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American Baptist Churches of Nebraska



June-July 2009

**ABC/NE Date Data**

Women's Conference  
June 5-7  
Moses Merrill

ABC-USA Biennial Convention  
June 26-28  
Pasadena, CA

Ministry at Sturgis  
August 1-9  
Deadwood, SD

Men's Conference  
August 7-8  
Moses Merrill

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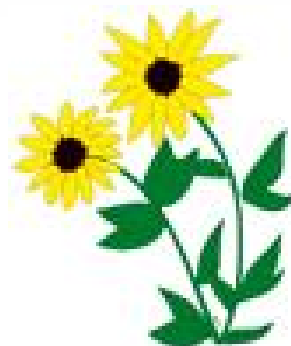


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## “The Joy of the Lord”

*You Are Especially Invited!*



The ABC of Nebraska “Family Reunion” (annual convention) will be September 18-20 in Kearney. The gathering of Nebraska Baptists will be a great time of fellowship, inspiration, learning, and sharing.

The theme of this year’s convention is “The Joy Of The Lord.” The theme scripture is Nehemiah 8:10. The entire event will reflect the Joy of the Lord. This is definitely a year to be present!

Speakers include Eddie Cruz from National Ministries. He is an energetic and dynamic speaker with extensive pastoral and mission experience. Duane Binkley from International Ministries will also speak. He is a leader in helping Burmese tribal groups in Myanmar, Thailand and the USA. He will help us receive our newest church into the ABC/NE. Music leader will be Kip Mickelson, pastor of First Baptist in Omaha. There will be workshops and special surprises.

Registration forms will be mailed to churches and will also be printed in the Aug/Sept issue of *The Messenger*. Mark the dates and plan to take part. [The Youth Convention will be held on the same dates—more info in the Aug/Sept *Messenger*.]

## Volunteers Needed for Ministry in Black Hills



The Departments of Evangelism of the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and the Dakotas have teamed up in each of the last eight years to minister at the annual gathering of over 400,000 people in Sturgis, South Dakota for Bike Week!

Volunteers are needed August 1-9 for one or two days or the whole time!

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. The local law enforcement and social services agencies contact our workers when they run across people in need. Volunteers distribute thousands of posters and brochures to help others find the ESC on their own. Volunteers spend the week helping, feeding, transporting, listening and sharing with the dozens of individuals who come to the ESC 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.

ABC/NE churches are invited to make this a **Prayer Priority** this summer. To volunteer or for more information, check [www.sturgisaid.com](http://www.sturgisaid.com)

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

### *Abundant Living*

I'm reading a book titled *Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell. He also wrote *The Tipping Point* and *Blink*. Gladwell poses the question: why do some people succeed, living remarkably productive and impactful lives, while so many more never reach their potential? The book is interesting but probably not the last word on the subject.

Reading this book made me begin to wonder why some Christians live their lives as wonderful witnesses of the love of God while so many more seem to be stalled in neutral. We need to give this some thought because many are not experiencing the "abundant" life promised by Christ.

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10b I realize that there are disagreements about what "abundant" actually means in this context. Jesus was talking about the sheep and the shepherd. He, as shepherd, knows his flock and they know his voice. The "abundance" is the fullness of being a follower. Abundance, I believe, suggests joy, intellectual excitement, wonder, love, sharing and caring rather than what those who preach a "prosperity" gospel mean. They suggest it means things will be great for good Christians, especially financial well-being.

Either way, if Jesus promised "abundance," why do so many Christians act like life is a burden to be endured?

I do think we might need to hold a mirror up occasionally to see what we look like to the world. Your church is probably near-perfect but in my job I visit many different churches and it is unbelievable how many churches have people in them who are grumpy, power-hungry, pushy, cantankerous, or even just irritable, judgmental or sneaky. These folks need healing. But I'm speaking not so much about those needing therapy but rather those who have, out of habit, become bored . . . Or habitually negative.

How do we help these members of our family of faith rediscover the wonder of our faith? Take a look at page six in this issue and look at the request from the Department of Church Vitality. The book they'd like us to read examines characteristics of churches: Radical hospitality, Passionate worship, Intentional faith development, Risk-taking mission and service, and Extravagant generosity. I LOVE these categories! Church Vitality is asking us to begin with the first.

I had a friend once who talked about people who got on her last nerve. She knew what to do with them. She lavished them with love. She found ways to affirm them and listen to them. It made a dramatic difference. Hmm. Maybe we're the ones who need to change if the bored Christians have any chance of finding abundant life.



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

### *Search and Call: How do Churches Pick the Right Pastor?*

In the life of every church, the time comes when there is a need to pick a new pastor. In consultation with Region staff, churches review a variety of American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS) profiles. On each profile, there is a personnel narrative which is probably the most important item as choices are made to include (or reject) pastors as possible candidates.

Though the quality of the profile is of major importance, there are other things that churches use to help them make decisions about possible candidates. One that is being used more and more is a document called the Congregational Profile. This profile lists the historical mission giving and attendance figures from the church the pastor is currently serving. A trend upward in mission giving is a very good thing! A flat trend or a clear decline in mission giving will generate questions (and sometimes concern) about the viability of the candidate in question. Another thing that stands boldly stands out on the Congregational Profile is a year when the church failed to send in the annual report to the denomination. It a series of missed reports can raise questions about how strongly a pastor supports the denomination mission or how apt the pastor is in administrative matters.

Another factor in the decision to include or not is the result of the reference checking. Pastors should try to pick people who will give them a positive reference (duh). For the first required reference there isn't much choice. The pastor must choose someone on Region staff in their Region. When I check references with the staff of other regions or when they check references with me, these are the kinds of questions that are asked and answered.

- Are there any red flags? (Is there any sign of misconduct in behavior, ethics or finances?)
- Do they participate? (Do they attend Region meetings and training opportunities?)
- Where are they theologically? (Are they conservative, moderate, liberal? All of these possibilities are acceptable as long as they are a match for the church in consideration)
- What are their strengths and growth areas?

One of the ways that pastors can make sure they are prepared for the search and call process is to make sure their ABPS Profile is up to date with a great narrative, monitor their Church Profile, and make sure their references can give them a positive reference.



**LAST MINUTE OPPORTUNITY . . .**



June 5-7, 2009  
 American Baptist  
 Women's Ministries  
 Conference

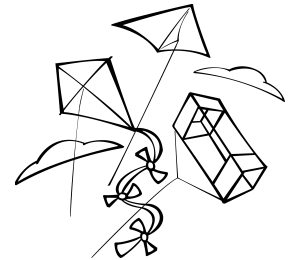
***Come to the Edge . . .  
 & Take Flight***

This very special opportunity for women will feature excellent speakers, time for rest and fun, inspiration and renewal.

Contact:  
 Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center  
 402-666-5639.



Pictures from the Annual Kite Day at Prairie Union Church near Stella, NE.



**Three Great Continuing Education Opportunities for Pastors Ahead**

**Fall Pastors' Seminar Oct. 12-14, 2009**

Dr. Dan Buttry, International Ministries global consultant for peace and justice, will lead a retreat on "Dealing Biblically with Conflict: For Family, Church and Community." There will be serious Bible study sermon ideas, practical tools, and even some mission stories.

**Vital Church Leaders Nov. 2-4, 2009**

More information soon on this event designed for pastors of small churches.

**Together In the Lord: A Ministry Renewal Conference Orlando Jan 4-8, 2010**

National pastors retreat.

Encourage your pastor to participate in one or all of these.

**Adult Ministries Conference Named:  
 "IT'S MORE THAN A CONFERENCE!"**

Plans are underway for the annual fall gathering of retirees and other adults October 5-8 at Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center.

Planning committee members are spreading the word that "It's More Than A Conference."

This year's theme is *BEING ENCOURAGING PEOPLE*. The speaker is Dr. Joe Kutter, Executive Director of ABC's Ministers Council. Kutter is known for his preaching and teaching.

Calvary Lodge rooms are available on a first-registered, first-served basis. Registration materials are available from the Region Office toll-free 877-244-7339 (in Omaha 556-4730)



**Dr. Jeff Johnson Will Speak  
 Aug 7-8 at Men's Conference**



Popular speaker and denominational leader, Dr. Jeff Johnson, will be the speaker at this year's American Baptist Men's Conference. The event will be held at Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center August 7-8.

An animated speaker, Johnson is popular with Nebraska Baptists.

As the ABC's National Director of Evangelism, Johnson is passionate about helping churches move from a maintenance to a "missional" mindset.

He is energized about his work and says he enjoys seeing congregations and church members alike get excited about sharing their faith.

Johnson's work with ABC's National Ministries involves refining and developing the *Got Style?* Personality-based evangelism training, coaching members of the National Evangelism Team (NET) with training sessions, and reading and staying knowledgeable about the field of evangelism as a resource to churches and their leaders.

**All men are invited and encouraged to register** for conference. The event begins with the evening meal on Friday and runs through the evening meal on Saturday. To register, call 1-877-244-7339.

**Is it time to update your will?**

The strength of ministry in Nebraska is, in part, due to the faithfulness of those who have gone before us. Please consider including your church, Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center and ABC of Nebraska in your will. For assistance contact ABC/NE staff or John Sundquist, ABC Foundation. 708-205-9599

## Baptist Council in NE India Reaching One Million Members

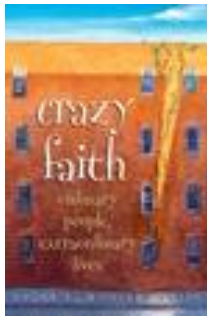
*Benjamin Chan*, Area Director for East Asia and India

"We are now a family of 92 associations, 6,392 churches, and 999,397 baptized members. The church count includes 90 house churches newly planted in Assam," Dr. J. M. Pau, General Secretary of the Council of the Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) reported to the delegation during the 59th Annual Meeting. About 70 representatives of the six member conventions attended the meeting from April 17-21, 2009.

An American Baptist International Ministries (IM) delegation led by Dr. Reid Trulson, IM executive director, took part in the event. Other members include Rev. Benjamin Chan, Dr. Stan Slade, IM global consultant; Ms. Cathy Holmes, IM missionary; and Rev. Taku Longkumer, IM special assistant on India relations. They spoke on the theme of "Rebuild, Restore, and Renew." They also conducted workshops on "Baptist Heritage," "Inductive Bible Study," and "Develop the Leader Within you."

International Ministries is a close partner and a strong supporter of CBCNEI, whose members represent more than 250 of the 500 tribes in Northeast India. To know more about IM partners in India, go to [www.eacinet.org](http://www.eacinet.org). The webpage of CBCNEI is [www.cbcnei.com](http://www.cbcnei.com).

## Here's A Book for Summer Reading!



Summertime is a great time for reading good stories. *Crazy Faith* is a new book from Judson Press that is packed with good stories about ordinary people living extraordinary lives.

The book would make a nice gift, a book for your own reading, or a book for a Sunday School class or men's or women's group to read together.

Dr. Iva Carruthers writes in the forward, This book "reminds us that faith is not a destination, but a journey, and along the way, each of us can become an instrument of God's miracles."

The book is written by Susan K. Williams Smith, a pastor in Ohio and a former news reporter and talk show host.

Order from Judson Press. [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com)

## Nola's Take Five . . .

Ideas from Nola Oberhelmen  
ABC/NE Christian Education Consultant

Take five book titles to spice up your Sunday sessions:

- Route 66*--activities for the 66 books of the Bible
- Today is the Day*--180 devotions for kids
- Take Home Books That Move*--one each for old and new testaments
- Miracle Puzzles*--the theme is Christ's miracles
- Toe Ticklers*--clever things to do with footprints



Clarence Reiss got this picture of one of the fine feathered friends at Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center. This fellow was showing off his similarity to a Thanksgiving turkey!

## An Opportunity for Your Church . . .

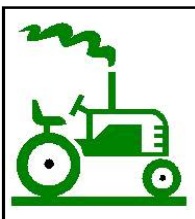
King Solomon Baptist Church, 3202 Evans St in Omaha, will hold its annual clothing-give-away on Saturday July 25 at the church.

Any church wanting to contribute clean clothing in good repair to this worthy project may deliver the clothing to the church from 3-5pm Friday and on Sat. from 8-9am.

For churches outside of Omaha, clothing can be delivered to the ABC/NE Office at any time during July.

ABC/NE's King Solomon church is making a difference in North Omaha. Let's support this project!

## Summer Trivia



1. This logo was used for what in ABC/NE life?

- A. Farm Hot Line
- B. Good Soil
- C. Rural Leader Update
- D. Tractor Yard Sale



3. This person is one of ABC/NE's favorite missionaries.

- A. Becky Mann
- B. Karen Smith
- C. Iris Morales
- D. Ruth Mooney



5. This logo for AB Women's Ministries was designed and put into use in what decade?

- A. 1950s
- B. 1970s
- C. 1990s
- D. 2000s



2. This ABC logo is for what program?

- A. AB Girls
- B. Diversity Together
- C. Volunteers In Mission
- D. Heart Health



4. Signature of what popular Messenger columnist?

- A. Obadiah, camp dog.
- B. Nola Oberhelman's pet mountain lion.
- C. Dave Lundholm
- D. Camp Cat



6. This is a logo for what ABC entity?

- A. Chaplaincy & Pastoral Counseling
- B. AB Personnel Services
- C. Office of the General Secretary
- D. AB Homes & Hospitals



# Moses Merrill News

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Electrical work underway getting camp ready for summer. It takes a complex infrastructure to maintain the quality of services at Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center.

*Dear Friends,*

*Summer is here and camp is hopping! I hope you've made plans to be at Moses Merrill sometime this summer. Our Peaceful Valley RV area has become really popular . . . Probably because I spend time there greeting folks. Memorial Day we had a full house!*

*Have you met any of the Kachin and Karen Baptists who have moved to Nebraska? They are really nice. They would like to hunt turkeys at camp but this is a "no hunting" place. As far as I'm concerned, I'd let them shoot all the turkeys. But not everyone sees it my way.*

*I hope you all appreciate the people who serve on staff as well as on the Dept. of Camps & Conferences. You could send camp a can of sardines as a thank you gift. Just kidding! Ha! (it's embarrassing to admit but I've never eaten a sardine. Are they better than mice?) Your friend,*

*Camp Cat*



## Ahh . . . Summertime!



Summertime is pretty spectacular at Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center. Plan a visit this year.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH —**

Graded camps for children and youth.  
Bring a friend!

**ADULTS —** Women's Conference, Men's Conference, Adult Ministries Conference, Women's Retreat, Personal Retreats, Volunteering

**FAMILIES —** Family Retreats & Reunions in cabins or RVs or Calvary Lodge.  
**WHAT WILL WE FIND?**

Prayer Walk — a peaceful, fairly level woodland path with benches spaced along the way

Ebenezer Rock — A testimony to God's faithfulness, the rock is placed on a hill near the entrance to camp. It's a wonderful place to watch the sunrise.

Hopevale — to be constructed this summer, a place for personal reflection and group gatherings deep in the forest.

Tapoothka, Mount Eliza, & Mount Moses Campfire Sites

Recreation Opportunities: lots of hiking trails, swimming, volleyball, tennis, basketball, tether ball, cargo net, horseshoes, etc.

Taking full advantage of the blessings of Moses Merrill is worth the trip!



During Project Work Week in May, Stan Oberhelman, Chapman, and Dave Black, Holdrege, built a fence from Wiechelma to the Snack Shack.

### Building Bridges Update . . .

Before an activity facility can be built, the new sewer has to be in place. Construction of the sewer and lagoons should be completed in late August.

Please keep prayers, pledges and gifts on their way to camp.

**THANKS!**



Western Mission Conference in North Platte. Above: Htoo May leading a workshop. Below: ABC General Secretary Roy Medley speaking with Pastor to Pastors Paul Kondy.



## Question for you from the Department of Church Vitality . . .

### “Does Your Church Practice Radical Hospitality?”

In the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase, he indicates that one of the practices of fruitful congregations is Radical Hospitality. The Department of Church Vitality (DCV) encourages you to buy, read and apply this book.

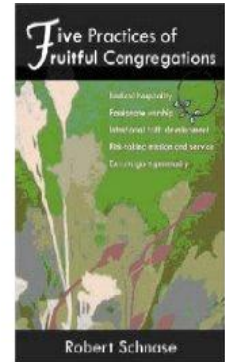
We ask you to consider these questions from the end of chapter one as you think about how you practice hospitality.

- How do people hear about your church?
- In what ways are members encouraged to invite and welcome people?

Example from DCV member Shelley Knott in Arthur, "Our men's group occasionally has a meal where they all extend invitations to other men, and for entertainment they have a community member (not necessarily a church member) speak about some area of expertise in their lives."

- How are laity prepared for the work of invitation and hospitality?
- Example from DCV member Connie Harvey in Hastings, "We tried a Progressive Dinner to model intentional hospitality."

If you would like to report on what your church is doing, send an letter to Dave Lundholm, 4006 Mason Avenue, Grand Island, NE 68803 or e-mail to: [area.minister.ne@charter.net](mailto:area.minister.ne@charter.net)



## “FIRST PERSON” . . a word from an ABC/NE witness . . Lori Jenkins, Kearney



July 4, 2008. I was standing on our balcony in Kearney watching yet another magnificent display of fireworks, compliments of the Country Club and our neighbors. To the average person, this might not seem to be an unusual event but with some background information, you'll see that it was. Back up to May 29, 2008. This was the day a tornado went through our yard in rural Kearney, destroying a large shop building, a grain bin, six trees, both of our cars, and damaging our house to the extent that we would live elsewhere for the next four months. We stayed with generous friends for a month, followed by three months in a rented duplex in a busy Kearney neighborhood.

We had always enjoyed the fireworks from our rural home. We would sit outside and watch the skyline of the city, which was filled with bright, yet silent colors. As we discovered, living in town for Independence Day was entirely different. For a week solid, we listened to the constant eruption of fireworks that sounded as though they were in our living room, until wee hours of the morning. Between the big shows provided by the city and the smaller versions provided by our neighbors, we were amazed at the constant sights and sounds. So on the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup> as I stood on our balcony, it was a new experience.

As I began to contemplate the thousands of dollars that I had witnessed going up in smoke over the past week, I heard a still, quiet voice that wondered, "How many villages in Thailand could be provided with clean water for even half the cost of all these fireworks?" A missionary to Thailand had been at our church recently speaking on the issue of providing water to these villages. "How many orphaned children could be helped with even half the cost of all these fireworks?" In recent years, I had watched a good friend scrape together all the money she could to bring home another child from an orphanage.

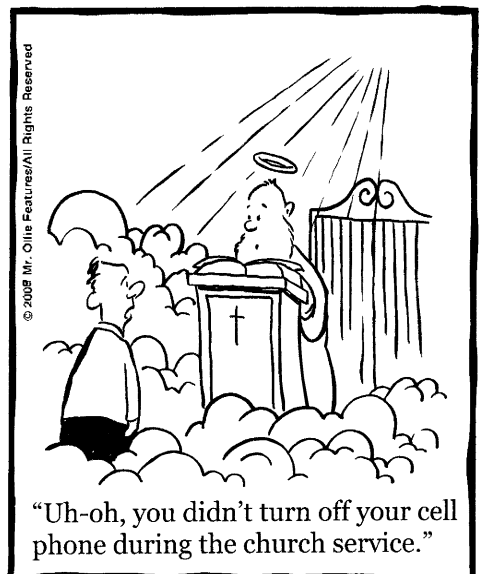
Over the course of the next year, I continued to be reminded of this evening, and the voice that I heard. I had many discussions with God about what I was to do with it. First and foremost, it had to begin with me. I knew it wasn't an anti-firework message. But I kept thinking that if we spend money on fireworks, celebrating our freedom, while villages are without water and children are without homes, something is missing.

Talking with my pastor helped me to put what I had been feeling into words. Our freedom as a nation is a gift from God. But He doesn't bless people just so they can be blessed. **As we have received, so we are to give to others.** As we celebrate freedom, what can we do to help give freedom to others? As I said, it starts with me.

I think our family will start a tradition of giving to someone in need of freedom each year when we buy our fireworks. This may take a variety of forms, but I hope our children will learn that as we celebrate the freedom God has given us, we also give to others in need of what we have. God took a storm and used it to teach me an important lesson. And in keeping with the message, I write this in order to share what I received that night.

By the way...after the storm we received money from **One Great Hour of Sharing**. We had given to this offering for many years and never dreamed that we would one day receive from it. But we did and we are still so grateful for the help. Thank you!

## Book of Timothy



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

## Judson Baptist Church . . . . . LaVista, NE

Judson Baptist Church in LaVista is a church that celebrates a rich history but is focused on the future.

After leaving a non-accessible building in South Omaha, the congregation grew spiritually during their time in the "wilderness," meeting in schools and offices. In 2001, just before Christmas, the congregation was given a building by a church that was closing. Since then, Judson Baptist has added a large educational facility.

Currently Interim Pastor Steven Jergensen is leading the congregation through the time between pastors. The Search Committee is vigorously at work seeking to discern God's will for the next pastor of the church.

Judson Baptist is not afraid of trying new things. One member said, "Our experiments may succeed or fail but we believe in trying new things to bring people to Jesus." Currently Judson is the sponsor of a Bible study group known as Omaha Underground Church which has ABC/NE recognition as a mission outreach. Judson also is experimenting with an alternative worship service "The Gathering" which meets on Sun evenings. Wednesday evening services are in the development stage.

The church also provides hospitality for a Spanish-language congregation that worships in their building.

The congregation encourages full participation of members in a wide variety of activities. The J.O.Y (just older youth) Club is always "on the go" with trips and projects.

Members describe the congregation as "enthusiastic and alive. We do big things with limited resources."

## First Baptist Church . . . . . Scottsbluff, NE

The mission of FBC, Scottsbluff, is "Evidence of Faith: Excellence in Walk."

Pastor Jim Green shepherds this very busy congregation. They have three active and growing Adult Sunday School classes, as well as a children's class and a youth class. They also have two Sunday Evening Bible Study groups; one that is basically Bible Study and the other that is more topical. They have an active Ladies Bible Study group, a "Coffee, Conversation, and Bible Study" group that meets on Wed. mornings, and "The End Zone," a lively youth gathering on Wed. evenings. This group is primarily evangelistic and several teens have come to know Jesus during the past year.

The church exceeded their goals and expectations this year in their "America for Christ" offering. Members caught the vision of all of us doing what we can to bring the transforming love of Jesus to all parts of our country (as well as the world!).

The church will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their sanctuary building on June 28th, thanking God for His faithfulness to them in their current location.

An important part of their outreach is through Vacation Bible School. It is held in August and reaches many children in the community with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This church is one of the regional collection centers for Operation Christmas Child each year. They also present The Living Nativity in December with 6 performances over two nights.

The congregation is a witness in the excellence of their walk.

## First Baptist Church . . . . . Albion, NE

First Baptist in Albion is engaged in the community. A key example is their Wednesday evening feeding program. It began when two former members who had been living in other places returned to Albion. They shared the idea of the dinners, suggested the idea might work in Albion and offered to coordinate them. (A model: share an idea, seek evaluation of the idea and then offer to provide leadership).

The dinners are in support of the community wide AWANA program provided by another church. During the months when the AWANA program is active at the other church, a dinner is held at the Baptist church before the program time and all the children and families are invited. When the meal is over the children go on to AWANA and the youth and adults stay on at the Baptist church for youth group and adult Bible study. The church has served as many as 150 meals on a Wednesday evening with as many as 50 of those being taken to shut-ins in the community. They have been serving the meals for the past two years and anticipate that they will continue into the future.

Another need they saw was for a summer youth intern. Lacking the funding, they decided to have a Mission walk. Members of the congregation walked and sponsors agreed to contribute based on the miles they walked. They were able to have their youth intern!

They also recently had a youth auction and a bake sale to raise money for a mission trip.

The church provides support for the community meals on wheels and provides canteen workers for the bloodmobile along with other churches.

## Juniata Community Church . . . . . Juniata, NE

Juniata Community Church sees one of their roles to be a church that reaches out to people when they have a need. The congregation has an informal group of about a dozen people who are referred to as the "love squad." About two or three times a year, as the church receives word of a need in the community, the "love squad" gathers funds and then appropriately responds to the need with either money or with material resources. These efforts are in addition to the usual deacons fund responses to need.

The church has developed a "co-pastor" strategy to meet Dr. Tom Murray's semi-retirement need for a reduced work load and Pastor Herb Scott's gifts for ministry. The two pastors each take the lead at different times of the year.

The church believes in building fellowship through a variety of activities. One of the popular events of the church calendar has been "Church In the Park" with a morning worship service and a picnic dinner following—usually held in August. Others include the Valentine's Banquet and the annual beef and noodle dinner in October. Christmas Eve services have been held in a barn—reminding worshipers of the humble birth of our Savior.

Over the years, this church emerged as a true "community" church as some other churches in town closed.

The congregation is a lively group of dedicated Christians seeking to be "the hands and feet of Jesus" for the entire community.





### God answers knee-mail

### Summer Prayer Priorities

- For campers at Moses Merrill to experience great spiritual growth.
- For Women's and Men's Conferences to be blessed.
- For the success of the Sturgis Ministry.
- For each pastor to have time for rest and renewal.
- For safe travel for region staff.
- For each church to be surprised in new ways by the joy of the Lord.
- For ABC missionaries in service in the USA and around the world.

### Tips for A Healthy Church:

1. Give out five complements every Sunday.
2. Keep negative criticism to yourself. If you have to tell someone, tell God.
3. Listen closely to the sermon for a specific word from the Lord for you. If you can't get "into" a particular sermon, don't fret. Just pray that others in the congregation will be blessed by it.
4. Make a decision to find joy in whatever music is used in worship.
5. Thank God daily for your church & your pastor.

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### TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. B The Good Soil project of ABC/NE churches.
2. C Volunteers in Mission
3. D Ruth Mooney, Costa Rica
4. D Camp Cat
5. C Created in 1991
6. A Chaplaincy & Pastoral Counseling



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