

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

“The Mission at our Doorstep:
Renewal, Restoration, and New Beginnings”



Calendars of Upcoming Events – August 2015

ABC/VNH Regional Events Calendar

WonderMount

August 1-2, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln, NH

An invite to Worship and Wonder in the Mountains. Join Loon Mountain Ministry at the summit of Loon Mountain Resort on Saturday for an outdoor worship concert led by the musicians of Grace Capital Church and then on Sunday for their normal outdoor worship service and BBQ lunch.

For details and to purchase tickets (including the gondola ride), go to www.loonmtnministry.com and click on Wondermount.

25 to Life Beach Party and Dinner

August 20, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Beach Party - Hampton Beach, NH

Dinner – 1st Baptist Church, Hampton, NH

See the 25 to Life section in the newsletter for details.

Mark 209

August 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Newmarket Comm. Church

Gospel music from the heart of Nashville. By donation.

For more information, call the church at 603-659-3892.



Dan Schall Gospel Concert

August 30, at 6:00 p.m. in Westmoreland, NH

Union Church Community in Christ

Love offering. Refreshments. For more information, call 603-352-8090.

Legal Seminar for Churches: “Protecting the Flock (& the Shepherds)”

September 25, from 8:30 to 1:00

Holiday Inn, Concord, NH

Seminars on Mandatory Reporting Compliance and Hiring and Reference Risk Mitigation.

Speakers: Roy McCandless & Neil Nicholson, Attorneys at Law.

See details below.

Workshop: Help Your Church and You Face Conflict (for pastors)

October 8, from 9:00 to 4:30

Singing Hills Christian Fellowship, Plainfield

Workshop Leader: Rev. Margaret Marcuson

See the Ministers Council section in the newsletter for more information.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Community Awareness Training

October 17 (time to be announced)

Grace & Hope Community Church, Andover, NH

Topics covered: identification factors, recruitment tactics, reporting, aftercare and prevention options. An overview of regional concerns and efforts and a Q&A will be included.

Featuring: Real Life Giving, an organization dedicated to empowering and equipping young women in NH.

For more information: info@reallifegiving.org

Workshop: Boundaries & Ethics (for pastors)

October 31, from 9:00 to 4:00

Singing Hills Christian Fellowship, Plainfield

Workshop Leader: Rev. Linda Lea Snyder

See the Ministers Council section in the newsletter for more information.

Protecting the Flock (& the Shepherds) Legal Seminar

Friday, September 25 from 8:30 to 1:00 at the Holiday Inn, Concord, NH.

Who should attend? Pastors, administrators, preschool teachers in child-care centers, children’s ministry workers, Sunday school teachers, and counselors.

This seminar will cover mandatory reporting laws in New Hampshire (for child abuse, duty to warn, elder abuse, sexual misconduct, and criminal acts) and personnel risk mitigation (background checks and screening, supervision, retention, references for prior employees, and negligence). There will be a time for discussion of hot topics and questions. The seminar will end with lunch.

Participants will receive a comprehensive guide of all the mandatory reporting laws in the State of New Hampshire, written materials from the presenters on each topic covered with practical tips and considerations, and examples of proper and improper action based on reach court cases.

Speakers: Roy McCandless and Neil Nicholson, Attorneys at Law. Both are trial attorneys & legal advisors. They work along churches, religious youth camps, and nonprofits to help them fulfill their missions, navigate risks, deal with local authorities and the IRS, and avoid problems.

Registration: Early bird (rec'd by Sept. 1): \$30; Regular: \$40; group (3 or more): \$20 each.

For a copy of the brochure with registration form, go to abcvnh.org and click on Events/Event Registration or contact McCandless & Nicholson PLLC at gloria@mcnich.com.

Regional Calendar – Meeting Dates for Boards/Committees/Departments

| Date | Time | Committee/Department | Location |
|----------|-------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aug. 15 | 9:30 | Institute for Learning | First Baptist Church, Sanbornton |
| Sept. 26 | TBD | Executive Committee | TBD |
| Oct. 15 | 10:00 | Finance Committee | Trinity Baptist Church, Hanover |
| Oct. 24 | 9:00 | Board of Trustees | Trinity Baptist Church, Hanover |

Clergy & Ministerial Leaders Monthly Association Meetings

| Association | Date | Time | Location | Contact |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------|--|------------------|
| Central | Monthly meetings for | | McKenna's Restaurant, New London | Dale Nicholas |
| Green & White | all associations | | Littleton Diner, Littleton | David Abbott |
| Lakes | will resume | | Campton Baptist Church | Linda Bolton |
| Monadnock | in September | | 1 st Baptist Church, Keene | Charlie Boucher |
| Northwest | | | 1 st Baptist Church, Burlington | Larry Detweiler |
| Southeast | | | 1 st Baptist Church, Brentwood | Jim Malkemes |
| Southern | | | Blake's Restaurant, Manchester | John Cerrato |
| Southwest | | | The Blackkeys', So. Londonderry | Malcolm Hamblett |
| Women Ministerial Leaders | | | United Baptist Church, Concord | Linda Bolton |