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American Baptist Men
of the Great Rivers Region
Men on a Mission - from God

AB Men Website

For the latest information on the AB Men of our region, be sure to check out our website at:
www.abm-grr.org. Thanks to Terry Maurizio for putting it together and keeping us informed!

A Word from Our Sponsor

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
– John 13:34-35 (NIV)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to cost, this will be the final print edition of the American Baptist Men's newsletter. We will no longer be sending the Upstream & Update Newsletters by US Postal Service Mail. Beginning with the next edition, you will be able to receive the newsletter if you have provided us with your email address. If you have not provided us with your email, please do so at bs.romanowski@gmail.com. You may also access the newsletter on the website: www.abm-grr.org. If you do not have internet access, please contact your church and ask them to print a copy for you. If you are unable to receive the newsletter by these means, please call me at (309) 826-8116 and I will make arrangements for you to receive the newsletter. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and we hope that you will continue to participate in this ministry. Thank you for your cooperation.

Work Projects

NO Judson University Project this year due to campus remodeling.

Bacone College Muskogee, OK: June 4-10, A wide variety of projects for all skills & abilities.

University Baptist Church/Champaign, IL: July?

Green Lake Conference Center: September 17-22. Meals & housing will be provided.

If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information, please contact George Meyer, our Work Projects Coordinator, at 217/488-7190 or visit our website: www.abm-grr.org.

Disaster Relief *Update*

BECAUSE JESUS CAME, WE COME

Update: Southern Illinois communities assessing damage after Tuesday tornado - STEPHANIE ESTERS THE SOUTHERN, Mar 3, 2017

ELKVILLE — Tuesday night's storm that tore through a part of Southern Illinois damaged 46 homes, 12 of which were a total loss, according to a report from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the Jackson County Emergency Management Agency.

Elkville, Illinois Tornado Cleanup: March 3 – March 9, 2017



Extensive damage to 6 homes in this area.

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Large trees were uprooted.



We worked with the Southern Baptists & Free Will Baptists



Cutting up trees into manageable size.



Loading larger pieces into Jerry's tractor bucket.



The occupant in this home was behind the brown wall when the storm hit.



Joyce's property. Her husband passed away the Day after the tornado struck.

Elkville, Illinois Tornado Cleanup: March 3 – March 9, 2017



We were fed and housed by the Elkville First Baptist Church.

ABM Disaster Relief Coordinator's Corner

It was a sad day when Mac informed us at our board meeting that he was retiring as our Coordinator. Sad but understandable, as Mac told us he was getting older not younger. As the new Coordinator, I see little change in our organization. It is and always has been the Team Leaders and volunteers that make our goal successful, serving our Lord. (Because Jesus came, we come)

We have been busy this past year. Terry Maurizio and Brian Romanowski led teams to Baton Rouge to reconstruct after the flooding. We also had a team at Elkville, to do chainsaw and clean up work after the tornado hit Southern Illinois.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Gordon Frobish to our board and as a new Team Leader for Area 3 to help Brian and Dick.

Van Peters, Disaster Relief Coordinator

