

**Ruth Clark**  
**President**

Ruth Clark is currently serving as president of American Baptist Churches USA for the biennium running from January 1, 2012-December 31, 2013. Nominated by the Central Region, she served two terms on the General Board (now the Board of General Ministries) including four years as part of its Executive Committee. Ruth served as vice president of International Ministries, chaired the Bylaws Committee for IM in preparation for the new structure, and just completed her term as president of that board.

Regionally, she chaired the Alaska Commission and the regional Mission and Stewardship Committee, served on the Board of Directors, and was part of both the Task Force on Restructure for the Region and the Bylaws Task Force.

The daughter, daughter-in-law, and mother of American Baptist pastors, she is a member of the Judson Baptist Church of Kansas City, Kansas where her husband John is pastor. She is actively involved in the educational, musical, and women's ministries of the church, teaching Sunday school and serving as church pianist for the worship team.

Ruth is a graduate of William Jewell College (music education) and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, with a degree in religious education.

She and John are the parents of five adult children and the grandparents of two, a boy and a girl, with two expected to be added to the family soon.