



EVERGREEN NOTES

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A Blessed and joyful Thanksgiving to you

REV. DR. WALLACE CHARLES SMITH, MLK DAY PREACHER

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will once again be celebrated by Evergreen Association with a special worship service on the evening of Monday, January 15, 2007, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The service will be held at Damascus Missionary Baptist Church where the Rev. James P. Broughton III is the pastor. The church is located at 5261 Rainier Avenue South. The service will begin at 6:00 pm.

The Rev. Dr.

Wallace Charles Smith, our guest preacher, is the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington DC and current president of Palmer (formerly Eastern Baptist) Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Before assuming the duties of the presidency of the seminary, Dr. Smith taught classes in preaching. He has been a preacher at the Hampton Institute in Virginia and is known



Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, Pastor Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington DC

as an astute and provoking preacher.

If you will be in the Seattle area in January, plan now to attend.

PETER'S PERSPECTIVE

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches was my first as Chair of a region. Having experienced the success of the 2005

Annual Meeting under the leadership of Ken Curl, I wasn't too worried about the event and the outcome. Now, in looking back, I am saying to my self the words of Jesus to



Rev. Peter Koshi, Chair, Evergreen Association

another Peter, in Matthew 14:31 NIV, "You of little

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Prayer Concerns:

- The Ojeda family and Ebenezer Church as they mourn the passing of husband, father, pastor and friend.
- Continued healing for TEAM member, Barry Briscoe
- Churches searching for pastoral leadership: Mountlake Terrace, Panther Lake (Kent), Mount Zion, Seattle First and Bountiful.

EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING EVE DINNER & BENEFIT for the Duwamish Tribe of Seattle, Wednesday, November 22, 6:00 PM at Seattle First Baptist Church. Salmon Dinner, Duwamish Story-telling & music \$30 per person, \$60 family. Make reservations online: info@thechurchcouncil.org.

AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY OF THE WEST 2007 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE January 11-12, 2007 at ABSW. "The Recovery of Prophetic Preaching" with speaker, Rev. Edward Taylor, senior pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, San Jose and author of *The Words of Gardiner Taylor, Vol. I-IV*. Registration fee is \$95. Contact jtooley@absw.edu for further information.

BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH has a 1992 GMC 15 passenger

van for sale. The church is asking \$3,000.00 obo. For more info call the church at 206-243-1623

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AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY OF THE WEST has recently written letters of thanks for gifts from Evergreen Churches through United Mission. Do you realize 4% of every dollar to United Mission goes to ABSW! Thanks!



ACADEMY OF CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

Pastors and Lay Leaders, this is for you. This training makes a difference for congregations—just ask Curtis Price and Judy Gay!

DATES

The ten "weekend" dates are all day Friday and Saturday:

November 17-18, 2006
January 19-20, 2007
February 23-24, 2007
April 20-21, 2007
September 28-29, 2007

November 16-17, 2007
January 11-12, 2008
February 22-23, 2008
April 18-19, 2008

COST- All ABC participant fees are \$100 per weekend (\$500 per year, \$1,000 for the total program) and transportation costs to all meetings. Costs for non-ABC participants are \$120 per weekend (\$600 a year, \$1,200 for the total program) and transportation costs to all meetings.

SCHOLARSHIPS—ABC pastors could receive \$300 per year for this program, and are encouraged to apply with National Ministries for transformational church programs.

Contact: Marcia Patton at 253-859-2226 or email. marciaeba@comcast.net.

Sign Up Today!!!

PETER'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

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faith, he said, why did you doubt." For the Annual gathering and meeting was a very heart-warming experience, a success from the feed-back I received.

For ten months I have been

chairing meetings with the words, "Beginning Worshipful Work: Devotions and Prayer" as the first item on the agendas. Members of the Executive Committee and the Board take turns leading that worshipful work. I mention this because it seemed to me we were so nearly in tune with the words of the

Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:17-20 NLT, "Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do...let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. Then you will sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among

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EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION 4th ANNUAL MEETING!



**BRICK BY BRICK,
STONE BY STONE*



** Theme of Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley's keynote sermon—
Taking down walls, brick by brick; building bridges, stone by stone (Ephesians 2:14-19)*



Those ordained (or recognized) by Evergreen in our 4 years together!



Rev. Sarah Halverson, New Pastor, Fairview, Costa Mesa CA



Some of the Ministerial Standards Committee: Akira Ishimaru, Judy Gay, Julian Hunter, Paul Aita, Angela Farrar and Marcia Patton. Also serving: Roxanne Fowler, Scott Weisser, and Leslie Braxton.



Rev. Howard Bess, "retired"



Rev. Gay Hasselblad, "retired"



Rev. Brooks Andrews, most recent ordained



Rev. Bev Spears, recent ordained



Rev. Kathy Carver, Music Workshop Leader!



An offering was received for the Ojeda family of over \$1,200. See story, page 4.

MONIES STILL NEEDED FOR OJEDA FAMILY

We mourn the untimely death of Pastor Jose Ojeda of Confraternidad Cristina Eben-ezer in Burien. He leaves his wife and two sons as well as a church family whom he adored. An offering was taken at the Annual Meeting to help offset funeral costs. Over \$1,200 was raised in that one offering. More is still needed. If your church would like to contribute, funds can be sent to Burien

Community Church earmarked for the Ojeda family.

Pastor Ojeda's wish was that the congregation would continue. We are working with Rev. Pablo Calconzit of ABC National Ministries to



Mrs. Paula and Rev. Jose Ojeda

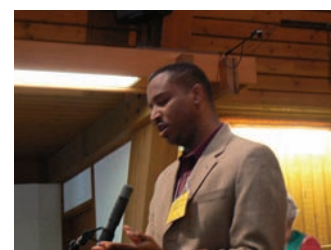
find some folks to help us continue the work of Eben-ezer and maybe plant other Hispanic congregations in King County. Please continue your prayers for the Ojedas and Eben-ezer.

TWO CHURCHES ADDED TO EVERGREEN FAMILY

Two congregations were welcomed to the Evergreen family at the Annual Meeting. Both were sponsored by the Euro-Caucus. First Baptist Church, Palo Alto, California was the first of the two churches to write the formal letter to request membership. They were mentored by the Burien Community Church. And Grace Baptist Church, San Jose, California has actually journeyed with us

longer, having had representatives at our first, third and now fourth Annual Meetings. They have developed a good relationship with the Community Church of Issaquah, their mentor congregation. That brings our real number to 35 member churches.

Welcome First Baptist, Palo Alto and Grace Baptist, San Jose!



Michael-Ray Mathews, pastor Grace Baptist, San Jose.



Rev. Rick Mixon, pastor First Baptist Palo Alto, CA

BAKER'S DOZEN ORDAINED (OR RECOGNIZED) SINCE WE BECAME A REGION

One of the highlights of the 4th Annual Meeting was the recognition of those who have been ordained, or whose ordination has been recognized since Evergreen became an ABC Region. The number is an astounding 13! A special ceremony was held asking those present and "retired" or who had been or-

daind for 30 or more years to "stole" the recently ordained. Then the recently ordained presenting the "retired" with a token of the MMBB Thank You offering. The newly ordained are: Angela Farrar, Mountlake Terrace, 8/04; Judy Gay, Good Shepherd, 11/04; Archie Pinkney, Mount Zion, 4/04 (Recognition); Jerome Walters, New Hope, 6/05

(Recognition); Yukio Sakiyama, Japanese, 9/05; Ken Burr, Seattle First, 11/05, (Recognition); Noriko Kussman, Japanese, 12/05; Chris Boyer, Good Shepherd, 3/06; Charlotte Keyes, Good Shepherd, 4/06; Don Good, Filipino, 4/06; Catherine Fransson, Seattle First, 5/06 (Recognition); Bev Spears, University, 6/06; Brooks Andrews, Japanese, 9/06.

PETER'S PERSPECTIVE (continued)

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yourselves, making music to the Lord in your hearts. And you will always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." For two days we were about "worshipful Work". Amen!

There must have been gaps or shortcomings during the two-day gathering of Baptists and friends, but none were called to my attention during or after. I'm still on "cloud nine." The gathering was truly a celebration of our "oneness out of many." The spoken words, the Scripture readings, the songs by the choirs and the gathered, the giving in offerings (general and special), all showed

our togetherness in the Spirit.

Everything came together and fell into place because of the attendance and everyone doing something for the event. And the setting, set forth by the Issaquah Congregation who offered their facility and provided the various elements of hospitality, included meals.

TO ALL, FAR AND NEAR, MY UTMOST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND PART - THANK YOU!!! Those of you who could not make it to Issaquah, you were missed, and you missed a truly Christ-Centered American Baptist meeting and fellowship.

In closing I must add that during the business meeting the body was not in consensus. What was the Chair to do? Some

insightful soul quietly pointed out that *all were in consensus* that *we were not in consensus*. Wow. Thanks. Work has already begun by the caucus not in consensus to prepare a statement for review. We will reach consensus regarding the Haitian project.

Regarding a Spirit of Gratitude John I. Weiss wrote, "Let us fan that spark into a flame that will guide us happily into the future." Let us with grateful hearts venture into 2007!

Thanks again to ALL YOU GREAT FOLKS of Evergreen. You make me proud to be YOUR Chair!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Peter

INFORMATION SOUGHT ON CHAPEL CAR ARTIFACTS

A letter has been received from Barry Hauge (805) 473-4884, who is working on the restoration of one of the original seven railway Chapel Cars. Since the *Messenger of Peace* chapel car

was "retired" in Everett WA, Barry is hopeful that some American Baptists may have some of the hardware and furnishings from *The Messenger*—*artifacts* that he might use as models for restoring the car he

has acquired as near to authentic as possible. If you have any such artifacts, please contact Barry at the phone number at the beginning of this article or at 367 Beckett Place, Grover Beach, CA 93433.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Pacific Northwest is once again offering \$500 scholarships for the academic year 2007/2008. Applications and references need to be **post-marked no later than January 30, 2007**. For guidelines

and application forms please contact, Evelyn Kaufman, Chair, Scholarship Committee, 1223—139th Place SE, Mill Creek WA 98012-5592, 425-337-7224.

Applicants must be active members of an American Baptist Church, a college senior or at

the graduate level of study, preparing for full-time Christian service with American Baptists. The guidelines indicate that priority will be given to Pacific Northwest women attending west coast American Baptist Schools, but others will be considered.

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Evergreen Notes, the newsletter for the member Churches, ecumenical partners, national affiliates, and friends of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is published monthly. Please submit articles by the 25th of the month prior to expected publication.

You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles.



Building Bridges Between Communities

Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive Minister

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 6—Executive Committee
- 11—**Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**
- 12—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- 17-18 ACT Weekend
- 23-24 Thanksgiving holiday—Office closed

DECEMBER

- 8—Executive Committee
- 10—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- 25-26—Christmas holiday—Office closed

JANUARY, 2007

- 1—New Year holiday—Office closed
- 5—Executive Committee
- 14—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- **15 MLK Day Worship Service**, Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, preaching, Damascus Missionary Baptist Church, 6 PM

FEBRUARY

- 9-10 TEAM & Executive Committee Retreat w/ Eric Law
- 11—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- 19-20 ACT Weekend

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MISSION STATEMENT

Being a culturally diverse people who are one in Christ and who value the liberties of our American Baptist Heritage, the Evergreen Baptist Association will

- Build bridges between communities;
- Provide resources to equip member churches to share Christ, and teach God's word; and
- Translate our unity to the world.