

## Spotlight 6: Church Planting In Hungary

Part of our funds will actually be going to the Jon Good family who will be going to Hungary as new missionaries. They will be living in the same area as the Stanton's and will be involved in church planting. Jon and Amanda, and their four children, will be headed to Hungary this fall.

In 2012 the government of Hungary took an unusual step and invited faith-based groups to manage public schools. The Hungarian Baptist groups acted in faith and took responsibility for 49 public schools in the poorest part of Hungary. There is a great effort taking place to place Christian teachers in these schools. The teachers are able to model Christianity and live out their faith in the classroom.

The opportunity to reach out and challenge people with the gospel is now, and we want to be a part of that. Our funds that are going to Hungary will help place another missionary couple in that area, and will help in the training of Christian leaders in the community, and the schools. Be praying for our two missionary families, the Stantons and the Goods, as they serve God in this great area.

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**Youth and Adults of Area I work 4 days to prepare Blackhawk Camp for 2017 camping season.**

## 2017 Senior Adult Day Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

Senior Adult Day at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp is quickly approaching - **Thursday, July 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** The cost is **\$15.00**. Senior Adult Day will feature a light breakfast, updates from the camp managers, music with Melissa Gibson, a devotion by Rev. Paul Gibson, lunch, and our guest for the day - Elvis impersonator **Scott Parks**. Optional camp tours are also available. This is shaping up to be a fun-filled day with friends. Reservations can be mailed to LSBC, PO Box 556, Chatham, IL 62629, or you may call 217-670-2356 or e-mail [lsbconline@gmail.com](mailto:lsbconline@gmail.com) to get your name on the list for Senior Adult Day.

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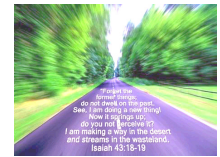


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### 2017 Calendar

July:

27: **Senior Day - Lake Springfield Baptist Camp**

30: **Installation Service for Dr. Rex Rogers - Area Minister of Areas I and III - 4:00 p.m**  
FBC Ottawa, IL

August:

18 - 19: **Baptist History and Polity Course**  
ABC-GRR Resource Center, Springfield, IL

September:

17: **Installation Service for Rev. Patty Bilyeu - Area Minister for Areas II and IV - 4:00 p.m.**  
FBC Greenville, IL

28: **Minister's Conference**  
Chesterfield, MO

29 - 30: **GRR Annual Assembly**  
Chesterfield, MO

October:

14: **Professional Boundaries Course**  
ABC-GRR Resource Center, Springfield, IL

**Churches of ABC GRR: You are invited to share a highlight of your last 50 years!**

These will be published in the Regional Annual Assembly 50th Anniversary program.

If your church would like to be involved, **please submit one paragraph** describing a particular highlight that took place over the last 50 years **along with a photo/photos** depicting that highlight.

Please submit your paragraph/photo(s) **NO LATER THAN August 15, 2017** to [debbie@abcgrr.org](mailto:debbie@abcgrr.org).

**50th Annual Assembly of American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region**

**What Is Difficult About God's New Thing?**

Isaiah 43:18,19

Friday, September 29 -  
Saturday, September 30, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Chesterfield, MO

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## GRR 50th Annual Gathering

Speakers:

Guest Speakers:



**Dr. Marvin A. McMickle** is President, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program & Professor of African American

Religious Studies at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, NY

**Dr. Lee Spitzer** is the newly elected General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA



Schedule:

Friday, September 29:

**Clergy Spouses Luncheon** 12:00 Noon - Speaker: **Dr. Lee Spitzer**

**Business Session:** 2:00 p.m.

**Opening Session:** 2:30 p.m. Speaker: **Dr. Marvin McMickle**

**GRR Mission/Ministry Banquet:** 5:00 p.m. with speakers: **Dr. Lee Spitzer**

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**Brian and Lynette Smith** The Smiths are preparing to serve in Haiti in partnership with the Haitian Baptist Convention.



**Evening Session:** 7:00 p.m. Speaker: **Dr. Marvin McMickle**

**Special Reception:** 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, September 30:

**Breakfast Meetings:** 8:00 a.m.

**American Baptist Men:** **Mac Shotwell** - Speaker

**American Baptist Women's Ministries,** **Brian and Lynette Smith** - Speakers

**Alternative Ministerial Education (AME)** - **Paul Maitland** - Speaker

**Workshops:** 9:30 a.m.

**Closing Worship:** 10:45 a.m. Speaker: **Dr. Marvin McMickle**

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### Ministers' Conference

"Dealing With Conflict"

Speaker: **Dr. Karl Slaikou** is an internationally recognized psychologist, mediator and negotiation expert based in Austin, Texas



**DoubleTree Hotel** **Chesterfield, MO** **Thursday, September 28, 2017**

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Conference is Free Including Dinner

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## A Word From Paul Gibson, ABCGRR Executive Minister



**WOW, what a great time we had in Portland for the ABCUSA Biennial.** As always, there was way more to do and see than there was time. We were going from early morning to late at night. All the speakers were wonderful, as was the music. It was great to see all of our national leaders (all new in the past 2 years) joining together to challenge us for the future.

**I was able to meet and greet Dr. Marvin McMickle, who will be our special guest speaker for our 50th anniversary gathering this September in Chesterfield. YOU WILL WANT TO BE THERE TO HEAR THIS GREAT MAN OF GOD!** The Great Rivers Region was well represented with around 45 of us in



attendance. We had an opportunity to meet and greet our new General Secretary Lee Spitzer, and his family. **LEE WILL BE WITH US FOR OUR ANNUAL GATHERING AT**

**CHESTERFIELD THIS SEPT. 29 AND 30. PLAN NOW TO BE APART OF THIS SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT..**

Other special guests at our gathering this fall will be **Dr. Dwight Stinnett and Dr. Mac Shotwell**, who were the last two Regional Execs for our region. We will have a special time of honoring them for their service to the region, and sharing stories and happenings of these past 50 years

**PLAN NOW TO BE A PART OF OUR GATHERING IN CHESTERFIELD.**

You will also have opportunity to meet and greet our two new Area Ministers, **Patty Bilyeu and Rex Rogers**. We are so excited to have them serving with us.

**SO, WHERE WILL YOU BE ON SEPT 29,30 THIS FALL, CHESTERFIELD?**

I have been able to be in a number of churches this summer, and attend two ABMen events. It has been fun traveling around the region and getting to know more people, and learning about what God is doing in and through them.

**In the meantime, stay cool, and 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. LET HIS LOVE FLOW THROUGH YOU!**

Paul