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# Help Us Celebrate Archie Mason

## 2022 American Indian Circle of Honor Winner



Tulsa City-County Library's American Indian Resource Center will induct Archie Mason, Osage and Cherokee, into the Circle of Honor during a special virtual presentation March 5, 10:30 a.m. on TCCL's YouTube, [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

The Circle of Honor award presentation begins a month-long celebration honoring the achievements of Native Americans. Programs are planned for all ages throughout March featuring local presenters.

Archie Mason, a member of the Osage and Cherokee Nations, resides in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. He has served in local government service - his great-grandfather, James Bigheart, was Chief of the Osages - Mason has shared his knowledge to serving his community.

He holds a BA in Education and a Masters of Education Degree from Northeastern State University. He completed post-graduate studies at The University of Tulsa. After a 30-year career with Tulsa Public Schools, he served as a classroom teacher, certified counselor, and Title IX and Johnson O'Malley Indian Education director. He served in education as an adjunct professor in the Humanities Department at Rogers State University. In 2006, he served in education where he served 14 years as a member of the Osage Nation Congress.

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## What is ReShaping Church?

ReShaping Church is a guided process integrating the innovation and adaptive, disruptive life experiences, transforming expressions of the body of Christ. Central Seminary's ReShaping Church Initiatives program is a partnership with Associates and generously funded.

## Why Participate in ReShaping Church?

How has your church responded to the pandemic we have and continue to face? Which aspects of yesterday's church are to be kept and which ones to let go? What changes during a pandemic, leading in a long-term change to a crisis lasts much longer than we expect? How will a "new normal" look like for our church? We seek to be transformed and to transform others. If you are thinking about these topics, you are not alone. Faith leaders and communities all over the world are asking the same questions. Central Seminary is facilitating the dialogue with other pastors and church leaders on unpredictable experiences, promoting growth, unity, and using them to grow more effectively the expression of the Body of Christ.

## Anticipated Outcomes:

- A greater and more accurate understanding of the current context, along with the greater understanding of how churches are responding
- Increased confidence and competence during volatile times
- Learning emerging church leadership practices to open the door for missional movements within the church for effective ministry during these times
- Collaborative learning with other churches

## Activities and Format

Three primary activities are the heart of the Leadership Collective.

1. Monthly Online Seminar - Third Tuesday (CST), February – June; Participants attend the online Seminar once a month (75 minutes). Mark Tidemantle, author of ReShaping Church, will be the primary speaker.

## 3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager: Making the Most of Your Conversations and Connections

Last fall, I was invited to read a new book pre-release. The book is titled *3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager: Making the Most of Your Conversations and Connections*, written by Kara Powell and Brad Griffin. This is not the first time I have been asked to read a book before it was available to everyone, but I am not sure I have been as excited about a book as I was this one.

In their book, Powell and Griffin suggest almost every question teens have is one of three big questions: **Who am I? Where do I fit in? and What difference can I make?** These are questions of identity, belonging, and purpose. In their studies over the years of young people and faith formation, Powell and Griffin have discovered teenagers who have been invited to ask the big questions about God and spirituality have stronger faith. They found **"it's not doubt that is toxic to faith - it's silence."** (P. 34)

Their book is a commentary on youth ministry, but it also offers many questions that help start conversations with young people. Questions such as:

- When you ask yourself, "who am I?" What sorts of words or phrases come to mind?
- Do you ever get nervous about the future?
- How would you describe your family's religious or faith background?
- How might God be working in this situation?

I would recommend this book to pastors, youth leaders,

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*Planned* **Giving**

*A Ministry of American Baptist Churches of the Central Region*

## **New Year, New Chapter**

It's a new year, a new month and a new chapter in planned giving. In some ways I feel like a runner on a 4 by 4 relay team and I have just received the baton. What I remember is that Marshall Schirer held the baton and then he passed it on to Wilma Engle, who has now passed it on to me. I want to thank Wilma for her guidance, training and help during this past couple of years and I know that while it is time for her to retire, I will need to ask her a question from time to time because of her great wealth of knowledge and expertise in financial affairs. I am deeply grateful to have worked with her during this past season!

Almost 30 years ago, I said "yes" to God by responding to two American Baptist ministers, who invited me to consider being a youth worker and Sunday school teacher during the summer at the First Baptist Church of El Paso, Illinois. Since then I have been on a ministry journey that led me to Central Baptist Seminary and then on into a variety of ministries including missionary, hospital chaplain, development worker, church pastor, staff at Bethel Neighborhood Center, hospice chaplain, staff at Unique Finds and now-planned giving.

As I begin this new chapter of ministry, I want you to know that I have a lot to learn and grow in, but I will give my very best to help you in your planned giving wishes and needs. Just like all of you, I run in such a way as to win the prize and to follow in the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

What is God asking you to do in this new year—start a new ministry, volunteer more in your church or community, reach out to someone in need, use your talents in a new way or support our region and missions with your financial gifts? Are you ready to say "yes" to God? I hope so.

I am available to meet you to talk about your options for planned giving, without any charge or obligation. Please reach out to me and we can visit. If you wish to give to a Charitable Gift Annuity, you can receive income from your gift for the rest of your life. On your mark, get set, go!

Rev. Tim Schwartz  
Director of Planned Giving

# Central Region 117 Years

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## Save the



### 2022 GIRL'S PRAISE

July 15 - 17 Check in at  
**Camp Webster**  
Salina, Ks

"You are the potter, and  
Isaiah 64:8



# Interim MINISTRY

## How To Handle Difficult Church Members

By Rev. Dr. William Hendricks; ABCCR Director Interim Ministries

Dr. Hendricks spent 5 years studying conflict as part of his D.Min. He created the seminar, "How to Handle Difficult People" that was presented in 5 countries and to more than 100,000 people.

Let's look at two more of the Dirty Dozen...

The **Deal Maker** and the **Debbie Downer Member**. These two are known to make a grown pastor cry. The way they frame concerns and their attempts at reconciliation are guaranteed to create more issues. These two members of the Dirty Dozen have an uncanny ability to dismiss both the people dynamics as well as the issues at hand.

- Debbie Downer believes no one will change, and quickly stakes out and intransient position.
- The Deal Maker believes everyone can give a little and starts bargaining rather than engaging in conversation.

THE DIRTY DOZEN

Angry Members	Stubborn Members	Clueless Members	Deal Maker Members	Shy & Passive Members	VIP Members
Henny Penny Members	Skeptic Members	Frazzled Members	Debbie Downer Members	Drippy Sweet Members	Misinformed Members

Why do these two members trigger such high frustration? When they show up the issues disappear. Debbie Downer buries it, and the Deal Maker immediately starts bargaining. In both cases, they avoid conflict by 'tossing options' on the table, lots of options. They force the pastor, or others, involved to reconcile solutions with no conversation. A rush to solutions typifies each of these difficult church members. Here are some specifics:



1st Debbie Downer.

Now, the Deal Maker.



1st Deal Maker.

The Deal maker immediately assume give a little and immediately parse These arrive as if they are positive anything but positive. Compromise giving up. Why does this person even if the alternative is viable, it has the parties involved. The Deal Maker possible conflict, and causes people has not been discussed.



2nd Deal Maker.

The assumption that everyone can give unacceptable proposition for some. table; they have nothing to give. The chance. There is also the false premise involved should equally move, giving proportional amount.

What makes a pastor cry in this scenario

The total lack of justice. Just because or has more invested is not a good choice in many cases.

These two members of the Dirty Dozen understand the tension an Interim Ministry with people whom they barely know be managed before a new pastor fills

If one of the Dirty Dozen is knocking church, right now. Or if you would some challenges, please feel free to

Bill Hendricks (913) 558-3311

**Sr. Adult Retreat to Have  
Pastor, Joel Grizzle as K**

# Luther Rice Association

We had a wonderful Summer Rally picnic supper at DeSoto Baptist Church on July 27, 2021. There was great attendance. FBC Olathe took home the "members in attendance" banner. The guest speakers were Larry and Becky Stanton from Hungary, Larry and Becky Stanton.

Larry shared about his work in the refugee camps, food and firewood distribution, and earthquake relief in various areas. Becky then shared about the work she performs as an English Language instructor at a school. She is her white cross request for bilingual education materials that our Central Region chose as part of the Project. The materials were delightful. FBC DeSoto had the idea to sell raffle tickets to earn money for the Project. The prizes were a bracelet and a lovely wooden flag. The prize winners were Reba Berola, Sharon Coatney and Debbie from DeSoto Baptist for the Project!! Mary Etta Copeland performed a beautiful organ solo, "I Love to Love the Meeting" at the meeting.



Our fall rally was held at FBC Olathe with September Tribble, a certified BeAlert presenter with the State of Kansas, as our guest speaker. She began with statistics and presence of the issue in the Kansas City area, including the risk factors, signs of human trafficking and how to report something seen. "Human trafficking is a global issue of vulnerability," she said.

At the business part of our meeting, there were 28 ladies in attendance; FBC Paola took home the banner. It was joyful to hear that our goal for the annual project had exceeded the \$30,000 goal by \$3,400! God has been faithful amidst the Covid pandemic. Before leaving, a soup luncheon was served.



Our calendar is full for 2022. The spring board meeting will be March 22 either at Appanoose or DeSoto. Notification will be sent to board members closer to the meeting. The Spring Rally will be at 9:30 AM. The guest speakers will be Mang and Nem Sonna from Bethel Neighborhood Center. The Summer Rally will be in DeSoto! They liked having us so much, they agreed to host again!! It will be an evening meal and the speaker has not yet been determined.



# AB Women's Ministries

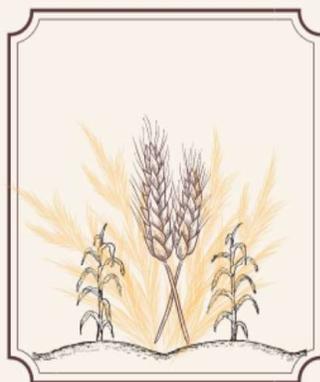
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Let the Walls Fall Down

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Summer Conference – June 3-4, 2022

Theme: Reshaping in His Image



**PRAIRIE PASTORS**  
CONFERENCE

When: March 28-30, 2022

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

**Speakers:**

## Schedule

Monday: March 28 2022,

1:30 pm Pre-Conference Orientation to ABC Life  
3:30 pm Registration  
5:15 pm Welcome  
5:30 pm Dinner – Provided by MMBB  
6:45 pm Worship  
7:00 pm Presentation by Lyn Cohick  
Fellowship time

Tuesday: March 29, 2022

9:30 am Worship  
10:00 am Session #1 Denise Kjesbo/MMBB  
10:50 am Break  
11:00 am Session #2 Denise Kjesbo/MMBB

## Maybe a Walk

Pastor John Clark; Judson Baptist Church

Never get over the phenomenon of being. The fact that you can correctly say, "I am..." is a wonderful gift, or that your friend can say, "You are," or another can say, "She is." All these statements have to do with your existence.

The next time weather permits, let's all take a "Thank God for being" walk.

When the Apostle Paul visited Athens he saw the Acropolis, the Parthenon, and he walked the ancient market. He mentioned the many religious shrines. Idols and altars and inscriptions, (Acts 17:16). He looked at all this religious paraphernalia. But he saw the people. God's purpose is people. In God's eyes, people are the best.

Paul addressed the crowd.

I found an altar with the inscription, "To the Unknown God." Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you, (Acts 17:23).

The "Unknown God" is the God Who created the world and everything in it. This is the God Who "gives to all people life and breath and all things," (17"25).

And then he says,

In Him we live and move and exist, (28).

But God had an ulterior motive -- He needed people. You are God's highest creation. He brought you to be and He sustains your being. Why? That He might draw you to Himself. And love you.

Here's the logic.

If God grants existence to all people, does it not make sense that "He would be their God and they would be His people," (Jeremiah 7:23). Paul said to the Athenians, ...that they would seek God, (27).

God expects us to seek Him. There's lots wrapped up in the great gift of existence. Don't treat God like an anonymous donor.

Here's the promise God gave to Jeremiah to pass along to His people 650 years before the promise He gave Paul to pass along to His people in Athens.

Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You shall see Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart, (Jeremiah 29:12-13).

with the blank filled in by "Brother Wind," "Sister Water," "Brother Earth," and even "Sister Bodily Dea

Francis feels a kinship with the rest of creation. He believes that the Creator cannot help but show Himself on the things that are created. In the dimension creation, Francis experiences the love of God.

This has been my experience too. I invite you into sabbath, but rather than a day of rest, sabbath as a foundational principle of life. The moon who walks with me when I am alone, as the Jesus who "walks with me and I am his own." It is not the moon, but as much as the Spirit, who "intercedes for us," too deep for words (Romans 8:26 E

I invite you to pay attention to the things of the sun, or the wind, or the water, or the earth, or creation. If you open yourself up to the things of creation, you will discover something of God in it all.

## Hearts of Val Interim Pastor, Bob Kra

February has its own special holiday as we turn to Song of Songs 1:15a "my darling,"

Just a few days ago, I watched the movie starring Betty White. She portrayed a woman who always goes to the train station to see her husband's return from serving in the military. She has been doing this for sixty years.

The local newspaper gets into the story and catches up with her and wishes to interview her. It's an exciting story. At first she demurred.

Betty White retells of her young love. He buys a fixer-upper for their new life. Later he accepts an assignment and is shot down, he recovers from his wounds, but the natives.

Unfortunately, he is killed in a skirmish nearby unbeknownst to the Navy, who through the reporter's connections, find out and return him to her on Valentine's Day.



## Strategies for being an organized Caregiver

As an adult child, caring for an aging parent is a major responsibility. While there are many factors and decisions to consider, getting and staying organized (and that means something different for everyone) can help relieve caregiver stress and be more efficient with your time as you fulfill this rewarding but sometimes frustrating role.

It is necessary to regularly evaluate and adjust routines as health care conditions change. Being organized can help those times of adjustment be as smooth as possible. Some ideas to consider:

### 1. Maximize Opportunities for Medication Management.

Not taking medications as prescribed by a physician can increase falls, increase frequency of health crisis, and decrease overall quality of life. Ask your pharmacist to synchronize the refilling of all prescriptions. This will help reduce repeated trips to the pharmacy or reduce the chance of running out of a prescription. Also, consider using a pharmacy that creates sealed packets each day/time of day. This will help reduce time needed to fill those pill organizers.....as well as the occasional accident where the pills spill all over the floor.

**2. Keep a Journal of Health Needs and Changes.** Making notes daily can really help when it is time to make a doctor's appointment. It will be easy to reference how often the concern occurred or if there is a pattern of occurrence.

**3. Create an Emergency File.** An emergency file should include insurance information, a list of current medications, physician contact information, copy of power of attorney and advance directives. In time of a health crisis, being able to easily and quickly access this information will be extremely beneficial.

**4. Anticipate your Loved One's Future Needs.** Being aware of the natural progression of an illness can help you anticipate what may be in your loved one's future, and therefore their future needs. Being educated will help you be prepared as well as and can increase your patience and understanding. Anticipating needs may also include looking

## One Great Hour of Love Rebuilds Lives Impa



Bethlehem Baptist Church. Spring House

Almost a category 5 storm, Hurricane Ida on Aug. 29, 2021, near Port Fourchon, Louisiana, brought heavy rainfall, 170 mph winds and spawned several tornadoes in six states and several others in the Northeast—the latter of which were caused in part, by Bethlehem Baptist Church. The church is helping families in Perry and Montgomery counties.

In partnership with Family Promise, a ministry that serves the homeless in Montgomery County, families slept in the church right after the storm. Other families who are now sleeping in their homes express their gratefulness to the church for providing a time of darkness.

Said the head of one family, "Thank you to Bethlehem Baptist Church, for making us feel safe and comfortable. We appreciate your help."

If that's not enough, the 1,200-member church has helped more than 40 families in Montgomery County by donating a little more than \$5,000. Rev. Sean Tripline, the church's pastor, said that most families received small gifts, but those with greater needs received \$500 each.

While the church began giving away supplies and funds, a grant of approximately \$100,000 from the Baptist Home Mission Societies is being used to continue giving.

"We started a line item in the budget for this, calling it 'The Compassionate Fund.' It will help our congregation as we encourage other congregations to give 100 percent of their offering for relief."