

Central Area Annual Meeting

**First Baptist Church of Stockbridge
January 30, 2010**

Registration & Refreshments (9:30-10:00 p.m.)

Welcome & Invocation – Ed Owens

Songs of Worship: Stockbridge Worship Team

“Leading Older Congregations off the Plateau” – Jon Good

Business Session (Elections & approval of budget)

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Financial Report & Adoption of 2010 Budget

Election of Jim Robinson as Chair

Reading of Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 - Sue Ellen Glover

Solo: Dave Sincox

“Taking Your Church to the Next Level” – Brian Johnson

Now What? - Discussion Groups (Churches or individuals)

Hymn: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Benediction – Ed Owens

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**Annual Meeting of the Central Area Churches Minutes
January 31, 2009
Bethel Baptist Church (Lansing)
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

REGISTRATION AND FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome		Rev. Dr. James Robinson, Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church Pastor, Olivet Baptist Church, Lansing Rev. Dr. Michael Williams, Executive Minister, American Baptist Churches of Michigan
Call to Worship	<i>Isaiah 43:16-19</i>	
Chorus	<i>Amazing Love</i>	Olivet Baptist Band
Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
Prayer		Rev. Dave Sincox
Special Music		Bethel Baptist Duet
Message	<i>Behold, I Do a New Thing!</i>	Rev. Gretchen Sanewsky Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson
Special Music		Judson Memorial Choir
New Thing Presentation		Rev. Brian Johnson, Stockbridge
	<i>Innovative Thinking for a Targeted Audience</i>	
Chorus	<i>All Things Are Possible</i>	Olivet Baptist Band
Offering for Our Camps		Rev. Kent Jennings, Pastor
Special Music		Bethel Baptist Choir
New Thing Presentation		Rev. Kent Jennings
	<i>Joint Mission Trip: Rebuilding after Katrina</i>	

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Special Music		Pianist, First Baptist Ypsilanti
New Thing Presentation		Barb Burch & Laura Kramer, Grass Lake Federated Church
	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry and Grief Recovery</i>	
Chorus	<i>Wonderful Merciful Savior</i>	Olivet Baptist Band

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AREA CHURCHES, ABC-MI

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Ed Owens.

Secretary Sue Ellen Glover conducted a roll call of churches. Forty-two people were present representing the following churches:

Ann Arbor First Baptist (2)	Clarklake Community Church (2)
Grass Lake Federated (2)	Gregory Community (4)
Jackson First Baptist (5)	Lansing Bethel (7)
Lansing Christ Community (1)	Lansing Judson Memorial (1)
Lansing Olivet Baptist (10)	Rollin Baptist Church (1)
Stockbridge First Baptist (1)	Ypsilanti First Baptist (4)
Ypsilanti Immanuel Baptist (2)	

The minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were approved.

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An amendment to the ACTS 2008 report was requested. The second bullet should read (*From 162 in 2000 with 72% of the Area churches attending....*)

Treasurer Rev. Kent Jennings presented the 2008 financial report, highlighting the activities supported by the dues from Central Area congregations. The financial report was accepted.

The budget for 2009 was adopted as presented.

Rev. Kent Jennings was re-elected to the office of Treasurer on the Central Area Leadership Team with a term that expires in 2011.

Rev. Ed Owens, Chair of the Central Area Leadership Team reported on the activities of the past year, including the Sr. Event in the fall and conversations with a new church which has expressed interest in joining ABC-MI. He stressed that funds were available for cooperative events and that the CA would like to support more events and activities.

Sue Ellen Glover announced that camp and Green Lake scholarship amounts have been increased with the approval of the 2009 budget. Applications were available at this meeting and will be sent out to all CA churches in February. She also announced that the Family Ministry team of the Region was sponsoring a *Youth Worker Connect* event on March 14 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, and that the Central Area Leadership Team had approved \$385 in scholarships, available on a first-come basis to cover the fees for this event for participants from CA churches.

Rev. Pat Hernandez encouraged the participation of all pastors in the Clergy Retreat in February. She also described the Ministry Leadership Certification Program and encouraged participation by lay leaders.

Rev. Ed Owens opened the floor for suggestions of cooperative activities that could be sponsored or supported in the CA. The following ideas were shared:

- ◆ Continuation of the Sr. Adult Event (usually in September)
- ◆ Church school teachers training event
- ◆ Sharing in a Sister Church relationship with a Nicaraguan Church, including mission trips
- ◆ Partnering in missions such as re-building after Katrina and Habitat
- ◆ Sharing in training re: media such as social networking, websites, and blogging as ministry tools
- ◆ Expand the annual meeting to include a Friday evening worship and Saturday morning musical training and sharing – or more shared worship events
- ◆ A focus on how to assist/support small congregations which are struggling

Rev. Owens repeated that there are funds available to churches who wish to work together on activities such as these.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Sue Ellen Glover, Secretary

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**Central Area Treasurer's 2009 Annual Report
Central Area
American Baptist Churches of Michigan
January 6, 2010**

Balance as of 12-12-08	\$
<u>5,588.18</u>	
Expected Revenues 2009:	
• Dues from Central Area Churches ABC/MI	\$ 2,100.00
• Other (Senior Event, etc.)	\$ 225.00
Revenues Received 2009:	
• Dues from Central Area Churches ABC/MI	<u>\$ 2,042.00</u>
• Other: Central Area Annual Meeting Offering 1-31-09 (for Camps Lake Louise & Lael)	<u>\$ 171.00</u>
Senior Event Registration 9-17-09	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total Revenues Received 2009:	<u>\$ 2,363.00</u>
Total Revenues Received 2009 + Balance of 12-12-08	<u>\$ 7,951.18</u>

Expenses	Budgeted	Spent	
• Mailing	\$ 100.00	<u>\$ 31.25</u>	
• Green Lake Scholarships	\$ 600.00	<u>600.00</u>	
• ABC Camp Scholarships	\$ 1,500.00	<u>1,425.00</u>	
• Area Ministry as determined By Leadership Team	\$ 2,000.00		
Food for Central Area Annual Meeting	<u>\$ 136.00</u>		
Scholarships for Youth Worker Connect Event 3-14-09 in Flint for participants from CA churches.	<u>180.00</u>		
Senior Event 9-17-09 @ Olivet in Lansing Speaker (Doc Choc – Pat Fields)	<u>200.00</u>		
Food for Senior Event	<u>111.75</u>		
Scholarship On-Line Youth Ministry Training To Gregory Community Church	<u>500.00</u>		
Sub-total	<u>\$1,127.75</u>	<u>1,127.75</u>	
• OTHER: Central Area Annual Meeting Offering sent to Camp Lael & Lake Louise		<u>\$ 171.00</u>	
	Budgeted		
Total Expenses	\$4,200.00	<u>\$ 3,355.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,355.00</u>
Total Balance as of 1-06-2010			<u>\$ 4,596.18</u>

Submitted by,
Kent Jennings
CA Leadership Team
Treasurer

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Proposed 2010 Budget Central Area American Baptist Churches of Michigan

Balance as of 1-06-2010 \$ 4,596.18

Expected Revenues 2010:

- Dues from Central Area Churches ABC/MI \$ 2,100.00
- Other (Senior Event, etc.) \$ 225.00

Revenues Received 2010:

- Dues from Central Area Churches ABC/MI \$ _____
- Other \$ _____

Total Revenues Received 2010: \$ _____

Total Revenues Received 2010 + Balance of 1-06-2010 \$ _____

Expenses	Budgeted	Spent
• Mailing	\$ 200.00	_____
• Green Lake Scholarships	\$ 600.00	_____
• ABC Camp Scholarships	\$ 1,500.00	_____
• Youth Training Scholarship Gregory Community Church for Amanda Cook	\$ 500.00	_____
• Youth Worker Event Scholarships	\$ 200.00	_____
• Senior Event Central Area	\$ 300.00	_____
• Area Ministry as determined by Leadership Team	\$ 500.00	_____
• Other (no money budgeted)		_____
 Total Expenses	 \$3,800.00	 \$ _____
 Total Balance as of _____		 \$ _____

Submitted by,
Central Area Leadership Team
Ed Owens
Sue Ellen Glover
Kent Jennings