You are Invited to
The Annual Gathering of the
American Baptist Churches of Oregon
October 19-21, 2012

Serving as . . .
His Hands,
His Feet,
His Voice

“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation”
— 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Coming together as the American Baptist family in Oregon and Northern California for a FULL weekend of
❖ Worship and Celebration
❖ Challenging Messages
❖ Great Food and Fellowship
❖ Missions and Ministry Updates
❖ Joint YOUTHQUAKE Youth Gathering
❖ Practical Workshops

Featuring Special Speakers —

Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
ABHMS National Coordinator of Evangelism and New Church Planting

Dr. Ingrid Roldán-Román
ABC BIM Missionary, Panamá

Rev. Mike Mann
ABC BIM Missionary, Global Consultant for Rural Development

Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr.
Pastor Emeritus, Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland, CA

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The Oregon Baptist

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The Happy Campers

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  Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Johnson will address the two Saturday morning plenary sessions and will be available during the workshops for a Q&A session.

- **Dr. Ingrid Roldán-Román**
  ABC BIM Missionary, Panamá
  As one of our two international missionary speakers, Ingrid will be addressing the Gathering on Friday evening. Dr. Roldán-Román will also be presenting a workshop in Spanish on leading music for children.

- **Rev. Mike (Becky) Mann**
  ABC BIM Missionary, Global Consultant for Rural Development
  Our other international missionary, Mike will also be sharing with us on Friday evening. Rev. Mann will be available throughout the weekend to share concerning the work he is involved with in Thailand and around the globe.

- **Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr.**
  Pastor Emeritus, Allen Temple Baptist Church
  Distinguished Professor of Christian Ministry and Preaching, American Baptist Seminary of the West
  Dr. Smith is a prophet and a leader who inspires and challenges the people to dare to be what God wants them to be. He is the Preacher at our Sunday Morning Worship Service.

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ABCO Annual Gathering Registration Form

Name ____________________________________________________________
Name ____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ Zip ______________
Phone ____________________________ Church ____________________________
Email ____________________________________________________________

Please check all that apply:

___ Church appointed delegate  ___ 1st Time Attendee(s)

___ Participant  ___ Estimated Time of Arrival

Registration: Includes all program fees and materials.

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Total Registration Enclosed $____

Please include registration fee and meals in your payment. Registration with Master Card or Visa available by phone at 503-228-8394

Questions? Please call the number above!

Payment: Check No. _______________________

Make checks payable to “ABCO” and Mail to Annual Gathering Registration at
ABCO – 0245 SW Bancroft Suite G – Portland, OR 97239-4270

Schedule, Lodging, Shuttle Van, and Attire Details

Times and Location

Friday, October 19
12:00 pm Clergy Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 pm Clergy Continuing Education Event
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Evening Plenary Session

Saturday, October 20
7:30 am Continental Breakfast
8:30 am Business Meeting
9:45 – 11:45 am Morning Plenary Sessions
12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 – 4:00 pm Workshops
5:00 pm Banquet
6:30 pm Evening Plenary Session

Sunday, October 21
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

First Baptist Church of Alameda
1515 Santa Clara Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 522-9243

Shuttle Van Transportation
Shuttle Vans will provide transportation between these hotels, the church, and the Oakland Airport.

Convenient Lodging Options

Executive Inn & Suites
(510) 536-6633
1755 Embarcadero
Oakland, CA 94606
City View - $119.00
Water View - $139.00
Online Reservation Booking Procedure:
Go to: www.executiveinnoakland.com
Enter: Arrival and departure date
Enter: GR293EA in the box entitled “Group Code”
Click on: Check availability
Click on: Continue, then make your room selection and enter personal information
Click on: Book reservation
Hotel tax 14%

Marina Village Inn in Alameda
1151 Pacific Marina
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 523-9450
The website for reservations is www.staysf.com
The regular price is $99 per room, with a variety of options, like water view.
Promotional code for a 10% discount: SpecialGuest
Hotel tax 14%

The Motel 6 at Embarcadero
1801 Embarcadero
I-880/Nimitz Freeway at 16th Avenue
Oakland CA 94606
(510) 436-0103
The website for reservations is www.motel6.com
One Adult: $59.99 plus tax, per room, per night for a Standard one- or two-bed room.
Two Adults: $65.99 plus tax, per room, per night for a Standard one- or two-bed room.
To make a reservation call (510) 436-0103 and mention that you are with First Baptist Church of Alameda to get the special rate.

Attire
Casual attire is appropriate for all sessions.
We Love Summer
Camp is buzzing with energy year-round, but God uses summer in a powerful way to intensify the love, joy, and peace that is felt by all who visit Camp Arrah Wanna. We think pictures are the best way to share this experience with you - please enjoy...

Adult & Family Camp Fun!
We had another wonderful Labor Day weekend with beautiful weather, hilarious "community building", heartfelt worship, and some totally awesome Hula dancing!
Adult & Family Camp is a really special time for people of all ages to come together and enjoy God's gifts in this beautiful place, each year adding more families to the fun.
If you haven't attended this camp, or it's been a few years, now is a good time to start planning to join us August 30 - September 2, 2013 - we would love to have you!

Help us get our history together...
It's important for Camp Arrah Wanna to have a detailed history of the powerful things that have happened here over the decades. While some historical information has been passed on, we know that MANY of you have pictures, documents, and even unwritten memories of time spent at camp. Will you help us "set the records straight" by sending us pictures labeled with dates & names (via email or US mail), written stories of your experiences, and any general facts you recall about our past? We are also looking for people who would enjoy tackling this project. Our goal is to have something put together before our next CAW Alumni Reunion on June 22nd, 2013.
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Facilities Director: Sean Clark
Accountant/Project Mgr.: Ed Burch
Food Service Director: Kirsten Roush
Office Administrator: Shannon Phau

MEET OUR GUEST HOST...

Ms. Anastasiya Russu

One of the best parts about working at Camp Arrah Wanna is getting to know so many of God's talented and devoted children.

Anastasiya is one of those blessings, and we are so thankful to have her on staff. As our Guest Host, Anastasiya takes care of our campers and guests - young and old alike - with a smile and kind heart of service.

Getting acquainted with Camp through the MESD Outdoor School program originally, Anastasiya knew from the beginning that the Lord had a future planned for her here:

"God's done a lot of work in me while at Arrah Wanna. Throughout all of my experiences, I know this is a place so full of God's presence."

If you have the privilege of meeting Anastasiya while she is caring for the dining hall, running around camp, or making something creative for an activity, be sure to say hello and thank her for her willingness to follow God's calling - we're sure glad she did!

Find out more at www.camparrahwanna.org
Here are a few examples of recent Mission Outreach efforts by local congregations.

- **FBC Alameda, CA** – As a result of their envisioning process, FBC is organizing a new ministry of service that focuses on visitation and healing.

- **New Life Christian Fellowship, Castro Valley, CA**, supports the Tri City Homeless Shelter in south Fremont. Volunteers from NLCF prepare and serve lunch at TCHS every 3rd Saturday.

- **Oakland Burmese Mission Baptist Church** has a transportation ministry that serves the needs of new refugee families. They use a 15-passenger van, a 35-passenger minibus and plus a number of individuals provide rides with their personal vehicles.

- **Cedar Hills Baptist Church (Portland/Beaverton)** hosted sister church Pastor Ruth Eunice de Orantes from Iglesia Bautista Shekina, El Salvador on August 26, 2012.

- **FBC Coos Bay** “Music & More – Hope for Japan” mission trip in June 2012.

- **Eastwood Baptist Church** took a team to work at Rainbow Acres (Arizona) in June 2012.

- **FBC McMinnville** began hosting Yamhill County’s Free Dental Clinic in July 2012.

- **FBC Portland** partnered with 86 other churches on June 16, 2012 in support of Compassion Clinic 2012 held at Portland Memorial Coliseum. Services included dental care, medical care, foot care, immunizations, chiropractic care, physical therapy, vision care, haircuts, and meals. Value of services provided on that day = $141,907. Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. David Wheeler served as co-chair.

- **FBC Springfield’s** summer M.A.D.E. program for kids ran from June 18th through September 1st. M.A.D.E. stands for: Music, Art, Dance, and Entertainment. The program gave kids the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument, make pottery, create Claymation movies, build kites, go camping, and so much more!

- **Grace Baptist Church (Portland)** received a Children in Poverty grant in the amount of $3000 to help with a backpack program at Bridger School for families facing food insecurity.

We really appreciate receiving your news about ministry. Please send them to Don Watson (donjw@comcast.net) or to Judy Flora at our region office (JudyF@abc-or.org).

**IMMERSE 2012 – National Gathering of American Baptist Youth**

*Washington, D.C. July 24 – 28, 2012 was attended by 1065 youth and adult leaders.*

**Attending from our region were:**

- Katelyn Harrop, FBC McMinnville (2012 HS graduate)
- Chelsea Sneller, Sarah Sneller, and Lauren Orr, Grant Park Church, peer leaders
- Rev. Steve Bils, ABCO executive minister

**From New Life Christian Fellowship, Castro Valley:**

- Jordan Wong, Rev. Karen Yee – national planning team
- Sabrina Li, Xochitl Ramirez, Elizabeth Bau, Katie Leong, Deja Domantay – youth
- Tashi Vedel, Jonathan Lee – peer leaders
- Darryn Silva, Arthur Wong, Rev. Katie Choy-Wong – adult leaders

**From First Baptist Church, Alameda:**

- Jaydon Tobler, Gethsemane Jauregui - youth
- Dave Maxcy, Christina Atencio – adult leaders

**INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES:** A Christian mission organization connecting churches in the U.S. and Puerto Rico and individuals to holistic missions around the world. They serve more than 1,800 short-term and long-term missionaries annually, bringing churches together with partners in over 70 countries to tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

**IM’s Mission Statement:** Our mission is to glorify God in all the earth by crossing cultural boundaries to help people come to Christ, grow in Christ and change their worlds with Christ.

**How is International Ministries supported?**

IM is supported solely through the generosity of churches and individuals. Their primary fundraising vehicle is the World Mission Offering (WMO), which is promoted annually in September and October. You and your church can also give to IM throughout the year. Donors can give to IM for the support of individual missionaries or to projects. To learn more, please visit IM’s website or call the Development Office at (800) 222-3872, ext. 2323. You may also contact me at donjw@comcast.net or by phone at 503-393-4021.

International Ministries’ website is: [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org)

You may email a missionary directly or make a donation in their support through the website above. Go to "People Who Serve" then click on the missionary’s name. IM’s home office: P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482.
FBC McMinnville Partners on Free Dental Clinic
(Excerpts from a Yamhill Valley News Register article by Jessica Prokop)

A coalition of community organizations have joined forces to sponsor a free dental clinic for Yamhill County residents lacking access to dental care on their own.

The Yamhill County Dental Society has teamed up with McMinnville First Baptist Church and Love in Action to revive a clinic program that fell victim to Yamhill County Public Health fiscal restraints in December 2010.

The long hiatus came to an end with a trial clinic running 9 to 11 a.m. at First Baptist. It served about 50 residents.

Mike McNickle, Public Health's volunteer care coordinator, said he had played a role in the original clinic and wanted to find a way to revive the program. He first contacted McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, but it lacked the necessary space.

That's when the call went out to First Baptist. "It had the space and motivation," McNickle said.

Bill Apel (FBC McMinnville) said the church was pleased to step up. As a result, he said, "We are probably the only church in Yamhill County to have a dental chair."

Love in Action signed on to provide dental supplies patients can take with them. The bags feature toothbrushes, dental floss and other dental care items.

"It's a community effort," McNickle said.

Drs. Mark Miller and John Gallucci from Carlton Dental were joined by Dr. Kyle Kern of Newberg in volunteering their services for the initial clinic. Miller, who heads the dental society, said about 40 of its dentist members have expressed willingness to take a turn at future clinics.

International Ministries Missionaries
scheduled to be on home assignment this fall and winter

Please contact the missionary directly through the www.internationalministries.org web site to determine their availability to visit your church or small group.

This list includes names of missionaries and dates of home assignment.

*Mylinda Baits
Regional Missionary
July – December 2012

Wendy Bernard
DR Congo
November 2012 – May 2013

*Dan & Sarah Chetti
Lebanon
July – December 2012

Kristy Engel
Dominican Republic
August – December 2012

Debbie Kelsey
Italy
July 2012 – June 2013

Michael & Rebecca Mann
Thailand
July 2012 – June 2013

David & Laura Parajon
Nicaragua
July – December 2012

*Ingrid Roldan-Roman
Panama
July 2012 – June 2013 (California then Puerto Rico)

*Chuck & Ramona Shawver
Mexico
August – December 2012

Karen Smith
Thailand
October 2012 – June 2013

*Robert Stephens
Japan
September – November 2012

*Judith Sutterlin
China
August 2012 – January 2013

Charles & Carole Sydnor
Nepal
November 2012 – February 2013

Charles & Sarah West
Zambia
July 2012 – June 2013

* Home base on the west coast

Matt Toupin to be Ordained at FBC Oregon City on September 30

First Baptist Church of Oregon City is pleased to announce that our Associate Pastor, Matt Toupin, was unanimously endorsed for ordination to Christian Ministry at a council convened at our church on September 8, 2012.

Therefore, we would request the honor of your presence at a Service of Ordination to be held at First Baptist Church of Oregon City, 819 John Adams Street, Oregon City, OR 97045, on Sunday, September 30, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. Reception will follow.

Please let us know if you are able to be with us. You may respond by email or on the First Baptist Church of Oregon City’s Facebook events page.

In Christ’s Service, John Aman, Senior Pastor and Richard Cameron, Moderator
819 John Adams St., Oregon City, OR 97045 • (503) 656-3854 • baptist.church@comcast.net
10 Reasons to Celebrate that Your Church Doesn’t Have “Enough” Money
By Margaret J. Marcuson

You can transform your experience of your church financial life if, rather than bemoaning the fact that you don’t have money, you celebrate it. While we would all prefer to have more money rather than less, there can be benefits. When the money is pouring in, churches can face difficult decisions, conflict about what to do with resources, and lack of mission focus. I know one church which is about to receive a legacy of a million dollars. Its leaders are deeply concerned about whether this means members will feel able to coast, or will see the money as a way to maintain the church for themselves rather than looking for new ways to do ministry. Money doesn’t solve as many problems as we think it does.

Anxiety about a tight budget is understandable and to a degree inevitable, yet you can begin to choose a different response. Notice the conversations you and other leaders in your church have about the budget, about giving, about what you can and can’t do with your resources. See if you can shift your own attitudes—simply your own, not others. Don’t try to be a cheerleader or convince others to look on the bright side. Just say, “Here’s how I see it.” In fact, even if you never say a word about it, your new perspective will still impact the conversations. You’ll be in a different place.

Here are ten reasons to celebrate when you don’t have enough:

- You have the opportunity to educate new givers and to challenge others to give more.
- You have the opportunity to challenge people to do ministry.
- You are forced to make some choices about what is most important to you together.
- You can’t waste money.
- You can’t be staff-heavy.
- You don’t take things for granted: you can celebrate what you do have.
- You have a reason to ask people to make planned gifts to ensure the ministry continues into the future.
- You can’t put off the hard conversations about money, which is actually a blessing.
- You know you are in good company, as many churches and other institutions are facing the same challenges.
- Your vision is bigger than your resources—this is a good thing.

Rev. Margaret Marcuson works with churches who want to create a ministry that lasts and clergy who want to have more impact on the people they serve best. She speaks and writes on leadership and works with church leaders nationally as a consultant and coach. She is a member of First Baptist Portland. Get the free mini-course, “Five Ways to Avoid Burnout in Ministry” at http://margaretmarcuson.com/