



EVERGREEN NOTES

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DAMASCUS BAPTIST TO HOST MLK DAY SERVICE

Evergreen continues the tradition of holding a community worship on the evening of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to remind us of the faith and devotion which led this leader in his ways of non-violence and freedom for all people.

The service will be held this year at Damascus Missionary Baptist Church, 5261 Rainier Avenue South, Seattle 98118, Rev. James Broughton is the pastor. The choir of the church will sing, as



Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith

well as the choir of Seattle First Baptist Church and Evergreen Sounds. Several Evergreen pas-

tors will share in readings and prayers. The Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington DC and President of Palmer (formerly Eastern Baptist) Theological Seminary will be the preacher of the evening. The service begins at 6:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend.

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FERVERENT PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pastor Dana McClendon (Greater New Bethel Baptist Church) and family in the loss of his father December 8, 2006*
- *Becky Jurewicz—health concerns*
- *Barry Briscoe—recovering at home.*
- *Burien Community Church family and music ministry*
- *Craig Darling and John Roddy—bereavement*

PETER'S PERSPECTIVE

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL IN THE EVERGREEN FELLOWSHIP!!!

I missed our family Christmases with Dorothy, and yet, I had the best Advent/Christmas EVER!

Many are heaving a sigh of relief now that Christmas is over. Is it really over, passed? I think not, for most pastors, congregations and friends. After all the exciting up-lifting, inspiring, services and programs - how can all



Rev. Peter Koshi, Chair, Evergreen Association

this become history in a few days? Oh no, there is more to Christmas! Every year the Christ-

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA 2007 BIENNIAL MEETING / CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION will be held at the Convention Center, Washington DC, June 29—July 2, 2007. The theme is “Arise and Shine”. Begin to plan now to join the celebration. Information and registration online at: abc-usa.org

*****SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH presents Jazz Vespers on January 7, 2007 at 6:00 PM. Come enjoy.

*****NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP invites you to attend the annual Empowering the Church for the 21st Century Urban Ministry Regional Conference, April 30—May 2, 2007. Featuring: Special Guest Speaker-Rev. Joel Gregory with other local and national preachers, teachers, authors and musicians presenting, including Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith and Rev. Dr. Patricia Hunter. Information on the web: www.empowermentconference.org or call: 253-520-6673

*****MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH invites you to join in the celebration of its 30th Church Anniversary, Friday, February 23rd at 7 PM—Youth Night, AND Sunday, February 25th at 3 PM when the guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Leon C. Jones, Pastor Emeritus. For information or to place an ad in the Souvenir Book, call the church at 425-255-1446 or Deacon Lavern Pe-

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SEEKING REGIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2007 BIENNIAL MEETING

We are once again seeking two youth to represent the Evergreen Association at the American Baptist Churches Biennial meeting to be held June 29—July 2, 2007 in Washington DC. Almost all the expenses are paid for the two youth selected to represent the Evergreen region. Youth participate in activities with other ABC youth from across the nation.

If an interested young person has demonstrated leadership gifts and faith maturity at the local Evergreen member church or regional level, and will complete her/his junior or senior year of high school or freshman year of college in 2007 he/she should:

- Submit a one page, typed essay on why he/she would

like to be a youth representative

- Include a letter of reference and endorsement from his/her pastor
- If under 18, include a letter of endorsement signed by parent (s)/guardian (s)

The deadline for submissions is

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mas STAR leads us anew, to the PRESENCE of JESUS, the Christ! I had the luxury, no, the BLESSING as your Chair to join five congregations in the north-end near Shoreline where I live and my home church in Seattle.

My Advent/Christmas season journey began with joining Oak Lake Baptist Church - Pastor Chuck Elven and members for

their annual appreciation to those who had filled their pulpit during the past year, guests at Taproot Theatre and dinner; Good Shepherd Baptist Church - Pastor Chris Boyer and congregation for their annual Christmas cross-generation pageant, "The Very Important Christmas Pageant"; Filipino-American Christian Fellowship - Pastor Don Good and fellowship at their program by youth and chil-

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dren, "Meet Me At the Manger" held at Good Shepherd Baptist Church; Seattle First Baptist Church - Pastor Steve Jones, Associates and congregation in Christmas worship (my church home where I was certainly reassured that I still belong and am glad); First Baptist Church, Mountlake Terrace - Pastor William Clarke, Interim, and fellowship in combined Christmas

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ERIC LAW TO WORK WITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TEAM

February 9-10 the Evergreen Executive Committee and TEAM (The Executive Minister's Advisory Ministry) will be meeting at Camp Bethel Retreat Center with the Rev. Eric H. F. Law, author of several books including *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb*.

The purpose of the retreat is to do significant Association planning for the coming year. In preparation for this, we will be doing interviews to discover what you are expecting from the Association this coming year.

If you have concerns, please do not feel that you need to wait for contact, please call or write Marcia Patton at 253-859-2226 or marciaeba@comcast.net.

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service (now a tradition) with Agape Korean Presbyterian Church, Pastor Hyun Su Baek, "How Silently the Gift Is Given," a bi-lingual service of scripture and carols, (The Agape Church shares the facilities at Mountlake Terrace).

Only a Chair, who is free to visit and share by his welcomed presence, can experience such a flavor of the diversity of Evergreen Association and of ABCUSA at-large. I am excited for our NEW Year when we will be able to tell the Evergreen stories of what is

taking place as we share our cultural/ethnic and theological diversities in consensus that we can differ and not divide.

Thus, I would point to the Christmas Star as a SIGN of the eternal presence among us of FAITH, HOPE and LOVE (I Corinthians 13:13) in Christ Jesus.

"Now FAITH is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see," Hebrew 11:1.

"The word which God has written on the brow of every man/woman is HOPE," Victor

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Hugo

"...For LOVE is unselfish, giving more than it takes, and no matter what happens LOVE never forsakes," an interpretation of I Corinthians 13, author unknown.

May the Christmas Star lead us in the new year – 2007 and ALWAYS!

Peter

CAMP BURTON/CASCADE MEADOWS SUMMER SCHEDULES 2007

CAMP BURTON

June 17-22 Youth New Horizon (for developmentally disabled youth ages 13-24)

July 1-7 Sr Hi (grades 9-12)

July 8-14 Music Camp (grades 6-9)

July 15-21 Music Camp2 (grades 9-12)

July 22-28 Junior (grades 4-6)

July 29-Aug 4 Family (all ages)

August 19-25 Jr Hi (grades 6-8)

Dates TBA Sail Camps (grades 9-12)

Phone:206-463-2512 Email: cburtonwa@aol.com

Website: www.campburton.com

CASCADE MEADOWS

July 8-14 Cascade Mt Hi (grades 6-8)

July 15-21 Discovery Camp (grades 4-6)

July 15-21 Adventure Camp (grades 9-12)

Phone:206-463-2512 Email:casmeadows@aol.com

Website: www.cascademeadows.org

2007 ABCUSA Planning Calendar Now Available

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/22/06)—The new 2007 ABCUSA Planning Calendar has been revised and is now available online. Due to staffing changes, the calendar is getting out to constituents much later than anticipated this year.

Lorie Smith, executive assistant for Mission Resource Development, took on the project and got it back on track. "I don't think anyone realized just how much work

the Office of Communication used to put into this project. We know how many people depend on this resource and are happy to get it out to them in time for the new year."

The Planning Calendar is a commemorative issue for the upcoming ABCUSA Centennial in 2007 and includes a directory of ABC Offices, Regional information and Baptist-specific special days. Each month also highlights a cur-

rent or historical American Baptist.

Originally released December 5th, minor revisions were made before the official calendar was made available December 15th. To download the resource, go to: <http://www.abc-usa.org/resources/2007PlanCal.pdf>.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

David McFarlane, Ph.D., M.Div., provides individual, couple and child counseling. He has offices in Seattle and Renton and accepts insurance including Cigna, Regence and Premera. Call 206-550-5851 for info.

Seeking a person skilled in video technology to come forward and give support during Association Board Meetings. Call 253-859-2226 or email marciaeba@comcast.net

VOLUNTEER UPDATES

Here's your link for ABCUSA volunteer opportunities!
http://www.internationalministries.org/opportunities/Volunteers/Volunteer%20Website/resourcesforregions_new.htm

The above link includes information on

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person, Anniversary Chairperson at 425-255-8486.

****Congratulations KEN CURL, ordained deacon at MLK Baptist Church on Sunday, December 31, 2007, and Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton gave the charge to the group of four set-aside by the church!

****Congratulations DAVID MCFARLANE married on December 22, 2006 to Terry Woodland!

- Teaching opportunities in Myanmar
- Surgeons needed in Nepal
- Teach ESL in Chile
- Centennial Celebration Tours
- Xtreme Team Applications being accepted now

YOUTH BIENNIAL REPS

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February 28, 2007.

Please send requested information to Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, Executive Minister, Evergreen Association, 409 Third Avenue S Suite A, Kent WA 98032-5843.

An addition to the update is a project between American Baptist Churches and Habitat for Humanity. A 40 day Lenten Build is planned for 2007. Details can be found on the front page of the Volunteer website. <http://www.internationalministries.org/opportunities/Volunteers/index.htm>



Centennial Celebration Tours

American Baptist Churches USA celebrates its 100th year of mission and ministry in 2007

Go, serve, and be amazed by what God is doing around the world.

India

April 9-23 **Cost: \$2500 est.**

Join this Northeast India Friendship tour and gain firsthand experience of church growth in Karbi Anglong, Nagaland, and Manipur. Attend various events and visit different attractions including the Kaziranga Wildlife Sanctuary and the Taj Majal.

Leader: Taku Longkumer

Liberia

April 17- 30 **Cost: \$1500 est.**

You will have the opportunity to serve in one or a variety of ways: a work team will undertake construction and renovation at the Ricks Institute, an evangelistic team will engage in preaching and outreach, and final component of this trip will be

dialoguing with leaders to learn more about conflict resolution and peacemaking in Liberia

Leader: Charles Jones

China

April 16 - 25 **Cost: \$1200**

During this Amity Friendship Tour visit Henan, the most populated province in China, which also has the largest number of Christians. Meet with Chinese church and seminary leaders, and worship with local Christians. Visit the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and other cultural and historical sites.

Leader: Sandra Lee

Bahamas

May 14-23(tentative) **Cost: TBD**

This mission tour will provide opportunity to explore the dynamic heritage of mission in the Bahamas. There will be opportunity to visit Baptist historical sites, churches, and interact with missionaries and partners.

Leaders: Alfred Pugh, Dan & Estela Schweissing

Republic of Georgia

May 29- June12 **Cost: \$1400**

Join a contemplative exploration of what it means to be Baptist in an authentically Georgian way. Explore the possibilities and gifts of the arts in worship, a Georgian Baptist approach to the monastic disciplines and the ascetic life, and deep ecumenism

and dialogue between Protestant & Orthodox Christians.

Leaders: Brad Berglund and Bishop Malkhaz Songulashvili

Japan June 1—9 **Cost: TBD**

Be part of this Japan/Okinawa Friendship Tour to learn about and encourage your IM missionaries and partners in the Japan Baptist Union and the Okinawa Baptist Convention. Visit schools, preaching places, and places of cultural interest.

Leader: Stan Murray

Xtreme Teams to Mexico or Czech Republic June 23 – July 23 **Cost \$3900**

An Xtreme Mission Adventure for 19 – 29 year olds who are members of an American Baptist Church. Xperience Jesus' call to mission as you have never imagined! See www.xtremeteamonline.org for details and an application.

Hungary

June 16—25 **Cost: \$950**

Connect with the outreach of the Hungarian Baptist churches by serving at a children's summer camp along the Danube River outside of Budapest. The team will assist the camp with games, crafts, and activities as well as lend a hand in the renovation of camp buildings. The team will also partner with local churches in evangelistic outreach.

Missionaries: Pieter and Nora Kalkman

China

July 2—30 **Cost: \$1250**

Partner with the Amity Foundation to conduct conversational English classes with Chinese middle school teachers. This experience offers cultural exchange, relationship building, and an opportunity to be the face of Jesus in rural and minority parts of China.

Missionary: Judith Sutterlin

El Salvador

July 13— 22 **Cost: \$660**

Join the efforts of the Baptist Federation of El Salvador in ministry to those still without a home due to the devastating earthquakes of 2001. The team will construct a block house alongside community members and the family. Build a new home, as well as new relationships, as you show the love of Jesus to your brothers and sisters in this beautiful country.

Missionaries Magda Aguirre, Deliris CarriónRosa

Leader: John Grisham

Email: bimvolunteers@abc-usa.org or visit: www.internationalministries.org

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Please submit articles by the 25th of the month prior to expected publication.

You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles.



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY, 2007

- 1-2—New Year holidays—
Office closed
- 5—Executive Committee Meeting
- 14—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle
First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- **15 MLK Day Worship Service**, Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, preaching, Damascus Missionary Baptist Church, 6 PM
- 19—20 ACT Weekend

FEBRUARY

- 9-10 TEAM & Executive Committee Retreat w/ Eric Law
- 11—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle

First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM

- 23—24 ACT Weekend

MARCH

- **17—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**

APRIL

- 20—21 ACT Weekend

MAY

- **19—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**

JUNE 29—July 2 Biennial Meeting/Centennial Celebration, Convention Center, Washington DC

MISSION STATEMENT

Being a culturally diverse people who are one in Christ and who value the liberties of our American Baptist Heritage, the Evergreen Baptist Association will

- Build bridges between communities;
- Provide resources to equip member churches to share Christ, and teach God's word; and
- Translate our unity to the world.