

42nd Annual Layman of the Year Award

At the 48th annual men's retreat at Shippensburg University this year, we presented the 42nd Layman of the Year award. This year's award was presented to Robert R. McQue Sr. The first Layman of the Year was Harry L. Jenkins, Sr., recognized in 1961.

The following is an excerpt from Bob's introduction when the award was presented:

"Our honoree for this year has been actively supporting our men's work for over four decades. He is active in his local church where he continues to serve on various church boards. He is a Sunday School teacher and a member of his church choir. He has been active in many aspects of the region, serving in the Philadelphia Baptist Association as a board member, and serving on the men's board as area vice president. He is a dedicated husband, father and grandfather and his strong love of family is evident in his family life.

He has contributed much to our annual men's retreat and has attended forty plus retreats throughout his lifetime. The retreats that he couldn't attend were due to his military commitments. He has contributed greatly to our retreats by using his musical talents in the choir, as song leader and choir director.

Our recipient is not only active in ABM work, but has served the Boy Scouts of America as a Scoutmaster. He is a Past Master of his Masonic Lodge and has served the Order of the Eastern Star as Worthy Patron as well as many various other duties for the Order. He is a retired officer of the U.S. Army."

Please join us all in congratulating Bob McQue on his achievement.

Booster Club

The 47th Booster Call for Greene County Habitat For Humanity is still open. If you have not sent your support for this call, why not do it today? Make your check out to ABMOPAD and mark it "Booster Call #47". You can mail your support to:

Joe Gaerthe
313 North Third Street
Telford, PA 18969



Disaster Relief

The ABMOPAD Disaster Relief program has been under continuous development again during our 48th annual retreat. We had two workshops offered with good response to both. The titles were "Working With The Disaster

Relief Trailer" and "Adult CPR". Both courses were Red Cross certified workshops. At our 50th conference we will be offering a repeat of the first workshop plus infant CPR. This year the CPR course will require a \$15 course charge to cover expenses. Be sure to sign up early, as the CPR course is limited to 12 persons.

The mission of the Disaster Relief trailer is being expanded. Not only is the trailer to be used for natural disasters, but we are looking to offer the trailer for large church or mission projects in Pennsylvania and Delaware. If your men's group, church or association has a need for the trailer or the equipment for a long-term project, give Bob Swan a call to see if the project qualifies.

2003 Retreat Workshops

Below is a sampling of some of the workshops that will be offered at our next retreat.

Workshop Title: Overcomers Outreach

Presenter: Scotty Morrison

For those churches who are called to an addiction ministry, a prison ministry, or for the helping hurting people within their church congregation, there is Overcomers Outreach. Overcomers Outreach is a 12-step program based on Alcoholics Anonymous but whose higher power is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Come to the workshop to see how Overcomers Outreach works and how the program is a great tool for Christian growth for everyone.

Workshop Title: Managing Stress In The Example of Jesus

Presenter: Rev. Bruce Martin

Stress is a given for each of us. How we deal with it affects the quality of our lives. This workshop will explore the sources of stress, it's physical, emotional and spiritual impact and suggest some very practical ways of managing stress in the example of our Lord Jesus' proactive lifestyle can teach us a great deal about how to be healthy and productive in the midst of everyday stressors.

Workshop Title : What Can We Do With The Kids In The Church?

Presenter: Caryl Casey

Are you looking for ideas for your Sunday School, Youth Groups, Vacation Bible School, or do you want to start a new program for your children or youth? Then this workshop is for you. Come and join us and find out where some of the resources are and how you can make use of them.

Workshop Title: Choir

Presenter: Bob McQue, Sr.

Come and join us to sing praises to our Lord Jesus Christ! You don't have to sing lovely, just love to sing.

Workshop Title: Orchestra

Presenter: Phil Steinhof

Play an instrument? Bring it along and play with us in the Orchestra!