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First Baptist Church, Coffeyville Envisions Community Park

“As we journeyed through the pandemic we saw the need for an online presence and so our church had a company come in and install the equipment to do that. God used the pandemic to stir our hearts about something else he wanted us to do. So after a couple of months of doing online services with our live we began to realize we needed an outdoor presence as well. Many in the church had wanted to do a park in our north parking lot for some time. So with great support we began the project.

In the beginning we determined to put a fair amount of energy into the programming and events to be held in the park. We didn't want to just have it be a fun place for people to come with their kids. That's definitely part of the reason for it but the greater purpose was to present Jesus to a community of people who might not ever walk into our doors. It has helped us see where mission starts.

God's timing is impeccable as our 15 month search for a Children and Student Coordinator came in May with Katie Tuggle coming on board. We all feel the Lord was preparing her all along as she graduated from Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, Oklahoma this last semester. She is focused on the events in the park this summer and we are so blessed for her call to come.

The church purchased sound and video equipment and a large 12 x 21 foot screen to show movies in the parking lot. Coffeyville doesn't have a theatre anymore so the city has been showing movies once a month downtown in the open. They show family friendly movies and so Pastor Dick Smith coordinated with the “Coffeyville Reawakening Committee” that shows those movies so our night are on different Fridays. There will be 7 Fridays this summer that the two groups will show. Our four movies will be some of the great Christian movies that have come out in the past few years.

Our First Baptist Community Park Grand Opening will feature the movie, “Overcomer” on Friday, June 18th at 8pm with free snacks and drinks followed by a fun day on Saturday, June 19th. From 1-6pm we will have inflatables and other games, hot-dogs, drinks and fun in the park. This is the weekend before our VBS so we plan to use the weekend to promote that as well. At the end of VBS, on Friday, June 25th we plan to celebrate all that God did the week of VBS with a “Party in the Park” at 5:30pm. The party will include different inflatables, food, fun and the kids singing some of their VBS songs to the families that come.

Besides the movies we are also having a “Fun in the Sun” weekend just before school starts on August 6-7. It will be much like the Grand Opening.

Currently we are doing “Team Kid” for children K-5th grades on Tuesday morning 10-11:30am and “Vivid” our youth group on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm in the park. We have also scheduled four all church fellowship suppers on Sunday nights in the park.

One of the neatest features of the park is that many of us are there every day and we are getting to know many of the people in the community as they come with their children to play. It has changed so much of how we are doing ministry. Where God takes us with it in the future we are not sure, but we are learning to trust him and his direction greater with each passing day. All this fits our vision of being a church in the heart of the city with a heart for God and the city.”

Pastor Dick Smith is the pastor at First Baptist Church in Coffeyville. This is the church he grew up in as his parents, Barten and Lois Smith were longtime teachers and members here. For nine years in the 1990's he was the Youth Pastor here and then in October of 2019, he and his wife Diana moved back to Coffeyville to answer the call to serve here. God is so good!



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What Have We Learned?

By: Executive Minister, Dr. Gregg Hemmen

Those who know me best know I place a great deal of value in being a life-long learner. I'm trying to figure out Snapchat not because I'm hungry for another social media experience, but because my kids are there and it's where they communicate. I've learned some basic plumbing skills through YouTube. This past year, I've also been paying close attention to different studies that are evaluating what's happening in the Church. Here are some things I've learned.

A recent study concluded that the Church today is smaller, but it's stronger. We've all been aware that the Church has been contracting as more people move away from involvement in local congregations. While that can be disheartening, I also saw some data from Churchleaders.com where 40% of Protestants said their faith has grown stronger through the pandemic. 42% of people watched their own online services, 24% watched online services that were not their own, and 34% watched both! In a year's time, the broader Church's online presence has grown significantly and while we haven't figured it all out yet, or what it may mean, it's a part of our new reality.

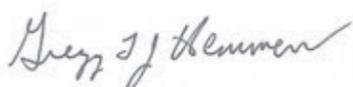
Rich Birch, the founder of Unseminary, has been studying the effects of this past year on all of society and detailed some interesting findings from the business world that we should keep on our radar. 58% of businesses will be increasing their investments in online events for this next year because 91% of people reported that their online experiences were successful. I believe most of us would agree that while we have missed being together, being online has allowed us to continue to remain engaged.

Engagement will be an important word for the Church going forward. Perhaps it's always been a vitally important concept, but we've just lost sight of the concept from time to time. Engagement recognizes that the goal is not just getting people to come to a moment, but it's meeting them where they are for the purpose of facilitating a God-moment. It's facilitating experiences where people can become passionate about their faith using experiences from the world around them. Engagement is what Paul did when he was in Athens in Acts 17:22-23:

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

Paul took something from broader culture, an altar to this unknown god in Athenian culture, and used this to point people to Jesus. That's what I pray we'll be doing with the learning we've gained from this past year – looking for ways to engage others for the purpose of pointing them to Jesus in a more meaningful way.

Thank you for the privilege of serving among you.



American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

Pesach (Passover). Hag Hamatzot (Unleavened Bread). Yom Habikkurim (Firstfruits). Shavout (Festival of Weeks/Pentecost). Rosh Hashana (Trumpets). Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). Sukkoth (Feast of Shelters).

While the names of these celebrations will most likely not occupy our calendar (with the exception of Pentecost), many Jews around the world still celebrate these ancient festivals that were established by Yahweh. They were established by God for very specific reasons and purposes. I would invite you to peruse such occasions as found in the biblical text. Each festival of remembrance stood as a symbol (and still for many today) of God's providence, God's provision and God's promise to the people of the Covenant.

Yes, I will grant you that as followers of Jesus and being members of the New Testament church, the observation of such festivals is not interwoven into our experience. Yet I believe it should serve as a reminder that believers today should still be intentional and set aside special occasions to recognize God's providence, God's provision and God's promise in our own journeys of faith.

Such an opportunity will be coming in the fall of this year. During the month of September, churches are invited to designate an "ABWM Sunday" on the 19th of the month. In full recognition that the work and mission of ABWM is on-going, I invite you to pause and take intentional time to celebrate God's faithfulness that is woven throughout. Use this as an opportunity to have a "mini-festival" to give praise to the Lord for all that he has done for you. Such festivities could include an ABW focus during worship and perhaps a time of fellowship to follow.

In the planning of such an event, keep these words before you. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him". Col 3:17

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Melissa Newberry
President
ABWCR

Prayer Emphasis

Tim Schwartz

Let us pray for the ABC--USA Biennial Mission Summit, "Imagine" which will be virtual for the first time this year. Let us pray for all of the tech people and those behind the scenes who are working hard to bring us all together online. Let us pray that logistics will be worked out and all will run smoothly.

As we come together to pray, worship, hear God's word and develop as disciples following Jesus, let us pray that we would listen carefully to one another and hear what God is doing through our churches and our denomination.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit would draw us together as one body of Christ, celebrating our diversity, and empowering us to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world and our communities! As the scriptures say:

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching."
Hebrews 10: 24-25 (NRSV)

Planned Giving

A Ministry of American Baptist Churches of the Central Region

We Save Money So That We Can Give More To God!

Glenda McNew, of Meridian Ave. Baptist Church, in Wichita, KS was featured in an article in the Spring-Summer "On Location" publication of International Ministries. She has given me permission to use her message.

Perhaps her thoughts will encourage some of you to consider how you might give now, or in your estate. I'd love to visit with you about your possibilities.

Glenda states: "Our American Baptist Women's Ministries had an emphasis for several years on human trafficking and I became aware of how prevalent it is – even in Wichita as it is intersected by two major highways. Trafficking is slavery and sex trafficking of young girls and boys is the most horrible type of slavery that I can imagine! Trafficking includes coercing persons into bonded labor and domestic servitude, the enslavement of persons in agricultural work and in factories, the capturing of children to be soldiers and the buying and selling of human beings. I may not be able to do anything physically to stop it, but I can give financially so others can.

"I was raised by parents who believed that God created everything, therefore everything belongs to God and giving a tithe back to Him is the least that we can do. In appreciation of how God has blessed us in so many ways, we give more.

"My father was a blue collar worker and my mother was a homemaker. The first payment out of every paycheck was the tithe to our local church. Not only did they give financially but they also gave freely of their time and talents. The lot around our house was never a pristine, manicured lawn with gorgeous flowers, but rather a massive garden of tomatoes which were sold to pay for summer utilities as well as sharing some with the church family. It was a lot of work but was their way of making some extra money so they also could give more back to God.

"They taught me to prepare for the future through wise investments. When I became a teacher, I invested heavily in my retirement plan and lived modestly as my parents had. I gave my tithe to the local church and then gave additionally to help those less fortunate than myself.

"I don't want my giving to the work of the Lord to end with my life, so I have done my estate planning and designated assets to help ministry continue.

"Through the years, I've found that the more I give to the Lord's work, the more God blesses me – spiritually and financially. It deepens my faith in Christ to see how much He loves not only me, but everyone, and if I can be even a small part of sharing that love, I am truly blessed."

Glenda also stated, "Wilma has given me a lot of good suggestions for how best to give to ministry as well a saving on taxes. I would highly recommend that you visit with her about your individual situation."

I'm willing to come to your home or wherever you choose. I have some forms that are very helpful in planning your estate. I only make suggestions, the decisions are yours after you pray about it.

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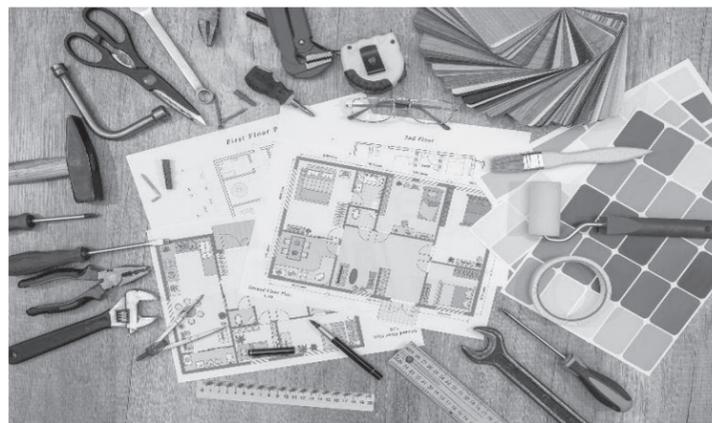
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Prairie Homestead July 5th Invitation

At Prairie Homestead, spring cleaning took on a whole new meaning. The Village Square, which includes resident common spaces such as the dining room, beauty shop, gym, library, and the thrift shop was completely renovated.

"It is an exciting time here at Prairie Homestead," shared Brenda Janda, Administrator. "We felt the residents living at Prairie Homestead deserved a refreshed space to get together after the confinement of 2020. It is going to bring a breath of fresh air to our campus, and we can't wait to share it with everyone."



Prairie Homestead will be having a full day of celebration on July 5th beginning with a parade, flag dedication ceremony, and campus open house. Janda commented, "We are excited to be able to honor those that fought for our freedom as well as share our wonderful and now updated campus with everyone."

For specific details and times of events, go to www.prairiehomestead.org, call (316) 263-8264, or follow Prairie Homestead on Facebook.

Smoke Signals (Special Group Flares)

By: Director of Interim Ministry, Dr. William Hendricks

This is the third of a three-part article based on the recognizable signals, both positive and negative, a church sends during times of transition. These signals help an Interim Minister develop a meaningful engagement approach to working with a church during pastoral turnover.

Like the 'Parking Lot Clues,' and 'Church Board Demographics,' discussed in previous articles, Special Group Flares are clearly recognizable to trained Interims. Each church has groups that meet regularly. This may be a youth group or community gathering, a worship team or a coffee clutch, ranging from loyal members to outsiders who use the building. These groups create traffic. The traffic that flows in, out and through a church provides unmistakable smoke signals.

Corporations pay millions to increase the traffic into their business. Increased traffic (especially repeating traffic) tends to align with your organization and buy your product. By looking at the traffic into and out of your church the Interim can project the likelihood of growth, change and engagement. This article helps assess the traffic of Special Groups who use your building. It tells a story of who is there and how many are there, which a church likely knows. It also sends signals of caution and encouragement. Your building is your best asset for growth, but only if there is sufficient traffic.

Here's what an Interim's Assessment says about your special groups and meetings. This certainly does not tell the whole story, but it should be a source of conversation for your church.



ASSESSMENT: SMALL GROUP FLARES

How long has the group been meeting? Has a group been meeting in the same place and the same time for years? Does one group get bounced from room to room, unable to find their place in the church? How many one-time meetings occur in a month?

- Are long-standing meetings perceived to be a clique?
- Are other allowed to join the group? Has anyone?
- Has the group become an authority unto itself? Does the church dance around issues with the group or are forced to seek their permission?
- Is the group accountable to the Church (Church Board)?

Is the group "Jesus focused" and "Mission (local, national and/or global) directed?"

- Many groups started with a Kingdom purpose but over time become more of a social event. Is ministry happening through or in thi group beyond itself?
- Has the church become a "Sunday only" building?
- Are outsiders asking to use the building?
- Are the lights burning enoug to say, "something is happening here?"

Have you reviewed policies and practices?

- Do policies limit building usage?
- Are attempts to preserve God's house colliding with usage opportunities?
- Does the community sense they are wanted in your building?
- Are youth, adults, and teens comfortable asking to use the building?

There are no right or wrong answers to the questions asked above. The Interim does not ask them to cause guilt, shame or blame. Instead think of them as discussion starters. The Church in the United States is aging. It's normal to ask, "Are we still a viable ministry, or does this church exist to take care of us?" Here are three analogies to start a great discussion.

Submarines don't have screen doors and church sanctuaries are not bank vaults. Based on the usage of your church, which image best describes your church, screen door or vault? Which do we prefer?

A country club membership reflects an image. Inner city mission is quite a different image. Which is your church more like? In your vision for your church, how do you want to proceed?

Museums and McDonald's both have customer traffic. One provides relics and values those relics. The other seeks high volume and immediate value. What motivation creates How are your traffic flow? Do you need to rethink traffic flow? Are the groups meeting in our church helping you become the church a new pastor will want to lead?

Please give me a call if you'd like to chat about the ideas mentioned.

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This year's Annual Gathering will be held on October 1-2 at First Baptist Church in Salina, Kansas.

We will kickoff Annual Gathering with the Minister's Council business meeting and dinner on Thursday evening.

Registration will begin at 10am on Friday. AB Women and AB Men's meetings ad lunch will be held at 11am on Friday.

The first session will begin on Friday ar 1:00pm.

There are wonderful workshops being offered.

Annual Gathering will conclude at 11:30am on Saturday.

The keynote speaker for the 2021 Annual Gathering is international motivational speaker, Lois Olmstead. Raised on a ranch in Montana, Lois shares how to live with joy and courage. Inspiring others is part of her everyday life.

More information on workshops and registration to come.

Region Office Changes

We have some exciting news to share with our ABCCR family. Earlier this spring, as we were looking for additional tenants to lease space in our 5833 SW 29th Street office in Topeka, we were approached with an offer from a buyer to purchase the building instead of simply leasing space. The initial offer we received was not one that approached the value of the property. The buyer persisted by making several higher offers and at the May 8, 2021 ABCCR Board meeting, the Board voted to accept an offer that is significantly above the county tax value. We feel the offer accepted is a great opportunity to use this great resource in some new ways.

Here is a little background to our decision. The Region office has over 7,000 square feet which is about 5,500 square feet more than we need. We started looking for tenants in 2019 when the Wesleyan equivalent of the ABCCR was in the midst of a leadership transition and they informed us they would be moving out. We were able to find one tenant, but have been actively looking for additional tenants to utilize the unused space, with little progress. The pandemic has changed the way many businesses value office space. In the midst of that search for tenants to lease space, we were approached with this offer to purchase the building.

This decision to sell the building was neither an easy one nor one made quickly. It was made after several discussions among Board members and we thoroughly researched the valuations of this property, the implications of moving to a different space, the opportunities this will provide for ongoing ministry around the Region, and options for the new physical space that will serve the Region.

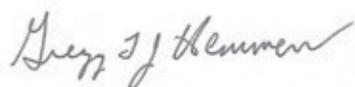
We have identified some office space in Topeka as the new location for the Region office. We'll be leasing approximately 1,500 square feet on a shorter-term lease because this is a great time for us to do an in-depth study of how we want to have our local ABCCR presence. The pandemic has taught us some valuable lessons on how we can work effectively in different ways, and we'll be able to benefit from that learning as we think about the future. Also during this time, the proceeds from the sale of the 5833 SW 29th property will be conservatively invested so we can be good stewards of this resource and will seek to continue to add value. The Administration & Finance Vision Team of the ABCCR will provide valuable oversight and direction for decisions we make about this transition. As soon as we have an updated mailing address, we will send out that information to the Region so continue to use our current mailing address (5833 SW 29th Street, Topeka, KS 66614) until further notice.

We want to be clear that this decision was made neither because of a financial crisis nor was it a forced decision. This was a very appealing opportunity to continue to be good stewards of this resource God has entrusted to us.

During the month of June 2021, we will be busy packing, scanning, and will continue to offer to our partnering churches furniture and items that will not be used by Region staff any longer but may be beneficial to you. Please let us know if you are in need of a desk, file cabinet, small table, or chair. We may have just the item you're looking for! We could also use your help as we work on this transition. Items will need to be sorted, boxed, and prepared for the move. If there's a group in your church or individuals that would like to help, we can accommodate your availability and willingness to help. Please contact Gregg (gregg.hemmen@abccr.org) or Jennifer (jennifer.schneider@abccr.org) to explore this option.

We look forward to the new opportunities this transition will bring to the ABCCR and are grateful for your partnership in ministry. We'd also ask that you share this information with your congregations and those who don't who receive email correspondence.

Sincerely in Christ,



Gregg L.J. Hemmen; ABCCR Executive Minister



Girl's Praise Saturday Schedule

9:00 am - Registration
9:30 am - Icebreakers
10:00 am - Theme Introduction and Devotion
11:00 am - Scavenger Hunt
12:15 - Lunch (provided)
1:30 - Talent Show
2:30 - Singing and Devotion
3:00 - Inside/Outside Games
4:15 - Wrap Up
4:30 - Dismiss w/To Go Food for trip home

Lunch and a To Go bag will be provided for the girls.
T-Shirts and bags will be given at registration.
Girls will need to bring water bottle and sun screen.

AB GIRLS Coordinators have organized two single day events on Saturdays in July in two locations across the Central Region.

July 10 will be held in Kansas City at London Heights Baptist Church.

July 24 will be held in Hays at First Baptist Church.

Each event will be from 9am to 4:30 pm.

The coordinators are excited to be meeting back in-person this year.

The theme this year is J.O.Y. Jesus - Others - You and references Mark 12:29-31.

Please help spread the word to the girls of the Central Region.

For more information and registration forms you can contact

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Free Theological / Biblical Studies Journals

Just a reminder that Gregg has some theological & biblical studies journals that he's giving away because he has access to these resources in digital format and no longer needs the printed versions.

The journals are:

- (a) Review and Expositor,
- (b) Journal for Preachers, and
- (c) Interpretation Journal.

If you are interested in these free resources, please email Gregg. You would just need to come to the Region office to pick them up.



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Reshaping Church Conversations is a series of virtual learning dialogues through Central Seminary's Reshaping Church: Thriving Congregations program. This series is intended to provide a space of collective learning and reflection for pastors and congregational leaders on critical topics for the thriving of congregations during challenging times. Each conversation will be guided by scholar-practitioners in the areas of pastoral leadership, congregational transformation, adaptive leadership, and social change.

Individuals who participate in all 6 of the ReShaping Church Conversations series are eligible for .9 CEUs.



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Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (CST)

June 17 Ministry in Times of Conspiracy Theories and Disinformation

July 29 Adaptive Leadership in Times of Crisis

August 19 Faith Formation in Times of Crisis

September 23 We Cry Justice: How the Freedom Church of the Poor is ReShaping Church

October 28 Preaching Punchlines

November 18 Storytelling for Racial Healing



"Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty,
shade from the sun, shelter from the wind,
For the Compassionate One guides them,
takes them to the best springs."
- Isaiah 49:10

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The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every area of our personal and communal lives. In the same way, it also touched every area of the work of One Great Hour of Sharing: sustainable development, disaster relief, and refugee support. With so many in need, your compassion is more important than ever. Our reality is that we have carried into 2021 many of the same challenges. Disasters will continue to occur. Displaced populations remain vulnerable. And hundreds of millions of people around the world struggle under the weight of poverty. Thanks to your faithfulness and generosity, One Great Hour of Sharing will continue to respond. Events of the past year have shown us that even in times when we cannot be physically together in one place, our offerings to support One Great Hour of Sharing continue to strengthen our church's presence all over the world: providing water to the thirsty, food for the hungry, and hope for the weary. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you "Let Love Flow." Your generosity ensures that, even during uncertainty, the transforming power of love continues to change the world.

In grateful partnership,
Lisa Rothenberger-Winter,
World Relief Officer

The ABCCR Search and Call Process

This part one of a five-part series on the incredible value created for the local church through the ABCCR Search & Call Process



Have you played Where's Waldo? If you've served on a Search & Call Committee you know what I'm referring to...

From start to finish, the Search & Call Process takes about 12 to 14 months in our Region. Some take longer, a few take less. It always takes patience. When a search committee starts looking for Waldo some challenges need to be recognized:

The questions of a Search Committee. What do we do? Where do we start? How will we know? What is required of us? The Church Constitution specifies how the Committee is formed and in some cases one or two church members have done this before but, the specifics are almost always lacking.

The challenges of time. When do we meet? How long do we meet? How often do we meet? With today's busy schedules, it's difficult to find meeting time. This can stretch out the search process. If you want representative ages, daytime meetings are impossible.

Patience. Every Search & Call Committee Member will hear (many times), 'How is the search going?' The more it's asked, the more it feels like, 'Are you working at all, why don't we have a new pastor?'

Lack of skills. Corporations spend millions on training people in search and interview skills. There is a complex law practice on just legal and illegal questions you are allowed to ask. Most search committees do not know how to sort through piles of resumes and then ask 'legally appropriate' questions.

Uncertainties. While we believe everyone is equal in a church, we do understand that some people are more equal than others. Some people have a lot to say, and they may not be official members of the Search & Call Committee.

Hiring Practicalities. The candidate selected to be your new leader has basic needs: pay housing, taxes and vacation time. What's fair? What can we afford? How are other churches handling these costs?

Finding Waldo is no easy task!

When you're working with one Search & Call Team or another every week, you learn a few things about finding Waldo. Through countless conversations with both churches and candidates, we've identified four interrelated practices that can deliver the smooth, positive search and call:

1. We simplify the process, making it easier for the church and the pastoral candidate.
2. We walk with you... You're not alone.
3. The ABCCR Team handles the time-consuming tasks.
4. We help you manage the entire process.

We're here to assist you in search for Waldo. In subsequent articles discuss the Search & Call Process and the four points above. Can't wait for next month's article? Drop us an email. Or give us a call.

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June is the month of our AB Women's Conferences!

The first conference/house party was held in 1933 at Charlton Cottage at Ottawa University. Some fifty women attended and were challenged with the inspiration, information, worship and fellowship the days together brought each one. One attendee commented "We really took over the Cottage, having cots in every available space. The weather was ideal, and in our free time we sat out on the lawn and enjoyed a fine Christian fellowship."

During the next few years the Association presidents, with the help of the State leaders, planned and carried out area meetings and one day Schools of Instruction. The second 'House Party' was held at Emporia in 1938 and have continued every year since that time.

The theme of the 1933 'House Party' was 'Windows'. This theme was repeated in 1983 for the 50th anniversary of conference held at Bethel College in North Newton. This was also the theme for the 100th anniversary conference to be held in 2020. As you know, that didn't happen; but it was simply postponed and we will celebrate in 2021 at First Baptist Church in Topeka.

We have a fascinating history with so much accomplished for our Lord! We have flash drives available for \$5.00 that include our history as well as details of all our ministries. It is all in Word so can be opened on any computer. I can also have all 465 pages of information printed and put in a notebook for \$15.00 but if I have to mail them, it's an additional \$10 for postage.

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4TEN IS CUTTING EDGE LEADERSHIP SKILLS TRAINING FOR YOUTH ENTERING 10-12TH GRADES DURING THE FALL. 4TEN WAS FORMED BY THE SCRIPTURE 1 PETER 4:10. IT EXISTS TO EMPOWER OUR YOUTH TO EMPLOY THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE JESUS AND SET AN EXAMPLE.

YOUTH ARE THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE; WE NEED THEM TO STEP UP NOW IN THEIR LOCAL CHURCHES!

Students who are chosen for this program are young people who love Jesus and are willing to grow in their relationship with Christ.

Students do not need to feel a call to full-time ministry but do have the gifts and desire to be leaders in their own churches.



DO YOU KNOW YOUTH WITH A LOT OF LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL?

YOU MAY NOMINATE THEM BY SENDING THEIR NAME, CHURCH, AND PHONE NUMBER TO REV. JENNIFER SCHNEIDER AT

jennifer.schneider@abccr.org



FOR IN PERSON CAMPING, SAFETY PERCAUTIONS WILL BE IN PLACE SUCH AS TEMPERATURE TAKING, HEALTH QUESTIONAIRES, CLEANING PROTOCOLS, AND DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENTS. ANY STUDENT OR STAFF THAT SHOWS SIGNS OF ILLNESS WILL BE ISOLATED FROM OTHER CAMPERS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO WAY GUARANTEE NO ONE WILL BECOME SICK, WE HAVE PLANS AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO KEEP EVERYONE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.

Camp Christy

- HIGH SCHOOL | GRADES 9-12 | JUNE 7-11 | STEVEN & DANIELLE MASSAGLIA.....\$180
- MIDDLE SCHOOL | GRADES 6-7 | JUNE 14-18 | STEVEN & DANIELLE MASSAGLIA.....\$180
- JUNIOR | GRADES 4-6 | JUNE 21- 25 | JAMES BLAKE.....\$180
- PRIMARY | GRADES 2-4 | JUNE 28-30 | VALERIE TERRAZAS.....\$125
- DAY | GRADES K-2 | JULY 1-2 | TONYA KOEHN.....\$70

Cross Wind

- DAY | GRADES K-2 | JUNE 2-4 | JOEL GRIZZLE.....\$130
- PRIMARY | GRADES 2-4 | JUNE 18-20 | VALERIE TERRAZAS.....\$180
- JUNIOR | GRADES 4-6 | JULY 26- 30| KAMI MINOR.....\$280

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- MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL | GRADES 6-12 | JULY 12- 16 | MORGAN BANDY.....\$280

IF DUE TO COVID WE ARE UNABLE TO HAVE OVERNIGHT CAMP WE WILL HAVE ONE DAY OF CAMP IN PERSON AND SEND HOME A BOX FOR THE OTHER FOUR DAYS. EACH AGE GROUP WILL MEET A DIFFERENT DAY. THAT WEEK WOULD BE JUNE 7-11 AT CAMP CHRISTY AND JULY 26-30 AT CROSS WINDS



Fredrikson Center 2021 Event Series 2022



September

Labor of Love in a Box

September 3-5

The True Cost: Stories of Human Trafficking gives voice to the forgotten ones: the people who are forced into sexual servitude; the children who are exploited as slave labor to provide cheap goods sold in our very own neighborhoods; the women and men who are lured into domestic labor that turns out to be entrapment rather than employment. Renowned Chicago playwright Jenny Magnus has created a breathtaking play using the true stories of trafficking survivors, obtained through interviews with anonymous volunteer participants. TAU's 'Labor of Love' puts tangible meaning into the Labor Day holiday with a weekend packed full of faith, leadership, friendship, learning AND fun! From Friday through Monday, high school youth gather with college leaders, ministers and staff mentors. Learning and soul-sharpening activities allow for reflection and service. Leadership activities demonstrate new skills, deeper reflection and confidence.

www.ottawa.edu/laboroflove



Adventures in Faith

September 22

Adventures in Faith (AIF) is an annual event that brings a team of alumni who are established in their vocational or volunteer fields and united by a strong faith commitment to spend three days on campus in Ottawa, Kansas. While here, they make in-class, group and chapel presentations on blending vocation with avocation.

www.ottawa.edu/AIF



November

Braving Discipleship

November 5-7

Braving Discipleship is a weekend conference for high school students and youth pastors from Kansas and surrounding states. OU students are instrumental in planning and administrating this Christian conference. During the conference, OU students have ample opportunities to lead committees and small-group workshops within this Christian-based ministry.

www.ottawa.edu/braving



Hope for the Holidays

Many hands make light work--and hope! Students and community come together in this multi-step process to bake pies for the elderly in the Franklin County area! We smash, we mix and we bake wonderful pies for the homebound, elderly and caregivers.

www.ottawa.edu/youareloved