

# THE UPDATE

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## Did You Know?

\*Every ton of recycled office paper saves approximately 380 gallons of oil.

\*The average person in the United States produces about 6.5 pounds of trash every day.

\* For every ton of recycled paper we save at least 30,000 liters of water



## THE MDA IS GOING GREEN!

Nowadays green is not just a color, it's a movement.. What does it mean to **Go Green**? With global climate change concerns becoming a significant social issue, people are more aware of how their daily choices affect the environment. In particular, people are increasingly concerned about how energy production using fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas impacts the environment, and in turn, our future quality of life. Today more and more religious institutions have decided that this climate change is a moral crisis that is affecting everyone, everywhere and should be a frontline concern for all. To **STOP** and reverse the negative effects we are having on the environment will take **ACTION**, dedication, perseverance, and a good plan; all which are qualities that the MDA churches have. The MDA has decided it will take on the challenge of Going Green; and because there are a million small inexpensive (or free) ways to cut back on a church's environmental impact, we would like your church to take the challenge with us! Throughout 2009 we will send out information on how to Go Green, choose the ideas that work for your congregation and stick to them, if we work together we can make the American Baptist Churches in the metro Detroit area a bit greener for 2010! Going green will be hard work, **but when you Go Green you save green**, monitor incoming energy bills and see what effect Going Green has on them. Talk to your congregation and get them involved, encourage everyone to lessen their impact on the environment so that we may preserve the natural beauty that God has given us for generations to come.

Don't know where to start to get green? Here are a few suggestions;

### **Save energy to save money.**

Install compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) when your older incandescent bulbs burn out.

### **Save water to save money.**

Make sure all faucets throughout the church are sealed correctly and do not leak.

### **Less gas = more money**

Set up a carpool service with the congregants at the church. So those who live near each other can catch rides to services and events.

### **Eat Smart**

Buy locally raised, humane, and organic meat, eggs, and dairy for church events whenever you can. Purchasing from local farmers keeps money in the local economy.

### **Skip the bottled water.**

Use a water filter to purify tap water and serve from pitchers instead of buying bottled water at events. Not only is bottled water expensive, but it generates large amounts of container waste.

### **Think before you buy.**

Go online to find new or gently used secondhand products. Consider a service like [craigslist.com](http://craigslist.com) to track down furniture, appliances, and other items cheaply or for free.

### **Borrow instead of buying.**

Need a small appliance for a one-time job? Ask congregants to share power tools and other appliances to cut back on costs.

### **Buy smart.**

Buy in bulk. Purchasing food from bulk stores (Costco, Sam's Club) can save money and packaging.

### **Keep electronics out of the trash.**

Collect congregants old electronics and donate or recycle them responsibly when the time comes. E-waste contains mercury and other toxics and is a growing environmental problem.

**"If you aren't paying attention to your heating and cooling you are wasting money hand over fist....That's money you can't use for another program, which is the reason the church, synagogue, or mosque exists - to serve the Kingdom of God, not the kingdom of Wall Street or Mobil or Exxon."**

Excerpt from; [Believing in Green](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/10/26/believing_in_green/) By Erica Noonan and Brian Benson, Boston Globe, ([http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/10/26/believing\\_in\\_green/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/10/26/believing_in_green/))Oct. 2008



# NEW IN 2009

The MDAABC and the AB Men of Metro Detroit are proud to present

## The 2009 AB Men Breakfast

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2009**  
**8:30 AM- 10:30AM**

Hosted by:  
**Bethel Baptist**  
 13330 Trenton Road,  
 Southgate, MI  
 With Guest Speaker;



### Reverend Roger Dahlen

Pastor, Bethel Baptist, Southgate, MI

There is no charge for the meal. A special mission offering will be received. More information will be sent to Metro churches soon. Or call 248.443.6888

Hope to see you there!

### CAMP LAEL WINTER WEEKENDS

There's something for everyone at Camp Lael (2062 Ferns Road, Lapeer, MI 48446, [www.campael.com](http://www.campael.com)) Winter Weekends! Plan your weekend now!

#### About the Speakers

##### Chris Radcliffe

Pastor, First Baptist Church of Davison

##### Jerry Jacoby

Jerry Jacoby's professional comedy, music, and audience-involving antics encourage your students in self-esteem, respect of others, respect for authority, honesty, courtesy, and responsibility.

##### Aaron Robinson

Raised in the youth group since 10th grade, God called Aaron to be a youth pastor at Revival Tabernacle Church in October of 2005. He served in a volunteer capacity for 2 years, and in the beginning of 2008 made the decision to leave his self-owned media business, to serve full-time youth pasturing with wife Karen.

##### Kurt Cullison

Kurt Cullison currently serves as the director of Youth Alive ministries for the state of Michigan. Youth Alive is a national Assembly of God student-led organization that presents Jesus Christ to students on every secondary school campus and provides a positive moral tone where students lead by example. Kurt has served in youth ministry for the past 15 years.

#### Camp Lael Winter Weekend

##### Cost

\$72/student, \$62/ leaders (incl. 2 nights, 4 meals, snacks & program)  
 Registration - 7P  
 Program - 8:30P  
 Retreat ends - Sunday 10:30A

Family Camp cost:  
 \$50—Adults/children (12+)  
 \$25—Children ages 6-11 (under 5 FREE)  
**\$150-Maximum family cost**

For more info contact Camp Lael at: 800.636.8452 or [jimdavis@campael.com](mailto:jimdavis@campael.com)

**CAMP LAEL 2009 WINTER RETREATS**

## KNOW, LOVE, SERVE

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

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Chris Radcliffe  
Family Camp  
February 6-8

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Jerry Jacoby  
3rd-6th Grade  
February 13-15

### Come Experience

THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!  
 MEETING NEW FRIENDS.  
 LAUGHING AND LEARNING WITH OUR SPEAKERS.  
 PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH OUR SINGERS.  
 RENEWING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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Aaron Robinson  
Jr./Sr. High  
February 20-22

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Kurt Cullison  
Jr./Sr. High  
February 27-March 1

REGISTRATION INFO:

Cost is \$72 per student, \$62 for leaders (includes 2 nights, 4 meals, snacks and program)  
 Registration begins at 7 p.m.  
 Program begins at 8:30 p.m.  
 Retreat ends on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Family Camp cost:  
 \$50—Adults and children over 12  
 \$25—Children ages 6-11 (under age 5 free)  
 \$150-Maximum family cost

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:  
 Sledding-Tubing-Talent Show-Inside Games-Fireside  
 Bring your own winter equipment.

For more information contact Camp Lael at: 800.636.8452 or [jimdavis@campael.com](mailto:jimdavis@campael.com)



## 2009-2010 Directories

The 2009-2010 MDAABC Church Directory and the 2009-2010 MDAABC Pastor's Directory are underway! Throughout January and early February you might notice someone taking photographs of the front of your church. The MDA office needs new pictures of all the association churches to begin the new directory. In January churches and Pastors will also receive an information card with the current contact information the MDA has. If there are any problems please correct, if not check indicated box and **PHYSICALLY SEND THEM BACK to the MDA**. A deadline will be posted on the card.



*"Let's Connect!"*

## Church Connection

The purpose of the MDA is to "be a diverse and unified community of faith dedicated to carrying out God's mission." To help facilitate this belief we have begun an exciting new section in *The Update* and on the MDA website ([www.metrodetroitassoc-abc.org](http://www.metrodetroitassoc-abc.org)) called **Church Connections**. If your church has an activity or event that you would like to advertise to your fellow MDA churches we are here to help! **Information must be received by the 1st of every month to be published in the newsletter**. It is recommended that website information is received 2-3 weeks before event. The MDA is a free source of advertisement for your church so don't forget to send in your information!

**Wellspring Church** 36350 W 8 Mile Road, b/t Farmington and Halsted roads.  
Thursday Jan. 22, 2009 5:30P  
Cost: \$0

### BECOME FINANCIALLY FIT IN 2009

**\*Are you drowning in debt?**

**Do you desire to be a more faithful steward with the resources God has given you?**

**Are you so burdened by paying off bills that you can't give to the church's work like your heart desires?**

**Dr. Joseph D. Huse**, our representative from the *American Baptist Foundation* will offer a seminar to address these issues. The seminar entitled,

### "Abundance Multiplied: Practical Steps to Financial Fitness"

will focus on personal finance by applying biblical principles of Christian stewardship. The topic will cover budget development, and the disciplines of debt reduction. Special attention will be given to reducing credit card debt.

**Dinner will be served at 5:30. The workshop will begin at 7 PM.**

There is no cost for dinner or workshop.

**RSVP by calling Wellspring Church, 248-442-0412 or emailing Pastor Jane at [jmoschenro@gmail.com](mailto:jmoschenro@gmail.com) no later than **Sunday, January 18.****



Don't Forget Our Website!  
www.Metrodetroitassoc-abc.org

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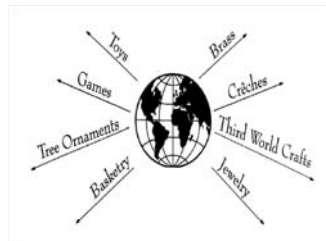
*"Making A Difference"*



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## SMORGASBORD

Global Gifts & Crafts Shop  
Now OPEN at FBC-  
Birmingham  
300 Willits  
A Non Profit Fair Trade Store  
Phone: 248-644-0550  
Open Wednesday - Friday 10:00 -  
3:00  
Saturday 10:00 - 4:00



*\*Special Hours for Groups by  
Appt.\**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FEBRUARY 9-11, 2009**  
**ABC-MI PASTORS RETREAT**  
ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER  
DEWITT, MICHIGAN  
WITH FEATURED GUEST,  
**DR. MILFRED MINATREA**  
Missiologist and Urban Ministry Strategist

The **MDA Minister's Council** will meet on Wednesday February 4, 2009 at 8:00A for a continental breakfast at First Baptist Church of Detroit (21100 Southfield Rd., Southfield, MI 48075) We spend time in sharing our work in ministry and in prayer for those engagements. Please RSVP to [metrochurches@metrodetroitassoc-abc.org](mailto:metrochurches@metrodetroitassoc-abc.org) OR [wabian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wabian@sbcglobal.net)

AB Women's Christian Life Experience  
February 14, 2009 11A- 2P

First Baptist Church of Detroit 21100 Southfield Rd., Southfield, MI 48075

### LET US KNOW!

Have an event, announcement, or other news you'd like to share with your MDA family? E-mail or Snail Mail a short description of your event to the MDA and we'll include it in the next issue!

E-mail: All photos must be in .JPEG, or PDF form.



The 2009 ABC-USA Biennial in Pasadena, California will be here before you know it! Start planning your trip today!

For information on early registration, call 1.800.ABC.3USA x2234 or email [biennial.meeting@abc-usa.org](mailto:biennial.meeting@abc-usa.org).