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American Baptist Women Ministries Of the Great Rivers Region

Area IV Directory



Theme Scriptures
Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 41:10

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AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF THE
GREAT RIVERS REGION

AREA IV
MISSION STATEMENT

In commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to the mission of the Church, and through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Great Rivers Region provides opportunities for each woman and girl to:

- *become and develop as God's person*
- *build God's faith community, and*
- *serve God's world*

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

All women are invited to participate in American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Great Rivers Region. Each woman is encouraged to participate according to her needs, interests, and gifts as led by the Spirit of God.

GRR ABWM Web Site: <https://www.grr-abwm.org/>



AREA IV OFFICERS of ABW Ministries of GRR

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Student Aid 2027	Brandy Trussell 811 W. Blackwood Sullivan, IL 61951	1 217-521-4696 brtrussell@msn.com
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White Cross 2027	vacant	
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Global Servants are no longer assigned by IM.



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Annie and Jeff Dieselberg are based in Bangkok, Thailand, a bustling metropolis of more than 10 million people. They both serve at the NightLight Foundation and NightLight Design Co. Ltd.

Nightlight is an international organization committed to addressing the complex issues surrounding trafficking and prostitution by catalyzing individual and community transformation. Annie is the founder and CEO of Nightlight. Annie also facilitates outreach in the red-light area and leads in the prayer and deliverance ministry at Nightlight.



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Deliris and Moise Carrion-Joseph are starting a new ministry among Haitian, Central American, and African migrants that have made their new home in Tijuana, Mexico. Moise is a business entrepreneur, and Deliris is a pastor and occupational therapist. They have been invited by VisiÓN de Migrante, an organization formed by Haitians and Baptist Churches of the Regional Baja Convention interested in helping migrants. Moise and Deliris strongly believe that God uses us all wherever we live and that new opportunities are open for those who trust in the Lord. They will be using their skills and three different languages to help migrants and migrant communities to achieve their new beginnings.



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Larry and Becky are currently serving with IM partners Hungarian Baptist Aid and the Baptist Union of Hungary. They work with schools in the eastern region of the country: primary and elementary community schools in Téglás and a technical high school in Debrecen. The Stantons provide the students and staff with instruction and conversation practice in English and maintenance support.

In addition to classroom responsibilities, Larry and Becky participate in school activities and are involved in Christian outreach.

ABWM GRR HOME MISSIONS



Peoria Friendship House is a faith-based organization reaching regardless of faith. We strive to embody God's love and to treat everyone who comes through our doors with caring, respect and dignity. Our mission is to do the work of Jesus Christ, providing relief, respect and renewal to Peoria's most vulnerable individuals and families. Through the simple gesture of a free meal, a clean shirt, a safe place to learn, Friendship House offers the hope of a new start to the least, the last, and the lost. Marcellinus Sommers is the director.

Contact: Marcellus Sommerville
ceo@peoriafriendshiphouse.org
800 NE Madison Ave. Peoria, IL 61604
1 (309) 671-5200
<http://www.peoriafriendshiphouse.org>



Bethel Neighborhood Center has been serving downtown Kansas City, Kansas for over 100 years. Bethel was originally founded to serve underprivileged immigrants who worked in the meat packing plants of the West Bottoms. To this day Bethel continues to work with various races and nationalities as we continue to bridge the multiple ethnic and economic boundaries that are present in our community.

Contact: Mang Sonna
msonna@bethelcenter.org
14 South Seventh Street, Kansas City, KS 66101
1 (913) 671-5200
www.bethelcenter.org

2025 Events	Event Information/Date
GRR Area Presidents' ZOOM Meeting	Thursday, February 20 th at 7 PM
GRR Meet Our Global Servants ZOOM Meeting	Saturday, March 1 st at 10 AM
Area IV Spring Board ZOOM Meeting	Thursday, March 13 th at 7 PM
ABW GRR Spring Board Meeting	March 28 – 29 at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp
ABW GRR Annual Conference	July 25 – 27 at Carlinville, IL Lake Williamson Christian Center
Area IV Fall Board ZOOM Meeting	To Be Announced
Area IV Rally for 2025 Fall	
ABW GRR Fall Board Meeting	August 22 -23 at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

**ABWM-GRR Special Project
2024 – 2025**

Goal: \$15,000

**Talila Cumi Girls Club
Mini Libraries**

This club (TCGC) is a program that offers discipleship, character building, and empowerment for underserved girls ages 8 to 12 years old. The money will be used to set up several mini libraries throughout Latin America.

Please make checks payable to “ABWM Area IV” and write “Special Project” on the memo line. Mail donations to:

Kaye Snyder
3 Grandview Hts.
Findlay, Illinois 62534

If you need additional information about the Special Project, please contact Paula Bender, Coordinator of Special Project for ABWM of GRR:

***How can you help promote and support the work of
AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES?***

1. ***Pray*** without ceasing for our leaders, our member churches, and our many missions and outreach programs.
2. ***Volunteer*** to serve on a board, committee, or other group which focuses on missions' work. Learn about programs in your local church group, regional board, or international.
3. ***Attend*** meetings, rallies, workshops, conferences as often as you can. Be informed about ABWM's current programs and volunteer wherever you can. You will make new friends with the many ABW Sisters-in-Christ throughout our Area and Region.
4. ***Read*** the updates, newsletters, and other literature which your church receives from International Ministries. Pray for our Global Servants. Invite our Global Servants to speak at your church. Global Servants not only work in the field, they must raise the 100% funding for their work in the field.
5. ***Include*** your family, friends, and neighbors in the work of ABWM. Community involvement is needed.
6. ***Give*** financially whatever you can and as often as you can. Be creative with church fund-raisers that support ABW Ministries programs.

<https://www.grr-abwm.org> (GRR ABW Ministries Site)
<http://www.abcgrr.org> (GRR Site)

Area IV Rally Information

2025 FALL Rally

(suggested schedule)

Host:

Location:

Time: 9 AM Breakfast & Fellowship
Program begins at 10 AM
Lunch 12:30 PM
Afternoon Event

Date:

Guest Speakers:

For more information, please contact:

Linda Watson
1-217-543-2360
lwatson51@hotmail.com
P.O Box 75, Arthur, IL 61911

How are your contributions used?

National Support sent to GRR Treasurer

The national staff provides resources, Bible studies, Leadership Programs, program themes, study guides, event planners, conferences, retreats, mission tours, and webinars. Without them, we would have little or no idea where to direct our energies. Those who give monthly or yearly to National Support are designated as "Vital Partners."

****Student Aid sent to Area IV Treasurer***

This helps future American Baptist students receive the education and training they need to advance our churches effectively. In order to qualify for funds from this program, students must be active members of an American Baptist Church in Great Rivers Region at time of application. They must be enrolled in a degree program at a university or college.

****Special Project sent to Area IV Treasurer***

Each year the ABWM-GRR Board selects a special project from requests submitted. Church members in Area IV may submit suggestions and the GRR Board looks for a worthy project which will cost in the range of \$15,000. Last year, over \$11,000 was raised to provide kitchen equipment for Blackhawk Camp. **For 50 years, ABW Ministries of GRR Special Projects** have included improvements for university Baptist affiliated houses and improvements for Baptist Camps. Special Projects have also included needs in other countries: India, Congo, Mexico, Costa Rica.

Area IV Dues & Region Dues

The Area IV dues remain with the Area IV Treasurer, Kaye Snyder and the GRR Region dues are sent to Becky Jones, GRR Treasurer.

*Student Aid and Special Project contributions are sent to the GRR Treasurer when the Area IV Treasurer receives them.

ABGIRLS

American Baptist Girls In Relationship, Leadership, and Service are future ABWM leaders and members. Monies donated to this fund are used to support programs of all kinds of programs and events to encourage girls of any age, to become involved in ABWM. What could be more important?

Love Gifts

The Love Gift contribution at our Area IV rallies is given to the host(s) church. It is called *The Host Church Love Gift*. These boxes are placed on the tables.

Hang on to any \$1.00 bills you have with a serial number that starts with an "L" or a "G." They make perfect Love Gift offerings!

White Cross and Home Missions

Regions may suggest White Cross programs. The International will no longer designate projects. Each Area and each church in Great Rivers Region will establish its own White Cross Program. Some Global Servants have established White Cross Programs for their locations. Contact a Global Servant.

For Home Missions, Area IV churches may contribute to the Peoria Friendship House or Bethel Neighborhood Center. Each church in Area IV will need to contact one of the Home Mission locations and ask them to suggest specific supplies or items. Churches in Area IV may decide on other missions in their community.

(Please list these in "Marks of an Active ABW Ministries".)

Directory of Area IV Churches and Contacts

Arthur - First Baptist Church of Arthur

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Tuscola, Illinois 61953
1 217-493-9005

Atwood - First Baptist Church of Atwood

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Atwood, Illinois 61913
1 217-578-2555
atwoodbaptist@consolidated.net
No Active Group.

Ava - First Baptist Church of Ava

208 S. Russell Street P.O. Box 185
Ava, Illinois 62907
1 618-426-3432
fbcava@yahoo.com

Ava - Sato Baptist Church

5472 Beaucoup Road
Ava, Illinois 62907
1 618-426-3279

Benton - First Baptist Church of Benton

201 S. Main Street P.O. Box 576

Benton, Illinois 62812

1 618-438-7661

bentonfbc@yahoo.com

No Active Group

Cambria - First Baptist Church of Cambria

Washington & Poplar Streets

P.O. Box 397

Cambria, Illinois 62915

1 618-985-8127

Carbondale - Boskydell Baptist Church of Carbondale

3518 Boskydell Road

Carbondale, Illinois 62901

1 618-457-8818

Contact:

Sue Combs

2008 West Meadow Lane

Carbondale, Illinois 62901

1 618-351-6699

Smcombs52@gmail.com

Carbondale - Cottage Home Baptist Church of Carbondale

3571 Grassy Road
Carbondale, Illinois 62901
1 618-457-4997
Contact:
Delores Monroe
183 Boskydell Road
Carbondale, Illinois 62901
1 618-457-4997

Carterville - Grand Avenue Baptist Church of Carterville

116 W. Grand
Carterville, Illinois 62918
1 618-985-2718
gabcville@hotmail.com

Carterville - Crainville Baptist Church of Carterville

806 Marion Street
Carterville, Illinois 62918-5064
1 618-985-2574
cbc1890office@gmail.com
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Julie Stock
Julz_517@yahoo.com

Centralia - First Baptist Church of Centralia

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Centralia, Illinois 62801
1 618-532-5659
office@firstbaptist319.com
Contact:
Wilma Shoemaker

Charleston - First Baptist Church of Charleston

2800 University Drive
Charleston, Illinois 61920
1 217-345-5081
fbcsecretary@consolidated.net
No Active Group.

Cobden - Shilo Baptist Church of Cobden

200 S. Walker Street
Cobden, Illinois 62920
No longer having services

Flora - First Baptist Church of Flora

293 E. Third Street
Flora, Illinois 62839
1 618-662-2947
fboffice@wabash.net
No Active Group.

Freeburg - First Baptist Church of Freeburg

1031 S. State Street (mailing)

14 S. Monroe Street (church)

Freeburg, Illinois 62243

1 618-566-8752

Contact:

Katherine Garrison

Greenville - First Baptist Church of Greenville

218 E. South Avenue

Greenville, Illinois 62246-1820

1 618-664-1062

fbcgreenville@yahoo.com

Contact:

Highland - First Baptist Church of Highland

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Highland, Illinois 62249

1 618-654-4145

fbcoffice@fbchurchhighland.org

Contact:

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14447 Cooks Mill Road
Humboldt, Illinois 61931
1 217-234-9544
pleasantgrovebc@consolidated.net
No Active Group

Hutsonville - First Baptist Church of Hutsonville

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Hutsonville, Illinois 62433
1 618-563-4314
barbarabucker44@gmail.com
Contact:
Artheen Winters

**Johnson City - Washington Avenue Baptist
Church of Johnson City**

9th and Washington Streets P.O. Box 98
Johnston City, Illinois 62951
1 618-983-5054
barry-laquetta@hotmail.com
Contact:
Pastor Barry Robertson
No Active Group.

Marissa - First Baptist Church of Marissa

501 N. Main Street
Marissa, Illinois 62257
1 618-295-2272
fbcmarissa@gmail.com
Contact: Elaine Heyl

Mattoon - First Baptist Church of Mattoon

1804 S. Ninth Street
Mattoon, Illinois 61938
217-234-7740
firstbc1@consolidated.net
No Active Group

Mt. Vernon – First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon

Church has closed.
1600 Salem Road
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864
1 618-242-2877
fbcabcmv@yahoo.com

**Murphysboro - Camp Creek Baptist Church of
Murphysboro**

No address available – mail returned
Murphysboro, IL 62966
1 618-426-3757
Contact: Margie Heiman

**Murphysboro - First Baptist Church of
Murphysboro**

401 N. 15th Street
Murphysboro, Illinois 62966
1 618-687-1769
office@fbcmurphy.org

Murphysboro - Pate Chapel of Murphysboro

3481 W. Grange Hall Road P.O. Box 69
Murphysboro, Illinois 62966
1 618-444-3412 (Pastor)
1 618-803-3226 (Secretary)
Contact: Lucille Lasley
lasleyj1@yahoo.com
Stephanie Marler
psmarler@hotmail.com

**New Burnside - Walnut Grove Baptist Church of
New Burnside**

16445 US Highway 45 North
New Burnside, Illinois 62987
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robertg1916@yahoo.com
Contact: Jo Richerson

Newton- First Baptist Church of Newton

201 S. Church Street
Newton, Illinois 62448
1 618-783-2226

Olney - First Baptist Church of Olney

420 E. Chestnut Street

Olney, Illinois 62450

1 618-392-7411

fstbapto@frontier.com

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Carlene Karn

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201 S. Central Avenue

Paris, Illinois 61944

1 217-463-1600

Contact:

Jennifer Warner

jenniferwarner@parisfbc.org

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202 S. Fourth Street P.O. Box 395

Percy, Illinois 62272

1 618-497-8266

Contact:

Sue Garrett

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Percy, Illinois 62272

1 618-497-2853 & 1 217-620-5558

ks112589@mchsi.com

Sullivan - First Baptist Church of Sullivan

215 E. Harrison Street
Sullivan, Illinois 61951
1 217-728-8252
Contact: Karen Standerfer, President
824 Sunset Drive
Sullivan, Illinois 61951

**West Frankfort - First Northern Baptist Church
of West Frankfort**

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West Frankfort, Illinois 62896
1 618-932-2263
firstnorthernbaptist@gmail.com
Contact: Cheryl Arnold
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West Frankfort, Illinois 62896
area4abwm@yahoo.com

**Whittington - Palestine Baptist Church of
Whittington**

12408 State Highway 37
Benton, Illinois 62812
1 618-439-4139
rkfamily@gmail.com
Contact: Diana House
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Benton, Illinois 62812

Willisville - Central Baptist Church of Willisville

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Willisville, Illinois 62997
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ABW Ministries Great Rivers Region Officers

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American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region

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Contribution Form to be sent with check

DATE _____

Please designate the amount for the categories listed.

Make check payable to: **AREA IV ABW MINISTRIES**

Send check and this form to:

Sandra Kaye Snyder

3 Grandview Hts.

Findlay, Illinois 62534

Church Name _____

Name of Church ABW Group _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Email Address

Address _____

City _____, **IL Zip Code** _____

Check # _____ **Amount on Check** _____

Please Designate Amount for Each Category

Area IV dues (\$1 per member) \$ _____

***ABWM GRR dues (Region Expenses) \$** _____

***Special Project for 2024-25 \$** _____

Talila Cumi Girls Club Libraries

***Student Aid \$** _____

***A check for these categories will be sent to Becky Jones, GRR Treasurer. Area IV Treasurer, Kaye Snyder maintains record of contributions made by each Area IV Church Group.**



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