

ABA Update



Our Values

Impact
Growth
Relationships
Progress
Vision

Our Mission

The ABA exists to connect and enable churches to impact communities for the growth and advancement of the Kingdom.

Our Priorities

Vision Casting

We will be an association of churches and Christ-followers who know, accept, and participate in fulfilling the Great Commission and living the Great Commandment.

Community Impacting

To facilitate churches in their being creative and innovative in community impact in Alberta and the world.

Ministry Connecting

To connect pastors, lay leaders and churches in intentional relationships.

Reflections

As we turn the page on yet another year, it seems appropriate to reflect on 2011 and give thanks to God for the opportunities of service that we enjoyed. Although it is not possible to specify every significant event of 2011, here are a few highlights.

February - ***Pastor's and Family Retreat*** with Dr. Benno Przybylski.

As always, Camp Caroline was a great host and the facility was packed with pastors, spouses and children of all ages. The real treat was to reconnect with Benno Przybylski who has been a teacher, mentor and friend to many of us.

March - ***Community Impact*** events with Cam Roxburgh. For many, this was the first time to meet Cam and to hear him talk about mission and impact in a very practical way. This also gave Cam an opportunity to meet many pastors and church leaders he would be working with as part of our Missional Partnership

April - ***ABA General Session*** in Medicine Hat. Temple Baptist did an outstanding job of hosting this time of celebrating what God is doing across the association. Cam Roxburgh and Anthony Brown of Forge Canada spoke, and equally important were the stories of diversity, service, impact, hope and vision told by pastors and leaders from a number of ABA churches.

It was also during these meetings that the baton of leadership was passed from Bob Walther to Jim Leverette. Following Bob's many years of outstanding service to the ABA, and after two years of prayer and planning, Jim was installed as the newest Regional Minister of the ABA and Bob accepted the call to become the Associate Regional Minister.

October - ***Pastor's Connection*** with Dr. Joel Thiessen, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Ambrose University College. Joel spoke to us about Religion in Canada: Myths, Realities, and Implications. We were challenged to think differently and to engage ministry is a way that makes sense in our time and culture.

October and November - ***Community Impact*** events that were designed as listening sessions. Across the association, we asked questions about identity, mission, activity and service, and we asked for advice regarding the future of ABA ministry. What we heard was very encouraging and will serve to shape the future of the ABA

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Prayer continues to be one of the most important parts of ABA ministry. As we pray, we connect with one another, we become partners in life and ministry.

Pray for...

...Creston Baptist, Park Meadows Baptist, East Olds Baptist, Century Meadows Baptist, Calmar Baptist, Renaissance Community, Rabbit Hill Baptist, Edmonton Japanese Christian, Greenfield Baptist as they search for new senior or lead pastors.

...those who are serving as transitional pastors. Mark Morris at Creston Baptist, Dwayne Berry at Century Meadows and Sig Kosowski at Renaissance Community.

...those who are dealing with sickness and disease, including Nik Derow, pastor of First Baptist, Leduc; Toby Morris, son of Justin and Andrea Morris of Sturgeon Valley Baptist.

...those who are being coached through our conference-wide coaching ministry.

...Regional Ministers from across the conference as they meet in their annual retreat.

...students at Taylor Seminary as they embark on the second semester of the year.

...seminary students who will be seeking placement following graduation in the spring.

...Creston Baptist Church as they go through a process of reconciliation during the months of January to March.

...future church planting opportunities in the ABA

...preparation for Calmar Church Plant Day of prayer on Wednesday, January 25.

...conference leadership as they plan for the Triennial conference this summer.

...the ABA leadership Council as they meet on January 24.

...Renfrew Baptist in Calgary as they install a new senior pastor on January 22.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IN CALMAR

Calmar Community Baptist Church

ABA Day of Prayer & Fasting

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Join your ABA friends in praying for the ministry of Calmar Community Baptist Church in a day of prayer for this new church plant. There are a couple of ways you can be involved. We will be praying from 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Here's how you can be participate.

1. Sign up to pray and fast for the entire day.
2. Sign up for a 1/2 hour slot where you will pray on your own.
3. Sign up for a time to pray with others via Skype. If you have a Skype ID, you can connect with Bob Walther at walthercp and he will confirm. You could also send your phone number and you will be called on your number via Skype.

Church of the Week

Check the ABA website for the church of the week.

Go to www.nab.ca

We will be setting this up on the ABA website so you can register on there or reply to an email to Bob and he will put you on the list.

This is our first effort in connecting our ABA people electronically for a prayer gathering. We hope you will join us.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land (II Chron 7:14).



Our 50th Triennial celebration will be an entirely new experience. Not only will you be ministered to by [Francis Chan](#), but the worship experience, the interaction, and the ministry times are intricately woven around our theme of “NEXT”!

Impact the
NEXT Community



Reach the
NEXT Nation



Equip the
NEXT Generation



You and your family will experience firsthand what it means to be a part of the NAB team that is more committed than ever to impacting the world. In addition to the focused presentations and streamlined business sessions, Orlando is a world-class family destination. Special days and times are set apart to enjoy the area attractions with your family. We're staying at a beautiful property for the same rate as our last Triennial in Winnipeg. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience great fellowship and Kingdom impact in a fabulous setting that the entire family will enjoy.

To learn more and to register, go to www.nabconference.org and follow the links.

NAB Executive Committee Nominations

Any member of an NAB church can participate in the nomination process for: Executive Director, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Treasurer and Executive Committee Members-at-Large.

Go to www.nabconference.org and follow the links.

Calendar

February 5-8

Pastor's and Family Retreat

March 6

Community Impact - Medicine Hat

March 7

Community Impact - Calgary

March 8

Community Impact - Carbon

March 13

Community Impact - Edmonton

March 14

Community Impact - Valley View

April 20-21

ABA General Session - Calgary

Partners in Ministry

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