



Grace Notes

*Welcome

*Worship

*Praise

ABC Summit by the Sea, July 21-23, 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the American Baptist Churches Summit by the Sea last week in Virginia Beach, Virginia. As you know, our denomination meets every other year and this gathering was timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of American Baptist Churches of the South which encompasses work in 10 US states.

The meeting is three days long and a typical day has three parts with activities in the morning, afternoon, and evening. (Evenings are set aside for worship with good music and good preaching.) The meals in between are sponsored by various agencies of ABC life and are a necessary part of the schedule to know what is going on. I attended meals sponsored by

- International Ministries and learned that we are supporting over **120 missionaries** and global servants around the world;
- Home Mission Societies and watched the launch of a new **ministrelife** online community (re ABC Facebook and Linked-In)
- Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) and feel my **retirement** is secure.

Highlights from the 2019 biennial summit include:

- **Karen Podsiadly**, an administrator in the State University of New York from Rochester, NY, was elected president. Our rotation called for a non-ordained female and she was elected after a long list of leadership slots in her ABC region.
- **James Wolfe**, pastor of First Baptist, Pontiac, Illinois, from our Great Rivers Region, was elected as vice-president.
- Our own **Lori Hill** presided ably over the Women's Day events of Thursday and the Sunday Morning Word and Witness gathering. (I never did see her on the beach though I looked every time I went.)
- The **Friends of North East Christian University** gladly received a check for **\$15,000 from the ABWM of Great Rivers Region** and assigned that gift to the completion of the women's hostel on the Dimapur, Nagaland, campus. Thank you! I finished my five year term as chair of FNECU and turned the gavel over to Don Ng from San Francisco.
- **From our neighborhood**, Dr. Richard Olson, retired distinguished professor of Pastor Theology at Central Seminary, was honored with the Cook Religious Freedom Award.
- There were no theological controversies but a shared concern that our **United Mission** offering is down 50% over the past 10 years (from \$15 m to \$7.5 m). This offering is the main source of income for our Great Rivers Region.
- At the AB Men's breakfast, I learned that our **flood buckets from Grace Baptist Church** ended up at Faith Community Church (also called the BUMP Church) of Valley, NB. Thanks for your help during the first round of floods.

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Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Worship

10:15 a.m.

Karen Worship

2:00 p.m.

"For by grace you have
been saved through
faith, and this is not
your own doing; it is
the gift of God."

Ephesians 2:8 NRSV

July 3, 2019

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	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	2,433.62	288.46	892.65	3,614.73
06/23/19	1,982.76	241.80	193.44	2,418.00
06/30/19	4,161.50	507.50	406.00	5,075.00

Openers/ Closers	July 7 Jody McLaughlin	July 14 Carolyn Cook
	July 7 Jody McLaughlin & Jean Tysdal	July 14 Judy Summers & Carolyn Cook

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
06/23/19	31	3	62	English Service
06/30/19	34	2	80	English Service

MAGE-A4 "My Almighty God Eternal Always 4ever"

PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

Bonnie
Austin
Dan B.
Darlene C.
Barbara C.
Cecil
Joni D. Family
Gene D.
Gary
Peggy D.
Gordon/Lenora F.
Linda F.
Ken G.
Gisela G.
Harold

Kathy H.
Helen J.
Landon K.
Pat K.
Lisa
Ethlyn M.
Eloise M.
Mike
Imogene M.
Norman
Terry O.
Al Q.
Raymond
Diana R.
Mike R.
Kenny S.

Doug S.
Gerry S.
Larry S.
Mark S.
Steve
Justin T.
Fred V.
Jackie V.
Jean W.
Norma W.
Rick W.
Vangie W.
Wanda
Annette W.
Caroline W.

OTHER

ABW
Accompanist
Edna B. Family-Bereavement
Ron B. (Lost everything in tornado)
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise
Family Minister/Young Adults/Singles/SS
Grace Baptist Church & Pastor
Family of Joe J. - Bereavement
Law Enforcement
Leaders of Nation and State

New Church Members
Nominating Committee
Refugees
School Systems
Shootings – World Conflicts
Matthew S. - Personal
Mary S. Family-Bereavement
Those Traveling
Our Missionaries--Buttry-
Longkumer-McCurdy-Ngwemi

SUMMER SUNSHINE ACTIVITIES

July 21 Sunday Founder's Day Luncheon with Karen Congregation.
July 31 Wednesday Wednesday Night Dinner
(August Offering: Challenge for Humanity, Garmai Wilson's Mission in Liberia.)
August 25 Sunday Pulpit Exchange, Lunch & Prayers at the Fountain with New Kingdom of God & Restoration Church
(September Offering: World Mission, ABC.)
September 8 Sunday Homecoming & Sunday School Launch



Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine..." Ephesians 3:20-21

Today One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by 8 Christian US denominations and Churches World Service, OGHS makes sure we can respond to needs as soon as they occur-supporting tens of thousands of people by providing ongoing relief, rehabilitation and development. God is doing more than we can imagine! (Ephesians 3:20)

You helped change the world in 2018! The total offering from churches and individuals totaled \$1,570,598. These donations were distributed in the following ways:

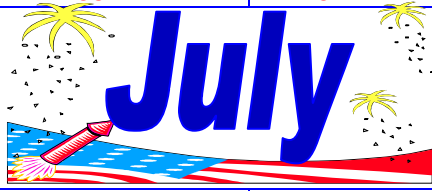

- * 49% to Emergency Relief
- * 5% to Refugee & Immigration Ministries
- * 34% to Sustainable Development
- * 12% to Administration & Promotion

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving sacrificially to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Received: \$ 895.00

Goal: \$1,200.00

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			3 9:00a Prayer Circle	4 Independence Day Offices & Day Care Closed 	5	6 12:00 Noon Celebration of Life for Edna Bernard
7 Communion 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	8 1p Day Care Bd.	9 Secretary Off 7p Priscilla	10 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Soup & Bake Sale Planning Mtg.	11	12	13
14 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	15 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	16 Secretary Off	17 9:00a Prayer Circle	18	19 Sec. Vacation	20 Area V Annual Mtg./Bethel Baptist Church Columbia, MO
21 Founder's Day NO Sunday School 11:00a Joint Worship Noon Potluck 1:00p Song Fest	22	23 Secretary Off 9:30a DorSew	24 9:00a Prayer Circle	25	26	27
28 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	29 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	30	31 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Program		Food Pantry Bar Soap	ABW Bible Book Philippians

A NOTE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



“Jesus said, let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

Dear Loved Ones,

Greeting. This journal shows you some “crazy ways” to keep ourselves busy in a place where there is no restaurant and no movie theater to go to. In other words, there is nothing beside our houses and classrooms. After an intense week of teaching and going to the eye clinic in Cap-Haitian where we face roadblocks sometimes, we have to imagine clean ways to help us not get depressed.

We call all the children of professors and staff on our campus for an evening of “children only ice cream social”. Once those lovely children eat ice cream, then they play around turning the house upside down while playing together. Nice and interesting watching them interact between themselves.

But, ice cream has another objective behind it. To get together to share our ups and downs of life and laugh a little bit. We also hear and learn from one another.

This is a ministry without a name, but it works thanks to your prayers, your support and your love. Throughout the years, we have listened to some confessions and some wounds have been banded on those social times.

Thank you for all you do for us and to help our Haitian people. We enjoy your letters, cards, emails and all kinds of gifts. Thank you again.

In Haiti,
Nzunga & Kihomi

Founder's Day & Judson Day

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

Joint Service with Our Karen Congregation

NO Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service with Grace Baptist Church & Karen Grace Baptist Church

Noon Lunch with Grace Baptist Church & Karen Grace Baptist Church
(Potluck – Karen Food and American Food!)

Grace Baptist please bring vegetables, salads, & desserts. Meat furnished by the church.
Karen Congregation please bring potluck also.

1:00 p.m. Second Service – Song Fest (music by both churches)

(If you would like to help set up please contact Marylou Reiter)



*Our Christian Love and Sympathy
is expressed to the family & friends of*

Edna Bernard

Edna passed away June 30, 2019

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, July 6, 2019, 12:00 noon-Grace Baptist Church

Family Graveside Service 2:00 p.m. at:

Park Lawn Funeral Home-8251 Hillcrest Road-KCMO
(near the old Bannister Mall)



*Please donate blood in Memory of
Carrie Cook Matthes at the*

Carrie Cook Matthes
Memorial Blood Drive
July 8th – July 14th

Gladstone Donor Center
7265 North Oak Trafficway

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Friday-Sunday 7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tell them Donor Group Code: EG5Y
1-877-468-6844

Pastor's Article Continued:

- I had my first Uber ride to get from the airport to the convention hotel. The **AB Historical Society** repaired my 1613 Britches Bible as an example of the work they do to preserve our Baptist history. That Bible is on display in my office.
- There are **two important transitions** on the horizon. Molly Marshall will retire as President of our Central Seminary. Lee Spitzer will retire as General Secretary of ABC-USA.
- The next biennial is **June 25-27, 2021, in San Juan, Puerto Rico**. Want to attend??

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and feet of Christ*