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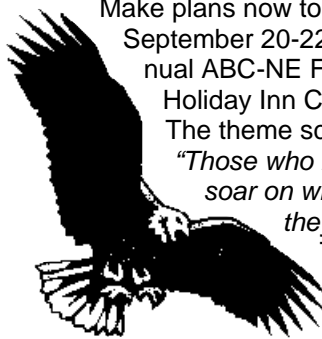
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## SOAR ON EAGLES WINGS



Make plans now to attend an inspiring and energizing event in Kearney September 20-22. "DISCOVER RENEWAL" is the theme for the annual ABC-NE Family Reunion (annual convention) to be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney.

The theme scripture is Isaiah 40:31 (NIV):

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

The Reunion will feature opportunities to discover renewal in Nebraska as well as nationally and internationally with speakers Harry Riggs and Chuck & Ramona Shawver.

"The planning committee has given us a great theme," said Executive Minister Susan Gillies. "Years ago Elton Trueblood wrote that renewal is not just another program of the church. It is the 'new order for our time—not recovery but advance.' The church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be effective if its own spiritual strength is sure and if it communicates contagious hope, joy and love."

In response to evaluations of previous conventions, more workshops will be available and each person will be able to attend two workshops rather than one.

President Bob Phares observed, "Just as Jesus' family went to Jerusalem once a year, American Baptists in Nebraska make a trip each fall to join with others of our family to worship and praise God, to learn and to experience the joy of fellowship. Each local church can be strengthened by having members participate in this experience."

To: ABC of Nebraska

From: The "Can You See It?" Conference Coordinators

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"* --Isaiah 43:19

THAT NEW THING . CAN YOU HEAR IT?

At National Ministries' conference, "Can You See It?" August 11-14 in Colorado Springs, musician Ken Medema, who has performed on television's Hour of Power at the Crystal Cathedral, will "reinvent" conference events and dialogue--through improvisation and storytelling—as music that will touch you with God's Word at a deeper place. His music, Ken says, will help you "ingest" the Word. Find out more about the gifts Ken will bring to the conference at <http://www.kenmedema.com>.

You're sure to hear God, too, in daily morning worship offered in several inspirational styles. Who knows? In the sacred spaces of those devotional times, God may call you to

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

# Altars Under the Sky

*I realize this article may be difficult for those of you who think of "roughing it" as a hotel without a computer hook-up. But, I hope you will find something here that might encourage you to try at least a small exposure to the out-of-doors.*

One of my treasured books is a small volume that belonged to my parents. It is *Altars Under the Sky: Devotional Readings for Outdoor Days* by Dorothy Wells Pease. It holds many memories for me. My parents liked to use it for daily family devotions when we were on vacations. The chapters include such titles as: "The Mountains," "The Sea," "Trees and Flowers," etc. (I don't think we ever used the chapter on the sea because we never made it that far on our vacations.)

Spending time out of doors in a peaceful setting, doing very little, can be very restorative to the soul, the mind and the body. The psalmist wrote, "He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength." (Psalm 23:2-3a TEV)

There is something awesome about just being close to God's amazing creation. Poet Mary Carolyn Davies wrote, "Forests are made for weary

men, that they may find their soul again." William Cullen Bryant wrote, "The groves were God's first temples . . . Ah, why should we, in the world's riper years, neglect God's ancient sanctuaries, and

adore only among the crowd, and under roofs that our frail hands have raised?" "Jesus left the city and went, as he usually did, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples went with him." (Luke 22:39 TEV)

Dorothy Wells Pease, in the introduction to her book, writes: "Jesus often worshiped out of doors, going up on a mountain to pray, teaching from a boat on the lake shore, and constantly using nature as the basis for the parables. He did not neglect worshiping in the synagogue, 'as his custom was,' but found in the open something which evoked worship and brought God nearer to him."

Somehow in the greatness and wonder of nature, we can feel in fresh ways our deep relationship with the creator. My prayer is that you will find time to be with God in a special out door place this summer.



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

by Don Gaines

***Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.***

**1 Peter 4:10b**

We know the statistic, that the wealthiest 20% of the world's people consume 86% of all goods and services, while the poorest 20% get just 1%. Even though it may not feel like it at times, we also know that we in the United States are in the "wealthiest 20%" group. That means that when God says we are to *serve one another with whatever gifts we have received* we have the ability to do so. One of the avenues through which we can serve others is the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which many of our churches will be receiving in June.

Following the September 11 trag-

edy, gifts poured into OGHS from American Baptist individuals and congregations – first in response to the survivors and victims' families, then to people across the country who lost jobs, were dislocated, and suffered emotional and mental trauma as a result of the attacks; and then to the millions of Afghan refugees who fled civil war, Taliban tyranny, drought and attacks by the U. S. military. Thank you for your generous, responsive gifts from the heart.

Regrettably, eastern United States and Afghanistan were not the only places that suffered serious devastation last year. There were earthquakes, floods and hurricane Michelle. In response to the great needs, the ABC World Relief Committee approved more than 85 relief and development projects around the world to receive grants from OGHS

funds. These funds offered help and hope to victims of 9/11, but also to millions of people everywhere who are desperate to survive the terrorism of hunger, poverty, disease, war, oppression, injustice.

When the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is received in your church, please respond faithfully to the call to be good stewards of the rich and varied grace of God in serving others.



## Check The Web - [www.abcnebraska.com](http://www.abcnebraska.com)

The ABC of Nebraska WEB site has been updated and is providing information to a wide variety of users. The site is intended to be a useful tool that will enable people to connect with regional and national resources.

The site features links to local church WEB pages. There is an on-line copy of current and recent issues of THE MESSENGER . There is a new youth page as well as pages for ABW Ministries and ABMen.

For information about the WEB site, contact Dave Lundholm, 308-389-4818.

## Bike Week Mission Project



The ABC-NE Department of Evangelism is teaming up again this year with the ABC of the Dakotas to do ministry during Sturgis Bike Week 2002. Over 300,000 motorcycle enthusiasts will gather in the Black Hills of South Dakota August 2-10.

The ABC folks establish an Emergency Services Center at the First Baptist Church of the Northern Hills in Deadwood, SD. The ESC is designed to assist those who become lost or stranded due to abandonment, mechanical breakdown or injury. The ESC works closely with the law enforcement and social services agencies to minister to those who are truly in need of help.

Volunteers are needed to help with this project. For more information, contact Rev. Steve Bilis 402-345-5009 [www.SturgisMinistry@aol.com](mailto:www.SturgisMinistry@aol.com)

## A New Network for ABC-NE Youth Ministry

A network for key leaders in youth ministry is beginning in the ABC of Nebraska. The network pulls together a team consisting of the following:

1. Steve Carlson is coordinator for ABBoys & Young Men for the ABMen of Nebraska.
2. Karen Howard is coordinator for ABGirls for ABW Ministries of Nebraska.
3. Dave Janzen is Assistant Camp Director at Camp Moses Merrill. Dave continues his role in facility maintenance but he is also devoting a portion of his time to programming responsibilities for ABC summer youth camps.
4. Jason Workman is an adjunct staff person for youth ministry on the region staff. In early May the Executive Committee of the region approved the appointment of Jason to this position. Jason will continue his work as Associate Pastor of Benson Baptist in Omaha but, in addition, will contribute a few hours each month to facilitating aspects of youth ministry in the state.
5. Dave Lundholm is Area Minister and has responsibility for coordinating planning and accountability for youth ministry.

The network members will meet once or twice a year with several youth representatives to coordinate plans and calendars. Jason Workman will be the major contributor to a new youth page on the ABC-NE WEB site. Log onto [www.abcnebraska.com](http://www.abcnebraska.com) and click on "American Baptist Youth."

**NOTE: There will be no MESSENGER in July. THE MESSENGER is published monthly February through May and August through December.**

## Caravan Update

The "From These Roots" Caravan continues to travel the state. Region staff members have visited 25 churches, learning the founding stories of those churches. "Each visit is a little different from the others," according to Dave Lundholm, Area Minister. "It's been great to hear the stories and to find common threads of experience which tie us together as Baptists in Nebraska." In July the caravan will make two long trips visiting churches from Bellevue to McCook. The final trip will be in early September.

## ABC Home Mission History Trivia

The American Baptist Home Mission Society celebrated its 170th anniversary in April. The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the same time. These two historic organizations now engage in mission as ABC's National Ministries.

1. What was the Christian Friendliness program?
  - a. This is the current Invite-A-Friend Sunday program.
  - b. White Cross
  - c. Mission in Alaska
  - d. Ministry with immigrants
2. Ida Roscoe was the first Baptist missionary in Alaska. She and her husband Ernest, founded an orphanage in 1893. Where was it located?
  - a. Kodiak      b. Anchorage
  - c. Fairbanks      d. Juneau
3. What are colporters?
  - a. Songwriters      b. Missionaries
  - c. printing press operators
  - d. fund raisers
4. Who was Helen Barrett Montgomery?
  - a. First woman president of the Northern Baptist Convention.
  - b. A translator of the New Testament
  - c. Missionary to remote areas of Alaska
  - d. First president of Bacone College
5. What is "Shalom Response"?
  - a. Mid-east peacemaking program
  - b. Northern Ireland peacemaking program
  - c. Comfort and relief efforts following Sept. 11
  - d. Plan for enlisting new missionaries (Answers on Page 8)

# Don't Muzzle Your "Ox"!

by Dave Lundholm

(1 Cor 9: 4, 7-14) Don't we have the right to food and drink ... Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk? Do I say this merely from a human point of view? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ. Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share

in what is offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

(1 Tim 5:17-18) The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. {18} For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." NIV

The Scriptures are clear. The church is responsible to provide a living for those they have called to be their pastor. This means that the church is responsible for providing a wage on which it is possible to live today. This means that it is responsible to provide a place for the pastor to live or the means for the pastor to make their own arrangement. This means that it is responsible to provide medical care for the pastor and pastor's family. This means that it is responsible to provide for income for the pastor in the retirement years.

We live in a time when many of our churches are feeling a financial pinch. Medical costs have increased drastically, recent fuel / electric costs have risen significantly, and other costs have also increased. Some churches in response to this pinch have decided not to offer retirement benefits to their pastors. Others have chosen not to offer full medical coverage to their pastors. Others have deferred pastoral raises. In all of these cases the churches are asking the pastor to take care of the church's responsibility. They are asking the pastors to support themselves. This is wrong. "Who serves as a soldier at his own expense?"

Just like any member of the church, the pastor contributes financially to the life of the congregation through their tithes and offerings. It doesn't seem fair to me that they should also be asked to pay their own medical, or provide their own retirement. Clearly from Scripture, it is the responsibility of the church to provide for the support of their pastor.

**"Can You See It"** (continued from page one) think outside the box, to consider a "new thing," for Sunday services at your own church. Take a look at the creative worship opportunities at: <http://www.can-u-see-it.org/worshipdesc.cfm>.

## THAT NEW THING. CAN YOU TOUCH IT?

You \*can\* touch the future--with faith. "Faith is the evidence of things hoped for," says the Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo. And that's the message this American Baptist pastor and author will bring to "Can You See It." Christian faith, Campolo says, dares to suggest that we are more challenged, more defined, by our vision of the future than the history of our past. "We are really asking for God to take hold of us to change the world from what it is into the Kingdom of God--the world as it ought to be. Learn more about the dynamic interpretation of God's vision for the world that Campolo will bring to the conference at: <http://www.tonycampolo.org>.

## THAT NEW THING ... CAN YOU FEEL IT?

Who hasn't felt the chilling winds of change? Often that chill brings fear and trepidation, perhaps even denial or the need to escape. But Karen Simons, one of the plenary leaders at the conference, welcomes new opportunities and new pos-

sibilities. She has found that the healthiest churches are those that "embrace change." Change, in fact, can be fun, she says if you have the right attitude. For more information about Simons and other conference leaders, visit: <http://www.can-u-see-it.org/schedule.cfm>.

This NEW LIFE 2010 event will give you the opportunity to work on your "attitude" toward change. Dwight Lundgren, National Ministries' director of reconciliation ministries, and his workshop planning team have put together an abundance of educational opportunities to encourage and equip you to see "over the horizon" and face transition with healthy, creative flexibility. For the latest updates on the conference workshops, visit: <http://www.can-u-see-it.org/workshops.cfm>.

So, with God's grace, register now to start the journey toward your "new thing" at: <http://www.can-u-see-it.org/cysi-registration.cfm>

At the "Can You See It?" conference, you'll be able to insert yourself into the NEW LIFE 2010 vision by looking for "new life" within new contexts, neighborhoods, and homes. NEW LIFE 2010 is not something happening out there--it's happening up close. And this conference will help you write your own NEW LIFE story, instead of reading the stories of other folks. We'll probably even write a few stories together while we're there.



# Camp Moses Merrill News

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## Digging Deeper Weekend



### ATTENTION: Juniors, Seniors, and New Graduates!

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith this summer? This camp will challenge you with serious and fun activities that focus on spiritual disciplines. Prayer, Bible Study, Solitude, and Meditating on God's Word are just a few.

If you are looking to be challenged, and desire to grow in your faith, this camp is for you. Dare 2 Dig Deeper with other 11th and 12th graders during these 3 days!

Registration begins on Friday evening **August 2nd** at 7:00 pm. Closing will be Monday, **August 5th** after noon lunch.

Cost for the weekend is \$89.00. Please send your registration with a \$10.00 deposit as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Holloway at [jcortoast@kearney.net](mailto:jcortoast@kearney.net) or the Omaha Region Office at (402) 556-4730.

"I thank God for my handicaps, for through them, I have found myself, my work and my God." —Helen Keller

Isn't it amazing how much we look at ourselves and dwell on our handicaps. I pray that it is through these opportunities that I am enabled to grow closer to God. I'm also amazed at how God uses my "handicaps" to share with others His glorious riches. I pray that He would use my talents to honor Him this camping season and that all who come to camp this summer would also get a glimpse of how He is so intimately involved in our lives. —Dave Janzen (Assistant Director)



# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

by Darlene Rimpley

## August Deadlines

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Subject: Messenger

**HOLDREGE, FBC:** The youth group, along with others, are working to raise funds for a mission trip to Haiti this summer. A Silly Supper was held on April 21 as one event, and a youth concert on April 26. Bob and Felsa Lenon celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at an open-house reception at FBC on April 20. A "Chow and Chatter" was held preceding the Sunday School hour on April 28, which included a presentation from the C.E. Board. The ABWM salad luncheon was held on May 9. Harmony Winget told of her mission experiences for the program.

**LINCOLN, FBC:** Chris Weeks, who has served as youth pastor at FBC for the past three years, has resigned effective June 30, he will return to school to update his education and then return to teaching. A "brain storming session" was held on April 29 to seek needs for the future and direction for the youth program. The men's second annual fishing trip was held May 1-4. One hundred twenty new pew Bibles have been donated and ordered. The K-4 group spent the afternoon at Champions Fun Center on April 21.

**NORTH PLATTE, FBC:** The ABW Ministries Spring Luncheon was held on May 9, with a program following, with Sue Winget of Holdrege as the guest speaker. Graduates were honored during the May 26 worship service. Church softball teams are being organized.

**MCCOOK, FBC:** The ABW held a spring salad supper on May 7. A potluck graduation dinner was held on May 5 in honor of the high school and college graduates.

**OMAHA, PARKSIDE BC:** Had cold water available for spectators and marchers in the Florence Day Parade on May 18. Elaine Phillips was presented a Gold Key Award for excellence as a volunteer by the V.A. Hospital Systems. The founding event of "The Church" (Pentecost) was observed on May 19, with many of the celebrants wearing red.

**ARNOLD, FBC:** The annual May Breakfast was held, with area women as guests. Gaylene Olson of Sargent presented the program, "Bible Quilts," to a large crowd. Aaron Coleman left on May 20 with a Campus Crusade for Christ mission trip to China.

**GIBBON, FBC:** The Mission Board designated May 5 as "Kelli Wellensiek Sunday". Kelli will be spending the summer at Kodiak Mission in Alaska, and the church is helping her to raise the funds to go. Blanch Bolin was named "The Mother of the Year". A mentoring program for new church members is being organized.

**OXFORD, FBC:** The ABW hosted a guest day spring luncheon on April 13. The theme, "We Are All Part of the Family of God", reached out to area women which included the Edison Christian Church, and Wilsonville and Holbrook Baptist Churches. Guest speaker was Sylvana Seran of Lincoln, who is a native of Pakistan, growing up in that country as a Christian. The day was truly a blessing.

**BEATRICE, FBC:** VBS was held May 28-31 in evening sessions with the theme, "Paul: Shipwreck and Dreams." Emanuel Lutheran, Holmesville Church of the Brethren, FBC and Beatrice Mennonite joined together for VBS. A potluck graduation dinner was held on May 5, hosted by the Board of CE.

**BROKEN BOW, FBC:** A salad supper was held on May 7 by the ABW, and included a speaker for the program which followed. A graduation breakfast was held on May 5.

**CHADRON, FBC:** Chadron High School continues to hold a Baccalaureate Service (one of the few in the state). This year's event was held on May 15. The Chadron Berean, FBC, and the Bible Baptist Churches are uniting for their VBS, which will be held June 10-14 at Wilson Park.

**OMAHA, BENSON BC:** "Project Serve" is a program where the Benson youth give up a Saturday every once in a while to serve the community of church family in some way. On April 20 the youth cleaned the church and surrounding area. An all-church picnic was held on May 19 on the church lawn. A men's softball league has begun playing. The Ambassadors from Grace University presented the Mother's Day worship program. The high school, college, and trade school graduates were honored on May 19. The youth evangelism team will be attending "The Cove" and evangelistic training in Asheville, NC in July. The church voted to pay the cost of the mission. Don and Helen Schlarbaum celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 19.

**TEKAMAH, FBC:** The May, June, and July collections for the Food Pantry will center around the game of baseball, with batter on deck (pancake mix), a slide into home plate (pancake syrup), etc being the things to strive for. A Good News club Family Night was held April 25, with prizes and awards being given.

**GRAND ISLAND, FBC:** The Team Kids, grades 1st thru 5th, were eager to visit the ministry store to spend their points they earned throughout the year for studying their lesson, bringing their Bible, for bringing a friend, memorizing Scripture, and for faithful attendance and participation. The Church Council approved Chrissy Thomas, a Religion Major finishing her Junior year at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, to serve as a Summer Youth Minister from June through August. ABWM hosted a Scrapbook Class that gave parents and girls an opportunity to get together and create some lasting memory books. Krietena Friesen, Associate Pastor's wife at Berean Bible Church, came to help and share her gifts in this area with all who attended. Pastor Bennett continues to encourage the children to be involved in the worship service through his Pastor's Pal sermon sheet. The children draw a picture that tells what the sermon was about and when they turn four of them in they get to pick out of the Pastor's Pal treasure chest.

**TECUMSEH, FBC:** The youth held a car wash to add funds to the camp scholarship fund. The youth who are going to use the funds provided the muscle for the car wash. Graduates were honored on May 5, and all ladies above high school age received a gift on Mother's Day. Sunday School for grades K-8 will be combined for the summer months. Fifty-nine persons who had volunteered to help in Christian Education Ministries during the past year were honored at a supper on April 14. FBC held church service at the Tecumseh Prison on May 12.



Local Church News

**JUNIATA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** A speaker from the Denman Boy's Home spoke on May 19. The church is studying options on making the fellowship hall and bathrooms handicapped accessible.

**COLUMBUS, FBC:** New church directories are being printed. FBC took part in the town's events that were held on the National Day of Prayer on May 2. Included was a Family Prayer Breakfast at the YMCA, A Concert of Prayers at the City Council Chambers, a Community Prayer Walk and a Stadium Celebration to conclude the day. Chat and Chocolate (a women's fellowship night) was held on May 21.

**OMAHA, CALVARY BC:** The youth went to Camp Merrill for a retreat on the topic "Why Wait? A Christian View of Sexuality" on April 20-21. The youth also held a fundraiser called, "Hire A Youth Day" (HAY Day) to raise money for the trip to Green Lake for Quest. The youth puppet team reorganized and is now performing. The ministry with refugees continues and expands! Volunteers keep the "Giving Room" stocked. Refugees come in weekly for clothing, baby items and household goods. Donations in good condition are welcomed.

**FAIRBURY, FBC:** A special Homecoming Service is being planned for June 2, to invite all former members and friends to return home to worship with the people. The "Van Dream Fund" turned out to be more of a dream than could be imagined. The fund was started to raise funds for one church van - and in God's plan two vans were purchased for the price of one. The Dream Fund continues so as to provide for the gas, insurance, etc. A reception for the graduates was held following the worship service on May 19.

**NORFOLK, FBC:** A coed youth softball team has been organized and will be playing other church teams. The ABW and Heart Sisters Salad Banquet was held on May 9, with Martha Sorenson as speaker. Church League softball has begun.

**OMAHA, SUNSET HILLS:** The elementary school children led the April 21 worship service, including special music by the Sonshine Troupe, violinist Creath Karlen and pianist Ashley Anderson. The Sunday Night Live (SNL) youth group (middle and senior high school) served a spaghetti dinner as a fund-raiser for camp scholarships during the quarterly business meeting May 5. SNL also conducted the Mother's Day morning service on May 12. Graduates were honored on May 5. The Outreach Board hosted a potluck barbecue to kick off its plans for a Bible study to begin later this year. Residents of the neighborhood will get special invitations. Forgiven, Sunset Hills' men's quintet will sing at the Memorial Day Festival at Camp Moses Merrill. The church's new portable sound system, a memorial to former member Ken Hand, will be dedicated during the Father's Day service on June 16. Forgiven will lead the service. Forgiven sang the national anthem before the Omaha Royals baseball game on April 9 and is scheduled to perform it again on July 19 as part of a church outing. The children and their guests will take a ride on the Son Canyon River Adventure during Vacation Bible School June 23-28.

**OMAHA, FBC:** An All Daughter Spring Salad Supper was held on May 17. Mike Saklar recently became the Executive Director of Siena-Francis House, a shelter for the homeless.

**FREMONT, FBC:** Dr. Walter Hickman is serving as Interim Pastor. The FBC Day Care Ministry celebrated its 20th anniversary recently. Enrollment in the program is 152 children. The "Young Women of Hope" held a silent auction, which included donated items from businesses, to earn funding for their trip to Green Lake in July. The "Young at Heart" group took a trip to South Dakota where they visited the Hutterite Community, Laura Ingalls Wilder Homestead, and the Terry Redlin Gallery. National Day of Prayer was observed by: holding special prayer time on May 1 in different meetings, a prayer vigil on May 2, and joining with other churches at the Fremont Alliance Church for an evening service.

**SCOTTSBLUFF, FBC:** The Mother-Daughter "Red Hat Tea" was held May 5, with each person attending asked to wear a hat. The graduates were recognized on May 26.

**LINCOLN, SECOND BAPTIST:** The May 1 ABWM meeting featured a special speaker, Jeanette Heiman, who showed slides and told about her mission trip to Honduras with a group of dentists and doctors. The Mother/Child Banquet was held May 10, with the theme "Gather 'Round the Pole." Members of the congregation presented the program. The Senior Adult Ministries group held a luncheon meeting on May 17 and finalized plans for a bus trip on June 7 to Goehner, NE.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

**BROKEN BOW, FBC:** Laura Gregory, Ty Taylor, and Tammie Kaelin

**HOLDREGE, FBC:** Pam Rademaker, Irene Johnson

**LINCOLN, FBC:** Jeremy and Dalyn Powell, who dedicated their infant son, Jackson, at the same time.

**OMAHA, SUNSET HILLS:** New Members: Mary Geiger, Aaron Weilage, Dorothy Wood, Cipriano and Karen Dominguez

**LINCOLN, SECOND BAPTIST:** Gary & Cathy Garner

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**Trivia Answers**

1. d. In 1919 the Christian Friendliness program was organized to increase racial and cultural harmony and encourage a sense of Christian community with immigrant populations.

2. a. Kodiak. Mission work continues there today.

3. b. In the mid-1800s, some missionaries were called *colporteurs* (the French word for those who carry items.) They traveled in remote areas of the country with Bibles and Christians books.

4. a & b Helen Barrett Montgomery was elected in 1921 as the first woman president of what is now the ABC. She also translated the New Testament. The Montgomery New Testament is still available.

5. c. In "Shalom Response," congregations comforted those who mourned and supported Sept. 11 relief efforts in personal action and One Great Hour of Sharing contributions.

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