

Calendar 2016

July:

28: Senior Adult Day
**Lake Springfield Baptist
Camp, Springfield, IL**

August:

12 - 13: **Baptist History and
Polity Course**
GRR Resource Center
Springfield, IL

20: **Area I Adult Day**
Blackhawk Baptist Camp

September:

22: **Minister's Conference**
Effingham, IL

23 - 24: **GRR Annual Assembly**
**Thelma Keller
Convention Center,
Effingham, IL**

October:

15: **Boundaries Course**
GRR Resource Center
Springfield, IL

New Members of the Churches of the Great Rivers Region

**Bethel Baptist Church, Jerseyville,
IL Welcomes:** Debbie Davis, Ed Da-
vis, Max Mercurio, Pete Parsell, and
Zach Wittmann

**University Baptist Church, Cham-
paign, IL Welcomes:** Trevor Harris,
Claudia Hessee, Ryan Murray,
Amy Pesch, and Ruth Slagle

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Senior Adult Day 2016

Lake Springfield Baptist

Camp

July 28, 2016

This is the day the Lord hath made... for fun, fellowship, food and a great time! Join us! Get to know camp staff, enjoy homemade donuts, lunch, hymn singing, "Stars" by Patty Winn and more.

Register online at www.lsbconline.com or e-mail kim.at.lsbconline@gmail.com. Registration forms can be found on the GRR website. www.abcgrr.org.

Payment of \$15.00 can be made by:
1. Cash or check at the door
2. Online using **LSBC's** secure payment portal administered by Town and Country Bank of Springfield.

GRR Website Contact Information

E-mail GRR Webmaster, **Richard
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Mainstream Contact Info

Send your stories of mission and ministry. Please also send the names of new members to:

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God's New Thing



The American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region 49th Annual Assembly

September 23 - 24, 2016

Thelma Keller Convention Center
Holiday Inn
Effingham, IL

Friday, September 23:

GRR Regional Ministry Board
9:30 AM

Ministers & Spouses Luncheon

12:00 noon
(meal ticket
required)

Speaker: **Bill
Shiell**, Presi-
dent of North-
ern Seminary



Friday September 23 (continued)

**Opening Session God's New
Thing - 2:00 PM**

Worship Time, Short Business
Meeting

**Paul Gibson, GRR
Executive Minister**

**Danny Mullins, Asso-
ciate Pastor Vineyard
Community Church,
Gilbert Arizona**



Missions Banquet
5:00 PM (meal ticket
required)



**Sharon Koh, Execu-
tive Director Interna-
tional Ministries**

**Joyce Reed
Iberoamerica &
The Carribean**

(Pictured with
husband David)



Worship

7:15 PM

**With Danny Mullins and Sharon
Koh**

Special Reception for Sharon Koh
9:00 PM (continued on p. 2)

GRR Annual Assembly

(continued)

Saturday, September 24

Breakfast Meetings - AB Women, AB Men and AME - 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Workshops - 9:15 - 10:15 AM

Closing Worship - 10:30 AM
With Danny Mullins & Sharon Koh

Registration Material Coming Soon

To make hotel reservations you may call the hotel directly (217) 540-7777 or IHG Reservations 888.338.1019 To receive the discounted rate of \$99, make sure you use the following Block Code: ABC Or use the following web link https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=MTOEF&_PMID=99801505&GPC=AB

Pre-Convention Events

Thursday, September 22

New Pastors and Spouses Gathering - (Including Lunch) - 9:30 AM

GRR Ministers Conference

FEELING THE HEALING Touch of Jesus - 1:30 PM

Joyce Reid - Iberoamerica & The Carribbean and **Danny Mullins - Associate Pastor, Vineyard Community Church, Gilbert, AZ**

Registration Fee: \$30.00
(Includes Dinner)

Download Registration Form or Register Online

A Word From Paul Gibson, ABC-GRR Executive Minister



Do you need the touch of Jesus? Do you sometimes feel as if you are being overcome instead of being an overcomer? Do you sometimes feel that “nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen”? If so you need to plan to be in Effingham for our annual gathering on Sept 23 and 24. We plan to see and experience Jesus as we get together to be inspired and be renewed. If you can’t be there for both days, choose one of them and come join us. You will not be disappointed.

Once again I have been blessed to have been in a number of churches in the past few weeks. I was with folks in Mattoon, Bloomington (pictured below) and Murphysboro in the past three weeks.



I also traveled to Marissa and had a wonderful time with ABmen of Area IV, and also had a good visit with Larry and Becky Stanton. Along with that I spent a week in Green Lake at

our Missions Conference and was inspired by many, including those from



our region, the Longkumers, (pictured on left) the Die-selbergs, and Susan Hegarty. We are blessed to have these fine missionaries representing us around the world.

We also heard from our new leader of International Ministries, Sharon Koh, who will be with us for our regional gathering. (pictured with retiring Reid Trulson)



I was challenged concerning our mission giving... especially after I heard the stories of great need in places like Thailand, India, Costa Rica and the Congo. I know I can do more, and I want to challenge our churches to pray about doing more. It is possible.



(Paul and Melissa with Ruth Padilla DeBorst from Costa Rica)

Remember, “Be rightly related to God and find your joy there, and out of you will flow rivers of living water. Be a vessel that God can pour His love through.”

Paul

Baptist History and Polity Course

August 12 -13, 2016

Are you a history buff, and want to know where we Baptists came from and how we got to be who we are today? Well, here is your best opportunity.

Are you interested in becoming a Baptist minister and wonder where to start?

Are you ordained from another church background and want to be recognized as an American Baptist minister?

This course is required for transfer of credentials, or for graduation from the Alternative Ministerial Education program of the ABCGRR.

Dr. Adrian Lamkin, an expert in Baptist history and a retired history professor now serving the Area III churches, will lead this class. He will be our guide in an exciting tour through our past and relate that past to what we are as American Baptists today.

The course will be taught at the GRR Resource Center in Springfield. The cost is \$50 for registration, plus a book. You will need to provide your own meals and overnight lodging, if needed.

For more information and an enrollment form, contact Debbie Naugle at the GRR office. For questions about the class or about Alternative Ministerial Education, contact Paul Maitland at pmait@att.net (309) 691-3387.