



Penn-Del Tips

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Welcome to our 56th Annual Retreat!

On behalf of the Board of Managers, we'd like to welcome you to the 56th Annual Layman's Retreat of the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware. We pray that not only will you have a "mountaintop experience" but that you will return home energized and ready to serve The Lord.

Our theme for this weekend is "Serving The Lord With Gladness", based on Psalms 100, verses 1 and 2. The Hebrew word translated to "gladness" there is "simchâw", which means "glee" and "exceeding joy". We are called to not only be happy about serving The Lord, but we are called to be filled with joy to overflowing at serving The Lord. Sure, serving The Lord is work and most of the time it is exceedingly hard work. No matter what, we need to be full of gladness at the opportunity to

serve The Lord and therefore, share in The Master's Joy.

Take an opportunity to meet somebody new this weekend. Share your stories and ideas of how you have served The Lord and brainstorm some new ideas of how you can serve The Lord once you return home. The gladness with which you serve will surely be passed 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 "1st" 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!

Greetings from the President!

Allow me as President of ABMOPAD welcome each of you to this year's Annual Retreat.

I pray that you will have a Blessed time. As we fellowship together this weekend be mindful of the following:

- **The Lordship of Jesus Christ**
Christ is the only mediator between God and man
- **The Supremacy of the Scriptures**
The Bible is our guide. Each of us with the aid of the Holy Spirit, can read and understand the scriptures.
- **The Priesthood of all Believers**
Every person can approach God directly through Christ, without the aid of a human priest, ritual, or baptism.

Again welcome to the 56th Annual Retreat!

Serving The Lord With Gladness,

Howard E. Dade Sr.
President ABMOPAD

Glad to Be Back!

I have been looking forward to rejoining ABMOPAD for this retreat. Having shared with you two years ago as a speaker I know the great group of men that you are - and I am privileged to break the Bread of God's Word with you.

The theme of Serving the Lord With Gladness goes to the very heart of what we are called to do and be as God's men. In the midst of a world filled with challenges that are as old as Adam and as new as the next version of iPhone technology we hear the voice of Jesus calling "Follow Me!" Knowing what that means and having grace and strength to do so is our task, and it my desire to bring forth from the Scriptures the treasures that God has to equip us to accomplish it..

I sense deeply that our sufficiency is from the Lord, and it is in that confidence that I come to you. May God bless us all as we share in these wonderful days together.

Pastor Bob Santilli

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)!

Welcome to Harmonious Praize!

We’d like to extend a special welcome to Harmonious Praize, who will bring us the special music this year. They began in 2002 with a small group of young adults from Sharon Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wilmington DE. The group was started to assist with the Praise and Worship part of church service, where it has grown significantly ever since.

We will surely be blessed by their praises in song.

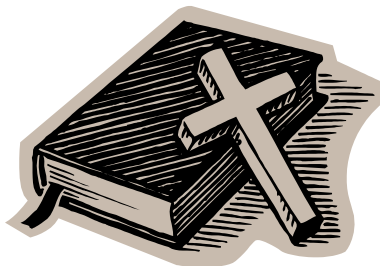
Newsletter Submissions

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.

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.



Quote of the day:
A Bible that is falling apart usually
belongs to someone who isn't.