defense Fund (Washington, DC)

**Register**

- April 14, 2026 | 7:00–8:30 p.m. (CST)  
"Our Church Building Is Too Big and Too Empty: What Do We Do?"  
Led by Rev. Mark Elsdon, Co-Founder of Rooted Good, supporting innovative faith-based leaders in property development, money and mission alignment, and social enterprise (Madison, Wisconsin)

**Register**

- May 21, 2026 | 7:00–8:30 p.m. (CST)  
"Our Church Members are Experiencing Mental Health Struggles: What Do We Do?"  
Led by Rev. Jermaine Alberty, Founder and Principal Consultant, SALT Initiative (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**Register**

In September 2026, The Antioch Center will expand its offerings with the launch of comprehensive lay leader training programs and continuing education opportunities for pastors, further equipping congregations for faithful and sustainable ministry.

The Antioch Center is co-directed by Rev. Rhonda Hetzel and is funded in part by generous grants from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Pathways for Tomorrow and Thriving Congregations Initiative.



# 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**

Please visit [www.abccr.org](http://www.abccr.org) for  
more information and to apply.



# UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP CHRISTY

## LUMBER JACK DAYS

### AT **CAMP** **CHRISTY**



MARCH 3RD-7TH

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
BASED ON WEATHER

We are looking for volunteers to come help a visiting arborist with tree clearing and clean up.

Please email [campchristy365@gmail.com](mailto:campchristy365@gmail.com) or call Danielle at 785-365-9399 to RSVP your spot. Housing and meals can be provided.



## Ministry Reveal Dinner

March 27, 2026  
5:30 PM

COME HEAR ABOUT  
MINISTRY AND BUSINESS  
MODEL CHANGES!

320 CAMP CHRISTY  
SCOTT CITY, KS 67871



RVSP to Danielle at 785.365.9399 or  
[campchristy365@gmail.com](mailto:campchristy365@gmail.com)

**RSVP Form**

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KBCF DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING  
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## HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE IRS FOR FILING YOUR 2025 INCOME TAXES

The title of this article sounds pretty ironic doesn't it? Does the IRS really want to help us with our taxes? Based on what I have just read, I would say "yes."

I have written to you before about the computer software that I use for planned giving. There are two major software providers and one is PG Calc, headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The other is Crescendo Interactive, which is headquartered in Camarillo, California. I prefer to use the first company's software because that is the software that I was trained on and it is user friendly and they have a very good support staff. Every month they publish an online newsletter with all the important news, updates and latest information on planned giving. Still, the other company, Crescendo, puts out a weekly newsletter with some of the same information but other important updates on planned giving, taxes and the like. I enjoy reading both of these and gleaning important information from them that I can use in my work. So what I am about to share with you comes from a recent weekly update from Crescendo software.

The IRS opened the 2026 tax filing season on January 26th. This is, of course, for all of us to pay our 2025 income taxes. They expect to receive 164 million tax returns by the April 15th deadline. As we all know or should know, this is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the beginning of our country, the United States of America, and the IRS is celebrating another anniversary, which is the 40th anniversary of electronic tax filing. ( I keep telling myself that I need to file my taxes electronically, because it would be so much easier, but I am used to doing it on paper, so I have done it that way until now. Maybe I could turn over a new tax leaf, and file them electronically this year? You never know!)

I wanted to point out a few important hints that were shared in this article.

- IRS free file is available to individuals using third party tax preparation software. For those who are comfortable preparing their own returns, instructions and free file fillable forms are available too. The IRS is encouraging taxpayers to electronically file to speed up processing. Most taxpayers must now provide routing and account numbers to receive refunds. Under an executive order, the IRS began phasing out paper checks on September 30, 2025.
- Refunds will generally be issued within 21 days for those who file electronically. If your return includes the Earned Income Tax Credit and /or the Additional Child Tax Credit, it may require additional review and extended processing time. The IRS encourages the use of online tools to check the status of your refund, including the Where's My Refund? webpage and the IRS2Go mobile app.
- Two other important hints or helping programs are available. These are VITA and TCE, which stand for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly, respectively. Both of these offer free basic tax assistance to qualified filers. The IRS announced it awarded grants to 315 VITA and 48 TCE applicants totaling \$ 53 million to assist with no-cost federal tax return preparation for qualified individuals. Recipients of the grants include faith-based organizations, community centers and nonprofit agencies. The IRS provides support through tax law training, certification and ongoing oversight. These two programs operate with the goal of preparing accurate and reliable tax returns for the individuals they serve. So if you need help with your taxes and you qualify for either one of these programs, please check them out and use them to help you with your tax preparation.

- If you have a tax professional prepare your return, they are encouraged to use an IRS Tax Pro Account, a secure online portal that will allow them to view your authorized tax information and electronically manage your needs. They can help you set up an Individual Online Account, which will not only give you direct access to your federal tax records, but will also allow you to securely receive communications from your tax professional.

One way I can help you save on your federal taxes is if you are interested in funding a charitable gift annuity with the Kansas Baptist Convention Foundation. If you are so inclined to do that, you can fund a gift annuity that would provide income for you for the rest of your life and leave a remainder gift to the churches, educational institutions or other mission partners that you choose. When you fund that gift annuity, you will receive an income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, but since it is the new year, this deduction can be used on the taxes you pay next year for 2026. It's something to think about and consider? If you are interested in doing that, please reach out to me by email, phone call, voicemail or text and I will be delighted to help you and serve you in that way!



Let us pray for the upcoming Prairie Pastors Conference that will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, this month. Let us pray that God would guide and direct the thoughts and words of Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford, as she is the keynote speaker for the event.

Might we pray that many of our pastors could attend this conference and receive a time of renewal, refreshment and rejuvenation with other pastors and colleagues or during quiet times of prayer and reflection.

Let us pray that Jesus would unite our hearts as we grow closer together in the ABC family and as we continue to follow him and love all of our neighbors as he commanded.

Let us pray that our churches would provide an opportunity and funds for their pastors to participate in this life-giving and transformative time.

Finally, let us pray that the Holy Spirit would move and inspire all who attend to find new life and reinvigoration so that we as pastors, congregants and churches can continue to be the witnesses of Jesus Christ to the world!

As the scripture says, " But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. " Acts 1:8 (ESV)

# SPOKEN 4

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## SUNDAY MARCH 29

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

Concert at 6:00 pm

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## AB Women's Ministries of the Central Region

**National Theme:  
Building God's Community**



**Summer Conference Date – June 5-6, 2026**

**Summer Conference Location – First Baptist Church Topeka, KS**

**Summer Conference Theme – Making a Difference Together**

**Keynote Speaker- Dr. Kathy Maxwell, Central Seminary**

# LIVING IN GOD'S TIMING

REV. MELISSA NEWBERRY, ABCCR EVENT COORDINATOR

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart, yet now one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

When I was younger it seemed as if the end of the school year would NEVER arrive or that it was a million years until either my next birthday or Christmas morning. Time seemed to move along like slow moving river that appeared to be going nowhere. However, the longer I have lived on this planet, it seems as if time flies by and if you blink, you'll miss it.

In recognizing that time offers perimeters to our human experience and we are bound to one lifetime, the God whom we serve is not limited by such. While we recognize that God is eternal, God has always existed and God will always exist, it can become quite challenging to have that perspective, especially in a season of waiting.

If we were to take a moment and do a brief overview of the seasons of waiting that have marked and defined our lives, God might reveal to us some surprising aspects we couldn't have seen in the midst. Let me offer some insights I have gleaned in my own seasons of waiting.

One, perhaps that which you are ready for is not yet ready for you. This can be true for either a personal journey or one of a larger faith community. God's timing IS perfect and God asks us to trust that which we cannot see.

Two, everything has a rhythm and a purpose. While we are not always given clarity or revelation on our timetable (as much as we would like to have the answer yesterday), we must lean into the goodness of God. God has not failed us yet, so why would we think that God is going to fail us now?

Third, as much as we would like to help God along and bring about whatever it is we waiting for, that may not always be a life-giving approach. Imagine if we decided that a caterpillar was taking too long to transform into a butterfly and took matters into our own hands? It would never become what it was meant to be. The same is true for us and what God desires for us and for those around us. It's hard, I get it.

So, my sisters and brothers in Christ, I would invite you to place yourselves at the vantage point between what you have been waiting for (which God has brought to pass) and what you are waiting for. It might just give you pause and different perspective. It is my prayer that it will give you a breath of fresh air to your heart, your spirit and your current situation. God is good all the time and all the time God is good.





Keynote Speaker:  
Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford



# PRAIRIE PASTORS

CONFERENCE



**March 16-18, 2026**



**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.



**Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford**  
Keynote Speaker

Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford served as Executive Minister with the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky for more than nine years, retiring in 2021. Ford's previous ministry experiences include faculty positions with Sterling College (Sterling KS) and Central Baptist Theological Seminary (Shawnee KS); pastoral positions with First Baptist Church (Casper WY) and Calvary Baptist Church (Cheyenne WY); regional ministry with Mid-American Baptist Churches (Iowa and Minnesota); and national stewardship ministry with American Baptist Churches USA. International mission experiences have included opportunities to preach and teach, and work alongside local leaders, in Nicaragua, Honduras, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Northeast India, the Ukraine, Hungary, and South Africa. She is a graduate of Ottawa University and Central Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained by Prairie Baptist Church (Prairie Village KS).

In the post-retirement chapter of her ministry, Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford served the Office of the General Secretary ABCUSA as the (interim) Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries. At the same time, she served in a volunteer position as the Special Assistant to the Executive Director of International Ministries, Rev. Dr. Sharon Koh, in the role of Chaplain.

Throughout her ministry journey, Ford served on numerous teams, task forces, and boards – at local, regional and national levels. Included among those are terms on the boards of the Nehemiah Leadership Network; the American Baptist Homes of the Midwest; Green Lake Conference Center (as Vice Chair); and the American Baptist Women in Ministry Advisory Team. Along with Dr. Tom Wiles, she co-chaired the 2022 conference, Radical. Redeemed. Ready: Celebrating Ministering Women.

Ford has shared her life with Rev. Homer Ford (most recently retired as the pastor of First Baptist Church, Franklin IN) for over forty years, and together they have two daughters, a son-in-law, and a granddaughter. Unscheduled time is often filled with connecting with family and dear friends; reading suspense novels; chasing the genealogical clues left by elusive ancestors; coaxing flowers to grow instead of weeds; knitting and planning the next travel adventure.



**Rev. G. Travis Norvell**  
Workshop

Rev. G. Travis Norvell is the pastor of Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN, and an adjunct faculty member at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. He has served as an American Baptist pastor for 25 years in both small towns and urban churches. He is passionate about the social gospel in the local church as the link for both social justice and church renewal.



**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. Mike is the past president of the Central Region's AB Men and also has served as a ABCCR Region Staff person in the past.

# 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

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#### **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



# 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

## SR. ADULT RETREAT 2026

SAVE THE DATE  
April 22-23  
Milton Baptist Church

Put this information on your calendar  
now. You won't want to miss this  
event.

*Wholly Holy Hospitality*

More details will be shared soon!



The keynote speaker for the 2026 Senior Adult Retreat is Rev. Soozie Witten Ford. She served as Executive Minister with the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky for more than nine years, retiring in 2021. Her previous ministry experiences include faculty positions with Sterling College, Sterling, KS and Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, KS; pastoral positions with First Baptist Church Casper, WY and Calvary Baptist Church in Cheyenne, WY; regional ministry with Mid-American Baptist Churches (Iowa and Minnesota); and national stewardship ministry with ABCUSA.

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Registration information can be found on the Central Region website at [www.abccr.org](http://www.abccr.org) and through the weekly emails sent from the region office. The Sr. Adult Retreat will be held at Milton Baptist Church, Milton, KS. Directions and hotel information can also be found at this same site.

### Hotel Options:

1. Hampton Inn by Hilton 455 N Crowne Drive Goddard, Ks. 67052 316-453-0444

Rooms here will be \$109 per night plus tax. Please use "Senior Adult Retreat or code 503" when making your reservation. We will use our church bus to shuttle people from the hotel to the church and back. Directions are on the bottom of this page.

2. Cobblestone Inn & Suites 899 Frontage Rd Harper Ks. 67058 620-896-2400

Rooms here will be \$125 per night plus tax



# ABCCR SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

## April 22-23, 2026

Milton Baptist Church, 1213N Sycamore Rd. Milton, KS 67106

Guest Speaker, Rev. Soozie Whitten-Ford

Theme: "Wholly Holy Hospitality" Scripture: Romans 12:10-13 NIV

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Timer to the Retreat? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Discount Applied (February 1, 2026 deadline) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due** \_\_\_\_\_

### Dietary Requirements:

Sugar Free  Gluten Free

Vegetarian

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

### Interest Groups (please mark preference)

2:30 PM Wednesday – Bells  or Outreach

Uncomplicated

3:35 PM Choir

10:30 AM Thursday – Craft \$5  or Biblical Hospitality

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

**Bus Transportation** – The host church is offering to provide transportation from church/hotel & hotel/church in Goddard, KS. I'm interested: Yes

**Hotel Information** – Hampton Inn by Hilton, 455 N Crowne Dr., Goddard, KS 316-453-0444. Cost is \$109 plus taxes if you use Code 503. Other hotels are available in the area but with no transportation provided.

### Abbreviated Schedule

Wed. 11:00 AM Registration Begins

11:30 AM Lunch

12:30 PM Session #1

2:30 PM Interest Groups

5:15 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Session #2

Thurs. 8:30 AM Registration

9:00 AM Group Study

10:30 AM Interest Groups

12:00 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Session #3

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

### Registration Deadline - April 8, 2026

\*\*\$10 Late fee assessed if postmarked after April 8, 2026

**Cancellation Policy:** A full refund will be given if cancelled by April 15, 2026; \$25 non-refundable cancellation fee per individual after April 15, 2026.

*Cut here and retain this stub for your records and information*

ABCCRSeniorAdultRetreat: Milton Baptist Church, 1213N Sycamore Rd. Milton, KS 67106

Dates: April 22-23, 2026

Registration begins at 11:00 AM

Retreat begins with lunch at 11:30 AM

— *Save The Date* —  
MAY 17TH, 2026. TOPEKA, KS

*Presented By*



*Ben*  
**CRUMP**

America's Social  
Justice Attorney

*J.*  
**IVY**

Grammy-Winning  
Performance Poet

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[www.BrownvBoardAnniversary.org](http://www.BrownvBoardAnniversary.org)



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# MOUNTAINS & PRAIRIES *Youth Conference*

**JUNE 14-18, 2026**

**YMCA OF THE ROCKIES  
SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH  
GRANBY, COLORADO**



**Keynote Speaker**  
REV. DJ  
DANGERFIELD

**COST:**  
**\$375 BEFORE MARCH 15, 2026**  
**\$400 AFTER MARCH 15, 2026.**

# ABCCR Camping 2026

## CAMP CHRISTY HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

Director: Damion Denison

JUNE 1-5, 2026

9th- 12th grade

\$350 before May 1

\$370 after May 1

## CAMP CHRISTY PRIMARY CAMP

Director: Becky Rider

JUNE 22-24, 2026

2nd- 4th grade

\$195 before May 1

\$215 after May 1

## WHITE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

Director: Morgan Aspinwall

JULY 13-17, 2026

9th- 12th grade

\$425 before June 1

\$445 after June 1

## CAMP CHRISTY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Director: Erin Isham

JUNE 8-12, 2026

6th- 8th grade

\$350 before May 1

\$370 after May 1

## CAMP CHRISTY DAY CAMP

Director: Aleya Rainey

JUNE 25-26, 2026

K- 2nd grade

\$105 before May 1

\$125 after May 1

## WHITE MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Director: Wallace Smith

JULY 13-17, 2026

6th- 8th grade

\$425 before June 1

\$445 after June 1

## CAMP CHRISTY JUNIOR CAMP

Director: Erin Isham

JUNE 15-19, 2026

4th- 6th grade

\$350 before May 1

\$370 after May 1

## WHITE MEMORIAL JUNIOR CAMP

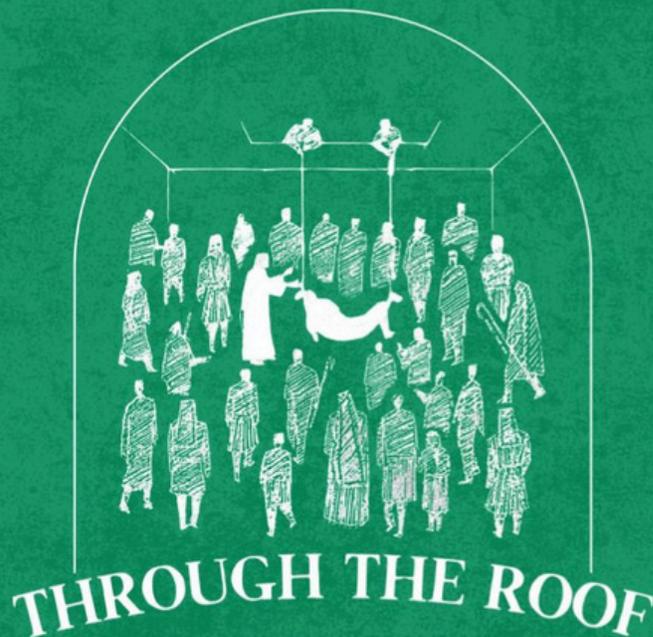
Director: Kami Minor

JULY 20-24, 2026

4th- 6th grade

\$425 before June 1

\$445 after June 1



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