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ABCORI Bi-Weekly E-Notes

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THE WEEK AHEAD– this information is now in the [Calendar](#) on the last page.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Clara Smith, mother-in-law of Tom Browning, former Maintenance Supervisor for Canonicus, passed away early Wednesday morning. We lift the whole family up in prayer.
Rev. Barbara Hubbard's husband, Ralph, fell and surgery required.

FROM LILIANA'S DESK

I am amazed at what God can do! Last Monday night I arrived home from a four-day trip to Honduras. I went there to preach at a National Women's Conference. There were 250 women participating. This was their very first Women's Conference. They were hungry for a word from the Lord. They welcomed and embraced me with open arms. They drank in every word said.

When I finished preaching, I made a call to those who wanted a special prayer. Almost all of them came forward and suddenly I found myself in the midst of a sea of women. I said a general prayer on the microphone, but they were not going back; they wanted more than that. So, I started praying and laying my hands on each one of them. The power of God was evident in that place.

These women are much oppressed in their culture. Honduras is the second poorest country in the world. Many of these women are raising children that are not their own, but rather children who were either abandoned, orphaned, or just belong to other family members. They lack the essentials, and yet they extend hospitality to others.

Enrique Newman comes to share with us next month about the mission in Honduras; I hope we can have an open mind to learn about this great opportunity to minister to the least of these, God's children.

PRAYER IN AMERICA - PBS Channel 36 or 8

Feb. 28: - Part II at 8:00 p.m. and at 9:00 p.m. Liliana Da Valle guest speaker.

MISSIONARY IN RESIDENCE

Enrique Newman, from Honduras, will be in RI for the month of March. Please contact: Marilyn Gustafson at (401) 295-5581 or marilqus@aol.com to arrange speaking engagements. Visit: <http://newmanmissions.com/Site/Home-1.html> and learn more about this ministry.

March 2	10:00 a.m.	Cross Mills, Charlestown	Worship and Communion
March 6	7:00 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario, Prov	Evening Worship
March 9		Berean, Harrisville	Worship
March 12	6:00 p.m.	Greenville Baptist	Dinner and speak
March 16	9:30 a.m.	Central, Jamestown	Worship
	11:00 a.m.		Speaking forum
March 30	11:00 a.m.	Phillips, Cranston	Speaking forum
March 30	4:00 p.m.	Shawomet, Warwick	Speak and potluck supper

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER!

A Magazine: "A thematic and seasonal approach to ministry for children" from National Ministries' and Intergenerational Ministries. Published 3 times a year. For more information, go to http://www.nationalministries.org/children/childrens_corner.cfm

Judson Press' most recent children's book, "Jordan's Hair," has been selected as one of the top 100 products of the year in "The Best You Can Be" award program, which honors products that can make a difference in the lives of children, parents or teachers.

In announcing the selection, founder of The Best You Can Be Foundation and UPI syndicated columnist Debbie Milam wrote, "Jordan's Hair shares a simple yet profound message of the beauty within each of us. Children and parents alike will be inspired as they are reminded of God's love for every one of us." Because the book teaches that each of us is beautiful as part of God's creation, Jordan's Hair is "a wonderful way to boost self-worth and spirituality."

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PERFORMANCE ARTISTS WANTED

Applications are being accepted for Performance Art at the 2009 Biennial in Pasadena (see link below). Music, drama and dance, groups/individuals are encouraged to submit their applications to Worship Coordinator, Brad Berglund, no later than November 1, 2008. Please circulate this to your churches in the best way that works for you. Biennial Page: <http://www.abc-usa.org/biennial/2009pasadena/biennial2009.htm> (short on information at this early date but the Promotional Video produced by ABCLA & ABCOSH is available) Application Form: <http://www.abc-usa.org/biennial/2009pasadena/Biennial%2009%20Music%20App%20Form.pdf>

BAPTIST POLITY COURSE

CUME is planning to offer a Baptist Polity Course next summer. The decision will be based on the number of people interested in participating in this course. If you or anyone you know belongs to the American Baptist Church denomination and would be interested in taking this course, please call CUME as soon as possible, as we need to plan for it. Please feel free to pass this along to others. Those interested can contact John Runyon at 617-427-7293, Ext. 6202 or Diana Martinez Montalvo at 617-427-7293, Ext. 6215. Thank you.

BREAKFAST A HUGE SUCCESS

The South County Habitat for Humanity breakfast held at Wakefield Baptist Church to raise funds for the FaithBuild project of several churches in South County was a huge success. The 200 people in attendance helped raise more than \$2,300. Thank you to all who supported the event. The churches must raise \$18,000 more to reach the needed \$75,000 goal.

CHURCH SUPPERS

Saturday, March 1, 5 & 6:30 PM, at Chepachet Union, Turkey Supper. Reservations a must: 568-2518 and leave your name, the number of attendees and time preference.

Saturday, March 8, 6PM, at Church of the Master a Corned Beef Supper and Pie/Cake Auction. Tickets available that night or call 861-5568 for tickets/reservations.

Saturday, March 8, 6PM, at Phenix Baptist Church is hosting a Friendship Dinner & Concert. Tickets are \$7 (adult) \$3 (child) for the Ham Dinner. A concert given by the Seekonk Memorial Baptist Church Praise Team will follow at 7:00 PM. A freewill offering will be taken at the concert. If you would like dinner ticket information call Lucien Martin 401 826-8370. Tickets are not necessary for the concert.

EASTER MORNING HALLELUJAH CHORUS

The North Foster Baptist Church invites all who love to sing and are hardy souls to join us Easter Sunday Morning at 6:00am in the Sanctuary for a sing-in of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. The score will be provided that morning or you may call ahead for a copy. The service will be followed by a free breakfast in Hammond Hall. Please call Rev. Marie Carpenter at 647-5805 for more information.

THE 6TH ANNUAL R.I. COMMUNITY FOOD BANK BENEFIT CONCERT

Palm Sunday, March 16 at 6:30 PM, Lakewood Baptist Church, 255 Atlantic Avenue, Warwick. Once again, local churches will present a musical program. There will be several times during the program that you can choose your favorite hymns to sing. All are welcome. Please support this vital community outreach through a free-will offering and by bringing canned goods for the Food Bank. A reception will follow the concert.

HELP GROW THE ABCORI WEBSITE

Have a favorite picture of your church? Send us a "landscape" oriented one and we will include it on the ABCORI home page. Does your church have its own website? We would love to add it as a link.

The ABCORI Calendar

Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar

2008

March 1	9 – 12 p.m.	White Cross Workshop	Lakewood Baptist
March 2	1:30 p.m.	Ordination of Orlando Irizarry	Calvary
March 3	7:00 p.m.	ABCORI Annual Meeting Session A	Phillips Memorial
March 4	Consultant Group, Resource Team, CSMS		
March 5	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Sermon – Rev. Liliana	Mount Pleasant Baptist
March 6	ECMC....SCOM		
March 7-8	Leadership Weekend 2008		Community, Newport
March 7-8	MISSIONworks 2008		Fitchburg, MA
March 8	6:00 p.m.	Corned Beef Dinner and Pie Auction	Church of the Master
March 8	6:00 p.m.	Ham Dinner and Concert (7:00 p.m.)	Phenix Baptist
March 9	3:00 p.m.	SPMN Benefit Concert	Phillips Memorial
March 10	Properties Committee		
March 11	7:00 p.m.	RIBES	Allendale, N. Providence
March 13	Program Committee		
March 16	6:30 p.m.	6 th Annual Concert for RI Food Bank	Lakewood, Warwick
March 17	4:00 p.m.	Investment Committee	Phillips Memorial
March 20	TIM, All Staff		
March 21	ALL DAY	ABCORI OFFICE CLOSED	Good Friday
March 24	Due: Reports all Boards, Committees, Taskforces, Affiliated Organizations...		
March 27	12:00 p.m.	Baptist Heritage Center	Motter
March 31	6:00 p.m.	Investment Dinner	Warwick Central
April 1	Due date	2007 Annual Church Report	Mail or complete on-line
April 1	5:00 p.m.	New Life 2010	Community Providence
April 4 & 5	Friday & Sat.	Spirituality & Stewardship Biennial event	Crowne Plaza Worcester MA
April 5	9– 3:00 p.m.	ABWMRI State Meeting	Memorial,- Seekonk
April 7	11–2:00p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries Get-Together	North Scituate
April 12		Beaver Day	Canonicus
April 19	9 –3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonicus – Tefft Chapel
April 21	6:00 p.m.	AB Women’s Ministries Board	Phillips Memorial
April 22	7:00 p.m.	Board of Mission	Berean Baptist
April 26	8 a.m. – 5p.m.	ABCORI Annual Gathering Session B	Central Baptist--Westerly
May 1	6:00p.m.	Volunteer Banquet	Shaub Lodge, Canonicus
May 5-7		Ministers Retreat	Block Island
May 9-11		175 th Anniversary Festivities	1 st Baptist of Woonsocket
May 17	11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Summer Camp Open House	Canonicus
May 20	4:00 p.m.	S & A	N. Scituate
May 31		Beaver Day	Canonicus
June 6 & 7		ABWM June Conference	Canonicus
June 22		Week One of Camp	Canonicus
June 22	4:30 p.m.	ABCORI Celebration of Faith	Calvary Baptist Church
Sept 19-21		ABCUSA World Mission Conf.	2nd Baptist–Suffield CT
Sept. 29	6:00 p.m.	Mission Celebration – ABCORI	TBA
Oct 4		Crop Walk	Goddard State Park Warwick
Oct 18	3 – 8 p.m.	ABW Fall Meeting	TBA

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