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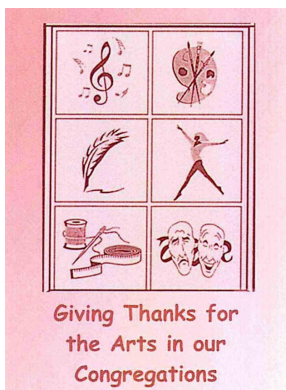
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The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:23

Annual Mission Banquet October 20, 2018



Giving Thanks for
the Arts in our
Congregations

The Philadelphia Baptist Association Annual Mission Banquet was held on Saturday, October 20th at The Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill, PA. Over 800 persons gathered to honor our 2018 award recipients, individuals from PBA churches, who exhibit outstanding contributions in the Ministry of the Arts in the life of their church.

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We also recognized PBA's Executive Minister, Dr. James McJunkin, on the 35th anniversary of his ordination to Christian ministry.

Mark your calendar and join us next year's banquet on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Drexelbrook.

[Click here for pictures of the event](#)

PBA Board of Directors Meet

The Board of Directors of the PBA gathered on December 4, 2018 with 21 members in attendance. A great holiday meal was served and the fellowship time was filled with laughter. The meeting began with the Lectio Divina discussing John the Baptist Prepares the Way (Luke 3:1-6). After celebrating the outstanding Mission Banquet and the Space for Grace Conference of American Baptist Homes Mission Societies (ABHMS) the board addressed financial matters. High spirited conversation around designing conferences addressing the church and addiction ministry and Women in Ministry were held. The Board is sending a letter to all of the congregations expressing appreciation for participation in our common mission.



Annual PBA Ministers Council Prayer Breakfast

All PBA pastors and clergy are invited to attend the annual Ministers Council Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the PBA offices. What better way to start the New Year than in prayer.

For complete information see the flyer.

Prayer Breakfast Flyer

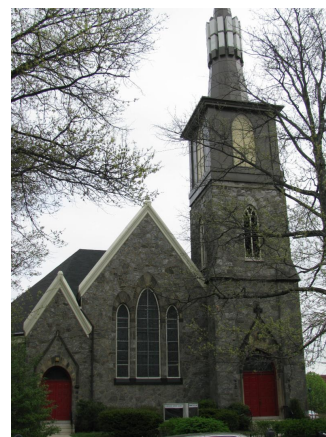
News and Notes Around the Region

Congregational Transitions



The **Salem Baptist Church**, formerly of Jenkintown, held church services in their new facility in Roslyn, PA on Sunday, November 4th. The church bought and renovated a former Catholic church located at 2741 Woodland Road in Roslyn. The former church in Jenkintown has been sold for redevelopment.

The Roxborough Baptist Church, now called **Community Bible Fellowship**, which began its ministry in 1789, has made the decision to merge its congregation with [EPIC](#) church. The congregation has decided to turn its building over to EPIC. This congregation that will move into the building, currently worships at Roxborough High School and averages 350-400 people each Sunday. Some of the members of Community Bible Fellowship (Roxborough) will join the new congregation. Rev. McJunkin visited with the congregation on Sunday December 2nd to express our appreciation to the congregation on behalf of the PBA and ABCUSA.



Pastoral Transitions

The **Rev. David Powles** will retire at the end of December from the **St. John's Baptist Church**. He has served as pastor since 1989.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **January 9, 2019** PBA Ministers Council at PBA office building
- ◆ **April 6, 2019** - ABWM-PBA Regional Gathering
- ◆ **May 4, 2019** - PBA Annual Meeting at Esperanza, Philadelphia, PA
- ◆ **October 26, 2019**- PBA Annual Mission Banquet at the Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill, PA

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