



Penn-Del Tips

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Welcome to our 60th Annual Retreat!

Welcome to the 60th Annual Layman's Retreat of the American Baptist Men Of Pennsylvania And Delaware. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President this year. I hope you enjoy this weekend completely!

Friday night's program begins at 7:30. Ron Fraser from Point Man Ministries asks the question, "Where have the Men Gone?" You don't want to miss it.

Dedicate your day to God's glory. Attend morning devotions at 6:30 to 7:00 on Saturday morning. Workshops are being offered from 8:30 until noon. When you see the intriguing subjects, you'll find it hard to choose just two!

There are plenty of opportunities for recreation on Saturday afternoon. The pool is open from 1:00 to 3:00. Play softball, horseshoes, table games, reconnect with old friends--- or go back to your room and take a nap!

Dinner at Resiner Hall beginning at 4:30---always good food and plenty of it then come back to the CUB at 7:00 for the business meeting and the evening's program.

"Band of Brothers" is the title of Pastor Gordon Douglas keynote message. He is an inspiring and enthusiastic

messenger of the Gospel. I know this will be a memorable experience for each of us.

We will be blessed to praise the Lord with music lead by CG Coates and his band.

Snacks and good fellowship will be served up on both Friday and Saturday nights following the programs. Stay and enjoy!

Set your alarm! Don't miss Sunday Morning Devotions at 6:30. Enjoy a good breakfast and then plan to attend a very special Sunday school program at 8:30. After a final message from Gordon, it will be time to say good-bye. We pray that this has been a good time of relaxation and spiritual renewal for each of you.

I hope we will see you again next year. Save the date! July 24 to July 26, 2015.

One last thing please prayerfully consider join the ABMOPAD board in one of the many open positions. See the program book for those positions that need to be filled. If you are not sure if you want to get involved there were assistant positions created that would allow you to learn more about how the board works. Contact me or any of the board members to learn about any open position.

Hey there youth participants...

Thanks for joining us for the 60th Annual American Baptist Men's Retreat. I can already tell it's going to be a great time. This weekend we will be talking about forgiveness, holding grudges, and letting it go.

Of course we will also be playing some awesome games, and having plenty of free and hangout time. Make sure you are at "the lounge" for each of the required time. We'll start things off TONIGHT with a PIZZA PARTY at 10:00pm (or about 10 minutes after the main session lets out). See you there! - Kyle West

UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL BOOSTER CALL

Booster Call #57 report as of July 30, 2014. The Booster Call totals presently are \$3,425.00.

This call is to help our ABC Youth to be able to enjoy a camping experience in improved cabins at Camp Lebanon, NJ. Our goal is to raise \$4,000. We are \$585 short. Lets make an effort to reach the goal by the end of this retreat. Stop by the Booster Table and drop your donation into the box or pick up a booster letter and mail your gift when you return home.

Note: We want your input for the next booster Call scheduled to be an International call. Please give some prayerful thought on what this call should be. Stop by the Booster table or e-mail you suggestion to Swantown@aol.com. God Bless!

Bob Swan, Booster Chair

Important Information And Updates

- As you can see, there is active construction going on at the University. Please use caution and do not enter any fenced off areas.
- All six meals are included with your retreat registration (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday Breakfast and Lunch).
- Lost room keys will cost **YOU** between \$50 and \$100 depending on the type of room. If you lose your key, please report it at the registration desk immediately. Also, if you find a key, please turn it in immediately.
- Don't lose your conference card. You will need it to access meals and to access the McLean II residence hall.
- We have bottled water available in limited supply at the registration desk. Please be sure to recycle the bottle when finished.
- All men who are participating in any part of the evening or Sunday morning programs need to meet with Joe Kapes at the side of the stage 15 minutes prior to the session.
- If you are wearing any kind of hat or cap, please be sure to remove it during times of prayer and communion.
- Quiet time begins at 11:00 P.M.—You may stay up late if you wish, but please keep the noise to a minimum so as not to disturb others who may be trying to sleep.
- Remember to have a parking permit tag on your car. These are available at the registration desk. Do not park behind the Reisner Dining Hall. You will receive and ticket that you will have to pay.
- The University's Health Center is in the basement ("0" floor) of the McLean II residence hall.
- Above all, please have a good time and come back next year (and bring a friend, too)!

CHANGE TO POOL SCHEDULE

The pool schedule that is listed in the program book is incorrect. We are sharing the pool with another group on campus, and we have access to the pool during the following times:

Friday – 4pm to 7pm

Saturday – 1pm to 3pm

Please plan your recreation time accordingly.

For those interested, you can gain access to the onsite recreation facility/gym. Adult conferees are permitted access for a rate of \$3. You may call 717-477-1561, prompt #1 for daily hours. You will need to present your conference card to the desk attendant to gain access. Please note this is on your own and ABMOPAD is not involved in your use of this Shippensburg facility.

Kingdom Builders "Eastside Rising"

Come join us in Wilmington, DE on August 4-9, 2014 and again on August 18-22, 2014 to work closely with other American Baptists. We will be transforming a community in Wilmington, Delaware. You can work a week or just a few days. Pick up applications at the Kingdom Builders/Disaster Ministries table.

Note, the ABMOPAD Kingdom Builders/Disaster Ministry will provide a partial scholarship of \$40.00 to all American Baptist Men that volunteer. Please complete the registration, also notify Bob Swan at 215-674-1935 or e-mail to Swantown@aol.com about your participation

LAYMAN OF THE YEAR

How is the layman of the year selected? The first step starts with you! No one is considered unless he is nominated by an ABMOPAD Layman. Have you observed someone who stands out as a servant of Christ, and a servant of his fellow men (and women)? Submit a nomination!

The forms give suggested guidelines for the submittal. The forms are in the center of the program booklet for each Annual Retreat, and on the WEB Site (www.abmopad.org). Once the nominations are received, they are submitted to a committee composed of the last three Laymen of the Year. The submissions are retained for three years. If you nominee is not selected within the three years after submittal, submit again. Everyone must know someone who deserves the recognition for his service.

Scouting

American Baptists supporting Boy Scouting in the Church:

In the last year Scouting in Baptist Churches has increased 12% Nationwide. Come to the Scouting Work Shop that is being held at this Retreat to learn more on Scouting in the Church Family. Check the location in your conference program book.

If you see a guy with an orange name badge, this is his FIRST RETREAT!

Welcome him, show him around and try to make a new friend.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones and pagers during sessions.

