



## Friday Edition

# Penn-Del Tips

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

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## Welcome to our 57th Annual Retreat!

On behalf of the Board of Managers, we'd like to welcome you to the 57th Annual Layman's Retreat of the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Once again, our theme for this weekend is "Serving The Lord With Gladness", based on Psalms 100, verses 1 and 2. Serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ should fill us all with gladness to overflowing. Sure, it's hard work but it's better to do work with a smile than to do it with a frown.

We hope that each and every man here will meet someone new and pass along some of that gladness to him. When we return home, overflowing with gladness, we can then pass it on to others!

A special welcome goes out to our First Time attendees. We are all glad that you decided to join us this year! If you have any questions about anything at the retreat, please feel free to ask any of the other men.

If you see someone with a "First Retreat!" on his badge, that means that this is his first retreat. Please make sure you welcome him warmly and ask how you can make his retreat experience better!

Finally, but not least, we are very glad to have a number of youth here this year. The youth are not just our future, they are our present. We are grateful for the men who take the time to mentor our youth and bring them up in the glad service of our Lord!

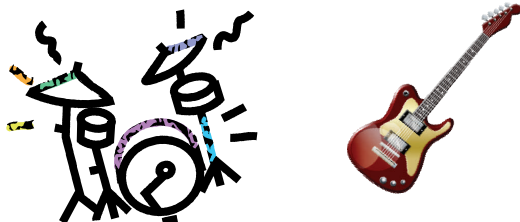
### ABMOPAD "Stuff"!!

This year, we have new t-shirts, hats and car magnets available for sale. Come by the registration room and check them out!

Hat's and T-shirts are \$10 each and magnets are \$3 each. Package deal: All three items bought at once for \$20.

### Welcome Back to the Praise Band!

Once again this year, we are blessed to have a live Praise Band to lead us during our Praise and Worship singing. Please extend a special welcome to CG Coats, Tim Plimpton, Glenn Steele, and David Parris as they serve the Lord with gladness and lead us with their talents.



### Newsletter Submissions

The Penn-Del Tips will be available as you enter Reisner Dining Hall on Saturday and Sunday mornings .

If you have something you would like to add to the next morning's edition, please write it down and give it to a board member by 6:00 P.M. If you have email access, you can also email your information to [webmaster@abmopad.org](mailto:webmaster@abmopad.org).

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE IMPORTANT UPDATES ON THE BACK OF THIS EDITION

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



## Important Information And Updates

- Any place you see “T Room”, that means “Tuscarora Room” which is in the back of the Reisner Dining Hall (by registration). If you’re reading this, you’ve been there once.
- Devotions will be held in the “T Room”
- The break between the Saturday Workshop sessions (at 10 AM) will be held in the “T Room”.
- As you can see, there is active construction going on at the University. Please use caution and do not enter any fenced off areas.
- Fellowship Time on Friday Evening will be held in the back of the “T Room”
- Fellowship Time on Saturday Evening will be held in the Reisner Dining Hall (where you have your meals).
- 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** \$40 each. 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 meal card. They are not replaceable and you need it to eat.
- 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 Larry Battle 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.
- The Heiges Field House pool will be open from 1 to 5 P.M. on Friday and Noon to 5 P.M. Saturday.
- The weather report for this weekend is for mid to upper 80’s Please make sure you drink plenty of fluids when spending time outside (especially during the recreation period).
- The Etter Health Center across from the Seavers Apartments is open for medical emergencies from 7 AM to 11:30 PM daily.
- Above all, please have a good time and come back next year (and bring a friend, too)!

## From The Editor—What’s Your Sign?

As I was driving to work the other day, I took note of some of the road signs. “No Turn On Red”, “Road Work Next 4 Miles”, “Do Not Enter”, “One Way” and many more. One of the signs that I see frequently ignored, though, is “Yield”. One of the highway entrances I use every day has one of these. The people who have the yield sign, though, almost never yield the right of way as instructed. It may just be human nature, or cultural here in 21st century America, but we don’t like to yield to others.

As Christians, yielding is a requirement, not just in traffic. We must yield our will to The Lord Jesus Christ. When we yield to Jesus and let him lead us, we can be unstoppable. Proverbs tells us to “Trust in the Lord, with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.”

A big part of faith is yielding. Yield your mind, body and soul to the Lord and see what you can accomplish.



Booster Call 55 is under way!

The American Baptist Men of PA and DE Booster Club has issued a call to support building homes in Haiti. As you know, Haiti was devastated by an earthquake in 2010, killing 220,000 people and leaving 1.5 million homeless. Out of devastation comes new life, though. A way has been devised to use the rubble from the destroyed homes to build new homes. Each home costs between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to build. Our goal is to provide funds for at least one home, but building two would be awesome!

If you have not given your support, you may do so at the retreat. More information can be obtained from Bob Swan.



Quote of the day:  
Work for The Lord. The pay isn’t great, but the retirement plan is OUT OF THIS WORLD!