

**THE WEEK AHEAD**– See the [Calendar](#) on the last page.

### **From Eldercare Ministries**

Just a reminder to those on Social Security after March 1st anyone who receives a Social Security check who has not signed up for direct deposit will receive a reloadable debit card to access their Social Security payments. These debit cards will carry a fee and you will not be able to access all of your money at one time. The Social Security Administration recommends direct deposit, because it's reliable and secure and because it helps reduce postage and handling costs for the government. Most banks will help you make the transition or you can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit [www.ssa.gov/deposit](http://www.ssa.gov/deposit)

### **Annual Business Meeting**

The Annual Business Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island (ABCORI) will be held **Monday, March 4, 2013, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad St., Providence. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m.** Delegates selected by your church are expected to attend and guests are welcome. Parking is in a secure lot next to the church. Download the agenda [here](#)

### **Around Our Churches**

**Learning Social Hour at Memorial Baptist Church, Friday, March 8, 2013 7pm.** Master Garcia from America, Best Defense in North Attleboro will be holding a 1 hour session on Identifying & Defusing Attacks. See [flyer](#)

**Sabbath Day, February 9th has now been scheduled for Saturday, March 9th.** If you have not already registered there is still time and room for more. We will gather in Shaub Lodge to a cozy fire – note change of venue.

**Corned Beef Dinner – Sat. March 9th – 5:00pm Summit Baptist Church,** 1176 Victory Highway, Greene RI for tickets, call 392 0232

**Meet the ABCORI Executive Minister. All are invited to come and** meet the Rev. Tom Wiles, Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island. Stop by and welcome Tom and Linda Wiles at the home of Dan and Reppa Cottrell at 2525 Harney Hill Road, Coventry, RI on Sunday afternoon February 24th anytime between 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

**Patrick Destoop will be at the Mt. Pleasant coffeehouse** on Friday March 8 at 7:30PM. For more info call the church office at 401-351-2347.

## **Mar. 17 4PM Deacon & Deaconess Day Olney Street Baptist Church**

**First Baptist @ Quonnie, 5073 Old Post Road, Charlestown (RI)** Contact the pastor at (401) 862 3133 Available at no cost: 1973 Traditional (Model 632) Conn Organ - two keyboards, 26 pedal notes, 44 stops, good condition

**“Reach out to support the friends and family of Sandy Hook Elementary by adopting a prayer bear.** There are 55 bears left to reach the goal for the second delivery of bears to the Newtown United Methodist Church. Bears are \$10 each and are hand stuffed and prayed over. Adopters can name their bear and include a note of condolence and encouragement if they desire. Please contact First Baptist Church in Wickford for more information. 401.294.4595 or [office@wickfordbaptist.org](mailto:office@wickfordbaptist.org)

**Married Couples Ministry Spring Brunch and Movie Matinee** Saturday, April 6, 2013 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your marriage and minister to your spouse your a romantic CATERED fellowship brunch, powerful workshops and viewing a powerful Movie. Please take time to invest in your marriage! Share this with your family and friends and be sure to invite them to attend. You may also sponsor another couple. Note: This event is for engaged couples as well. The cost of the brunch \$20.00 per couple. You may pre-register with payment via our Pay Pal link on [www.calbaptist.org](http://www.calbaptist.org) or send a check or Money Order made out to Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad St., Providence, RI 02907.

Thank you,

Rev. Jabulani McCalister, LMSW, SSW, MDIV  
Senior Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Providence Rhode, Island

**First Baptist Church of Pawtucket April 13, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.** Ham & Bean Supper with entertainment.

**The Congregational Life Team announces All church Worship Sunday** to be held on April 28, 3 pm, at First in America. Watch enotes for further details.

**Looking for that old hymn you love? Check out the Motter Resource Center** at Canonicus. There are 60 different hymnals in the reference section. Also, while there, go downstaire and check out the "free" table and other "for sale" items. All books are still 75% off the internet price.

## **Interfaih Power and Light Conference**

ABCORI churches encouraged to attend Interfaith Conference on Climate Change

On Thursday, March 7th, Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light will hold its sixth annual conference at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This year's

conference, titled ***ECO: Inspired Solutions for a Sustainable Future***, will explore climate-change solutions from an economic and ecological perspective.

A dinner speaking program, interactive table discussions, and other opportunities to network will allow participants to transform inspiring words into concrete action—to become better stewards of the planet while also being better managers of their faith community's financial resources.

Panelists from diverse faith communities and exhibitors on green technologies will explore the moral and financial benefits of engaging climate change locally and globally. Rev. Dr. Donald Anderson will moderate the discussion. Program flyer [here](#).

Tickets prices range from \$15 - \$50 with assistance available for those who need it. The price includes conference participation, access to the faith leaders and experts in green and energy efficient technologies, and dinner. For more information, call 401-261-3426 or email [info@ri-ipl.org](mailto:info@ri-ipl.org). Pre-registration required and available at [www.ri-ipl.org](http://www.ri-ipl.org).

## **America for Christ Offering**

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

First, please take a moment to watch this 3 and 1/2 minute video from this summer at Immerse. The amazing testimonies and stories are personally breathtaking and shows how God worked this summer: <http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=4035792581670>

As a board member of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, I am writing to churches in our region to encourage them to support the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2013. Our AFC offering window is January through March. The theme this year is "Building Communities of Hope" based on Matthew 5:13-16. This scripture is a vital reminder that we are to be "salt and light" in the world. We are to live out an incarnational practice that makes a difference in our churches and communities.

Please consider promoting the America for Christ Offering 2013 and generously supporting the wonderful and transformational mission and ministry being accomplished in the United States and Puerto Rico. Your generous gifts are making a difference in the lives of people and communities that need to experience the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

It is my pleasure to support home missions, and I hope you will join me in giving to Christ-centered ministries that touch lives and transform people. Together we can make a difference for the cause of Christ by supporting the America for Christ Offering 2012.

Please visit the America for Christ website at [www.abhms.org/afc](http://www.abhms.org/afc) for more information or contact the Rev. Eddie Cruz in the Development Office at 1-800-222-3872, Ext. 2423. Thank You!

With Eternal Hope,

Antonio Lombardi  
Norwood Baptist Church, Warwick, RI  
ABHMS Board of Directors

## **2013 LENTEN SCHEDULE: A Journey With Faith in Jesus**

*North & West Providence Cluster of American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island*

Services are on Wednesday evenings during Lent and on Good Friday at 7 p.m. All services are followed by refreshments. Attendees are invited to bring a nonperishable food item for the Emergency Food Pantry at Church of the Master. The monetary offering received during these services will be given to the Good Neighbor Heating Fund, and the James Children's home in India that was founded by Rev. Dr. Paul Lawrence that supports 12 girls. Funds are being raised to complete the building, and will house a total of 24 girls who range in age from 5 years old to 16 years old. \*\*In case of inclement weather please contact the hosting church or check your local news broadcasts to see if services are cancelled.

<u>Date</u> <u>Preacher</u>	<u>Place</u> <u>Reader</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	
Feb. 13 Emmanuel (Ash Wed.)	Georgiaville	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Rev. Rebecca Law
Feb 20 Marr	Church of the Master Church of the Master	Acts 26:12-18	Rev. John
Feb 27 Henrochin	Allendale Georgiaville	Romans 10:17-21	Rev. Angie
March 6 Gaete	Allendale Graniteville	1 John 2:1-2	Rev. Alex
March 13 Lawrence	Georgiaville Mount Pleasant	1 Timothy 6:11-16	Rev. Dr. Paul
March 20	Mount Pleasant Allendale	Romans 3:21-26	Rev. Jim Miller
March 29 (TBA)	Emmanuel (Good Friday) Georgiaville	Galatians 2:20	

**\*\*\*During the Lenten series each weekly offering is to be split in half. A check for one half can be sent to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church with "James Children's Home" in the memo line, and the other half can be sent to Georgiaville Baptist Church with "Heating Fund" in the memo line.**

Graniteville Baptist Church

Rev. Rebecca Law

82 Serrel Sweet Rd.

Johnston, RI 02919

231-6542

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Paul Lawrence

262 Academy Ave

Providence, RI 02908

351-2347

Allendale Baptist Church

Rev. Angie Henrichon

545 Woonasquatucket Ave

North Providence, RI 02911

231-7669

Georgiaville Baptist Church

Rev. John Marr

100 Farnum Pike

Smithfield, RI 02917

232-5925

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Rev. Jim Miller

529 Charles Street

Providence, RI 02904

861-1061

Church of the Master

Rev. Alex Gaete

15 Valley Street

Providence, RI 02909

861-5568

### **Around Our State**

**Support Local Artists Facing Homelessness and other Challenges:** The 7th Annual "From the Heart" art show sponsored by McAuley House takes place on Thursday, February 7th from 5-7 pm at McAuley House, 622 Elmwood Ave. in Providence RI. The show, which is free and open to the public, features the artwork of women and men facing challenges such as homelessness, poverty, addiction and mental illness. Come celebrate them as they heal, create, grow and give back. The sale of artwork benefits the artists and McAuley House programming.

### **SPNM**

**SPNM looking for volunteers.** Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks at South Providence Neighborhood Ministries. Working with the kids after-school (play games, do a craft, do a science experiment, cook) can be done one time, a couple days one week, one day a week for several weeks, for 1-2 hours. Make your own schedule! Call Amy at 461-7509. Also needed is a team to clean the hardwood floor and paint walls in the back hallway. This is probably 2 half days of work for 2-4 people. Call Yvette at 461-7509..

### **CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS**

The Conference for Church Musicians will be held July 13-20, 2013 at the Green Lake Conference Center. This will be 49th annual conference planned by The Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians. Conferees of all ages have the opportunity to work with nationally and internationally renowned clinicians in both ensemble and workshop settings. Workshops are designed to further educate and train those involved in church music leadership. In addition to daytime activities, the conference has six evening concert programs. The 2013 clinicians include: Marty Haugen-worship; Robert Hobby-adult choir; Timothy Waugh-youth choir; Vicki Hancock Wright-children's choir; Anna Laura Page-Handbells; Ernest Gross-instrumental; Jeremy Bankson-organ; Jan Corrothers-piano. Further information regarding the conference and registration is available on our website at [www.fabm.com](http://www.fabm.com) or by calling (812) 371-5390.

### **Baptist Peacemakers**

The next meeting of the Baptist Peacemakers of RI will be held on Sunday, March 10, at Lime Rock Baptist Church in Lincoln, RI, at 2:00 pm. We welcome all to join us.

Also 100 scholarships (first come first served) are available to people of color for the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America 2013 Summer Conference at Gonzaga University, Spokane Washington. If interested call the BPFNA office at 1-704-521-6051 and ask to speak to LeDayne.

### **MissionWorks 2013**

If you missed MissionWorks 2012 you missed an exciting and inspiring time with our missionaries. The food, speakers, accommodations, workshops, fun and fellowship with brothers and sisters passionate about mission was outstanding. But I have some good news MissionWorks 2013 planning is already underway and the team is very excited about this year's theme and program. You will want to save the date October 18-19, 2013 at the Sheraton Four Points, Leominster, MA. Remember to mark your calendar today and look for more information to follow in the coming weeks.

### **Mission Opportunity**

Mission Opportunity: Warwick Central Baptist Church is organizing a trip back to the Murrow Indian Orphanage in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The dates are August 10 to 17, 2013. The cost will be about \$1200 per person depending on air fare. This includes lodging, food, car rental, and funds for the mission project. We are restricted by housing as to how many can go. There are about 6 slots open. This is a great opportunity to see what mission work is all about. For more information, contact Lori Bergman at [lori-Bergman@cox.net](mailto:lori-Bergman@cox.net), or 738-0901.

### **Church Buildings Available for Rent**

Graniteville Baptist Church Johnston, RI is offering the use of the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday afternoons and evenings, as well as weekdays/evenings as needed. The rental fee will be

\$150 per week, or a monthly fee of \$500. Please call the church at 231-6572 or email [granitevillebaptist@cox.net](mailto:granitevillebaptist@cox.net)

2 chapels ( upstairs chapels seats 150 and downstairs 50), Rear Parking  
 Rent \$250.00 for 2 hours for 20 people. Rent will increase based on number of people.  
 Call Mrs. Richard E Whitney  
 Church address: 1568 Lonsdale Ave. Lincoln RI 02865.

### The ABCORI Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>2013</b>			
March 4	7pm	Annual Business Meeting	Calvary Baptist Church
March 9		Sabbath Time Retreat	Canonicus
March 17	4pm	Deacon & Deaconess Day	Onley Street Baptisy Church
April 8	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	Lakewood Baptist
April 13	6pm	Ham & Bean Supper	First Baptist Church Pawtucket
April 13	4 pm	Baptist Peacemakers of RI Concert	Community Church of Providence
April 20		AB Women's Ministries Spring Gathering	FBC, Hope Valley
April 28	3pm	All Church Worship Sunday	First Baptist Church in America
April 27		Sabbath Time Retreat	Canonicus
June 14-15		Annual Conference for Women and Girls	Canonicus
June 21-23		Amer. Baptist Mission Summit/Biennial	Overland Park/Kansas City
July 3	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	Lakewood Baptist

If you have something for The E-notes, please send it to [info@abcori.org](mailto:info@abcori.org).

Please use Arial 10pt font – Thank you