



Penn-Del Tips

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From The President

Dear Brothers in Christ,

My father-in-law attended some of the earliest ABM retreats way back when they were held at Bucknell University. Because her father always enjoyed those times so much, my wife Jane encouraged me to go, too. That was 5 years ago. For the last 4 years, I have been blessed to serve on the ABMOPAD Board of Managers in one capacity or another. We should all listen to our wives!

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the annual retreat, we will be able to look back at some very interesting memorabilia of past retreats. When you see some of the pictures and old programs, you will be immediately struck by the large turnout of men these retreats once enjoyed.

Times change, attitudes change, but the need for Christian men to join together in a time of worship, fellowship renewal and refreshment together does not. All of us who know the value of these retreats want to see more and more men at Shippensburg this summer on August 1, 2 and 3. To that end, we have been working hard to make changes that will help to do just that.

I am very excited about our Keynote Speaker this year. He's Gordon Douglas, a comedian-speaker. He's an

excellent preacher with a strong and positive Gospel message. Everyone on the Planning Committee is confident that this year's retreat will be a special blessing to each man who attends. With the Lord's help, we can breathe new life and renewed interest into our retreat.

This summer and fall I was able to help with a Kingdom Builders project to put a new roof on the First Spanish Baptist Church of Lancaster. I found out firsthand the remarkable work that this part of ABMOPAD can do. I pray that God will put it on more of our hearts to volunteer to serve in this ministry.

The next time one of these projects presents itself, be a helper! Volunteer to serve God by serving others.

Attend the retreat, and bring a friend. Encourage the young men in your congregation to come, too. I am confident you will want to come back every year.

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Youth Director's Update

This past summer's retreat was a HUGE success for the youth program. We had 16 young people attend which is more than the last several years. The youth met for 3 sessions over the weekend learning about who God is, and who he created them to be. The youth also had 2 evening fellowships which included food, games, and fellowship. Planning is underway for the 2014 retreat with new ideas topics,

games, etc. Like this year the youth fee will remain at \$50 for the first 30 youth that sign up thanks to a grant from the ABCOPAD region student ministries. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding the youth program at the past years retreat, the upcoming 2014 retreat or other ABMOPAD youth programs please feel free to contact me at youth@abmopad.org.

Important Note Regarding Youth Registration!

All youth registrations require a signed parental consent form. This form can be downloaded from the Retreat Promotional Materials page on abmopad.org.

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 website (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.

Board of Managers

Your Board of Managers is the entity that plans, coordinates, and executes all ABMOPAD activities. If you have a desire to be engaged in the Lord's work on a regional basis, consider being a part of the board. There are many positions on the board other than those elected at each retreat. By your approval, the latest revision of the board organization contains assistants to many of the primary positions. This is a great way to become involved, and learn the workings of the board without the responsibility of the primary position. It also provides a path of succession where you may want to eventually become a primary member of the board. The forms to nominate or apply for a position on the board are in the center of the program booklet for each annual retreat, and on the website (www.abmopad.org). Consider joining us for this expression of the Lord's work.

ABMOPAD Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to the following recipients of ABMOPAD Scholarships for 2013-2014

Annelise Ferreira	1st Baptist Church, Lancaster, PA. 17601
Ashley L. Amaher	Indiana University St. Paul's Baptist Church
Jamie Wikso	Christ Memorial Baptist Church, Camden, DE.
Charles Brown	Drexel University St. Paul's Baptist
Benjamin Geveke	Penn State University Upland Baptist Church
Kevin McClendon	Penn State (Abington) St. Paul's Baptist Church,
Karissa Collins	Christ Memorial Baptist Church, Camden, DE.
Diane Bowie	Lackawanna University St. Paul's Baptist Church,
Joshua Mundell	Wayne University

Each year, ABMOPAD awards up to 10 scholarships on a first come, first served basis. Scholarship applications can be found on the ABMOPAD website (www.abmopad.org).

Kingdom Builders and Disaster Relief

Over the summer and early fall the Kingdom Builders Ministry was very active in replacing a roof on the Spanish Baptist Church of Lancaster. This was a very ambitious project. The teams worked with Pastor Raul Morales and the First Baptist Church of Lancaster to assist them in raising money for material and securing the proper permits. This project is now completed, Thank you for your support and donations.

Glory be to God, currently the Kingdom Builders Trailer KB-01 is located at the New Hope Community Church in Broomall, PA

At the Men's Retreat this past July we held two workshops on the disaster Relief Ministry. At the retreat we deployed our Quick Response Trailers to host churches in 3 areas of the ABCOPAD Region. Thank you to the Christ American Baptist Church in Spring Grove, PA Trailer DR-

01 under the direction of Todd Witmer. Also to First Baptist Church of Bentley Creek, Gillett, PA Trailer DR-02 under the direction of Gary Wood. The First Baptist Church of Apollo, Apollo, PA hosts DR-03 and is under the direction of Jeff Roberts. God has been good to us this last Hurricane Season. We did not go to the field, however, we were ready. The trailer equipment is being updated to have portable air compressors w/hoses, power washers, and possibly evacuation pumps and hoses. This will depend on donations that will be given by Men's Fellowships, Churches and individuals.

If you care to send donations for equipment for the Kingdom Builders or Disaster Relief Ministries you can forward them to: ABMOPAD c/o Robert H. Swan, Sr., 21201 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.

God Bless you as you continue to serve Him.