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## Spring Mission Festival

WHO: This is for EVERYONE!

Where: First Baptist, Norfolk

When: April 9-11

7:30pm Fri. evening and all day  
Saturday beginning at 9:00am.  
Sunday morning for those who can stay.



**FOCUS:**

Mission Town Hall:  
*What it means to be a Missional Church*  
Eight Mission sites, including:  
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Mission in Thailand

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- Sturgis Ministry
- Moses Merrill Conference Center
- Bethel Neighborhood Center
- Thailand School Project
- Sudanese Project
- Alaska Ministry
- Church World Service

**Optional HANDS-ON Experiences:**

- Pack school kits for Haiti
- Help at soup kitchen

**Special Opportunity (optional):**

- Mission Advocate Training



Mang Sonna  
Bethel Neighborhood Center  
Kansas City

Cost:  
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The only other cost, a free-will offering to cover expenses.



Come for any or all of this special opportunity.  
Bring a carload!

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**  
There are a number of motels in Norfolk. See page 4 for a list.

CELEBRATE SPRING! CELEBRATE MISSION!

*From the Executive Minister . . . . . Susan Gillies*

### *Handle With Care*

It seems increasingly these days our culture is characterized by flippancy, criticism, hostility, even rage. Neither in the church nor in the school do we effectively teach reasoned discussion of differences. And we don't seem to be doing it at home either. We are poor at handling disagreements. The tendency on the one hand is to completely avoid confrontation or, on the other hand, confront issues with anger.

When people use the words of Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, let us reason together," it is almost as a joke. You pull those words out when someone is raging at you. Or you use them patronizingly as though to a frustrated child. I rarely hear these words as an invitation to a careful consideration of differing viewpoints.

We can't be a community in the church and not have tough issues to address. It just goes with being human. But how we deal with those issues will demonstrate how we are Christian.

I go back over and over again to the words of the song, "They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love." And I wonder why Christians aren't more distinct in our society. If we really are the people of love, why doesn't it show more? Why isn't the contrast from our contemporary culture stunning? The answer? Because our behavior is much more reflective of our culture than reflective of Christ.

When I taught college speech, I occasionally had to judge debates. It wasn't my favorite assignment but I did see the value in students learning to see both sides of an issue. The student debaters might have to speak in favor of the topic in one debate and speak against it in the next. It forced them to at least consider a point of view different from their own.

In the study of interpersonal communication, we learn that when someone makes a negative statement in a meeting, there are probably deeper levels of meaning. So before we respond with irritation to their "stupid statement," we need to see if we really understand what's going on. Is there pain beneath their anger? Communication workshops can help congregations deal well with the normal conflict that arises and keep conflict from becoming explosive.

Our General Secretary, Roy Medley, challenges us to seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus, daily. We are blessed when we do this and we are certainly blessed by those around us who do so.

We need to handle ourselves and each other with care. It doesn't mean avoiding conflict. It means respecting each other as children of God, listening carefully to each other, caring profoundly for each other. Our fellowship of faith is a precious gift. Caring for it well is worth it.



*From the Associate Executive Minister . . . . . Dave Lundholm*

### *Time for a Quadruple Bypass?*

Recently I went in to my cardiologist for a stress test, an echocardiogram and some blood tests to see how my heart is doing four and a half years after the installation of my four stents. The result? Great news! Everything is looking great! No need for additional treatment! Praise God!

At the beginning of this year, I went to the Together in the Lord Conference sponsored by the denomination and heard Miroslav Vulf speak of forgiveness and the generosity of God. He said that one of God's most enduring characteristics is that God is a giver. Think about it. In creation God gave us a world in which to live and established us in that world. God has given us the resources that we need to live and to thrive. God has given us each other with our variety of gifts. God has given us the gift of forgiveness and most precious of all God has given us God's Son Jesus. God has promised us the gift of eternal life. God has given and given and given. Giving is a prime characteristic of God.

Miroslav also said that one of the prime characteristics of Christians is that they too are givers like God. God has given us all of the things and all of the abilities that we have so that we too can be generous givers like God is. God's giving is designed to flow through us to others. I have heard it said that the people of God have been given all of the resources that are

needed to do the things that God is calling the church to do. But I have also heard it said that the people of God are holding on to those resources and using them for themselves instead of letting them flow on to others in the form of ministries and assistance.

The gifts of God are designed to flow through us to bless others. Maybe the tough economic times and the disasters around the globe are a form of stress test to see how well God's gifts are flowing through our hands to help others.

And maybe the fact that some of our congregations are struggling is a sign that there's something blocking some of that flow from God through us to bless others. If so maybe we need some kind of a "giving stent" to open up the flow again. Or perhaps if the flow is restricted by our inappropriate love of the things of the world maybe we need God to do by-pass surgery on our giving to return our giving to the place where we can once again be generous as God is generous.

John Wesley had some guidance for givers. He advised "Gain all you can", live in a frugal way, and "give all you can." God gives abundantly, you take sparingly, and pass on the rest generously.



## Plan Now for the Family Reunion! Sept. 17-19, 2010



Dr. Woods

The 2010 ABC/NE Region Convention (Family Reunion) will be held Sept. 17-19 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Grand Island.

The theme is "An Encouraging Word." The scripture is Rom. 15:5-6 NIV.

The keynote speaker for the convention will be Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods, Associate General Secretary, ABC-USA. Speaking for the ABW Ministries Luncheon is Rev. Dr. Cheryl F. Dudley, Senior Advisor to the Director of Church World Service.

This year the convention will begin with a Mission Banquet on Friday evening. Saturday evening a Farewell Dinner will be held for Executive Minister Susan Gillies who will be retiring Nov. 6.



Dr. Dudley

## Fairbury's Pastor Dies in Accident

Rev. Jim Cutts of First Baptist, Fairbury, was hit and killed by a car while he was jogging on March 4, 2010. Cutts, 52, left behind wife, Karla, and three children.

A memorial service was held in his honor on March 9. Twenty-seven ABC/NE Pastors, Chaplains, and staff traveled from around the state to be present. Fairbury pastors of all denominations were also present.

Rev. Theodora Boolin of FBC, Beatrice, made a presentation of quilts to the Cutts children. The Fairbury Search Committee had used FBC, Beatrice, as the site of a neutral pulpit to first hear Pastor Jim about two years ago.

Expressions of love and concern came from national ABC leaders as well as from churches across Nebraska.

## Nola's Take Five . . .

Ideas from Nola Oberhelman  
ABC/NE Christian Education Consultant

Take five strategies for dealing with a child's challenging behavior:

1. Keep realistic expectations, stating them clearly and in advance.
2. Make back-up plans.
3. Offer reasonable choices and give reasonable time limits.
4. Comment favorably on behavior you like.
5. Stay calm!

These suggestions are gleaned from the words of Marilyn Fox of the Extension Education Office of Hall County.

## Susan Gillies Announces Retirement Plans

ABC/NE Executive Minister Susan Gillies shared her retirement plans with the Board of Directors at its February meeting. Susan plans to conclude her service on November 6, 2010, her 10th anniversary with ABC/NE.

ABC/NE President Ted Hartung stated his reluctance to accept the resignation but commended her on her work.

Following a career in higher education and public radio, Susan worked for ABC's National Ministries as Deputy Executive Director before coming to Nebraska in November of 2000.

A recognition dinner will be held for her at the Region Convention in September.



Susan Gillies



## First Lincoln Hosts Quilt Show April 17-18

First Baptist of Lincoln is hosting a quilt show featuring quilts made by Ernest B. Haight, a nationally renowned, prolific quilter plus church members' quilts.

Long time member Mae Belle Haight, Mr. Haight's daughter is allowing the church to display 40-50 of his quilts.

The show will be April 17 from 9am to 5pm, and April 18 from 1pm to 4pm.

In addition to the quilt display, there will be a Saturday soup lunch, and bake sale.

For additional details, 402-488-6902 or 402-489-6082

## Quilting Tells A Story



Quilts have become the most talked about feature of Calvary Lodge at Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center. Each room features quilts and comforters made by women in Nebraska.

Quilts are often used as a metaphor for the ways different people can come together for a common purpose.

Quilts have been around for a long time. One source says the oldest quilt was made in Egypt 3400 years before Christ's birth. Another source dates quilts back to 1300. Quilting has been popular throughout American history. It has

been a way to recycle fabric, make-do with what's available, and create home art. Quilts run the gamut of ordinary to extraordinary.

**Quilting At Moses Merrill** - A quilting club from Columbus comes to Moses Merrill every October for a time of energetic quilt making.

**Quilting to Build Bridges** - Interest has been expressed in having a quilting weekend at camp to bring together women of different backgrounds. Karen women in Omaha have begun to make log-cabin quilts. A weekend may be designed to encourage the Karen women to teach their embroidery techniques to American women who in return will teach about quilting. Sewing can help bring women from different cultures but of the same faith, together. Watch for details.





Some of the youth at Riverside Baptist Church joined in the celebration of the church's 135 Anniversary on March 7.

**MOTHERS DAY is May 9. Can you identify the children of these Bible mothers?**

Elizabeth	Naomi	Eve
Sarah	Mary	Salome
Lois	Eunice	Hannah
Rachel	Bathsheba	Rebekah
Jochebed	Abijah	Leah

## Foundation Grant For Thailand School Project

Tom and Angie Gillming, FBC Kearney, recently were awarded a Palmer Grant through the American Baptist Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. The money will be used to build a school in Northern Thailand for the Hill Tribe people. The Gillmings are working with American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and missionary Mike Mann to raise the money to build and operate a school for refugee Hill Tribe children in Thailand. For more information on this project or to make a donation, please contact Angie Gillming at First Baptist Church in Kearney (308)234-2311.

## Bacone College Starts New Program

Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, has formed a Center for Christian Ministry (CCM). The Center provides a broad umbrella for spiritual life on campus. It allows the college to fulfill its mission as a four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the ABC-USA, embracing an historic educational mission with American Indians. The college offers a major in Christian Ministry with a concentration in Christian Counseling. This major is part of the CCM.

The Center holds worship services led by student groups. The Center also offers spiritual guidance to the campus through counseling and oversees the Christian Clubs.



At a recent worship service at First Kachin Baptist, Lay leader Norman Marin (left) and Ah Nang (right) greeted visitor Floretta Ward of Sunset Hills Baptist.

## ABC/NE Trivia Answers

1. D. Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center
2. A. Harland Minscer lives in Decatur, NE, and is Interim Pastor at Bridgeport.
3. B. National Ministries funds the Volunteers In Mission Program which provides expenses for our Pastor-to-Pastor program.
4. C. Dick Smith served as Director of Christian Education for the Nebraska Baptist State Convention.
5. Minscer-Bridgeport; Cole- Scottsbluff; Bender-Fremont; Jergensen recently served Judson in LaVista.

Note: In the last Messenger, we asked how many different languages had been used in regularly scheduled worship services in ABC-NE. We named German, Swedish, Kachin, Karen, Chin and English. Readers reminded us of Spanish, Russian, Chinese, and Sudanese (Nuer). Are there more?

## ABMen's Prayer Breakfast Gives Call to Action

ABMen of Nebraska President Bob Slechta (at left in picture) welcomed former sportscaster Merlyn Klaus as the speaker for the annual ABMen's Prayer Breakfast.

The event, held at Sunset Hills in Omaha, attracted many to hear Merlyn's story of jail ministry.

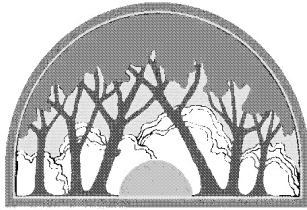
Klaus encouraged those present to find their place of service, whether jail ministry or disaster response or something else. He gave his own testimony of the power of engagement.

The ABMen of Nebraska Disaster Response Trailer was on site for the occasion. Attendees were able to see the way the trailer is equipped to respond to a variety of emergency situations.



## Spring Mission Festival NORFOLK MOTELS:

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- Hampton 402-379-3585
- Super 8 402-379-2220
- Holiday Inn Express 402-379-1524
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- Norfolk Lodge 402-379-3833



# Moses Merrill News

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If this is what you think of when you hear "Camp Merrill," you need to come see us this year!!



Entrance to Moses Merrill Baptist Camp at Fullerton . . . The ABC/NE home-place from the mid-1940s to the early 1970s.

## SPEND A HOLIDAY (or 2,3 or 4) AT CAMP THIS YEAR!

**EASTER** The Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:30am in the Smith Amphitheatre. Continental breakfast follows.

**MEMORIAL DAY** The Annual Memorial Day picnic is a great day for family fun. The free picnic is at noon following a brief memorial remembrance. In the afternoon — horse rides, wagon rides, swimming, hiking, visiting.



**JULY 4th** Fourth of July worship at Friendship Chapel at 10:00 am. No daily use fee on this day for family gatherings, hiking, Sunday School picnics. Come and spend the day.

**LABOR DAY** This is a great weekend for families or singles to get-away. Enjoy the beauty and peace. Worship on Sunday at Friendship Chapel. Bring your tent or RV, or rent a cabin or lodge room.

From Camp Cat . . .

Spring is a time for babies! If you come hiking in the woods at Moses Merrill you'll see what I mean. Deer babies (fawns) and turkey babies (poults). Look over the fence and you'll see cow babies (calves). I especially like the fawns. The first time they see me they look so startled. Like they're saying "What's that!?" I think it's funny. I mean, they've never seen anything before so why am I so startling to them?

We see human babies especially at the Memorial Day picnic. This is the perfect year for you to come to the picnic—whether you have babies or not! Get together with family or friends and come out for the day or the weekend.

My favorite camp is Primary Camp. The kids are not babies but they are our youngest campers.

After the winter we had, this is a spring to celebrate! Come to camp and enjoy a day or two of hiking or just sitting under a tree.

Come on out. (If you'd like I'll put a mouse on ice for you.)

— Your friend, Camp Cat



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## Call for Missionary Stories

Over the years Nebraskans have responded to God's call to missionary service. The Messenger would like to tell some of the stories of persons who served as American Baptist Missionaries. We know that Jennie Adams, Laura Johnson, Ray & June Beaver, John Woodin and Alice Findlay all served — as did others. The region office does not have information on these people in a readily available format to share with churches.

If you have biographical information or stories of their service, please share



FBC Hastings member Tonya Tibke hands a box of kits to Clarence Reiss.

## From every corner of Nebraska . . . Hygiene Kits

Baptists across Nebraska prepared thousands of hygiene kits in response to the needs in Haiti and Chile following devastating earthquakes. "We've been overwhelmed by the response," said Executive Minister Susan Gillies, "and it's a good kind of overwhelmed!" Collection sites were set up in Bridgeport, North Platte, Kearney, Hastings, Lincoln Second, and the Omaha ABC/NE office.

**THANKS to Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center staff** who volunteered to play a major role in collecting and shipping the kits. MaryBeth Robertson devoted her days off in Feb and March to shipping cartons of the kits. Clarence and Trudy Reiss made the final collection journey across the state picking up kits and getting them to Omaha for shipping. Some churches sent kits directly to Church World Service.



MaryBeth Robertson takes another load of cartons to be shipped.

At the Spring Mission Festival in Norfolk in April, participants will have the opportunity to pack school kits for Haiti.

Nebraskans respond to needs. Just as ABMen step up in terms of disaster Response . . . And ABW Ministries is dedicated to White Cross response, so the people of ABC/NE churches have worked on the Hygiene Kit response and have given to One Great Hour of Sharing to give hope in the name of Jesus to people in Haiti and Chile who have had their lives torn apart by earthquakes.

Thanks to everyone who had a part In this important ministry!



Clarence Reiss and North Platte pastors Tom Wiles and Greg Mamula (and assistant!) load up the van.

**Guest Columnist** ..... **Jason Workman, Emergency Services Consultant**

### Good-bye winter...hello spring!

Oh how happy I am that flowers are beginning to show their faces again and grass is turning green. Spring is slowly gaining the upper hand on winter. However as we all know here in the mid-west, spring has its own set of weather challenges... tornadoes, wind shears, and at times torrential down pouring rain.

We need to acknowledge the fact that these weather challenges can be dangerous and burdensome for those in our own church families. Some things to consider when ushering in spring: how prepared is our church family, how prepared is our own immediate family, and what can we do for those who may need extra care in difficult weather conditions?

Here are some suggestions to consider:

Make sure there is a weather radio in the basement of the church, jugs of water, and basic dry foods and make sure everyone knows where to meet if there is a tornado warning. Make sure you and your family have a weather radio, bottled water and some basic dry foods in your basement room where your family meets for weather emergencies.

For those in your church that may need attention such as the elderly, single parent families, single individuals, consider a

phone tree to have other members call and check on them prior, during, or after a storm to ensure their safety, to check on their needs and to encourage them. If they have a need, alert other members close to the home where the need is located and organize a family response to meet the need.

These are very basic, simple suggestions that take little to no time to put together. Yet it will make enormous difference when disaster strikes.

If your immediate or church family find themselves in need of assistance following a storm please know that the Nebraska ABMen's disaster trailer is available and willing to assist you in meeting your needs for clean up such as tree clearing, flood water removal, basic clean up, and providing generators to restore power for those with medical and other needs requiring electricity.

Enjoy the coming of spring knowing you are ready.

"Love the Lord your God with and your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."

*Jesus Christ*



## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS . . . Featuring four ABC/NE churches

### First Baptist Church, Ansley

The ministry of First Baptist of Ansley continues to make a difference! In addition to regular services led by Pastor William (Bill) Ragan and Associate Interim Darren Theesen from Kearney, the church is engaged in a number of activities that serve the church and community. Fellowship and Christian Movie nights are held every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening. Each summer Vacation Bible School is very successful. The church has held a Men's Outreach Breakfast and a Women's Outreach Breakfast in recent months.

The church is a part of the ABC/NE Good Soil Project which helps vitalize churches.

The women of the church are involved in missionary group; White Cross Quota fulfillment; visiting elderly shut-ins with gift baskets; sending greeting cards monthly to the ill, bereaved, new baby, birthdays, etc.; sent health kits to Haiti; providing and helping with funeral dinners of church members as well as help to community funeral dinners.

The church reached its goals in giving to both the AFC and WMO offerings. They also support a Youth in the Campus Crusade Ministry, the Kearney College RWF, and a New Tribes Missionary--each with a monthly gift

The church is currently working on a community Outreach Project to minister to the unchurched in and around Ansley

They recently put a new roof on the Parsonage and garage and have worked on the ceilings in the Church. The congregation gained a new member by letter of transfer recently and preparations are underway for a Baptismal service in April.

### First Baptist Church, Bridgeport

FBC of Bridgeport recognizes God's faithfulness to this congregation in the past and in its present endeavors as it reaches out to serve Him in the community. The congregation is looking forward with anticipation to the move into the new church building as it nears completion. The dedication service is April 25.

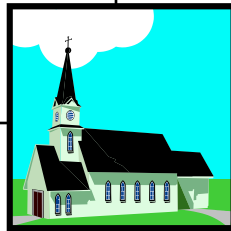
The congregation welcomed Harland Minscer as interim pastor and is privileged to have his guidance and leadership as they move forward in the search process for a new pastor.

An active Kids Klub for children and Varsity Youth are important parts of ministry. Other areas of ministry are helping with the ministerial association sponsored soup dinner that helps in providing funds for those in need. Contributions to the local food pantry, donations to Doves, filling White Cross quotas, and making fleece blankets for newborns are other areas of service. The four ABC mission offerings continue to be actively supported.

The call for earthquake relief assistance to Haiti was met with 45 hygiene kits being put together. The plea of a local family to help some of the troops in Afghanistan saw eight boxes being filled to capacity for that purpose.

The women's prayer band and Bible study continue to uplift, encourage and support with their gift of prayer. Another support system is the prayer chain that also helps supply the glue of faith in time of need and provides items for praise as well.

The congregation issues an invitation to all Messenger readers: *"Should you find yourself in western Nebraska on a Sunday morning, we would welcome your presence in our congregation!"*



### First Baptist Church, Lincoln

Mission Statement: *We are everyday people-learning to walk everywhere with Jesus in truth, obedience and love – everyday.*

To pursue this goal, FBC joins together as a community committed to: Worship; Evangelism (sharing Christ); Discipleship (Spiritual Growth); Fellowship (Loving others); Missions. (Our motto is: In the Heart of Lincoln with a Heart for Lincoln)

Pastor Harry Riggs says, "I see a real opportunity to be a healing church that helps people experience the reconciling love of Jesus Christ."

The church works with internationals from China who reach UNL students for the Lord. This group reported 30 baptisms last year.

Karen youth fill the Sunday School. FBC has gone back to an original intent of Sunday School — to help young people do better in school by reading the Bible. The Karen children and youth are learning to speak and read English better through their attendance in Sunday School. FBC also has active adult Sunday School classes and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings.

The mission focus is on working with the Karen people in Lincoln as well as supporting the Parks family in India.

FBC has a quarterly cleaning day when all groups come together to clean a designated area.

FBC plans to launch a second service in 2011 after Easter to reach-out and share the Gospel with a new audience. The groups of interest are the de-churched, and spiritually seeking in the near south neighborhood to the south of the church.

### Prairie Union Baptist Church, Stella

"Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:14. This verse is familiar to the congregation at Prairie Union Baptist Church and often used on the church bulletin. Trusting the Lord has kept the church alive and active even through three fires in the history of the church.

Prairie Union is one of three "open-country" ABC churches in Nebraska. (The other two are Palestine and Riverside.) The church is located in the country outside Stella, in the southeastern part of the state.

The congregation is led by Pastor Art Chapin who has served the church part-time for nearly 40 of the church's 143 years. Pastor Art worked in the secular world for many years while also serving the church. He worked in banking and industrial sales but in 1999 retired and devoted his attention to Prairie Union and another community church he also pastored.

One way other ABC/NE churches identify Prairie Union is by the stories surrounding Kite Day. An annual favorite activity in the spring is kite flying day when young and old alike "catch the wind." This special event happens the third weekend in April. Everyone is welcome!

The church is active in the community and often engages in cooperative outreach ministry. Music is very important in the life of this congregation. The choir presents music programs for the community twice each year. Often members of other churches participate in the choir for those programs. The choir programs are appreciated and the church is usually full for them.

### ABC/NE Trivia

1. What is the ABC/NE Mission Dept focus this year?  
A. Thailand, B. Sudan, C. Mexico, D. Moses Merrill
2. Which Interim Pastor in ABC/NE lives close to the east border of the state and currently ministers close to the west border?  
A. Harland Minscer, B. Gary Cole, C. Dave Bender, D. Steve Jergensen
3. How are the expenses of our Pastor-to-Pastors program funded?  
A. United Mission, B. National Ministries, C. Private gifts, D. Endowment
4. Smith Amphitheatre at Moses Merrill is named for Dick and Clare Smith. Dick is best known in ABC/NE for his work as what?  
A. Pastor, B. Pres of ABMen, C. Director of Christian Education, D. Director of Town & Country.
5. BONUS POINTS if you can answer this one. Name the churches currently or most recently served by the pastors in # 2 above.

### APRIL—MAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

*For the Exec. Minister Search Committee*

*For ABC/NE Pastors*

*That we would all invite someone to church*

Pray everyday in May for Moses Merrill Ministry — pick up a prayer calendar at your church or on-line.



### ABC of Nebraska Staff

Executive Minister.....	Susan Gillies
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Emergency Services Consultant .....	Jason Workman

### Is this your year to volunteer?

- Calling on homebound friends
- Sturgis Ministry during the motorcycle rally
- Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center
- Region prayer team
- Teaching a Sunday School class
- Being an intentional “Barnabus” encouraging others in your church and region.
- Being energetically POSITIVE—God is Good!

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