Special Points of Interest:

- First Baptist Celebrates The Future & 180th Anniversary
- GRR Annual Assembly
- Food For Kidz
- Your Devine Design

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"TREASURING THE PAST - CELEBRATING THE FUTURE"
1836-2016
Celebrating the 180th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Illinois
Sunday, September 18, 2016

Historical Display prior to Sunday School & Worship
(Church Parlor)

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Celebration Worship Service
(Sanctuary)
Presentation of Bibles
Children's Message
Greetings from the Rev. Muriel L. Johnson, Regional Associate Minister, Areas 4 & 5 American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region
The Rev. Paul H. Gibson, Executive Minister American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region, Special Guest Speaker
Mrs. Melissa Gibson Special Music

12:00 p.m. - Celebration Luncheon
(Fellowship Hall)
Copies of Blessings from the Table, "our 180th Anniversary Church Cookbook, will be available for purchase at $10 each

1:00 p.m. - Celebration Concert
(Fellowship Hall)
featuring Norm and the Nomads

2:00 p.m. - Dedication Service
(Fellowship Hall)
Newly remodeled/redecorated Church Kitchen & Fellowship Hall plus Community Outreach Center

2:15 p.m. - Blessing of Church Land & Signage
(Vine Avenue property, landscaping, & new signage)
**September Birthdays**

1. Dona Barbey
2. Pat Lee
3. Patti Isringhausen
4. Jack Lutz
5. Isabella Sies
6. Cinda Weiss
7. Jan Middleton
8. Roger Frey
9. Carissa Freker
10. Jacob Bilyeu
11. Doris Kuhn
12. Jeron Thole
13. Marge Miles
14. Brendine Forbus
15. Mildred Bohle
16. Marsha Ackerman
17. Don Ackerman

**Food Pantry**

First Baptist extends Christian sympathy to the following families:

- The Family of James Clarence Barringer. Jim passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. A Celebration of Life was held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, August 6 with Pastor David Bilyeu officiating. Inurnment was at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Coffeen, IL. Memorials to First Baptist Church may be sent to First Baptist Church of Greenville. Expressions of Christian sympathy may be sent to: Jeanette Barringer, 212 N. Prospect St., Coffeen, IL 62017.

- The Family of Joan Ellen Reeser. Joan passed away Friday, August 12, 2016. A memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Greenville on Saturday, August 27 with The Rev. William Moyers officiating. Inurnment was at Gullcreek Cemetery, Highland, IL. Memorials to Moody Bible Institute (Rev. Donald & Joan Reeser Scholarship) or Teach Beyond (Memorial Fund) may be sent to: Moody Bible Institute, 1062 S. Harrison St., Gurnee, IL 60031. Memorials to Joan's children: Mariti and Lana Reeser, 1027 Kokomo Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46241 and Renate and Bill Moyers, 240 E. Park Street, Montello, WI 53949.

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Pre-order your copy of the 180th Anniversary Church Cookbook, "Blessings from the Table." An order form is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays at worship or in the Church Library on Thursdays at 6 pm to reserve one or more of these keepsakes.

This cookbook will make a great gift for weddings, birthdays, Christmas, teachers, anniversaries, Mother's Day, Father's Grandparents' Day, etc. It is sure to be treasured for years to come. Cookbooks are $10 each and will be available at the 180th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service on September 18. Come prepared, quantities are limited!

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NEW GROUP MEETING IN GREENVILLE

GROUP NAME: WE DO RECOVER
JOIN US IN THIS JOURNEY OF RECOVERY
THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE!!!!!!
WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENVILLE’S COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER
218 E. SOUTH AVE., GREENVILLE, IL 62246-1820
(Park in west parking lot. Entrance located under awning).
WHEN: THURSDAYS 7:30 - 8:30 PM
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: SAMONE @(618) 803-1287

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 6. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NEW ADDRESS/CONTACT INFO

BOURGEOIS, *Roya
1213 Airport Ave.
Greenville, IL 62246-3521
(618) 334-1328
royabourgeois@gmail.com

CHRISTIN, *Bonnie
christinbonnie@gmail.com

NEW FRIENDS:

STILLMAN, Jeff & Kayla
Jack Turley, Aiden & Preston Stillman
402 E. Spring St.
Greenville, IL 62246-1968

THANK YOU

As the first-time cook and “front of house” for the Joan Reeser luncheon, we thank each of you who provided food. Also, thanks to those who helped with the preparation, serving, and clean-up. We would not have served the family and their friends without your help. God’s blessings to you all.

Steve and Veronica
SAVE THE DATE
Praying For Our Nation - Wednesday, September 7th, 7-8 p.m.
Where: Greenville Free Methodist Church
We will pray for our nation and leaders as Scripture instructs us in 1 Timothy 2.
We are thankful for the time of prayer with Pastor Glenda Taylor and her congregation in July.

We invite our brothers and sisters in Christ to join together once again in the work of prayer on behalf of our nation.

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all goodness and holiness.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

LIVING PROOF Simulcast
CARYLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH is hosting the Living Proof Simulcast for the third year in a row!!
Bring a friend and join us from 9:30-4:15 in welcoming Speaker Beth Moore at this FREE event on September 17th!
Call 594-3489 to reserve a free lunch and seat.
Or 444-3108
T-shirts available for $20, must be ordered by September 5.

What a fun ending to the summer the APXN Youth had! From Messy Game Night to the Youth Lock-In, the youth had a great chance to enjoy the final few weeks of summer. Students started school August 16, 2016 and with that have come some changes to the youth. First biggest change is starting August 18th and every Thursday from there on out the church will be open from 3:30-7:30 for students to come and hang out after school to unwind from school. During that time, we will also have a short bible study to give the students a chance to get some biblical knowledge. Youth Group will still be meeting Sunday nights at 6:30-7:30 pm. August 21st was the last night of “God in the Movies.” Starting August 28th, the students will start a new series called “Trust.” It is all about how and why to trust in Jesus. It will also be full of fun and exciting trust games that the students can play to learn to trust in each other and give them a better understanding of the word. The Trust series will go on until September 29th. Be on the lookout, as we will start to do fundraisers to fund the mission trip to the Christian Activity Center next summer!

TREASURING THE PAST - CELEBRATING THE FUTURE
1836-2016
On Sunday, September 18, First Baptist Church of Greenville, Illinois will celebrate 180 years of ministry with a service of worship & celebration. The Rev. Paul H. Gibson, Executive Minister of the Great Rivers Region, will bring the message, and his wife, Melissa Gibson, will share special music. Several historical items will be on display in the church parlor prior to Sunday school and worship.

A celebration luncheon, with special music by Norm and the Nomads, will follow worship. The Rev. Muriel L. Johnson, Regional Associate Minister, for the Great Rivers Region, will be present and participate in both the worship service and dedications. Copies of “Blessings from the Table,” our 180th Anniversary Church Cookbook, will be available for purchase at $10 each.

After lunch, there will be a dedication service for the newly remodeled/redecorated kitchen, fellowship hall, and Community Outreach Center. Following, participants will retire outside (weather permitting), for a blessing of the land (Including Vine Avenue property, landscaping, & signage).

Join us for this important day in our church's history as together we “Treasure the Past and Celebrate the Future!” God is preparing!

YOUR DIVINE DESIGN
Beginning Sunday, September 25 at 6 pm in fellowship hall.
How to Discover, Develop, & Deploy Your Spiritual Gifts - the gifts God has given you so that you may complete your assignment on earth.

Do You Know How God Has Uniquely Wired You?
Do you know that you, your friends, and the members of your church are God's "masterpieces"? God has a dream for your life. He didn't save you just so He could take you to heaven. He has an assignment for you here on earth.
He created you in His image, He filled you with His Spirit, and He blessed you with spiritual gifts so you could live a life of impact. But until you know how to recognize and use your gifts, you will never experience all that God wants you to experience. You were meant to discover how He has uniquely wired you, and the roles in the body of Christ that He created you to fulfill.
In this fascinating study, Chip Ingram explores passages from Romans, Ephesians, and 1 Corinthians to understand the role of spiritual gifts. In the process, you'll be invited to pinpoint your own primary spiritual gift and then learn a Biblical process to develop, and deploy your gift for greater ministry and significant impact.
This 8-part DVD series includes the following messages:
- You're a Masterpiece in the Making
- How to Discover Your Primary Spiritual Gift
- How to Develop Your Spiritual Gift for Kingdom Impact
- Warning: Beware of Spiritual Gift Abuse
God's New Thing

The American Baptist Churches of the

GREAT RIVERS REGION

49th Annual Assembly September 23-24 2016

at the

Thelma Keller Convention Center at the Holiday Inn

Effingham IL

Registration forms and Workshops to follow

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22 (PRE-EVENTS)

New pastors and spouses gathering (including lunch) 9:30 AM

GRR Ministers Conference .... Listening to God (including dinner) 1:30 PM

Joyce Reed, Interamerica & the Caribbean and

Danny Mullins, Vineyard Community Church Gilbert Arizona

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

GRR Regional Ministry Board 9:30 AM

Ministers & Spouses Luncheon 12:00 AM (meal ticket required)

Bill Skinner, President of Northern Seminary

Professor of Pastoral Theology & Preaching

Opening session .... God’s New Thing 2:00 PM

Worship Time, short business meeting

Paul Gibson, GRR Executive Minister

Danny Mullins, Vineyard Community Church Gilbert Arizona

Missions Banquet 5:00 PM (meal ticket required)

Sharon Koh, Executive Director International Ministries

Joyce Reed assisting

Worship 7:15 PM

With Danny Mullins and Sharon Koh

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Breakfast(s) All Men, All Women and AWE 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Workshops 9:15 to 10:15 AM

Closing Worship 10:30 AM

With Danny Mullins and Sharon Koh

FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING, SINGING, WORSHIP (and just a little business)

Both events Ministers Conference and Annual Assembly (which are separate registration)

To make reservations you may call the hotel direct 217.540.7777 or GRR Reservations 888.338.1019

Make sure you use the following Block Code ABC to receive the discounted rate $99

Or use the following web link


Ministerial Alliance

Food for Kidz Packing Event

Set-up for the event

Examples of the work during the event
DATE
Friday September 23 – Saturday September 24

LOCATION
Thelma Keller Convention Center
at the Holiday Inn
1202 N Keller Drive Effingham IL 62401

SCHEDULE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23 2016
Registration 11:00 am
Ministers & Spouses Luncheon 12:00 pm
with Bill Shell
Opening Session ... God's New Thing 2:00 pm
with Paul Gibson and Danny Mullins
Missions Banquet 5:00 pm
with Sharon Koh and Joyce Reed
Worship 7:15 pm
with Danny Mullins and Sharon Koh

Special Reception for Sharon Koh 9:00 pm

SCHEDULE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24 2016
Breakfasts 7:30 am
AB Men – AB Women – AME
with David Reed – Joyce Reed – Paul Mattison
Workshops 9:15 am
will be announced at the Annual Assembly
Closing Worship 10:30 am
with Danny Mullins and Sharon Koh

God's New Thing

2016 Annual Assembly Registration form
Registration deadline is September 12, 2016
After the deadline please come as a walk-in

Please complete separate form for each person registering – copy form as needed

Name as desired on name tag __________

Mailing Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State Zone ____________
Phone ____________________________ Email ____________________________

Church/City ____________________________

Please check box if you are a voting delegate
Church Clerk’s signature needed to vote

Here Registration Amount Payment

Individual Registration Fee $30.00

Here Meal Events – Friday September 23
Amount Payment

Luncheon: Ministers/Spouse – 12:00 pm $20.00
Banquet: GRR Mission/Ministry – 5:00 pm $30.00

Here Meal Events – Saturday September 24
Amount Payment

Breakfast: AB Men GRR – 7:30 am $13.00
Breakfast: AB Women GRR – 7:30 am $14.00
Breakfast: AME GRR – 7:30 am $8.00

GRAND TOTAL

Payment method: Check or Credit Card
Payment to: GRR Annual Assembly

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American Express __________
Credit Card Number __________
Expiration Date __________
Account Number __________
Amount Paid $ __________

Signature ____________________________
Print confirder’s name exactly as shown on card

Mail Registration with Check/Credit Information to
American Baptist Resource Center Attention Debbie Nauge
POB 13407 Springfield IL 62701
Phone 217.726.7584 Fax 800.922.2471 Email debbie@abpr.org

Come and join us for our 49th Annual Assembly of the
Great Rivers Region
to enjoy Fellowship and
GRRNetwoKing!

Bill Shell is a native of Pensacola, Florida. He accepted God’s call to ministry in the ninth grade and has been pursuing that ever since, a journey which has given him a deep passion for both theological education and the church. Bill became Northern Seminary’s eleventh president in January 2016 and joined the Northern community in March of that year.

Danny Mullins began full-time vocational ministry in 1979. In that time, he has served as an associate pastor in three different congregations in Texas and Arizona including eight years as a senior pastor. He has spent the past fifteen years as associate pastor of Vineyard Community Church, Gilbert, Arizona. He has served as a worship leader for more than forty years. Currently, his primary emphasis in the church is in the area of spiritual formation.

Joyce and David Reed serve as regional missionaries alongside partner Baptist conventions in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, with a focus on spiritual renewal, spiritual formation and vocational calling. Their goal is to draw people into a deeper experience with God through spiritual disciplines such as stillness, listening, prayer, creative worship and spiritual companionship.

Sharon Koh an ordained American Baptist minister, has deep roots in mission, the cause that brought Baptists in America together in 1814 to launch the agency now known as IM. Koh was born to missionary parents in Singapore, where they began a long and continuing career with CBM (known outside the U.S. as Campus Crusade for Christ, International). She grew up in Singapore, the Philippines, Korea and the U.S. (California and Ohio). Koh is currently working on a third degree at Fuller, a Doctor of Ministry degree in Leading Change.

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Make sure you use the following Block Code 49AB to receive the discounted rate $109

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Or use the following web link below