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Happy Easter

HE IS RISEN!



**"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for
Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen,
just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."**

Matthew 28: 5-6

ABCCR CAMPING 2022



CAMP CHRISTY

- June 6-10: High School; Directors- Steven and Danielle Massaglia (\$180)
- June 13-17: Middle School; Directors- Steven and Danielle Massaglia (\$180)
- June 20-24: Junior Camp; Director- Rishawn Austin (\$180)
- June 27-29: Primary Camp; Director- Valerie Terrazes (\$120)
- June 30-July 1: Day Camp; Director- Tonya Koehn (\$75)

CAMP WHITE MEMORIAL

- July 11-15: Middle School Camp; Director- Wallace Smith (\$290)
- July 18-22: Junior Camp; Director- Kami Minor (\$290)
- July 22-24: Primary Camp; Valerie Terrazes (\$180)
- July 25-29: High School Camp; Director- Morgan Bandy (\$290)



- ❖ FOCUS is a newsletter published for professional church leaders in the Central Region, and it is distributed monthly. It is on the Region website, <https://abccr.org/>.
- ❖ The deadline for FOCUS is the first of the month of publication.
- ❖ A variation in content and format is required for copy to be printed in two or more successive issues.

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Follow your Region staff on the ABC Central Region Facebook page as they provide information on resources and services, as well as events and happenings across our Region — <https://www.facebook.com/ABC-CRegion/>

Check our ABC Central Region Twitter link — <https://twitter.com/ABCCRegion>

Please like and share the posts made on these Central Region social media accounts to help us spread the news!

Guess Who?

We have found hundreds of pictures of different people and events throughout the years in the region. We would like help identifying people, places, and events. If you recognize any of the people below, please email Morgan, morgan.bandy@abccr.org.



Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship Application & Guidelines

Sponsored by the American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Central Region (ABWMCR)

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide assistance to students who have a passion to serve the Lord in whatever way He leads and are active members of an American Baptist Church in the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC National Mission. Currently scholarships are \$500.00/semester for full-time students or \$250.00/semester for half-time students.

The Mary Gates Atkinson scholarships were originally given to those enrolled in courses that provided training for pastoral or other Christian vocation. The ABWMCR board recognizes in today's world most pastors need a second profession to provide for their family and repay the high costs of education. International missionaries also now need a profession (agricultural, medical, educational, etc.) that can be used while they are witnessing of Jesus' love and saving grace. When pastoral ministry is a person's passion, the ministry education is usually in seminary. Thus, the AB Women's Ministries Board has eliminated the original requirement.

The Mary Gates Atkinson scholarships were also originally given to students who attended an ABC college. The ABWCR board recognizes students often need to choose an institution other than an ABC college for financial reasons. **ABWCR expects scholarship recipients will attend and serve in an ABC church.** Preference is given to those attending an ABC-affiliated college. **Seminary students must be attending Central Baptist Seminary or another ABC-affiliated seminary.**

Awards are granted for one semester at a time and paid directly to the college or seminary. Recipients may be considered for renewal provided they continue to fulfill qualification requirements, make normal progress toward graduation, and continue to need financial assistance.

***The scholarship committee** usually does not personally know the student. The committee depends on those in leadership who know the applicant best. ***Therefore, to be considered for the Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship, the applicant must provide a letter from the applicant's ABCCR pastor explaining the applicant's passion for the ministry of Christ, along with the applicant's use of their gifts in the local church and/or community and how the applicant has influenced or has been influenced by peers.**

**If questions arise, please contact Linda Callaway at:
lkjhcall@aol.com or 831-224-6245**

**Completed Application, Applicant Photo, and Pastor's Reference Letter
DUE: MAY 1, 2022**

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***APPLY BY MAIL OR E-MAIL TO:**

ABWMCR MG Atkinson Scholarship, c/o Linda Callaway, P.O. Box 67622, Topeka, KS 66667-0622 (lkjhcall@aol.com)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

School Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Place of Birth: _____

Church Membership: _____ City/State: _____

If this is a student membership, what is your home church? _____

High School Attended: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

College or Seminary Attended: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

Major: _____ Year in School: _____

***Applicant must attach a personal statement, used to prepare a pen sketch, which includes at least the following:**

- A. God's call on your life and how you believe He is leading you professionally.
- B. How you anticipate being able to use this profession for God's glory.
- C. Special talents, interests and/or hobbies.
- D. How you have served God in your church and community.
- E. Family members: parents, sibling(s), spouse, children. If married, give the name and occupation of your spouse, including birth and wedding anniversary dates. Give names and ages of any children and include birth date of each.
- F. Any immediate or special financial needs.

***Applicant must:**

1. Have enrolled and been accepted at least as a half-time student. (Half-time \$250/Full-time \$500 per semester.)
2. Maintain at least a "C" average for one year before applying for the scholarship is available only for (half-time/full-time students) sophomores, juniors, or seniors.
3. Attend and be active in an American Baptist Church of the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC National Mission.
4. Submit a 2" X 3" black and white, color, or digital photograph.
5. Be willing to relate to local AB Women's Ministries groups through correspondence, responding, giving news and acknowledging gifts, and be willing to share/speak at their programs when requested, as time allows.
6. Supply a reference letter from applicant's ABCCR pastor reflecting the applicant's passion for serving Christ and applicant's use of gifts in the local church and/or community – **DUE BY MAY 1, 2022.**

I, the applicant, agree to the above: _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

Senior Adult Retreat

April 27-28, 2022

@ First Baptist Church, McPherson
600 E. Marlin St.

Handshakes, Hugs and Hallelujahs

Psalm 107:1-3, 43 (CEV)

Come experience a time of fun, fellowship and learning with senior adults from the Central Region. The registration form can be found on the Region website under the Events tab or through your local church office.

Registration deadline is April 11, 2022.

Keynote Speaker is Rev. Joel Grizzle from Lyons First Baptist Church

EVERYBODY NEEDS
A HUG
LET'S KEEP IT GOING.



Sr. Adult Retreat to have Central Region pastor, Joel Grizzle as Keynote Speaker



Originally from Georgia but transitioned to Dallas, Texas to attend Dallas Seminary in his mid-twenties. Married to a fiery Texas redhead named Kendra, who baptized him into ways of Texas A&M. Together they have 3 children: Kennedy 14, Jace 13, Gage 10. He has served at churches in North Atlanta, Dallas and has been in Lyons, Kansas since 2009.

“Handshakes, Hugs & Hallelujahs”

April 27-28, 2022

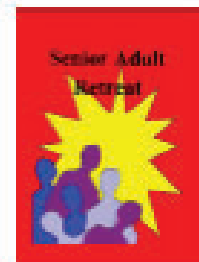
McPherson First Baptist Church

Handshakes, Hugs & Hallelujahs

April 27-28, 2022

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Joel Grizzle

First Baptist Church, McPherson, KS



Highlighted Interest Groups:

Voices in Praise...Hallelujah!

Join others in forming the Retreat Choir by sharing your vocal talent. Bob Artz, director and Janet Crowl, pianist will lead.

Remembering Hugs & Hallelujahs – Mary Hemphill

Make a simple folded mini-book with embellishments. This book will be ready to fill with remembrances – like fishing with a grandchild, a birthday party, ball game, holiday trip, Bible verses, etc. Possibilities are endless!

Elderlaw Matters – Walter Schoemaker

Discuss issues encountered by senior adults in retirement and transition planning.

Christian Hospitality – The Forgotten Grace - Mang Sonna

Rev. Mang Sonna, Executive Director of Bethel Neighborhood Center will share his insights and reflections on the power of Christian hospitality to impact and influence lives in a real-time demonstration of the "good news" we seek to proclaim.

The Bells are Ringing...Hallelujah!

Join Jan Smith in a fun time of ringing bells to music.

Handshakes, Hugs and Hallelujah Bingo -- Lois Chiles

Have fun and learn the way of expressions of handshakes, hugs and Hallelujahs as we fill our Bingo card/s for prizes.

A Peculiar People -- John Williams

What do church folk look like? Join Dr. Williams as he reflects on 45+ years of ministry with those strange creatures we call Baptists. In a humorist reflection, John will share excerpts from his Pastor Bart stories as well as some Biblical reflections that highlight some of the peculiar joys and curiosities that come with a life-time of service in our American Baptist family.

Registration forms can be found at www.abccr.org or through your local church office. Deadline for registering is Monday, April 11. Contact John Williams (785) 764.6881 for additional needed information.

ABCCR SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

April 27-28, 2022

First Baptist Church, McPherson

600 E Marlin St

McPherson, KS 67460

"Handshakes, Hugs and Hallelujahs"

Psalm 107:1-3, 43 (CEV)

Registration Deadline - April 11, 2022

***** \$10 Late Fee Assessed if Postmarked After April 11, 2022**

Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be given if cancelled by April 20, 2022

\$25 non-refundable cancellation fee per individual after April 20, 2022

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

Spouse: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Home Church: _____

& City _____

City / State / Zip: _____

	# of Guests	Total \$\$
• Full Retreat (includes program and meals) per person	_____ @ \$85.00 per person	_____
• One Day only (Wednesday or Thursday) per person	_____ @ \$60.00 per person	_____
	Total Amount Due	_____

Please make checks payable to **Senior Adult Retreat** and mail payment and completed registration form to:
Senior Adult Retreat
John Williams, Registrar
PO Box 5803
Topeka, KS 66605

Housing is NOT provided. Those attending the Senior Adult Retreat will need to make their own housing arrangements. Suggested area motels include: Holiday Inn Express, Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn and Best Western Plus.

Dietary Requirements: Sugar Free ☐ Gluten Free ☐

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

Registration Begins Wednesday at 11:00 am

Retreat Begins with Lunch at 12:00 noon

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

ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat – First Baptist Church, 600 E. Marlin St., McPherson, KS – **April 27-28, 2022**
Registration begins at 11:00 am on Wednesday the 27th. Retreat begins with lunch at 12:00 noon.

The Sr. Adult Retreat will end mid-afternoon on Thursday, the 28th.

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

Reshaping in His Image

*"Anyone who belongs to
Christ is a new person.
The past is forgotten
and everything is new."
II Cor. 5:17 CEV*



AB Women's Ministries Central Region Summer Conference

June 3-4, 2022

First Baptist Church
843 Lewis Ave., Salina, KS 67401

(One form per person, please)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PLEASE MARK ATTENDANCE: FIRST TIME _____

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

Registration Costs

Full Conference \$90 (includes 3 meals) \$ _____
One Day \$45 Fri. ___ Sat. ___ \$ _____
If postmarked after May 30th add \$10 \$ _____
If Scholarship Recipient deduct amount received \$ _____
(Attach scholarship documentation)
Total submitted \$ _____

Hotel arrangements are your own responsibility

Refund Policy: Cancellation before May 30
subject to a \$25 Administrative Fee. NO refund after
May 30. Substitution permitted by registrar only.

Abbreviated Program Schedule

Fri. 9:00 - 9:45 am	Registration
9:45 - 12:00 pm	Gathering & Session
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Workshops
2:40 - 3:40 pm	Workshops
3:40 - 4:00 pm	Devotional
4:00 - 4:50 pm	Choir Practice
5:00 - 6:15 pm	Dinner
6:15 - 7:45 pm	Session
Sat. 8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 - 10:00 am	Workshops
10:05 - 11:55 am	Session
12:00 - 1:15 pm	Lunch & Business Mtg.
1:20 - 2:35 pm	Session

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)	_____	_____

Special Diet Needed

Diabetic _____
Gluten Free _____

Please make check payable to:

AB Women's Ministries CR
Add \$10 late fee if postmarked after May 30th

Mail registration and payment to: Lois Chiles

201 Cottonwood Dr., Lansing, KS 66043
913.727.2232/913.683.8680
Lchiles@kc.rr.com

FOR REGISTRAR USE ONLY

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. Chalk Couture Designs Paula Rhodes Session #1
Join Paula Rhodes, a Chalk Couture Designer, for an hour of crafting as we make a sign using silk screen transfers and chalk paste. All supplies will be provided and you will make an inspirational wooden sign to display in your home. No prior crafting skills needed! Cost \$12 (pay at the workshop) Limit 15
2. Project: Rainbow Acres Ranch Sherill Carlson Session #1
Come meet and visit with Susan Hall, Director of Legacy and Church Relations for Rainbow Acres Ranch. Learn more about our 2021-2022 project.
3. Made to Crave Alice Gruber Session #1
Craving isn't a bad thing....we were made to crave and that craving must be met by God alone. Please join Alice Gruber for a review of the book Made to Crave by Lysa Terkeurst, President of Proverbs 31 Ministries. It would be beneficial for this workshop for you to pick up a copy and read it before the conference. The book can be purchased through Amazon or Mardels.
4. Real Connections Heidi Unruh Session #2
Author Heidi Unruh will be sharing information about her book Real Connections: Ministries to Strengthen Church and Community Relationships. There will be books for sale at a substantial savings.
5. Chalk Couture Designs Paula Rhodes Session #2
Join Paula Rhodes, a Chalk Couture Designer, for an hour of crafting as we make a sign using silk screen transfers and chalk paste. All supplies will be provided and you will make an inspirational wooden sign to display in your home. No prior crafting skills needed! Cost \$12 (pay at the workshop) Limit 15
6. Faith Shaping Melissa Newberry Session #2
During this interactive workshop, participants will have the opportunity to discover and creatively express faith-shaping events in their lives.
7. Living With Hands Wide Open Pam Durso Session #3
Our hands have much to tell us about who we are and about how we respond to life around us. Sometimes we keep our fists tightly closed. Other times we have our hands open wide. What do our hands have to teach us about giving and receiving grace and about how we pray and serve?
8. Missions: Sharing Together Kyle & Katrina Williams Session #3
Join Global Servants, Katrina and Kyle Williams, as they share about Kingdom work in Chiang Rai and throughout the Mekong Region in Thailand.
9. PrayerWize Mona Huggins Session #3
Do you want to delve more deeply into your prayer life? Join Mona as she presents concepts from a 7-week study created by Rev. Bill Hendricks, Director of Interim Ministries for Central Region.



It's not too early to consider attending the American Baptist Women's conference in Green Lake, WI. This is a 40th anniversary celebration. A full-page PDF promotion can be downloaded and shared by clicking [here](#).

The conference celebrates women ministerial leaders, their myriad journeys into ministry and their many ways of ministering. The celebration includes recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the Women in Ministry Project, now known as American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM), which was fully launched in June 1982 with Rev. Dr. Margaret A. Cowden as the first Project Director.

The location of the conference, Green Lake Conference Center, is the same place where the first national gathering of women in ministry occurred in 1980, out of which the Women in Ministry Project was birthed and where American Baptist women have gathered for many years.

We invite you to visit www.radicalredeemedready.com to learn more and to register!

There is some scholarship funding available for those who wish to go but there is financial need. Please email Gregg (gregg.hemmen@abccr.org) for more information. This scholarship has been given in memory of Reverend Adriana Chaney.