



Servant Offering

Deconstructed Theologies and Patty Melt Sandwiches...

It is no secret that I love hamburgers of all types and appreciate the many different ways a hamburger can be cooked and served...except for patty melts. Patty melts are pretty basic in my opinion, with little wiggle room – rye bread, hamburger patty, chopped onions and cheese. You might add thousand island and have some wiggle room on the type of cheese or onions, but nothing else. You can order this classic almost anywhere and it will taste close enough to the one you love from your childhood days that it will satisfy and delight!



Enter the age of *Top Chef* and the “deconstruction” of classic foods. They take Southern Fried Chicken and find ways to serve it so that it can be considered a delicacy, a culinary masterpiece! I remember one chef even doing a new twist on the PBJ. It’s so much a part of modern cooking that now you can’t even trust ordering a basic Patty Melt at many restaurants! You never know what you’re gonna get. It may not have onions but some other exotic or healthy vegetable. Somebody may try to serve you a turkey patty melt or, lord help us, a veggie patty!

Now, don’t get me wrong, like many of you, my family enjoys watching *Top Chef* and root for our favorites on this favorite of reality shows. Despite this, I have to confess that I probably wouldn’t enjoy most of the food that is prepared and served on the show. I’m not a super taster and don’t really consider myself a “foodie”... hence the quest for the perfect cheeseburger. Further, most of the portions that I see being served might satisfy my aging appetite but would have scarcely touched the raging metabolism I had in my younger days. So other than the entertainment value of the personalities and interactions of the chefs, I don’t get a lot out of the deconstruction of various delicacies on the show. Sometimes it seems to be change or transformation without a valid purpose...not to make it taste better, but to make a name for one’s self. And the reality is, when someone tries to “deconstruct” something that is so basic like a PBJ or a patty melt, often

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they fail miserably because they are messing with the essence of the food... not just the presentation or something tertiary to the food.

It's kind of like the deconstruction efforts I see in theology.

One of the core purposes of theological education is in fact "deconstruction". It is like a golf coach who tries to correct the swing of an amateur golfer. The coach must deconstruct the swing to get it properly aligned to deliver the head of the club powerfully and correctly to the ball at the tee. Most students of theology have some "bad habits" or misunderstandings about the nature and action of God in our world. Hence a time of deconstruction is always necessary as we grow in our understanding of who God is and how God acts in our lives... a time of tearing down the false idols of one's faith in order to build up a stronger, more powerful and effective faith.

Jesus in fact did this often in the Sermon on the Mount... reframing the Pharisees and Sadducees understanding of tithing and righteousness to a much higher standard... a standard that focused not just on what one must do... but on how one must love God, neighbor and self.

To that end, theologians continue to deconstruct our modern theology.

Many of these efforts are good and necessary... deconstructing theologies of power and control for example. To talk about a God who empowers the weak and humbles the mighty is sound. To focus these conversations on the innate inequities and discrimination of White Privilege and, even further, of American Privilege is appropriate.

But sometimes these efforts begin to mess with the core essence of the faith... to mess with what makes our faith, Faith. Sometimes these deconstructions question the deity of Jesus and the authority of the Bible. Sometimes these deconstructions instead of building up faith, instead of feeding our hunger, they destroy our appetite.

That's why, while Baptists have always been non-creedal, we have always operated with various

"Confessions of Faith". These confessions tried to encapsulate what made our faith in Christ, Faith! They are a guide to help us understand when our deconstruction begins to go too far!

Interestingly enough, our confessions are far more complex and much longer than many of the ancient creeds, but in truth, they end up serving the same purpose, to define the essence of our faith. They try to define what makes a patty melt a patty melt.

To that end, as food for thought in this season of Easter, maybe it would be good for us to reflect upon the ancient Apostle's Creed without any deconstruction, just enjoying the essence of the thought:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

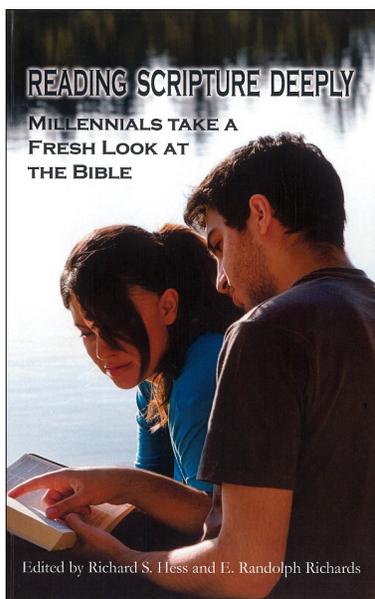
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

While this might not be spot on for you to the essence of your faith in Christ Jesus, the onions might not be quite right or it used cheddar instead of swiss, I'll bet you got a taste of what is real for you in Christ Jesus.

Steve Van O
Executive Minister



Reading Scripture Deeply: Millennials Take a Fresh Look at the Bible



This book challenges its readers to look at the Bible with deeper insight and meaning. The ideas for, *Reading Scripture Deeply*, came out of a discussion from eight younger scholars who convened at Tyndale House, Cambridge, England in 2013.

The vision of the book is to come alongside the reader in interpreting Scripture. The wish for every reader is to walk away with greater skills and approaches to reading the Bible, and the provision of new tools to encounter the Bible in order to grow a deeper understanding of the grand message of creation, sin, redemption, and consummation.

While a simple straightforward reading of the Scripture impacts lives, *Reading Scripture Deeply* challenges the reader to think deeper, longer, and harder.

Lauren Parliament
ABCRM Camping Intern

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Registration forms are available on our website at www.abcrm.org (under resources/forms), by calling our office at 303.988.3900 or click [here](#).

The Right Servant for the Right Season

"The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nation' ...Return, faithless people, 'declared the Lord, for I am your husband. I will choose you-one from a town and two from a clan-and bring you to Zion. Then will I give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

Jer. 1:4-5 and 3:14-15 (NIV)

One Sunday in the fall of 2018 I went to worship at Macedonia Baptist Church in Denver. As I drove toward Macedonia my heart was heavy with "the issues of life". I needed a word from the Lord to help me find the internal peace that I was seeking. I knew that Rev. Dr. Victor-LaMonte Lane was a gifted preacher and servant of the Lord. I did not know what he was preaching about on that Sunday morning but I was certain that I would hear something from heaven that would "pour living water" into my thirsty soul. I was right! Pastor Lane's sermon allowed me to "fill my cup with heaven's blessings" that Sunday. The focus of his sermon was about the way God was speaking into his heart regarding the direction he was to lead Macedonia in advancing the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ. I thank God for what my ears had heard and what my heart was experiencing. My needs were met and I had been blessed. I waited until the crowd subsided to thank Pastor Lane for the powerful message he preached that spoke to the needs of my soul. I smiled to myself as I left Macedonia that Sunday afternoon. God knew what I needed and He directed me to the place where I could get what I needed. And even more, my heart was glad because I felt that Macedonia had "the right servant for this season of her life".

Scripture is replete with God sending the "right per-



*Pastor Victor-LaMonte
and Taihesia Lane*

son" at the "right time" to advance His kingdom in the appointed situation. I believe that such is true when God sends one to shepherd His people. Jeremiah said, "God would send shepherds after His own heart who would lead His people and help them to grow in understanding and knowledge". I believe that God's sovereign hand guided Macedonia in their search for the shepherd that He had appointed to guide "that branch of Zion". Following Rev. Dr. Paul Martin's retirement as Senior Pastor of Macedonia in 2006, the church went through seven years of turmoil and chaos as they searched for the one whom God was sending to be their pastor. After seven years, the waiting for God's appointed shepherd came to an end. God sent Rev. Dr. Victor-LaMonte Lane to shepherd His people at Macedonia Baptist Church. Pastor Lane arrived with a pastor's heart for God's people. Prior to coming to Macedonia, Pastor Lane was the Senior Pastor at Mile's Chapel in Medane, North Carolina. Mile's Chapel is a church that set their course for living into their faith in Jesus Christ, both in the church and beyond the walls. Pastor Lane had no intention of leaving Mile's Chapel. He expected to pastor that "branch of Zion" until God called him from time into eternity or until "Christ cracked the sky". However, God had other plans for Pastor Lane. God kept placing Macedonia on Pastor Lane's "spiritual e-mail account". As much as Pastor Lane tried to ignore these constant emails from glory, God would not stop sending them. Finally, Pastor Lane responded to Macedonia. The connection was made and God moved it forward from that point. After the interviewing process was concluded and the vote taken, Victor-LaMonte Lane was extended the call to become the Senior Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church. I was present on that Sunday in 2013 when the vote was taken at Macedonia. The church was full of joy and excitement. God had sent His shepherd to His people!! What a Mighty God We Serve!!!

Upon arriving at Macedonia, Pastor Lane recognized that his first task was to love on God's people. They had been through a season of pain, sorrow and

brokenness. In order for the church to move forward in the healing process his love for God's people had to be made real in the life of the Body. There is something divinely powerful about experiencing God's love and presence following "our wilderness experience". Macedonia had come out the wilderness. They were headed toward the promise land, but there was work to yet be accomplished.

Under Pastor Lane's leadership, Macedonia Baptist Church is being challenged to think biblically, theologically and contextually about what it means to be a part of the "visible Body of Christ" both in "The Body" and in the world. Pastor Lane has framed the mission and vision focus that God has placed on his heart in two parts. The first is, "**The Four Pillars of Macedonia's Mission Focus**". The four pillars of Macedonia's mission focus are: 1.) **Love**: To love God with all your heart; and your neighbor as yourself.; 2.) **Worship**: To live continuously in a place of "God centered worship"; affirming in your heart, mind and spirit that there is One true and living God and you center your heart, mind and spirit in worshipping Him; 3.) **Discover**: To discover the power and presence of God in you as you seek to live into your faith in Jesus Christ; and, 4.) **Neighboring**: Being the visible presence of Jesus Christ in the world as we interact with and strive to serve others.

The second part is made manifest in Macedonia's "**Mission Motto**" which simply reads: "**Being the Word Made Flesh**". That simple motto means, being "the very presence of Jesus Christ in every aspect of life and faith in which He is calling Believers to serve Him and others in the advancement of His kingdom here on earth". Yes, it means feeding the hungry; clothing the naked; speaking life and hope to those in despair; providing for the sick; visiting those in prison; standing up for justice in an unjust world; and even more, speaking truth to power in an "Unjust world"! It means, being the visible presence of Christ in the Body and the world in "**whatever way Christ calls us to serve Him**" until He returns for His Church!

Pastor Lane recognizes that the mission and vision that God has placed on his heart is "God's mandate" for God's people at Macedonia. He recognizes that

this task will not be easy, but it must be done. Whatever the "Cost of Discipleship" for advancing the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ it must be paid. **Rev. Dr. Victor-LaMonte Lane is "The Right Servant for the Right Season" at Macedonia Baptist in Denver. Amen.**

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Macedonia Baptist Church

Short Term Mission Opportunity Black Hills of South Dakota – August 3-11, 2019

The American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and the Dakotas have teamed up in each of the last eighteen years to minister at the annual gathering of over 400,000 people in Sturgis, South Dakota for Bike Week! (Attendance in 2015 was 739,000.)

The **ABC Emergency Services Center** was created in the basement of the First Baptist Church of the Northern Hills in Deadwood to help those who became stranded due to injury, abandonment, or mechanical breakdown. Many of those we help are referred to us by law enforcement, hospitals or social services agencies. Posters and brochures also help many find us for help. Since 2011 we have worked out of the First Baptist Church of Rapid City.



Volunteers from American Baptist churches around the country spend all or part of the week helping, feeding, transporting, and counseling the dozens of individuals who come to the ABCESC for assistance. Throughout the week calls come in at all hours of the day and night from churches, police and rescue workers, and individuals, wanting us to help men, women, and children in need.

Volunteers don't need to be motorcyclists, but need a heart for evangelism and a willingness to serve. Women volunteers are especially needed due to the large percentage of women and children that we end up assisting. If you can come for all or part of the week, we can find a job for you!

Interested in Sturgis Rally Ministry 2019?

- ◆ The ABC Emergency Services Center will be open Aug 3-11. Early arrivers can be accommodated on August 2.
- ◆ Sleeping space is provided. Most bring an air mattress.
- ◆ RVers will be provided with space to set up.
- ◆ This mission project is designed for adults. High school students will be permitted when accompanied by a parent.
- ◆ Follow-up on those ministered to will be coordinated by contacts in ABC regions around the country.
- ◆ Each participant is asked to contribute \$100 towards this project. Local churches are encouraged to assist participating members in raising this amount. Contributions may be made through ABC Nebraska and ABC Dakotas.

For more information contact:
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Pastor's Retreat on the Western Slope

Several Western Slope pastors gathered at Camp Cedaredge April 8-10 to Relax, Renew, and Recreate in a retreat hosted by ABCRM Ministry and Mission Facilitator James Conley. Camp Cedaredge is a camping facility owned by the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God. It proved to be a great landing place for these veterans in ministry.



In total, nine ministers took advantage of this time away from the office to share ideas and best practices as they joined in this common time of renewal. Chaplain Scott Hogue, Hope West Hospice in Grand Junction lead a discussion on "Self-Care for the Pastor." Each minister spoke of their personal routine, then Scott helped them consider practical ways of staying the course with physical, emotional, and spiritual applications. Finding time to read and reflect on God's Word apart from sermon preparations or teaching assignments were lessons of note from these pastors.

Pastor Thom Jones of Reconcile, a newly planted church in Rifle, Colorado, led in worship and song. The acoustic guitar and voices sang hymns of old and modern praise music. Thom currently leads worship at a church in Basalt in addition to the church plant that meets on Sunday nights in Rifle. As a church planter he finds himself working a few different jobs to make ends meet. Thom is the focal leader for a benevolence ministry in the area and has begun a chaplain's role with Hospice in the area.

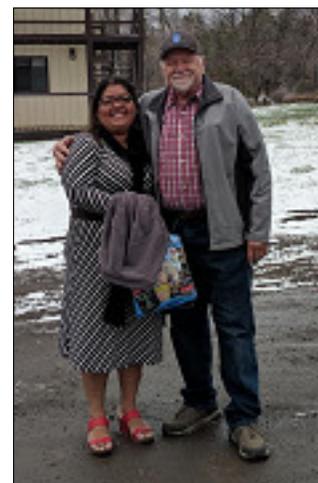
Kim Skattum who serves as Pastor to Pastor with ABCRM, shared his new job description and how he perceives a "loneliness" in the role of most ministers. He hopes to bridge the gap between pastors and the Region as well as sharing the wisdom that he has attained from 30 plus years in ministry. The best advise he was given as a young pastor was from an older minister, "Kim, you can't fix them," referring to hurting people "but you can love them where they are and that is enough." Pastor Kim is available to come alongside any minister within the

Region of churches. He does make house calls.

Executive Minister Steve Van Ostran took part in this retreat by sharing in conversations, bringing an update from the Region and offering a view of ABC-USA as we begin the

search process for our next General Secretary. Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer announced that he intends to retire at the end of 2019. He does plan to join us at the ABCRM Annual Gathering in Denver on September 26-28 hosted by Central Baptist Church. Steve went to Montrose airport on Tuesday evening to pick up Pastor Escarlet Fletes from Rama, Nicaragua to join the retreat.

Pastor Flores is in the United States to visit her mother and to share their needs in Nicaragua. Due to conflicts in the government the economy is quite unstable. ABCRM and International Ministries has helped to provide support and ministerial leadership for Baptist pastors in Nicaragua. Pastor Flores shared their vision to start 40 churches, four are already flourishing. She is proposing a plan where individuals and churches can sponsor a student for \$30/month to provide education through funding the teachers. The goal is to support 75 students. Escarlet shared this vision with several churches over the next week in the Region.



Escarlet Fletes and Eddie Piker

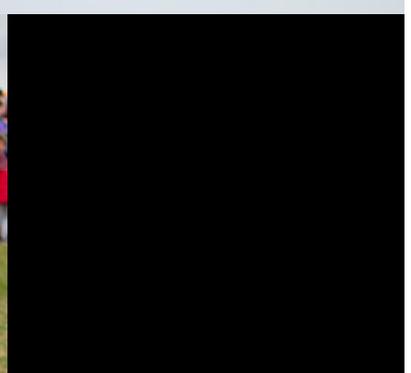
Each pastor felt a sense of blessing and belonging as they participated in this Pastors Retreat. We anticipate offering more of these events in the days to come.

*James Conley, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Delta, CO*

Elevating Life Church, Fort Morgan Easter Egg Drop

"As you can see, it was an impactful event for Morgan County, and what a thrill it is to 'Get to' be a part of such a wonderful community," Pastor Drake Hunter.

Here is a link to the "[Easter Egg Drop](#)" article from the Fort Morgan Times that gives more details about the event.



Annual Colorado AB Women's Conference June 7-8 in Grand Junction Register now!!

"Feel God's Spirit - Feel God's Power - Feel God's Love" is the theme for the 82nd Annual Colorado ABWM Conference to be held at First Baptist Church of Grand Junction on June 7-8, 2019.

Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain (pictured right), the new Executive Director of American Baptist Women's Ministries, will be our primary guest speaker. She will bring her vision of what AB Women's Ministries, including Young Adult Women and AB GIRLS, can be.



We will welcome Rev. Jacobs-Strain on Wednesday, June 5, with a Pre-conference Reception at New Hope Baptist Church, 3701 Colorado Blvd., Denver at 7:00 pm. Women on the Front Range and in the Denver Metro area are especially invited to come to get acquainted with Gina and her vision for American Baptist Women's Ministries. Please RSVP to Rev. Kay Farley, 303.909.8637, if you plan to attend.



Additional speakers at the conference will include Rev. Mary Tellis (pictured left) of Denver as Mission Speaker, sharing about a recent mission trip to Zambia, and Rev. Jennifer Rutter (pictured below right), Pastoral Resident at First Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, as

Bible Study Leader.

Conference participants are encouraged to bring items to fill "Blessing Bags" for people who are homeless. More information can be found at abcrm.org/women-s-ministries.



Breakout sessions will offer a choice of two of four: 1) packing Blessing Bags for homeless people; 2) a book discussion of *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*, led by Chris Oldham; 3) an exploration of the dynamics of domestic violence, and 4) playing handbells, led by Ellen Currier and Michelle Park. A Bonus opportunity will be, for a donation, to have a ten-minute chair massage by a licensed massage therapist.

Evening worship sessions will include special music from gifted musicians of FBC, Grand Junction, as well as opportunities to sing and hear inspiring messages.

We will feature the celebration of 100 years of AB Women's Ministry of White Cross, a program that has supported the work of our missionaries, both internationally and in the US, through donations of gifts—handmade, purchased, and monetary—that make it possible for the missionaries to do their work.

Please come for a time of inspiration, learning, and friendship. First-timers have a discounted registration fee of only \$25. For more information, including a promotional flyer, a brochure with a schedule, and a printable registration form, go to www.abcrm.org/women-s-ministries. Discounted room rates, noted on the registration form, must be reserved by May 16.

Hoping to see you soon!

Rev. Mary Beth Mankin
Conference Committee Chair
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Is Your Church Communications Ready for Summer?

It seems like spring just started but we're almost into summer. Yes, time flies — especially when it comes to church communication. Summer brings added complication to your communication team: vacations, less attention from ministries, and your congregation drifts away from a regular schedule.



Summer relaxes. Your communication team can't.

Here are 4 things needing attention NOW as we head towards summer in your church:

1. **Have a calendar of summer events.** Every church needs an annual communication [calendar](#) that is accessible to everyone who creates events. It needs to have EVERY church event added with enough time to create communication materials to promote it. This is often based on how many people you're trying to get in attendance (tiering) because the more you need to inform, the longer you'll need. We're talking about being on the calendar months in advance for the top tiers. Double check now with every ministry to make sure everything's on the calendar for the summer months. Ensure you're aware of how much comm support they're needing. There's never a better time to understand what's on your to-do list.
2. **Have a scheduling plan for social media.** Based on the summer calendar create a plan for [social media](#). To get a break from the constant social media posting, get an app for scheduling (hootsuite, buffer, tweetdeck, etc.) and set up your posts in advance. WARNING: once posts are scheduled this doesn't mean you'll forget them. Be on the lookout for event cancellations and crazy world or community events that could affect any of your posts. Remove or change any that will not be received well.

3. **Have a vacation plan for your communication hub.** On top of social media, you also have website, bulletin, emails, announcements, etc. that need attention. Fortunately, most churches relax their communications a bit during this slower time

on the church calendar. This may be a good time to (permanently?) reduce the size of your bulletin and announcement time. Maybe other noisy communication needs reducing too. Stop contributing to the noise if the communication (or tool) isn't working well. The summer's the best time to look at this and tweak. Make sure everyone is aware of vacations so that you have materials earlier or a plan for replacement positions too.

4. **Start planning for the fall.** Sure, summer starts in June, but so should your planning for the [Fall](#). Yes, the communication year never ends! Start talking with the Pastoral leadership about what they're thinking about or anticipating. If you're not part of the planning (like I'd recommend)? Ask the leadership team if you can start brainstorming around some of their broad ideas. Assure them you're going to be suggesting ideas for getting people involved with their ministry. Prove to them why communication should be sitting at the leadership table!

To view this article online, click [here](#).

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Camp Dates 2019

Front Range Camp @ Quaker Ridge July 21-27

Register online at app.campdoc.com/register/abcquaker. For more information (costs, deadlines, etc.), visit www.frontrangepcamping.org.

Camp Wyoba

Mini-Camp — June 30-July 2
Post High Retreat — July 5-7
Senior High Camp — July 7-13
Junior High Camp — July 14-20

Junior Camp — July 21-27
Primary Camp — July 28-31
Women's Retreat — August 9-11

For registration forms, more information (costs, deadlines, etc.), visit www.wyoba.org.

Grand Mesa Baptist Camp

Family Camp
June 14-16
The Alpine Zone (High School)
June 16-22
The Ascent (Middle School)
June 22-27
The Trailhead (Elementary School)
June 27-June 30



For registration forms, more information (costs, deadlines, etc.), visit <https://grandmesabaptistcamp.org/>

Please Pray for Camp Wyoba Prayer Update May 2019

God has answered our prayers for camp directors and pastors for our youth camps. We still need musicians for each camp and cabin leaders.



Pray that the themes that are being developed for youth camps will have a strong impact on young lives, hearts, and minds.

Pray for Jenita as she is developing a video to train volunteer staff.

Pray that God uses the youth camps at Wyoba to grow His Kingdom.

Pray that God will be directing Pastor Brian as he prepares for Family Camp. Pray for families to come to Family Camp.

Pray for Work Week that the kids from Fort Lupton, CO will come to know Jesus better as they spend time at Wyoba in service and worship.

Pray for each of these camps:

Mini-Camp for 1st and 2nd graders with an adult they trust **June 30-July 2**

Primary Camp for 3rd and 4th graders **July 28-31**

Junior Camp for 5th and 6th graders **July 21-27**

Junior High Camp for 7th and 8th **July 14-20**

Senior High Camp for high school students **July 7-13**

Post High Retreat for those who have graduated from high school **July 5-7**

Family Camp for families or those who want to be around families **August 9-12**

Women's Retreat **August 9-11**

Camp Wyoba

Looking for an experience that will change the life of your child for the good long-term? Attending a Christian camp this summer could:



- help your child be nicer to family members
- reawaken the desire to be in the outdoors instead of in front of a screen
- raise your child's self-confidence
- strengthen their faith

Camp Wyoba is ready to receive registrations for our Summer 2019 camps. Visit wyoba.org for camp dates, fee schedule, and registration forms.

Jenita Calton
Wyoba Chair

2018 Annual Reports

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CENTER!!

They are the winners of our drawing for turning in their 2018 Annual Report on time and in its entirety. They will receive a \$50.00 gift card.



We would like to thank all of our churches who completed their Annual Report. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. *If you have not completed your report, it's not too late.* We will accept your report at any time. If you have questions, need help, or another copy of your report, please contact our office at akeys@abcrm.org or 303.988.3900.



We thank all of you for your support to our Region.

You Could Be a Camp Wyoba Ambassador or Cabin Leader!

We are looking for adults to provide hospitality to renters at Camp Wyoba. You will be trained in where things are at camp, how to make coffee in the morning, and build a campfire. You will be available to answer questions that our renters might have. You will be given a place to sleep and all meals will be provided. You will be assigned a time to be an Ambassador that works with your busy schedule. You could be in this picture!



Camp Wyoba is looking for cabin leaders for our youth camps. Folks need to have a desire to impact the lives of kids by helping them adjust to being away from home and navigating the tricky world of kid relationships. Folks need to help kids with the schedule and be there for all activities. Folks need to show the love of Jesus Christ to kids 24/7.

For young folks, this would look great on college applications, but you don't have to be young to be a cabin leader.

If you are interested in being part of the ministry of Camp Wyoba in either of these ways, please email Jenita at mjmjpack@vcn.com.

ABCRM Pastor's Night at the Rockies!

Join your fellow ABCRM Pastors at the Rockies game on Friday, July 12th. The Colorado Rockies will be playing the Cincinnati Reds so it should be a great game. The Region is picking up part of the ticket price for the pastor and up to three additional guests; each ticket will only cost \$12. We are requesting tickets in the right field mezzanine. Sign-up by June 26th so we can secure tickets for the group.

ABCRM Pastor's Night at the Rockies Game

- o Friday night, July 12th (Colorado Rockies vs. Cincinnati Reds)
- o Game start 6:40 pm
- o Must purchase tickets by June 26th
- o Cost \$12 a ticket for ABCRM Pastors
- o Each pastor may purchase three additional tickets

Online registration can be made using the link below.

<https://pastor-s-night-at-the-rockies-game-abcrm.pushpayevents.com>



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Our biennial gathering of the American Baptist Family is scheduled to occur in Virginia Beach, VA, June 21-23. The every other year event features:

- Special luncheons of our major national programs (ABHMS, IM and MMBB) where we hear updates on their ministries, stories of how God has used them and learn how we can both be supported by them as well as support them.
- Powerful worship and powerful preachers and teachers
- Amazing fellowship with our diverse ABC Family

The Biennial Mission Summit is a great time of learning, inspiration and fellowship. To learn more, visit: www.americanbaptists2019.com

To Register, go to: <http://www.abc-usa.org/2019/01/25/individual-registration-for-2019-biennial-mission-summit-opens/>

ABCRCM folks should enter the code: RockyRegion for a \$49 discount.



What's Happening

Calendar

May

- 10 Executive Committee Meeting
- 12 Mothers Day
- 27 Memorial Day (*Region office closed*)

June

- One Great Hour of Sharing Month
- 5 Missions Committee Meeting
- 5 ABW Colorado Pre-Conference Reception
- 7-8 ABW Colorado State Conference
Calvary Baptist Church
- 14-16 Grand Mesa Family Camp
- 16 Father's Day
- 16-22 Grand Mesa Alpine Zone
(High School) Camp
- 17-21 Wyoba Work Week
- 21-23 Biennial Mission Summit, Virginia Beach
- 22-27 Grand Mesa Ascent (Middle School) Camp
- 27-30 Grand Mesa Trailhead (Elementary) Camp
- 30-July 2 Wyoba Mini Camp

Fashion Show

Several young Girls will be modeling Handmade Fashions on June 8, 2019, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Gardens of Divine Hope, located at 1955 E. Arizona Ave. in Denver. This should be a fun, interesting and loving event as young girls move around the patio in beautifully handcrafted designs. The event will take place on the patio as it is decorated with flowers and colorful designs.

ALL ARE INVITED. THERE IS NO ADMISSIONS FEE. There will be food, drink and entertainment. DONATIONS are welcome!

Contact Pastor Karen at reverendkarenwschneider@yahoo.com or call at 720.308.8418 if you plan to attend. We would like to get a headcount prior to the event so we know how many are coming.

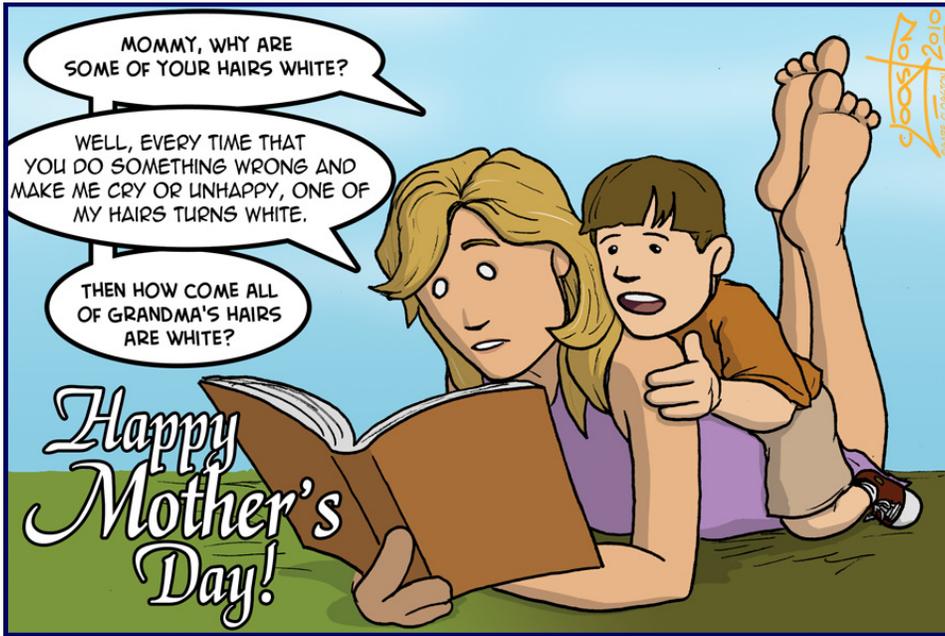
Lanell Designs Garden Gala Fashion Show



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Watch Them Bloom

Dinner will be served
June 8, 2019 (720)469-5286
Sat. 6-8:30pm cking10@att.net

Open to the public.
Free admission but donations are welcomed.
1955 E Arizona Ave Denver, CO 80210
Sponsor Karen Schneider Garden of Devine Hope Church



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