

## Friday Edition



# Penn-Del Tips

The official newsletter of the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware

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## Welcome to our 61st Annual Retreat!

We are so glad that you have come to the 61st Annual Retreat of the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware, one of the longest on-going Baptist events in our country. We are pleased to welcome many new men and young men to our retreat this year.

As our organization is going through a refocusing, a remodeling, and refining process we are truly seeking "Quality Over Quantity!"

Yes, we would love to have many more men come to our retreat. But most of all, our desire is to have the best quality conference that meets the needs and also challenges men in the 21st Century. We believe that our keynote speaker, Dr. Phil Downer will not only inspire but challenge. Of our six workshops, it will be hard to choose which two to attend. When you have a few men among you, spread yourselves out to cover as many

workshops as possible and compare notes. Our youth program led by Kyle West will challenge our young men as well. And we also know that each of you will enjoy all the food, fun, and fellowship, and in that order!

In turn, we hope and pray that the quality of this retreat will excite you with enthusiasm to share about all of this for the 2016 retreat with other men's fellowships, churches, and pastors that you know.

And we are very open to your suggestions on how to improve. If you have thoughts about possible speakers or workshop leaders please let me or any member of the American Baptist Men's Board know.

Remember, It Is Quality For The Sake Of Jesus!

Pastor Bob Coats  
Advisor, ABMOPAD Board of Managers

### Registrar's Notes

Hi to all and welcome to Shippensburg!

A few notes to help you have a great weekend.

- ⇒ The residence hall we are using was formerly known as McLean II and is now Naugle Hall. Some of our materials list it as McLean, but its really Naugle, we promise, that name just changed.
- ⇒ You need to park behind Naugle Hall. NOT behind the meal hall. Our parking passes do not cover that area and you may get a ticket that will be YOUR responsibility to pay.

Now a few comments on the registration process from my end. First, All youth need to have a parental consent form filled out and signed by a parent. This is required for insurance purposes and is stated on the bottom of the registration form.

Speaking of the registration forms—we use the forms to sort people into rooms and church groups, so it would be great if the forms are just submitted as is without cutting off sections or modifying it.

Thank you for coming and enjoy the retreat!

### Welcome Youth!!

Thanks for joining us for the 61st 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 what kind of influence youth and teens have today, finding out that with God there is no limit to what you can do, and learning how to make each day you have count.

Of course we will also be playing some awesome games and having plenty of free time to hangout! Make sure you are at "the lounge" for each of the required times listed on the back of your name tag. We'll start thing off tonight with some quick introductions and a hangout time after the main fellowship is over (approx. 10:45pm). See you there!

Kyle West (Youth Director)

**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.**

**Youth have green tags (even the first year youth) , so make sure you welcome them too!**

## 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 \$100**. 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 Naugle 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 Rusty Hertzler 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.
- If you are a "night owl", 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 displayed on the dashboard of your car. These are available at the registration desk. Do not park behind the Reisner Dining Hall. You will receive a ticket that you will have to pay.
- The University's Health Center is in the basement ("0" floor) of the Naugle residence hall.
- Above all, please have a good time and come back next year (and bring a friend, too)!

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.

Keep your eyes peeled for a survey on transportation. There have been discussions around offering bus transportation for future retreats.

Please be honest and frank, you won't hurt our feelings.

## Kingdom Builders and Disaster Relief

Are you aware that this program has been active for over 20 years? It include Host Trailers at three locations throughout the Region of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

The Kingdom Builder Trailer KB-01 is located in the Philadelphia Chester Area and is available for projects all over the Region.

We have 3 trailers located in the following areas: DR-01 hosted by the Men of Christ's American Baptist Church in Spring Grove, PA.

DR-02 is hosted by the Men of the First Baptist Church of Bentley Creek in Gillett, PA.

DR-03 is hosted by the Men of the First Baptist Church of Apollo in Apollo, PA.

The Disaster Trailers have been used through our Region for both emergency work, clean up and community projects.

For additional information contact Bob Swan at 215-674-1935 or e-mail Swantown@aol.com. Donations or gifts may be sent to:

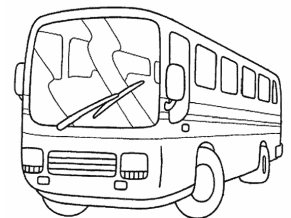
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## Booster Call Update

The Booster Call is an ABMOPAD Mission that supports a variety of Mission Projects. The calls rotate among Regional (local) Mission, National and International Missions.

Booster Call #58 is an International Call for Deborah's House in Tijuana, Mexico. Our goal is to gather contributions to help complete the construction of a dormitory for abused women and children. There is also a need for beds and other furnishings to go into the building. Please prayerfully consider supporting this urgent need.

The ABM of the Region are planning a working mission trip to Tijuana for both men and women in the fall. Contact Bob Swan, 215-674-1935 or email Swantown@aol.com for details.



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