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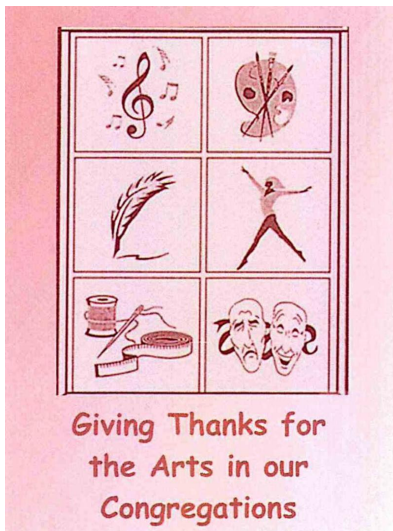
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## Annual Mission Banquet October 20, 2018 - 11:30 am

**Drexelbrook Catering & Special Events Center**  
4700 Drexelbrook Drive, Drexel Hill, PA 19026



**Registration Deadline:**

**October 5, 2018**

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See our award recipients here

This year we are celebrating outstanding contributions in the Ministry of the Arts in the life of the church. We are saying thank you to church members who provide exceptional ministry through: choir directors, musicians, instrumental music/musicians, visual arts (painting banners etc.), drama, liturgical dance, flower guild, graphic design, sound technicians, hospitality ministries, etc.

Speaker: The Reverend Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr.  
Executive Minister, Philadelphia Baptist Association



**Come celebrate with us as we recognize the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of our Executive Minister**

## PBA Congregations Desire your Prayers

We have thirteen congregations that are in the process of selecting a new pastor. Pictured at right is the search committee from the Grace Baptist Church of Blue Bell.



We are thankful for the Interim Ministers and Transitional Pastors that are serving our congregations. We will be releasing the document, "Equipped to Serve Anew: Guidelines for Pastoral Transition in the Philadelphia Baptist Association" which communicates that recommendations of the Philadelphia Baptist Association on making the transitional period between selected pastors as a time of discernment, renewal, and preparation for the next steps in the life of a congregation. We celebrate the expertise and commitment of the Rev. Dr. Marcia Bailey who listened attentively to our Ministers Council, Board of Directors, and the literature available from ABCUSA and other denominations. We will provide the best practices for the transition period to our congregations. This document will be released in the month of October. Please be in prayer for the congregations that are in the midst of the transitional period and the search process. The following are congregations in the search process. Please keep them in your prayers.

1. Calvary Baptist Church, Chester
2. Calvary Baptist Church, Norristown
3. Church of the Redeemer Baptist
4. Corinthian Baptist Church
5. First Baptist Church of Levittown-Fairless Hills
6. First Baptist Church of Philadelphia
7. Grace Baptist Church of Blue Bell
8. Mayfair Conwell Memorial Baptist Church
9. Millcreek Baptist Church
10. Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Germantown
11. Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Holmesburg
12. Second Baptist Church of Germantown
13. Wayland Temple Baptist Church

## PBA Ministers Council Update

On September 12, 2018, the Philadelphia Baptist Association's Ministers Council gathered at the Association office. Fifteen clergy were in attendance. After the devotional reading and moment of silence based on the writing of Howard Thurman, the Council moved into a time of panel discussion and small group reflection.



The Rev. Julia Bruton-Sheppard facilitated a discussion of a panel that shared their

observations after having been a part of a small group designed for mutual support. Two peer groups discussed what it was like to be a part of a community that: (1) fosters the nurturing of one's relationship with Christ; (2) encourages self-care as a prerequisite to caring for others; and provides supportive mentoring relationships for leaders in ministry.

Rev. Donald Moore (Mt. Carmel), Rev. Harold Jolley (Second Macedonia), Rev. Barbara Montague (Society For Helping Church), and Rev. Alexander Houston (Christian Church in Philadelphia) are a part of a learning community focused on serving congregations in which the immediate past pastor held the office for more than 40 years.

Rev. Rebecca Irwin-Diehl (Second-Germantown); Rev. Dr. Eloise Scott (Second-Germantown), and Rev. Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr. (Executive Minister, PBA) are a part of a small group focused on spiritual formation and contemplative living.

The Council very much appreciated their sharing and will incorporate the use of peer groups in the structure of the Ministers Council in the days ahead. The friendship, collegiality, and transparency of the panelists were readily seen and the Council would like for PBA clergy to have a similar experience based on a variety of shared ministry foci.

There was a time of fellowship and a delicious meal was served. We invite all PBA clergy to join the Ministers Council.



## The Amazing Mr. Etzweiler



This year 2018, marks the 13<sup>th</sup> time Mr. George Etzweiler has completed the Mount Washington Road Race, a 7.6 mile road course climbing 4,700 feet to the summit of Mt. Washington, the highest peak in the Northeastern United States. Mr. Etzweiler, a member at the **University Baptist and Brethren Church in State College, PA** is 98 years old. He finished the race in 4:04:48, a minute faster than last year's time. To learn more about George and what motivates him watch this short 6 minute [film](#).

George's next challenge will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> when, as the church's representative, he will participate in the "Over the Edge" fundraiser for Interfaith Human Services. He will be rappelling off the Fraser Center, the tallest building [12 stories] in State College, to raise funds for this non-profit.



## News and Notes Around the Region

### Pastoral Transitions



The **Rev. Chauncey P. Harrison** was called in February 2018 to become the 12th Senior Pastor of **Zion Baptist Church Philadelphia**, the oldest African American congregation north of Market Street in the city of Philadelphia. The church held an Installation service for him on July 1st.

The **Rev. Dr. Rodney Ragwan** was called as the pastor of the **North Wales Baptist Church**. He began his ministry on July 15. He was previously part-time pastor at the **Mayfair Conwell Memorial Baptist Church** since 2013.



The **Rev. Dr. Peter Wool** retired June 24, 2018 from the **First Baptist Church of Philadelphia**. He served as pastor since 2009. He had previously served as pastor at First Baptist from 1983 to 1994.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the **Rev. Dr. Bayard S. Taylor, Jr.** concluded his pastorate at the **Calvary Baptist Church** in Chester, PA. He served at the church since 2000.



The **Rev. Scott C. Dorsey** concluded his 14 year ministry as pastor of the **Mount Zion Baptist Church of Holmesburg** on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Dorsey states, "Under my leadership and vision, we have transitioned from focusing on increasing our membership to increasing our discipleship."



## Anniversaries

The congregation of the **New Horizon Baptist Church** will celebrate the tenth anniversary of their pastor **Rev. Flora Anderson**, with a banquet in her honor on October 6th.



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **September 12<sup>th</sup>** PBA Ministers Council at PBA office building
- ◆ **October 20<sup>th</sup>** The PBA Mission Banquet at The Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill, PA
- ◆ **October 29<sup>th</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>** ABCUSA [Rhythms of the Spirit Conference](#) at Camp Wightman, near Hartford, CT.
- ◆ **November 14-16<sup>th</sup>** [Space for Grace](#) at Loews Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

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