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ABCORI Bi-Weekly E-Notes

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THE WEEK AHEAD– this information is in the [Calendar](#) on the last page.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Rev. George Finch, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Providence.
- Don Harris, occasional assistant cook at Canonicus and deacon at North Scituate Baptist. Don is recovering nicely from heart valve replacement. He has been attending worship at North Scituate and diligently following his rehab process. Keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Helen Stone passed away on June 4. Helen was the wife of Rev. L. Edgar Stone and a beloved member of United Baptist Church, Newport.

Rev. L. Edgar Stone, husband of Helen and the United Baptist Church of Newport invite you to celebrate her life, at a memorial service this Sunday, 3:00 p.m., at United Baptist. For more information, please call 847-3210.

FROM LILIANA'S DESK

I want to talk to you today about being Kingdom builders. I'm sure you have sometimes wondered why we are here on Earth, what our purpose in life is. Actually, one of the most popular renewal programs for churches is called "The Purpose Driven Church", by Rick Warren of Southern California. I'd like to ask you, have you found your purpose in life?

Being Kingdom builders is becoming partners with God. Blackaby, the Canadian Baptist author, says that we must look around and find where is God at work in the world. This revelation is to be understood as God's invitation to join Him, and therefore, finding our own purpose for life and ministry. As we understand the Scriptural call to build God's Kingdom on Earth, work for peace and justice, make disciples for Jesus Christ, and spread God's love to everyone, we realize that being Kingdom builders is at the core of Gospel message.

ABCORI has embarked on a quest to resource our Kingdom building common capacity. Whether you are a pastor or layperson, a leader or a follower, male or female, young or old, God is calling you to become a partner in this construction project. When we are Kingdom builders, everything we do is ministry; we see life as an opportunity to touch people with Jesus' healing and transforming presence; we recognize that, even when we don't agree, we can work together, and that the world is in too much need for us to sit on our hands. Will you join me in building God's Kingdom?

"UNBINDING THE GOSPEL" –Evangelism II – June 7, 8:45 am to 12:30, Norwood Baptist

There is still room so - Put away your fears that only preachers or "really religious" people can evangelize. The bible tells us that we all should share the good news of Christ's love. Yes, YOU CAN DO IT. Ron Provencal and Liliana DaValle, facilitators. Please confirm your attendance with Sandy@abcori.org or 294-6348 x 111. Thank you.

BE A WEEKEND HOST TO AN INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR

Each summer, campers at Canonicus experience the benefits of cross-cultural relationships with counselors from a variety of countries. You and your family can also enjoy the fun and adventure of getting to know someone from another country by showing true American Baptist hospitality to an international staff person this summer. Volunteer to be a weekend host for one of our international counselors. They are coming from Argentina, Brazil, Columbia and England. In general, hosting involves providing weekend respite, in your home, for a single staff

member, from June 20 through August 7. At your discretion, it may also include outings or other recreational activities to allow staff to relax after a full week of camp. For more information on hosting, contact Matt Black at 294-6318, ext. 105 or at Matt@abcori.org.

CHAPLAIN APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Elder Care Ministries is currently accepting applications for nursing home chaplaincy candidates. Qualifications include a demonstrated ministry of presence, experience working with elders and at least two units of CPE. To apply, send a letter of intent, along with a current resume, to Kathy Black, Director of Elder Care Ministries, American Baptist Churches of RI, PO Box 330, Exeter, RI 02822. Required documents may also be submitted online to Kathy@abcori.org. For more information, contact Kathy at ABCORI at (401)294-6318, ext. 102.

MISSIONARY PRESENTATIONS – 1ST BAPTIST HOPE VALLEY

June 15 – Pam Thomas will speak during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Pam recently went to Mississippi to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

June 28 – Saturday evening, 6:00 p.m. a potluck dinner and fundraiser for South Africa. The Barrett's will be speaking and showing slides.

MISSIONARIES TO YOUR CHURCH

If you wish to invite a missionary to speak at your church this Fall, let us know. We have the list of available missionaries and can help you make arrangements. The Board of International Ministries is willing to pay the transportation cost of missionaries coming to the region, but inviting congregations will be responsible for room and board as well as local transportation while they're in Rhode Island.

GATHER WITH AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH IN PRAYER

Whether or not you're sending young people or youth ministry workers to "MtW: More Than a Week" in Colorado's Rockies (July 5-11), you can support them with prayer. Click [bulletin insert](#) for a Sunday worship aid and announce the "40 Days of Prayer for MtW" ministry that begins June 8. Then, click [daily devotions](#) for the prayer journey guide for American Baptists of all ages. Remember, prayers for youth today are really prayers for the world tomorrow. Sponsored by National Ministries

HONDURAS MISSION EXPLOSION

The Evangelistic Witness Ministries of ABCORI invite you to participate in a conversation about the Honduras Mission Explosion. The purpose of this meeting is to further strategize our support of the work in Honduras and organize the raising of funds. If you are interested, please come on June 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to the ABCORI office at Canonicus. If you embrace it, this can be your ministry. Please pass the word.

FEED THE BODY - FEED THE SPIRIT

Clam Cakes and Chowder Feed the Body. Feed the Spirit proceeds help send children to summer camp. Gourmet (Red or White) Chowder & Clam Cakes, Watermelon, Cookie & Drink. \$7.50 Adults, \$3.50 Children, and \$10.00 all you can eat. June 14, 11am -2pm People's Baptist Church, 1275 Elmwood Ave, Cranston, RI 401-467-8220 www.PeoplesBaptistChurchRI.org

HOUSE OF HOPE OF RHODE ISLAND...

is sponsoring an evening of fun, food, fellowship, an opportunity to be pampered and to hear about the ministry of House of Hope, a Christian residential home for troubled teens (www.houseofhope.org/) This event will be held at the North Kingstown Community Center on Beach St in Wickford on June 19th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All are invited to attend. All proceeds from the evening will go to support House of Hope of Rhode Island. For more information you can contact us at info@houseofhope.org or call 286-4978

AVENUE A in an OUT DOOR CONCERT

Bring your own blanket or folding chair; sit back and enjoy a musical journey from the 1920's to Today. Saturday, June 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Lime Rock Baptist Church. Tickets \$15 and children are free. Call for tickers: 334-2999

COME SING WITH US! COME PRAISE THE LORD!

You won't want to *miss* "Together in Harmony" for a wonderful time of praise, prayer and preaching celebrating our faith.

Date: Sunday, June 22

Place: Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad St, Providence

Time: 4:30 p.m.

What: Combined choir, hymns, praise dance, bagpipe, preaching by the Rev. Dr. Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Executive Director, National Ministries ABCUSA.

Food? Of course! Reception following the service.

FAITH BASED V.I.S.T.A. POSITIONS

RI Faith-based VISTA Positions Available: VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), a program of the AmeriCorps, seek U.S. citizens 18 and over for a variety of national service, full-time assignments. Participants receive a small living stipend as well as health benefits and an education or cash award after the completion of a full term of service. Volunteer Center of RI and Meshanticut Park Church in Cranston are looking for faith-based VISTA's. The VCRI VISTA is an Outreach & Training VISTA working to build volunteer capacity in faith-based social service programs, such as food pantries, by providing technical assistance and training. For more information, contact Jennifer Styles at (401-421-6547 or e-mail jstyles@vcricri.org . Meshanticut Park Church seeks a Faith Based Outreach Coordinator to provide administrative support to the Senior Pastor and the Building Committee in developing the Community Center building project. **Contact Rev. Dr. Robert Lancia** at (401) 942-4616 or e-mail revdrbob@mpcri.org. For more information on the AmeriCorps, VISTA or CNCS please visit <http://www.nationalservice.org/> .

GREYHOUND BOUND FOR CT WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE!

Climb aboard for the Regional ABC Mission Conference. It will be held, at the Second Baptist Church, in Suffield, CT. – September 19, 20 & 21. This round trip excursion includes registration fee, Saturday night banquet, hotel, (2 nights – special rate) and two box lunches. Total Price \$375. Leave your car in the safe parking lot of the 1st Baptist Church of Waltham Ma. Consider the cost of rising gas prices! Then, consider the fellowship, education, and fun of being an American Baptist serving as the hands and feet of Christ. For more information contact Ronny (Rev. Veronica H. Lanier) 1-781-662-4663 or leave a message at TABCOM: 1-781-320-8100 x 109

WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE, ABC-USA SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT

For information and to register on line go to: <http://www.abconn.org/wmc/details.html>

The ABCORI <u>Calendar</u>			
Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar			
June 6 & 7		ABWM June Conference	Canonicus
June 7	8:45-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training "Unbinding the Gospel"	Norwood Baptist
June 7	5:00 p.m.	Spring Buffet – Reservations <i>Call 397 7356</i>	Summit Baptist Church
June 8	3:00 p.m.	Ordination and Installation Geneva Urquhart	First, West Warwick
June 9	2:00 p.m.	Properties Committee	Lawrence Building
June 12	5:30	Recruitment Committee	Community, Providence
June 12	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	Community, Providence
June 14	9 – 11:00 a.m.	Evangelistic Ministries Mission Explosion	Lawrence Building

June 14	11 – 2:00 p.m.	Clam Cakes and Chowder Feed the Spirit	Peoples, Cranston
June 17		S & A	N. Scituate
June 21	8:45-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training “Small Groups”	Norwood Baptist
June 21	6:00p.m.	Avenue A in Concert	Lime Rock Baptist
June 22		Week One of Camp	Canonicus
June 22	4:30 p.m.	ABCORI Celebration of Faith	Calvary Baptist Church
June 23	5:30 –7:30p.m.	ABWM Executive Board	Greenville Baptist
June 25	9 – 1:30 p.m.	June Festival	Central, Jamestown
July 3	11:00	Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
July 4		ABCORI OFFICES CLOSED	Fourth of July
July 6- 11		Grandparents Camp	Canonicus
July 10	12:00 p.m.	Baptist Heritage Society	Canonicus - Meadowwood
July 15	4:00 p.m.	S&A	N. Scituate
July 17		TIM Group; All Staff	
August 4	7:00 p.m.	Baptist Home of RI	Phillips, Cranston
August 23	8:30 - 2 p.m.	ABWM Executive Board Retreat	Rathbun, Canonicus
Sept. 4		SCOM	Lawrence
Sept. 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	N. Scituate
Sept 19-21		ABCUSA World Mission Conference	2 nd Baptist–Suffield CT
Sept. 29	6:00 p.m.	Mission Celebration – ABCORI	Greenville Baptist
Oct. 4		Crop Walk	Goddard Park, Warwick
Oct. 13		Fall Festival	Canonicus
Oct. 18	3:00 p.m.	SPNM Chocoholic Frolic & Silent Auction	Canonicus
Oct. 25	2:30 – 8 p.m.	ABW Fall Mission Meeting	1 st N. Kingstown
Nov. 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	1 st N. Kingstown
Nov. 8		Baptist Women’s Day of Prayer	
		2009	
Jan. 6	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	TBA
Jan. 30 & 31	5:30 p.m. Fri.- 4:00 p.m. Sat.	Spiritual Retreat ABWM	Meadowwood
Feb. 24	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	TBA
March 2	7:00 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting (Session A)	First, East Greenwich
April 14	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	North Scituate
April 25	8:30 a.m. -	Annual Gathering (Session B)	TBA
CALENDAR ON LINE			

AS SPACE ALLOWS