

American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania & Delaware Forging Servants for 64 Years!



Retreat for Men and Young Men Friday, July 27 – Sunday, July 29, 2018

Shippensburg University; 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257

**Theme: “Nothing is Impossible with God” (Luke 1:37)
“So Let Your Light Shine for Jesus to All!” (Matthew 5:16)**

Keynote Speaker Rev. Chuck Stecker

Retired Army Lt. Colonel
Men’s Conference Speaker
Author, Ex. Dir. & Founder
of A Chosen Generation



Youth Program

4th Grade through High School

ABMen Praise Band

Blended Contemporary &
Traditional Music



Come...Join Us, As We Continue to Forge and Sharpen our Irons in and for Jesus!

Workshops to Help Forge Our Servanthood

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Armor Forged by God: Strength for Life’s Battles• Becoming Your Significant Others’ Biggest Fan• Gap Groups• Hurricane Relief Mission Team Stories | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If You Passed the Baton - Take It Back• Never Just Babysit Your Grandkids• Seven Questions Every Man Needs to Ask |
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Discounts

Adults: All who register by **May 1**, will receive the price of **\$175**.
Groups: If **5 or more** register by May 1, with all the registration forms **mailed in one envelope**, they will receive that \$10 discount for any additional registrations up to July 15. Discount Only for Groups registered by May 1.
No Exceptions.

Cost: \$175 by May 1 /\$185 by June 1
\$195 by July 15 / \$205 on/after July 16

Youth: \$125
Parental Consent Form Required

First-Time-Pastor Discount:
Contact Bob Coats or Rob McQue

Early-Bird-Youth Incentive:
The First 25 Youth Will Get a \$50 Discount!

Registration Includes 6 Meals: (2 Breakfasts / 2 Lunch / 2 Dinners)

Great Sleeping Quarters: 2 Beds with Private Bath and AC / Single Room Add \$50 to Cost

Questions: Contact Bob Coats 484-459-9185 / pastorbobcoats@gmail.com or

Visit www.abmopad.org for More Info and a Registration Form and Link to 2017 Pictures

Make Checks Payable to ABMOPAD

Mail to Rob McQue; 216 Brenton Circle; Harleysville, PA 19438



Youth Program for the Retreat

Control

Led by Ryan Seckman and Kyle West

Our youth will look at biblical teaching on the nature of authority and control—where did it come from and why should we pay attention?

We'll dig into the messy way that authority muscles into the lives of youth: God, parents, teachers, etc., and in their own roles as leaders. Not all authority is good—and we'll paint a picture of what it looks like to resist authority in a Godly way. In the end, we'll see that authority under God is a good thing. We find our most fulfilling life when we live in obedience to God, because He said so.

Ryan writes: "When I think back to my teenage years, I remember it as a time where I am being told to act like an adult, start making my own decisions and take on more responsibilities, while at the same time being treated like a kid, and receiving lectures about all of my decisions and responsibilities. It made authority very challenging, and my desire for control over my own life that much more central. I think we all can agree that authority can be difficult, and we all do what we can to control our lives and often even other's. But we are fooling ourselves...We are not in control, we are not God, and the sooner we admit and understand that, the more willing we will be to live in obedience to Him. During our AB Men's retreat, our youth will be exploring who is really in control, and what it looks like to interact with the authorities that God has placed in our lives."



Two Goals for the Youth Program

1. The primary goal of our ABMen's Retreat Youth Program is to encourage fathers and/or grandfathers to bring their sons and/or grandsons to the retreat in order to bond together.
2. The second goal is for men to prayerfully consider sponsoring a young man from their church so that they can experience a time of Christian fellowship and inspiration.

This event is open to all male youth who are going into 4th grade up to those who have just graduated from high school. The cost is **\$125**. A special price - for the first 25 youth - will be a discount of \$50 for the entire weekend.



A Parental Consent form is required for all participating youth under the age of 18.

Nothing is Impossible with God - Luke 1:37

Friday, July 27, 2018, 7:30 p.m., Evening Program

Randy Riggle



An active American Baptist Layman and Stand-Up Comedian, Randy Riggle, will provide a special treat!

Randy Riggle is a nationally touring stand-up comedian and has opened for such acts as Bob Dylan, Jerry Seinfeld, Ellen DeGeneres, Red Skelton, and Jerry Lewis.

He has been a contributing writer for Tonight Show host Jay Leno and is currently touring the country with his one-man show "Nostalgia" and is a regular performer on the Las Vegas Strip. This talented comedian has appeared nationally on all three major networks including CBS, ABC, and NBC.

He tours nationally with his production "Nostalgia", a two-hour show about the 1950's and 60's. Randy was also recently the featured entertainment for the 75th anniversary commemoration at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

He is a member of the North Ten Mile Baptist Church in Amity, PA (ABCOPAD/Ten Mile) where he serves as Chairman and Secretary of the Trustee Board. He has also been active for nearly 40 years at the Camp Carmel Christian Youth Camp in Dunbar, PA, where he has been manager and currently serves as a director and member of the board.

Randy will be sharing material from his 36 years as a comedy performer as well as a testimony of his commitment to his faith in the Lord.





Saturday, July 28 through Sunday, July 29, 2018

**The 64th Anniversary of the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware
Retreat Program with Keynote Speaker Rev. Chuck Stecker**

Saturday Morning, Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning



**Nothing is Impossible with God - Luke 1:37
So Let Your Light Shine for Jesus to All - Matthew 5:16**

Session One

Son, Subject or Slave.....Galatians 4:4-7

Every man lives his life as a Son of the King, Subject of the Kingdom or Slave. God created every man to live as a Son. Tragically, far too many men have traded their sonship for that of a subject or worse as a slave. In doing so, they have traded God's best for a life of mediocrity and have refused to believe **Nothing Is Impossible with God** – and as a result they cannot Let their light shine for Jesus!

God intended for His light to shine through you as His Very Own Son.



**Session Two
Get out of the Winepress**

.....Judges 6:11-12

Far too many men are living their lives as cowards, hiding out in a winepress because another man convinced them they could do nothing about their circumstances. God never created His Sons to live as cowards and to spend their life in a winepress **where their light could not shine for Jesus!**

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where their light could not shine for Jesus!*

Session Three

Everything Begins with Obedience 1 Samuel 9:1 – 10:6

The blessings, power, and favor of God, our Father, begin with obedience. As men who are created as sons of the King, we must understand everything we desire in our lives for ourselves and our families must begin with our intentional obedience.

The Light of Jesus cannot shine in and through a man living in disobedience.



Keynote Speaker - Rev. Chuck Stecker

D. Min, Ph.D., Executive Director and Founder of A Chosen Generation

Rev. Chuck Stecker is the Executive Director and Founder of A Chosen Generation. Chuck is an ordained minister of the Gospel with the Evangelical Church Alliance and has earned a Doctorate specializing in Christian Leadership. As an Army Lieutenant Colonel, Chuck served in various key leadership and staff positions, including 3 years on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Chuck has served the Lord in the local church in various ministry and leadership positions. After his retirement, he served with Promise Keepers for three years as the Regional Director of the South-Central Region. In 1997, Chuck launched a ministry which became A Chosen Generation and The Center for InterGenerational Ministry.

Chuck uniquely combines several years of business experience, 23 years of military service and over 23 years of vocational ministry to bring forth a clear strategy to equip, train, empower and release a new generation of leaders. He has a passion to see churches return to truly intergenerational communities in which there are clear pathways for all generations to continually grow in spiritual maturity and give opportunities for every generation to serve as a vital part of the church and "Kingdom."

His clear vision and leadership teachings have impacted churches, schools, the military and businesses all over the United States as well as other nations. He boldly challenges men and women of all ages to develop strong moral character and give them principles that they can apply to their lives to become spiritually mature and responsible adults. Chuck has spoken to audiences across the nation and around the world on various subjects including Strategies for Intergenerational Ministry Developing, Becoming Strategic Leaders, Rites of Passage, Mentoring/Coaching, Ministry to Men as well as Character and Integrity Issues.

In addition to leading A Chosen Generation, Chuck is an Adjunct Professor and Faculty Advisor at Louisiana Baptist University and Theological Seminary.

Chuck authored a book for parents and leaders about Rites of Passage entitled *Men of Honor & Women of Virtue, The Power of Rites of Passage*. In addition, Chuck has authored several articles and is a contributing author to *Effective Men's Ministry: The Indispensable Toolkit for Your Church* and *How to Disciple Men (Short and Sweet)*. Most recently, Chuck is a contributing author and General Editor for a new powerful book/resource for seniors and those who minister to and through seniors entitled, *If You Passed Your Baton...TAKE IT BACK!*

Chuck and his wife Billie make their home in Littleton, Colorado. They have three grown children all married to their best friends, five incredible granddaughters and four amazing grandsons.

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*Equipping and Training Leaders
for Intergenerational Ministry*

Saturday, July 28, 2018: Workshop Opportunities

Morning Session Only

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Never JUST Babysit Your Grandkids**Rev. Chuck Stecker**, Men's Conference Speaker & Author

Grandparents should never become \$15 an-hour hirelings. Grandparenting is a gift from God and every moment between grandparents and grandchildren should be cherished and viewed as an opportunity to shape families for “Generations yet to be born.”

Target Audience: Pastors, Church and Ministry Leaders, Parents and Grandparents

Afternoon Session Only

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

If You Passed Your Baton - TAKE IT BACK **Rev. Chuck Stecker**



Churches across America are struggling with how to engage their “seniors.” Many churches have chosen to marginalize them instead of empowering them. The greatest asset most churches have within their church family is going untapped.

Target Audience: Pastors, Church and Ministry Leaders, and Seniors.

The Following Workshops are Offered Both Morning and Afternoon

Morning: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

An Armor Forged by God: Strength for Life's Battles

.....**Rev. Robert Rice**, Pastor, Muncy Baptist Church, Muncy, PA

Each day we open our eyes, we awaken on the battlefield that we call life. Some days the battle doesn't seem too difficult, other days the fighting is so fierce we feel helpless in our struggle. In order to find the strength we need each day, we must look beyond ourselves to God our Father. As a strong and wise commander, God has prepared for us an armor, to protect us and give us strength each day. In this workshop, we will look deeper at the armor we have been given, and discover what it means to daily put on each piece with prayer. The battle is raging, let us come together and find the strength we need!

Becoming Your Significant Others' Biggest Fan **Gregory Krausz**, MA, CAADC, LPC

Husband, Father, Adjunct Faculty Moravian Theological Seminary, MARS Director

Co-Owner Monocacy Counseling Associates

Consultant/Trainer Council on Compulsive Gambling of PA, Member FBC, Bethlehem, PA



As men, we put our time and energy into being fans of many things, especially our favorite sports teams. Are you as big a fan of your wife or girlfriend as you are your favorite sports team or activity? This session will help us become our spouses'/significant others' biggest fan through the discussion of Biblical texts that guide us to improving our relationships.

Saturday, July 28, 2018: Workshop Opportunities Continued

Morning: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

GAP Groups **Dr. Jeff Johnson**, ABCOPAD AB Men Staff Liaison

ABCOPAD Regional Pastor with Congregations

ABHMS National Director of Evangelism & New Church Planting

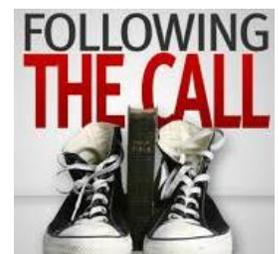


Have you asked yourself the question ... What are we gonna do with the men in our church? One of the strategies that our AB Men are using to realize their vision, has been the creation of GAP groups for fellowship, learning, and support of AB Men with one another within local congregations. Right now, in ABCOPAD, we have five such groups with more anticipated. This workshop will help you to know how to create as well as how to sustain a GAP group men's ministry once it's up and running and even how to expand an existing one. We will go over what resources are available for those that are just starting up and what resources are available for those GAP groups already in existence so you can enhance and enlarge what you are doing. This is a must attend workshop for those who need to fill the gap in their church's men's ministry by starting a GAP group.

Hurricane Relief Mission Team Stories **Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith**

ABCOPAD Regional Pastor for Mission and Communication

2017 witnessed one of the worst Hurricane Disaster seasons on record. On November 24, 2017, The Weather Channel reported: "The 2017 Atlantic hurricane season will long be remembered as one of the busiest and most destructive hurricane seasons on record. 17 named storms, 10 hurricanes, and 6 major (Category 3 or stronger) hurricanes tore through the Atlantic Basin, well above the 30-year average of 12 storms, 6 hurricanes and 2 major hurricanes." On October 5th, USA Today reported, "There is no question that this is already going to be one of the costliest Atlantic hurricane seasons on record," said meteorologist Steve Bowen of global reinsurance firm, Aon Benfield. "Regardless of where the final numbers settle, this season is one which will be remembered for a very long time." Our AB Men have been busy doing Hurricane Disaster Relief, sending equipment, volunteers and disaster relief funds to assist those in need. Come hear some of the stories coming out of the disaster relief mission trips and learn more about how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus for those in need.



SEVEN QUESTIONS EVERY MAN NEEDS TO ASK **Rev. Ralph Eib**, Pastor Emeritus

Christ's American Baptist Church, Spring Grove, PA



Life is decision making! We make all kinds of decisions every day. So, let me ask you a question. How do you avoid making bad decisions and make positive life-impacting, even life-transforming decisions? Answer ... BY ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS. Doug Rumford, in his book – *Questions God Asks / Questions Satan Asks* – says "questions cause us to stop and take stock of what we believe and how we behave." I have seven questions I think every man needs to ask. Want to know what they are? Come to my break-out session!

**ABMOPAD Men's Retreat, July 27-29, 2018 – Challenging Men and Young Men
Nothing is Impossible with God – So Let Your Light Shine for Jesus to All!
Youth Program...Workshops...and Testimonies**



TESTIMONIES

- Friday Night:** **Mr. David Leh**, New Covenant Baptist Church, Pottstown, PA
Central Union
- Saturday Night:** **Mr. Tony Polcari**, Cross Road Baptist Church, Bangor, PA / Reading
- Sunday Morning:** **Youth Representative, Judson Johnson**, Milton Baptist Church
Milton, West Virginia

SPECIAL MUSIC

- Friday Night:** **Mr. Mark Maskulyak**, New Covenant Baptist Church, Pottstown, PA / Central Union
- Saturday Morning and Evening:**
..... **Pastor Gary Gilpin**, Aldenville Baptist Church, Prompton, PA / Wayne Susquehanna
- Sunday Morning:** **Mr. David Paris**, New Life Church, Virginia Beach, VA
- ABMen Praise Band:**..... Led by **Pastor C.G. Coats**, Lower Providence Baptist Church
Eagleville, PA / Central Union
- Pianist** **Mr. Rodney Arment**, Brandywine Baptist Church, Chadds Ford, PA / Riverside

**ABMen
Praise
Band**



EARLY MORNING (6:30 a.m.) DEVOTIONS

Led by **Rev. Bob Coats**, Pastor/Counselor

Christ-Like Discipleship for AB Men

- Saturday:** The Greatest Misconception
Ever Conceived About Discipleship!
Mark 8:34
- Sunday:** Loser Takes All Discipleship! Mark 8:35

ATTENTION MEN

Men's Choir: The Men's Choir will rehearse Saturday afternoon from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Retreat Registration will begin on Friday, July 27, 2018, starting at 2 p.m.

The **College Swimming Pool** at Heiges Field House will be open on
Friday, July 27, from 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. & Saturday, July 28, from 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Physical Exercise at the Rec Center - \$3 Per Day

Must be arranged with the University - Not the Retreat Registrar

Ultimate Frisbee and Other Games On Saturday Afternoon





64th ABMOPAD Retreat Registration Form July 27-29, 2018

Date: _____

First Retreat? Y / N

Name: _____ Age: _____
Last First Nickname for Badge

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Your Church: _____ Church City/Town: _____

Church's Association: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Care to Room with: _____ Physical Limitations: _____

Registration begins at 2:00 P.M. July 27 (If you come early, you will have to wait for your room key)

2018 Rates

All rooms are air-conditioned and have 2 beds. Single rate guarantees a private bedroom and bathroom, which may share a common area in a 2 bedroom unit.

Youth Rate (Graduating grades 4 through 12) is **\$125**
(All Youth must stay in a room with an Adult OVER 18)

*** First 25 Youth registered will receive a \$50 discount ***

Type	Before June 1 (Early)	Before July 15 (Full)	After July 15 (Onsite)
Shared Room	\$185	\$195	\$205
Single Room	\$235	\$245	\$255

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND DEPOSIT TO

Rob McQue
216 Brenton Cir
Harleysville, PA 19438-2022

Phone: 215-513-9748
email: retreat@abmopad.org

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Registration Type (circle one): Youth Shared Single

Amount you are paying now: \$ _____

HANDICAP Scooters are available at a cost of \$60 for the weekend. Please note that the renter will need to sign a copy of the rental agreement at the conference, and renter is responsible for all damage and liability. If you want to reserve a scooter, please contact the registrar in advance.

Minimum deposit amount is \$125 (\$75 for Youth). Deposit is not refundable after July 1st. Substitutions are allowed by notifying the Registrar in advance. Registration is not considered complete without enclosing a \$125 Deposit. Please do not cut or modify this form in any way.

Paying by Check

Make checks payable to ABMOPAD - Check or Money Order only - DO NOT MAIL CASH

Paying by Credit Card

We accept VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, or Discover. Remember to bring your card if paying balance when you arrive.

Name on Card: _____ Card Number: _____

CVV Code: _____ Billing ZIP Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____
(3 or 4 digit code on your card)

Signature: _____ Email Address for receipt: _____
(Signature of Card Holder) (if different from one given above)

DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM AFTER JULY 15th

Feel free to make additional copies of this form and share them with friends. Parental consent form required if under 18.
See our Website for more Information - www.abmopad.org - and Like us on Facebook

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

To whom it may concern:

The undersigned does hereby give permission for our (my) child, _____
(Name of Child)

_____, to attend and participate in activities sponsored by _____
(Name of Organization)

on _____.
(Date)

We (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advise of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to this authorization.

Should it be necessary for our (my) child to return home due to medical reasons or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs.

Emergency phone numbers

_____	Participant	_____	Date
_____	Father	_____	Date
_____	Mother	_____	Date
	Legal Guardian	_____	Date

Please list any allergies or special medical problems your child may have. Thank you.

