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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

Eunice Gardner, a member of Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad Street, Providence, passed away on July 16 in Texas. She was living with her daughter for the past several years. Her husband, Bill Gardner, was a former pastor of the Spring Green Baptist Church.

A Memorial Service will be held, at Calvary, on Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. Notes and cards may be sent to her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Ewell Bourland, at their home, 7018 Bronco Court, Buda, Texas 78610.

FROM LILIANA'S DESK

Beginning in September, there will be changes to the way we communicate. Thanks to the hard work of our Communications Task Force, we have heard your suggestions and are making some interesting innovations. Our website has already been much improved, with different sections dedicated to the Baptist Fund of Rhode Island, missions and special programs, as well as an archive of ABCORI notes, minutes and annual reports. The QRP (Quarterly Resource Packet) has been changed to LRP (**Leadership Resource Packet**). We will send the LRP twice a year, in the Spring and Fall, and it will contain different sections for the appropriate ministries in the church.

The **InterAction** will have a new face. It will be sent in the winter and the summer, bringing you current information on issues of interest for the ABCORI family. The ABCORI **E-notes** will have a new face as well; they will look like a regular electronic newsletter and will include links to other pages for those interested in particular topics. As you have noticed, a full version of the notes goes out every other week, while a shortened version with only prayer concerns and the calendar, in between. **We would like to have more email addresses in order to reach more of our constituents with these E-notes.**

Both the webpage and the ABCORI E-notes will have a button you can click in order to see our **Ministry Opportunities**. Within our new structure, these **Ministry Opportunities** will announce the meetings where different topics of ministry will be addressed, and action plans made, and working groups will emerge to handle specific projects. When you see these **Ministry Opportunities**, be sure to check when and where the meetings will take place, and attend those meetings that interest you. These will be open invitations for you: **you will always be welcomed!**

A MORE THAN A WEEK'08 EXPERIENCE - Eric Woolf, Spring Green Memorial Baptist Church

"My week in Estes Park, Colorado was phenomenal and life changing. This week was not only a vacation; it was an opportunity and a place I could go to relate to those I had never met and make friends. I did this from the first day in our discipleship group. At first, I was wary of talking out and putting myself out there; but by the last day, thanks to those around me and knowing and worshiping God, I was able to express my feelings. It was a wonderful feeling that made me more comfortable with what was going on around me; and in no time at all, I was dancing, jumping, singing and praying in the Lord's name.

My two best friends at the Conference were Tommy and Gerald because they inspired me to do more, not only at the Conference, but also with my faith."... Eric

Close to 1400 youth and adults attended “MtW: More Than a Week,” the National Gathering of American Baptist Youth sponsored by National Ministries. [\(Click to read more\)](#)

“MISSION ON YOUR DOORSTEP” – September 29, 2008 - ABCORI MISSION CELEBRATION

What is the ministry that your church is doing in your neighborhood or your community? We are hoping that you would like to share the unique ministry in which your church is engaged.

The Mission Celebration for 2008 will be held at the Greenville Baptist Church. We are looking for displays from our ABCORI churches that show what you are doing with “Mission on Your Doorstep”. Perhaps your ministry will inspire others to start a mission on their “doorstep”. If you would like to participate, contact Linda Martin at the ABCORI office. Her number is 401 294-6318 x103 or email linda@abcori.org.

HISTORY MATTERS IS ON YOU TUBE! - American Baptist Historical Society

“I invite you to view our *History Matters Campaign* on You Tube. This campaign will establish our capacity to provide educational opportunities to a new generation who will live out their faith in the world from a position of understanding their own place and role in history---living a radical discipleship as the hands and feet of Christ.” Trinetta McCray, ABHS President

Visit History Matters at: <http://historymatters.ning.com> to access the You Tube link. (In order to control which emails you receive on History Matters, go to <http://historymatters.ning.com/profiles/profile/emailSettings>)

RISCC IS LOOKING FOR SPACE

The council of churches seeks office space that can be occupied by January 1, 2009. Please call the council (401-461-5558) if you know of office space that meets the following criteria:

- In Providence or its immediate environs
- 400 to 700 square feet (depending on configuration)
- Shared space for meetings/workshops would be a plus
- Parking
- Handicapped accessible
- Hopefully, easy to find

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TO THE 2009 ANNUAL GATHERING

Please join the Congregational Life team on **August 5, at 2 pm the ABCORI office**, as we **Brainstorm** for next year’s Annual Gathering program. You will be part of an exciting experience that will impact our future.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP - A unique opportunity – SAVE THESE DATES:

ABCORI churches are being offered a two part grant-writing workshop, in partnership with our friends at TABCOM. The workshop will run for 2 Saturdays, a month apart, on October 18 and November 15, from 9am – 3pm, free of charge. A southeastern Massachusetts location for the workshop will be determined. More details to follow.

SAVE THE DATES FOR A 134TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

- October 19, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Opening Worship followed by Tea & Pastry to begin the Berean Baptist Church’s 134th Anniversary Celebration
- October 25, at 5:00p.m - Pot Luck Banquet.
- October 26, at 10:00 a.m. Closing Worship Service followed by Special Coffee Hour.

The ABCORI Calendar			
Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar			
August 4	7:00 p.m.	Baptist Home of RI	Phillips, Cranston
August 5	2:00 p.m.	Annual Gathering '09 Ministry Opportunity	Lawrence
August 12	9:15 a.m.	Personnel Committee Meeting	Calvary, Providence
August 14	4:00 p.m.	Investment Committee ABCORI	Church of the Master
August 17	Noon – 4 p.m.	ABCORI Family & Camp Alumni Picnic	Canonicus

August 21		TIM Group; All Staff	
August 22		Executive Team; Labyrinth Committee	Lawrence
August 23	8:30 - 2 p.m.	ABWM Executive Board Retreat	Rathbun, Canonikus
August 24	4:00 p.m.	Ordination Service for Nate Manderson	1 st Bristol
Sept. 1	Deadline to	Register for a Simeon's Ministry Training	Kathy Black
Sept 2	10-12:00 p.m.	Consultants Group	Lawrence
Sept 4		Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
Sept 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	N. Scituate
Sept 10		BiRST	Dedham, MA
Sept 11	12:00 p.m.	BHC – Baptist Heritage Center	Canonikus
Sept 13	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonikus
Sept 18		TIM Group; All Staff	
Sept 19-21		World Mission Conference - ABCUSA	2 nd Baptist–Suffield CT
Sept 27	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	Tefft Chapel, Canonikus
Sept 29	6:00 p.m.	Mission Celebration – ABCORI	Greenville Baptist
Oct 2		Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
Oct 3 & 4	6pm- 3pm	BOM Dinner and retreat ABCORI/TABCOM	Canonikus
Oct 4		Crop Walk	Goddard Park, Warwick
Oct 13		Fall Festival	Canonikus
Oct 18	3:00 p.m.	SPNM Chocoholic Frolic & Silent Auction	Canonikus
Oct 18	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Grant Writing Course ABCORI/TABCOM	TBA
Oct 19	3:00 p.m.	134 th Anniversary Opening Celebration	Berean Baptist
Oct 25	2:30 – 8 p.m.	ABW Fall Mission Meeting	1 st N. Kingstown
Oct 28		Emotional Intelligence Seminar–Ministers Council	
Nov 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	1 st N. Kingstown
Nov 8		Baptist Women's Day of Prayer	
Nov 15	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Grant Writing Course ABCORI/TABCOM	TBA
Dec 6	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonikus
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Jan 6, 2009	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
Feb 28	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonikus
March 2	7:00 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting (Session A)	First, East Greenwich
March 28	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	Shaub, Canonikus
April 14	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	North Scituate
April 18	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonikus
April 25	8:30 a.m. -	Annual Gathering (Session B)	TBA
October 3	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	Shaub, Canonikus
October		World Mission Conference	New Hampshire