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If there's something special happening at your church that you feel needs to be shared with the Region, please feel free to email us with any items to be included in the newsletter. The deadline for items to be included is the first of the month. Please send all material to socialmedia@philadelphiabaptist.org.



Updates from the Executive Minister

I visited six PBA congregations, celebrating Communion Sunday at First African Baptist Church in Darby Township, 10th pastoral

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Listening Sessions for Young Adult Emerging Leaders

Young Adult Emerging Leaders ages 18-30 are invited to one of two listening sessions hosted by the PBA) in January. Come talk about what matters most to you right now, and how PBA can walk with you as you discern God's voice and will for your life. See the flyer for information. Register through the QR code on the flyer or here.

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PBA Establishes Endowment Fund

On October 15, 2026, the PBA, working with the American Baptist Foundation, established the Future Investment Fund.

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PBA 320 Campaign

In 2027 the Philadelphia Baptist Association will celebrate our 320th anniversary. We have established the 320 Campaign that will support PBA and the Future Endowment Fund.

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Conversations We Need to Have

Clergy are invited to join the conversations. The next session is Wednesday, November 25th at 11:00 am. There will be no meeting in December. The Conversation will resume on January 27, 2027, For the meeting link read more.

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A Reflection on the Minister's Council Meeting

The PBA Minister's Council met on November 10, 2026. The meeting was led by The Vice-President, Rev. David Braneky

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Coaching Available to PBA Clergy and Spouses

Free coaching is available to PBA clergy and spouses in partnership with The center for Career Development and Ministry (CCDM) and MMBB Cares. See the flyer for details.

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PBA Giving Explained

Have you ever wondered how your congregation can support the mission of the Philadelphia Baptist Association and American Baptist Churches. The flyer below provides brief explanations on several offerings that promote the mission and ministries of region and American Baptist Churches nationally and around the world.

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News and Notes



Rev. Darren Umble Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

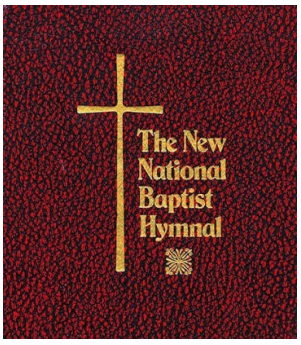
On Sunday, November 1, Reverend Darren Umble celebrated his 5th Pastoral Anniversary at Mount Zion Baptist Church of Holmesburg. The Word of God was preached by Rev. Kevin Williams, Emeritus Pastor of New Beginnings Community Baptist Church. The service was followed by a luncheon with the congregation, family and friends.



Church Van Driver Needed

The Mount Zion Baptist Church of Holmesburg is looking for a part-time church van driver. Read more for details to apply.

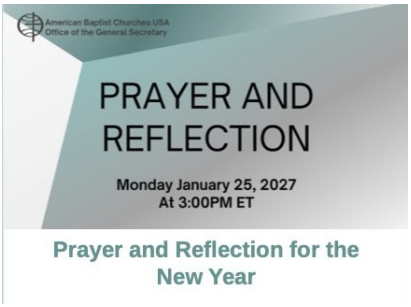
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Hymnals and Bibles Available

The Canaan Baptist Church has a surplus of New National Baptist Hymnals and Bibles (various translations) to donate. Read more for complete details.

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Denominational Prayer and Reflection Time for 2027

Save the date: January 25, 2027. ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary invites the entire American Baptist family to come together in prayer, seeking God's guidance, wisdom and blessing for 2027. Register here.

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Be Still and Know Sabbatical Grant

MMBB has received a $250,000 Clergy Wellness Grant from the Church Benefits Association through its Be Still and Know Sabbatical Grant program, which provides grants of up to $5,000 for rest and renewal to pastors serving smaller congregations. MMBB will award seventy (70) Be Still and Know grants of $5,000 each to eligible clergy. The application process for this grant will be launched after January 15, 2027. Contact ministryservices@mmbb.org for further information.

Don't forget to look at our website www.philadelphiabaptist.org to view the employment opportunities in the region.

Upcoming Events

- December 10, 2026 - Board of Directors Meeting - PBA Office
- January 7, 2027 - Called Together Listening Session #1 - Zoom
- January 9, 2027 - Called Together Listening Session #2 - Zoom
- January 12, 2027 - PBA Ministers Council Meeting - PBA Office
- January 25, 2027 - Denomination Wide Prayer & Reflection for New Year
- May 1, 2027 - PBA Annual Meeting - St. Paul's Baptist Church, West Chester, PA
- May 6, 2027 - PBA Annual Missiological Conversation - ABHMS Building, King of Prussia
- June 10-13, 2027 - ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit - Rochester, NY

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