

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

From the Executive Minister

It was a joy to meet so many of you at the ABCORI Annual Business Meeting which was so graciously hosted by Calvary Baptist Church. The attendance and participation was remarkable! I am pleased and honored to be a part of your fellowship of churches as we continue to move faithfully into God's Mission.

Speaking of mission. . . I will be away from Rhode Island for the next two week as I join with 15-20 American Baptists on a mission and educational trip to Myanmar (historic Burma). This opportunity is being provided by Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, Kansas, who has an ongoing relationship with the Myanmar Institute of Theology. (Who knew that MIT was in Yangon, Myanmar?!?)

While in Myanmar during this 200th anniversary year of Ann and Adoniram Judson's missionary outreach to the Burmese peoples I will have the opportunity to visit and celebrate with the Myanmar Baptist Convention, Yangon Karen Home Mission, the Ywama Church, and many of the Burmese Baptist ministries such as medical clinics and orphanages. In addition I will join with American Baptist and Burmese ministers in classes at Myanmar Institute of Theology discussing Pastoral Care and Incarnational Theology from a cross-cultural perspective. This is a rich opportunity for growth and I am so appreciative of the leadership of ABCORI recognizing the value of this experience and allowing me to continue with these long scheduled plans even though they come at a time so early in my tenure of service with all of you.

Although I will attempt to remain focused on the ministries and missions of our Burmese brothers and sisters during my time away, I will also be mindful and prayerful of our opportunities to join God in God's Mission in Rhode Island. I will covet your prayers for me and assure you of my prayers for you during these weeks.

And as we are thinking about missions. . . please give generously and joyfully to the America for Christ Offering. This is an essential component of our American Baptist opportunities of ministry and mission in the United States. American Baptists are involved in remarkable acts of blessing in God's name every day of the year, but they are made possible by our faithful participation in the America for Christ Offering. And, as an added incentive, be aware that most of the ministry takes place in direct cooperation with our Regions, like ABCORI. That means, that the American Baptist Home Missions Society shares the offerings that come through the America for Christ Offering with the Regions who give. So. . . 65% of every dollar you and your congregation gives to the America for Christ Offering is allocated directly to American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island for us to support and grow God's Mission right here! It's a win/win reality. We join with other American Baptists from around the word to undergird ministries throughout America as well as grow the support of our local ministries. Join me in giving to the America for Christ Offering.

From Eldercare Ministries

Senior Helpers is a home health care agency whose goal is to help educate families, professional caregivers and staff along with the community on the devastating disease of Alzheimer's and Dementia and its effect on caregivers. They would like to help provide the highest quality of care and safety in the comfort of one's home.

You can join them to better understand the best approach for those who are resistant to or refusing care and help guide them to success. Through the use of the Senior Gems program developed by Teepa Snow, we can all better understand the world of dementia. It's all about focusing on what the person living with the disease CAN do instead of what they can't do.

This training is open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd from 5:30-7:00 with a support group and discussion session to follow from 6:30pm-7:00pm. This is to be held at Senior Helpers, 60 Quaker Lane, Ste. 63, Warwick, RI. Please call (401) 825-7200 to reserve your seat.

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

11th Annual Palm Sunday RI Food Bank Benefit Concert. A great evening of music to begin Holy Week! March 24, 2013, 6:30 P.M., Lakewood Baptist Church, 255 Atlantic Ave., Warwick, RI. Admission: At least One Non-Perishable Food Item. A free will offering will also be taken. Click here for the [flier](#).

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

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 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.

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 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>Place</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	
<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Reader</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

SPNM

South Providence Neighborhood Ministries is seeking candidates for membership on its Board of Directors. Persons who may be interested in serving a two-year term as an active board member to guide the work of this challenging inner city ministry are invited to contact Executive Director Yvette Kenner at Yvette@spnm.org to receive additional information and an application form.

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 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.

The Baptist Peacemakers of RI will hold a concert on Saturday, April 13, at 4:00 pm at Community Church of Providence, 372 Wayland Avenue, Providence, RI. Featured will be a duet by Lois Conboy on the organ and Bill Smith at the piano, Lindsay Adler, musician and the Prism of Praise Gospel Choir. A simple supper buffet will follow the concert. Click here for the [flier](#).

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, 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

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
2013			
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.

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