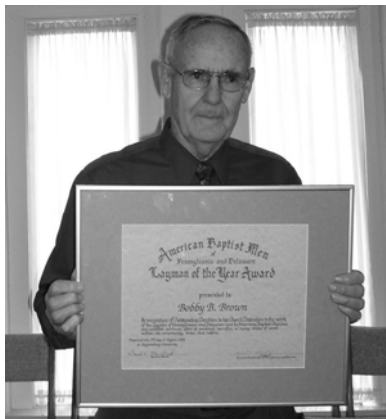


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Congratulations to Bobby Brown 2006 ABMOPAD Layman of the Year



The 2006 ABMOPAD Layman of the Year award was presented to Mr. Bobby Brown of Christ Memorial

Church in Dover, DE. Bobby was selected for his unfailing dedication to the Lord's work over the years. Among his honored accomplishments are the founding of Kingdom Builders, his work in Disaster Relief, Prison Ministry, Habitat for Humanity and countless positions in his church and in his community.

Bobby would have been honored at the 2006 ABMOPAD retreat, but he was unable to attend. The award was presented to Bobby at his home church in Dover by the selection committee. Congratulations Bobby! An honor well deserved!

Booster Call Update

Booster Call 51 was recently issued in support of the Mission in Kodiak, Alaska. Funds from the Call aid the purchase of a much needed van for the Mission. The Men and Women of ABW and ABM will present a check in person when they attend the mission in June. To date, Call 51 has raised over \$4,000. We will be closing the Call at the soon. If you have not yet contributed to the Call and wish to do so, you may use the enclosed envelope to join the club and send your support. The Booster Club, established in 1966 has raised approximately \$230,000 for regional, national and international needs. We thank everyone who has been a part of the club over the years.

First Response Trailer Added to Disaster Relief Ministry

In March a 14 foot Box Trailer was purchased to compliment our larger 45 foot trailer. Utilizing the additional capacity, our ministry to disaster relief can mobilize much quicker, allowing them to be in the field even as a disaster is developing.

Now it's time to outfit this trailer. Presently the trailer is being housed at the Christ American Baptist Church in Spring Grove, PA. The men there are outfitting the vehicle with shelving and a work station.

Now all men and women from our church groups have a chance to donate equipment for our new trailer.

Items for consideration are:

- 2- gasoline powered generators
- 2 -1 1/2" gasoline driven portable pumps

- 3 - 12-18" chain saws
- Rakes, shovels, pry bars, brooms

We plan to have the trailer at the ABM Retreat, August 3 - 5, at Shippensburg University.

Plan to bring your donations to the retreat, there will be an exhibit on the platform and a session of dedication.

If you plant to support this request please contact Bob Swan 215-674-1935, or by e-mail Swantown@aol.com.

I will be happy to supply a list for your group to review.

In His Service,
Bob Swan



Retreat Special Music Richie Shive

If you attended the 52nd retreat, you'll remember Richie Shive. He has agreed to return to provide us with the special music again at the 53rd retreat.

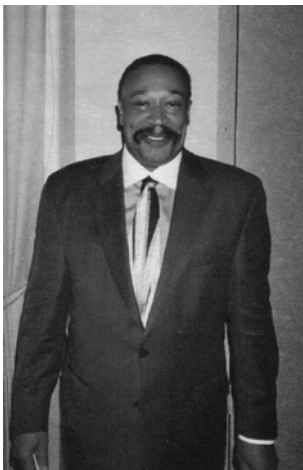
This talented young man loves the lord and has been involved with music his entire life. Richie plays the piano, bass clarinet and has a wonderful singing voice. At his home church, FBC Lansdale, he has sung in the Youth and Sr. Choirs as well. Richie has also been selected for several county and district-level choirs and bands, and has been a part of state competitions.

Richie attends Liberty University and majors in music.

Advertise the 53rd Annual Retreat at your church by downloading posters and bulletin inserts from www.abmopad.org

Meet Dr. James E. McJunkin Jr.—2007 Retreat Speaker

Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr. was born in Greenville, SC, and was raised in Cleveland, OH. He was baptized at the Lee-Seville Missionary Baptist Church at the age of seven. Many generations of Baptist Church preachers, deacons, deaconesses, trustees and choir directors fill both sides of his family tree. He is the second of six children born to Margaret and James McJunkin.



His Father, the Rev. James E. McJunkin, Sr., was the pastor and founder of the Affinity Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH, where he was nurtured in the faith and later served as an Assistant Pastor

and Minister of Music. He was ordained in 1983 and served in pastoral ministry at the Affinity Baptist Church until 1986.

Dr. James McJunkin, Jr. was called to be the Executive Minister of the Philadelphia Baptist Association (PBA) on December 4th, 2001. Over the years he has served the American Baptist Churches USA with distinction.

Prior to that appointment, Dr. McJunkin served as Executive Director of the African-American Interdenominational Ministries (AAIM) from 1993 to 2001. Rev. McJunkin led a coalition of 400 African-American Congregations in Metro-Philadelphia through programs that addressed such issues as Christian education, evangelism training, clergy training, mentoring programs, health care issues in the black community, and economic development. Dr. McJunkin led AAIM to an annual budget of \$700,000, maintaining a staff of eight persons in five years.

Dr. McJunkin served the PBA as Associate Executive Minister of Regional Outreach from 1986 to 1995. Under his leadership, the region undertook many new programs addressing social concerns including: homelessness, prison ministry, child abuse prevention, environmental justice, apartheid in South Africa, stewardship of the environment, immigration policy, racial discrimination, and the Regional Outreach Awards Recognition Banquet.

Dr. McJunkin has received: a Doctor of Ministry degree from the New York Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity from the Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, OH, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC.

Join us in welcoming Dr. McJunkin in August!

We want to encourage all Men and Boys to attend the 53rd retreat on August 3—5, 2007. Youth (under 18) are still half-price. Bob Sterling is returning to run the youth program. Please remember to complete the waiver form for all youth, along with the registration form and to view the web site for suggested packing items as well.

From The Executive Vice President

The 52nd Annual Retreat is now history and I have reviewed the 67 Retreat Evaluation Forms received. I must note that I was disappointed in receiving only 67 forms from the 200 attendees.

The major problems experienced in 2005 were corrected in 2006 for the 52nd retreat, but a few new difficulties appeared. These have been detailed and were addressed with the university at our March Board Meeting at Shippensburg.

The plans for the 53rd Retreat are being formulated. The speaker will be The Reverend Doctor James E. McJunkin, Jr., D. Min., the Executive Minister of the Philadelphia Baptist Association (PBA). The PBA is celebrating 300 years of service this year. The traditional Orchestra and Chorus activities will again be

available. We adjusted the Praise and Worship portion of our program to include more traditional Praise and Worship Hymns in the 52nd Retreat, but according to the evaluation sheets, we need to do more. That will be addressed for the 53rd Retreat.

The ABMOPAD Board of Managers, elected each year at the annual retreat, is the team that reviews and plans the activities, including the retreats. The board has many openings at the Area Vice President positions. Consider making yourself available as a candidate for this position in your area. The primary duties consist of communicating with the churches in your area and participating in two board meeting per year, and the annual retreat. It would be a very positive action to have an actual election at the annual retreat,

rather than just reading the names of the few men who have dedicated their time and talents to serve. The lack of attendance at our business meeting is also discouraging, indicating a lack of interest in men's work in our region.

All who responded with evaluation forms indicated a positive experience with regard to spiritual uplift and fellowship. My goal is to continue to provide that experience, and enhance it by continuing to address the concerns expressed in the evaluation sheets.

I invite and urge all previous attendees to return and to bring a friend. The 53rd Retreat will be held at Shippensburg University, on August 3, 4, & 5 2007. The registration form can be found with this publication and on the ABMOPAD Web Site.