

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

**Congregational Life is excited to announce details for the All Church Worship on April 28. Rev. Tom Wiles will be the keynote speaker. The music artistry of Steve Martorella, the FBCIA Choir, and Mt. Hope Praise & Worship team highlight the afternoon. See attached poster for more specifics.**

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### **Around Our Churches**

**The Congregation of the Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church** is honored to invite you to join us as we celebrate, give thanks and rejoice in welcoming our new pastor, The Reverend Barbara DaCosta, Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 3:00pm, 229 Wilbur Avenue, Cranston, RI. Clergy are invited to robe. Reception to follow. If possible, rsvp at 401-944-0864

**Central Baptist Church of Westerly will host a Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction** to benefit the Central Baptist Church Mission Team for their trip to Mexicali, Mexico at the end of April. The event will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 4 PM to 7 PM at Central Baptist Church, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Children under 12 are \$5.00. For more information, please call the church office at 596-4929.

**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

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

**Come and have some fun with us while learning to sign the alphabet and** some simple songs. The instructor will be Nancy Smutek—an experienced Sign Language Interpreter. Individuals who are interested can register for the basic beginner class. They may sign up today after this Learning Social presentation. These classes are free and open to the public. Friday April 12th, 7pm Memorila Baptist Church Seekonk.

**Sat. Apr. 13th Fisherman's Breakfast at Summit Baptist Church,** 1176 Victory Highway, Greene RI from 4:00am to 11:00am. Eat-in or Take-out.

**88th Annual May Breakfast to be held Saturday May 4, 2013 at Norwood Baptist Church,** 84 Budlong Ave, Warwick, RI 02888 from 7-10 a.m. served by wait staff. The menu will include eggs cooked to order, bacon or ham, home fries, and baked beans. There also will be cereal, muffins, rolls, pies, juice, coffee, tea or milk. Featured will be a sale of all occasion gift baskets and candy-filled May baskets. Ticket prices; \$8.00 for Adults; \$ 4.00 for Children ages 5-12 yrs. Children 5 and under are our guests! The church is handicapped accessible. Reservations suggested for parties of 5 or more. Tickets may be purchased at the door. CALL 401-941-7040 or email [NorwoodBaptist1@gmail.com](mailto:NorwoodBaptist1@gmail.com)

**Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Ave., Cranston will be holding its annual** May Breakfast on Saturday, May 4, 7:00 – 10:00 AM. Breakfast served on china plates and includes: Traditional RI Johnny Cakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, ham, fruit pies, juice, coffee and tea. Adults \$8.00 – Children 10 and under \$4.00. Beautiful handmade May Baskets filled with home-made cookies and candy will be on sale.

**This year, the First Baptist Church in America, is observing the 375th anniversary** of its founding in 1638 with a series of special preaching events. Dr. Walter Shurden kicked off the year-long series back on Reformation Sunday in 2012, and the next speaker will be the award-winning Dr. Carolyn Blivens preaching on "Being Woman, Being Baptist," on Sunday April 14 at 11 a.m. She will be joined by her husband, Dr. William Blivens, chair of the Religion Department of Carson-Newman University, who will lead the Sunday Adult Forum at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited and welcome to

enjoy these presentations. On Sundays there is plenty of free parking on the streets and parking lots around the Meeting House at 75 No. Main Street, Providence.

**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 downstairs and check out the "free" table and other "for sale" items. All books are still 75% off the internet price.

### **From Eldercare Ministries**

The National Council On Aging has a good article about how seniors can stretch every dollar. Read it [here](#).

### **Directory Changes**

If you have not already done so, please notify the ABCORI office 294-6318 as soon as possible of all corrections/changes and updates to the directory.

### **Church/Pastor Anniversaries**

At our All-Church Worship on Sunday, April 28th at 3 PM at First Baptist of America, we wish to honor Pastor's anniversaries of Ordination and church anniversaries. Please submit your info to [colleen@abcori.org](mailto:colleen@abcori.org) as soon as possible.

### **Ministers Council Retreat**

RI Ministers Council has set the date for their Block Island Retreat. We are excited that Rev. Debora Jackson, National Ministers Council President, will lead our retreat this year. Mark Tuesday and Wednesday May 14-15 on your calendars. If you'd like an extra day of R&R, you may also register for Monday May 13. [Register early](#). The "season" will start on May 15, and we want to be sure you have rooms.

### **Beaver Days At Canonicus**

On three special Saturdays help open Camp Canonicus for the upcoming summer camp and conferencing season. Each day runs from 9m to 3pm with lunch provided.

**April 13** - Volunteers will focus on Storm clean-up and opening up the camp water system

**May 11** - Volunteers will open up and clean program areas throughout Canonicus

**June 8** - Volunteers will make the final preparations for the first day of Camp and Staff Training

Although each day has its own focus there will be many projects for all skill levels. If there is a particular project that you or your group is looking to do we please let us know and we make the appropriate arrangements. Click [here for a flyer](#)

**Advance registration is helpful!**

Contact Matt Black ~ 294-6318 x107~ 215-4089 (cell)

email: [matt@abcori.org](mailto:matt@abcori.org)

**"The Roger Williams Code Deciphered."**

Marcus Mason-Brown , who cracked the code of a mysterious writing by Roger Williams, will tell how it was done at the Adult Forum of the First Baptist Church in America on April 7 at 10 a.m. His achievement has received national attention and was reported on National Public Radio and in national newspapers, such as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*. This presentation is part of the 375th anniversary celebration by FBCIA this year.

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**Invitation For Choirs**

Greetings. I'm writing on behalf of the Biennial/Mission Summit Planning Committee to invite your church choir, and other singers in your church, to be involved in a very special opportunity to sing with Kansas City based composer Mark Hayes. Mark will direct his beloved anthem "To Love Our God" on Sunday night, June 23 at the Overland Park Convention Center with a choir of singers from around the ABC.

Please see the attached documents to sign up for this unique opportunity. And visit the Biennial/Mission Summit website to learn more about this historic meeting.

[Mass Choir with Composer Mark Hayes](#)     [To Love Our God](#)

[www.americanbaptists2013.org](http://www.americanbaptists2013.org)

Blessings,

Rev. Brad Berglund  
Biennial/Mission Summit Worship Designer  
Brad Berglund  
Office: 720.489.8073

## **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**

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 are seeking sponsors for our Peace Notes Concert on April 13th. Individuals, businesses or churches who would like to be sponsors will have their names listed in the concert program. The proceeds of the concert will go to sending one or two ABCORI people who have never been to a Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference to Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, from July 13 to 18. If we have sufficient funds, the BPRI would like to offer a Conflict Transformation Training weekend by BPFNA staff. If you choose to be a sponsor, kindly make a check out to American Baptist Churches of RI with Baptist Peacemakers of RI in the memo section. Checks may be mailed to Janet Davies, 108 Mason Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910-5427.

## **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.

### **The ABCORI Calendar 2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2013</b>			
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 9	10 am	Annual Blessing of the Animals Service	Liberty Baptist Church
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