

Continuing Education Units

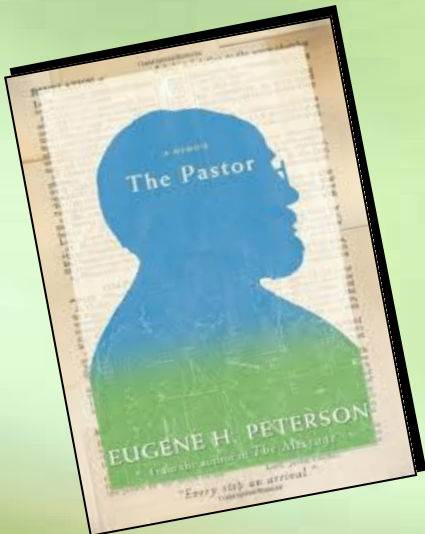
(CEU's) will be provided.

Scholarships of \$300

For your convenience, the New Life Grant form is enclosed. Fill it out and send it to the address listed there BEFORE the event.

You will be notified by their office of your eligibility for the scholarship after you send in the form.

Suggested resource for preparation for the retreat is Eugene Peterson's book, The Pastor: A Memoir. You are encouraged to purchase a copy to read before the retreat.



Retreat Schedule

Monday, April 23

- 4:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Worship
- 7:30 p.m. Session I - Dave McMahon
- 9:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday, April 24

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Session II
- 11:15 a.m. Minister's Council Business Session
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Session III
- 4:00 p.m. Free Time
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Joy Party
- 9:30 p.m. "Compline" Closing Worship

Wednesday, April 24

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Session IV
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Depart

For additional registration or grant forms contact the Region office at 800.632.2953 or visit www.abc-mi.org.

2012 Clergy Retreat



April 23-25, 2012

**St. Francis Retreat Center
703 E. Main Street DeWitt
866.669.8321**

**Sponsored by
Ministers Council of Michigan
Mid-Michigan Baptist Association
American Baptist Churches of Michigan**

This year's speakers on the theme of "The Joy in Pastoral Ministry" are:



Dave McMahon, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Cadillac

A Michigan native, Dave has pastored First Baptist Church, Cadillac since 1982.

"I'm passionate about helping people get connected with Jesus! My role at First Baptist Cadillac is to help every member/attender achieve Christ-honoring success in their walk of faith. As Senior Pastor, I'm called to help equip First Baptist for mission within the congregation, the greater community of Cadillac, and where we can globally.

There's a host of things that can drain a minister's joy in ministry. But one of the greatest joys is watching God change lives and experience Him using you to aid in that process. However, ultimately, if joy is dependent on people it will be lost. I'm convinced in John Piper's statement that 'when He [God] is most glorified, we are most satisfied.'"



Chris Radcliff, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Davison

Chris has served as a pastor at First Baptist of Davison since June 2008 and transitioned to Lead Pastor in January 2010.

"I have been blessed with a beautiful family, my wife Julie, whom I have been married to for 18 years and our beautiful daughters are Abby (14) and Mad-die (12) and of course, our dog Cinnamon.

What makes me come alive in ministry is living into and out of the reality of who I am in Christ and the privilege to position others to experience the same. Ministry is difficult and the "Sheep bite". I'm not sure many Pastor's would put joy in the same sentence with Pastoral Ministry. What if it were possible? What if this could be our experience? I believe it's possible and I believe it's meant to be our experience."



David Swink, Pastor Emeritus of Chilson Hills Baptist Church of Brighton

A Carolina native, David has been in Michigan since 1974 when he began service as the Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham. In 1979 David became pastor of Chilson Hills Baptist Church of Brighton. In 2011, David became the Pastor Emeritus of Chilson Hills. During the Chilson years, David served as President of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary from 1992-1997; as Chair of the Board of Directors from 1997-2001; and as Professor of Church Leadership from 1997 until the present. In 2007, David was named President Emeritus by ETS. Currently, David serves as a consultant for Michigan's Ministry Leadership Groups. David has led over a dozen trips to the Middle East and his passion is building bridges between various diverse people and cultures.



Wilma Johnson, Pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church of Detroit

Since 1999, Pastor "J," as she is lovingly referred to by her congregation, has empowered, motivated and enriched the family of faith that she willingly serves.

Having served in Kingdom ministry for 38 years, Dr. Johnson is a published author of several articles and the book, *Giving Away My Joy*. She is in demand as a conference speaker throughout the United States and is active within her own community and denomination. She serves as: a chaplain for the Wayne County Sheriff Department; a board member of the National Baptist Convention, USA and the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. In addition, Dr. Johnson serves women clergy through the organization, Women in Ministry International where women in Ministry can be encouraged, empowered and embraced.

CLERGY RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations received after April 1 will be accommodated on a space-available basis.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Check all that apply:

I am willing to share a room for the cost of \$190.00 per person.

Roommate: _____

Be accompanied by my spouse (add \$120)

I prefer a single room for the cost of \$250

\$50.00 non-refundable deposit enclosed.

(Balance due by April 23, 2012 registration)

I have the following special dietary need:

Please enter credit card information:

Amount: \$ _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____

Expiration Date: _____

(Print name as it appears on card)

(Signature / approval)

Please make check payable to:

American Baptist Churches of Michigan
4578 South Hagadorn Road
East Lansing, MI 48823-5355
800.632.2953 / Fax: 517.332.3186



Grants for Ministerial Leaders

Print this form, complete legibly, and mail to address below.

This grant may not be combined with other continuing ed grants provided by American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

Email Address _____

Church or Agency _____

Your Position _____

Name of continuing education event:

Location of event _____

Date of event _____

Sponsoring Organization _____

Course description:

Describe how you see this continuing education event bringing NEW LIFE to your congregation:

My goals for NEW LIFE in my congregation are:

List other events you have attended using a **Cultivating NEW LIFE** grant:

Signature _____

Date _____

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) may be added to your profile by obtaining signed documentation from the program's registrar and sending a copy to American Baptist Personnel Services, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

Print this form and mail to:

The Office of Financial Aid for Studies
American Baptist Home Mission Societies
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2067 or FAX 610-768-2470

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