

# NORTH AREA NOTES

Marion, Mohican, North Central, Northwestern and Toledo Associations

## American Baptist Churches of Ohio

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### Congratulations to...

- **Rev. Tim Mohon**, who was elected President of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio at the Annual Gathering in October. Rev. Mohon serves as pastor of the **Grand Prairie Baptist Church** in Marion (*Marion Association*.) Also elected to ABC/Ohio leadership were **Rev. Christopher Thomas**, pastor of the **Diamond Hills Baptist Church** in Mansfield (*North Central Association*), who will serve as Treasurer, and **Rev. Kevin Bedford**, pastor of the **Third Baptist Church** of Toledo (*Toledo Area American Baptist Association*), who will serve as a board member-at-large.
- **Rev. Kenneth Durtsche**, who has announced his retirement from the **Fair Park Baptist Church** in Marion (*Marion Association*). He will complete his ministry at the church at the end of December.
- **Mr. Gary Weller**, who is retiring as pastor of **Riley Chapel Baptist Church** in Fresno (*Mohican Association*) after 24 years as their pastor. His final Sunday is November 4.
- **Dr. Paul Lamb**, pastor of the **First Baptist Church of Norwalk** (North Central Association), who was awarded the **Harry Manning Award** at the ABC/Ohio Annual Gathering. The award is presented to a pastor who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in an ABC/Ohio church with resident membership of 200 or less, and has made significant contributions in community involvement.

### Welcome to...

- **Rev. Jim Wood**, who has been called as pastor of **Riley Chapel Baptist Church** in Fresno (*Mohican Association*.) He and his family reside in Mount Vernon.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember...

- **Mohican Association Fall Rally, Sunday, November 4** **Rev. Mary Miller**, pastor of the **First Baptist Church of Fredericktown** (*Mohican Association*), and coordinator of the ABC/Ohio Conflict Management Network will present a program on the work of the Network. Watch your church bulletin for more details.
- **Northwestern Association's Annual Advent Service, Sunday, December 2 at 6 p.m.** at the **Waynesfield Baptist Church**. The **Covenant Players**, a nationally known Christian drama team, will be featured in the worship service. Music will be provided by association churches.

### More Than a Week '08 The National Gathering of American Baptist Youth

July 5-11, 2008

Estes Park, Colorado

Sponsored by National Ministries, ABC/USA

[www.morethanaweek.org](http://www.morethanaweek.org)

Speakers include:

**Duffy Robbins**, professor of youth ministry at *Eastern University*

**Dr. Yamina Apolaris**, executive director of *Corporacion Milagros del Amor*

(Miracles of Love)

**Rev. Emmett Dunn**, youth department director, *Baptist World Alliance*  
**Shane Claiborne**, author of *Irresistible Revolution*, and a dynamic circus performer

**Rev. Eboni Marshall**, youth minister and director of *Youth on the Move* in Harlem

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