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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Gladys Barclay, mother of Rev. George Barclay, and all her family. Gladys suffered a stroke earlier this week and has entered hospice care.

Hope A. Arnold, former member of 1st Baptist Church of North Kingstown, passed away peacefully August 22, 2008.

The humanitarian devastation in Haiti. Haiti was directly hit by four hurricanes in one month's time. All countries and people in the path of the hurricane Ike.

HEALTHY PASTORS – PASTORAL LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

Primal Leadership: an Emotional Intelligence Seminar - Pastoral Leadership Fall Conference

The Ministers Council is offering this seminar introducing the concept of Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and its application to pastoral leadership through the study of the four levels of EQ development. Through interactive participation, delve into the implications of these concepts to our ministries and personal lives. In preparation for this seminar, participants are invited to read "*Primal Leadership*" by Daniel Goleman. October 28, 2008, Tuesday, 9:00am-3:00pm Registration is due by October 21. Contact Rev. Darin Collins or Rev. Bob Auld for further information.

HEALTHY CHURCHES – CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRIES

Interim Minister Announcement

Beginning September 1, Rev. Harry E. Bronkar was called to be the interim pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wickford. Rev. Bronkar's first Sunday in the pulpit was September 7.

Joy - Westerly Central Baptist Church will install Rev. Ron Short as their Pastor during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, September 14.

New Contact Information - The Orchard Church (formerly Meshanticut Park)

Address: 180 Oaklawn Avenue Cranston, RI 02920 -- Telephone: 401-942-4616

New Website: www.orchardri.org and New Email addresses:

Rev. Dr. Robert B. Lancia revdrbob@orchardri.org

Church Office Administrator: barb@orchardri.org

Student Pastor Virginia O'Shan: micah68@orchardri.org

Exercise Smarter NOT Harder:

12 weeks of **T'ai Chi** will be offered at the North Scituate Baptist Church, 619 West Greenville Rd. (Rt. 116). One-hour sessions will be offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. program begins Sept. 23 and ends December 12. The instructor is Ann Imperatore.

T'ai Chi is a gentle, non-aggressive way to exercise not only your body, but your mind and spirit. The 12-week fee is \$180. A participant may take as many as 4 classes each week. (Individual classes are \$10 each). For those who do not know what T'ai Chi can do for improved health and sense of well being, plan to attend the first session free.

For more information, call North Scituate Baptist Church at 401-647-3238.

2009 Biennial Awards

Surely, you know a committed Christian of deep faith who walks the talk and models the face and heart of the Savior as he or she lives out daily life. It is time to notice the saints in your midst who are making outstanding, transformational differences in American Baptist life. Awards at the 2009 Biennial in Pasadena, CA, will recognize these crusaders of faith for their work in evangelism, Christian education, urban ministry, discipleship and more. [Nominate your saint online](#) or download the [2009 Biennial Award PDF](#) file. All nominations due on Oct. 17.

Church Events

- The Church of the Master is holding a **Macaroni & Meatballs Supper** on Saturday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m. Donation: Adults \$7.50 - Children 6-12 \$3.00 under 6 Free. Call 861-5568 for reservations.

WHOLE GOSPEL – SOCIAL WITNESS MINISTRIES

South Providence Neighborhood Ministries is looking for some great volunteers!

We are in need of volunteers to help as a telephone receptionist as well as some office work. If you or anyone you know is interested in lending a hand, please contact Yvette @ 461-7509 or email at Yvette @spnm.org

Special fund-raiser for the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana

ABCORI pastor and author Evan Drake Howard is conducting a fund-raiser for the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic, where numerous RI churches do mission work. All proceeds from the sale of Evan's novel, THE LOST EPISTLE OF JESUS, on Amazon.com on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, will go to the hospital. Please visit www.healingthewoundsoflove.com and follow the link to Amazon.com. Purchasers of the book will receive a treasure trove of downloadable bonus resources as a thank you. THE OFFER EXPIRES AT 12 PM. To learn more about the book and this ONE-DAY offer, click [Here](#)

Joy– Fred Tanner, 1st East Greenwich, has been approved by National Ministries to be the new Volunteer Construction Assistant for the Fundacion Hospital General El Buen Samaritano in La Romana

But for the Grace...

"But for the Grace" is a moving, solo performance depicting the faces of Rhode Islanders coping with hunger. This was written after conducting many interviews with folks at food pantries across the state. Free performances will be *Saturday, Sept. 13 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, Sept. 14 at 1:00 pm* at Edwards Hall, University of Rhode Island in Kingston. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested.

WHOLE WORLD – EVANGELISTIC WITNESS MINISTRIES

A Fall Revival Series–

This fall the **RI Ministers Alliance** will join with the **RISCC** to sponsor three nights of revival **at Calvary Baptist Church** in Providence – three nights to worship God and to be challenged by several local preachers. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Providence Diocese, Rev. Dr. Vincent Thompson, Pastor of the Community Baptist Church in Newport and Rev. Theresa Smith, Pastor of the Bethel AME Church in Providence will be among the preachers who have agreed to be part of this testimony to Christian Unity. Set the dates of September 24, 25 and 26 aside for three nights of inspired music, preaching and fellowship. Program begins at 7PM

Musicians Needed, As Biennial Planning in Full Swing

Applications are being accepted for musical groups and individuals to perform during the 2009 ABC-USA Biennial meeting. All choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, dancers, and performers...of all musical genres and backgrounds...are encouraged to apply, in order to celebrate ABC life in all its rich diversity. "We want to encourage as many musicians as possible to apply," said Biennial Worship Designer Brad Berglund. "This Biennial will be a wonderful fusion of our rich diversity of life, faith, and experience, as we come together to worship. I hope that you will be a part of this unique and powerful celebration."

The application can be found at www.abcusa.org/biennial/2009pasadena/BienMusicApp.pdf. The application deadline is November 1, 2008. VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABN 09/05/08)

The ABCORI Calendar			
Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar			
Sept 13	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonicus
Sept 13	4 – 7:00 p.m.	"Got Jesus" Neighborhood Block Party	Congdon Street Baptist
Sept 16	4:00 p.m.	Operations (formerly S&A)	N. Scituate
Sept 18		TIM Group; All Staff	
Sept 19-21		World Mission Conference - ABCUSA	2 nd Baptist–Suffield CT
Sept 23	2:00 p.m.	Ministry Teams Orientation	Lawrence
Sept 24-26	7:00 p.m.	Revival – RISCC and RI Ministers Alliance	Calvary Baptist Church
Sept 27	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	Tefft Chapel, Canonicus
Sept 28	7:00 p.m.	The Jacob Brothers	Seekonk Memorial
Sept 29	6:00 p.m.	Mission Celebration – ABCORI	Greenville Baptist