

“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Romans 1: 16

NOT ASHAMED!

Convocation 2010

September 17 - 19

St. Thomas Church
536 North Main Street
Bernville, PA 19506
610-488-6702

You are cordially invited to attend the annual convocation of the *Evangelical Association of Reformed & Congregational Christian Churches*. This year's meeting is hosted by St. Thomas Church, Bernville, Pennsylvania in the PA Dutch Country. A wide variety of worship times, workshops, fellowship and good food is planned! We look forward to welcoming you to Berks County and showing you some good Pennsylvania Dutch Country hospitality!

Please fill out the enclosed registration form (feel free to make lots of extra copies) and return it to St. Thomas by AUGUST 31st. Make sure you indicate workshop preferences. The area hotels are awaiting your calls to book a room. Each of the preferred hotels has multiple rooms set aside for the EA at reduced rates. Each hotel has a different deadline for reduced prices. Other accommodations are listed, but they are not under contract for lower prices.

DIRECTIONS

From Philadelphia and East: Follow I-76 (PA Turnpike) west to exit #298 (Morgantown). Take I-176 north to Route 422 west. Continue on 422 past Reading to Route 222 north to PA Route 183. Follow 183 north for 8 miles to Bernville.

From Allentown and North: Follow Route 222 south to Reading area and exit at PA Route 183. Follow 183 north for 8 miles to Bernville.

From Pottsville and North: Follow Route 183 south to Bernville.

From Lancaster and South: Follow Route 222 north to PA Route 183. Follow 183 north for 8 miles to Bernville.

From Harrisburg and West: Follow I-81 north to I-78 east to PA Route 183. Follow 183 south for 6 miles to Bernville.

AIRPORTS

Bernville can be reached by flying into Philadelphia, Allentown or Harrisburg. The discount airlines fly into Philly, but the other two are easier to use!

AMTRAK serves Harrisburg, Lancaster and Philadelphia.

DISCOUNTED HOTEL INFORMATION

Days Inn: 910 Woodland Road,
Wyomissing Wyomissing, PA 19610
610-374-1500
\$79.00 per night plus tax
Reservation Code: Evangelical
Association
Deadline: August 20

Hampton Inn: 1800 Papermill Road
Reading Wyomissing, PA 19610
610-374-8100
\$89.00 per night plus tax
Reservation Code: Evangelical Association
Deadline: August 17

Holiday Inn Express: 2389 Bernville Road
Reading, PA 19605
610-372-0700
\$89.99 per night plus tax
Reservation Code: Evangelical
Association
Deadline: August 15

Homewood Suites: 2801 Spring Ridge Drive
Wyomissing, PA 19610
610-736-3100
\$129.00 per night plus tax
Reservation Code: Evangelical
Association
Deadline: August 19

The Inn at Reading: 1040 North Park Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
610-372-7811
\$79.00 per night plus tax
Reservation Code: Evangelical
Association
Deadline: August 18

Comfort Inn: I-78, Exit 16, 41 Diner Road
Bethel, PA 19507
717-933-8888
\$84.99 per night plus tax
Reservation Code: St. Thomas
Deadline: September 6

CAMP GROUNDS

Appalachian Campsites

60 Motel Drive, Shartelsville, PA 610-488-6319

Mountain Springs Camping Resort

3450 Mountain Road, Shartelsville, PA 610-488-6859

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 17

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Refreshments
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Workshops #1
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Supper
7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
<i>Featuring: “New Creation” from Teen Challenge</i>	
<i>Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Joe Batluck</i>	
<i>President & Exec. Dir. Of Teen Challenge</i>	
9:00 p.m.	Refreshments

Saturday, September 18

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome & Worship
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Workshops #2
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	EA 101 in Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Workshops #3
3:30 p.m.	Refreshments
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Workshops #4
5:30 p.m.	Supper
7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
<i>Featuring: David McClintock’s piano ministry</i>	
<i>Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Sigman</i>	
<i>Pres. of Evangelical Theological Seminary</i>	
9:00 p.m.	Refreshments

#6 LOCAL CHURCH & MINISTRY IN A POST-MODERN, POST-CHRISTIAN, NARCISSITIC AGE –

Daryl Higgins

Learn how to deal with the shifting culture in our nation and its impact on Church ministry.

#7 ACADEMIC DEGREES FOR CHURCH-BASED THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION (*Antioch School*) –

Steve Kemp & Pat Novak

This seminar will address changes in higher education making it possible for accredited institutions to offer degrees for leadership that are truly church-based and competency-based, particularly through BILD International's Antioch School.

#8 ANTIOCH SCHOOL: YOU, YOUR CHURCH AND THE EA – Darrell Weber & Jack Stites

See how the Antioch School can be used to train up leadership to fulfill the Great Commission & Great Commandment in, among and beyond your congregation.

#9 A NEW MODEL OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN INDIGENOUS MISSIONS – Pat Novak & Steve Kemp

Discover a new model of leadership development that is indigenous and more effective than traditional models. It will show new ways of funding theological education for those in the indigenous church.

#10 OUR LOST BRETHREN: OUR CONNECTION TO THE UNITED METHODIST & UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST – Adam Leeper

In the 19th Century some in the Reformed Church united with Mennonites to form the United Brethren in Christ. It soon split with one branch eventually becoming part of the UMC. We can learn much about uniting & dissolving Church ties from our historical roots.

#11 **MEET THE PREZ & BOARD** – Board Members
Meet with the EA President and Members of the Board to find out what’s happening in the Association!

#12 **SURVIVAL THROUGH GOOD & BAD** – Arlan & Mary Bond
Understanding retirement and the death of a spouse with their impact upon our lives.

#13 **THE PASTOR AS BURNING BUSH** – Gary Bowman
An encouraging workshop for Pastors to discover the edge of burning bright and being consumed. Wise steps of prevention, ways to care and where to turn on your journey.

#14 **POVERTY AND THE CHURCH** – Dorothea Miller
What can I as a Church member do about poverty? Based on 2 books, “The Members’ Guide to Poverty” & “The Hole in the Gospel”, learn some tips on dealing with the poor.

#15 **MAKING THE BIBLE COME ALIVE!** – Russ Hepler
An overview & practical application of inductive Bible study in order to have a healthy Church. Learn tools to study the Bible in deeper & more meaningful ways.

#16 **THE CHRISTIAN & GOVERNMENT** – Russ Hepler
A look at the historical relationship between Church & State with guidelines for what Churches may or may not do politically.

#17 **RESEARCHING & RECORDING YOUR CHURCH HISTORY** – Lin Smalec
Ever wish you knew more about how your spiritual ancestors lived & worshipped? Explore resources & ideas for recording & researching your Church’s history

#18 *COMMUNITY – BEYOND SIMPLE SMALL GROUPS* – Jack Dyson

Many churches have small groups but do they have significant community? This workshop will help churches think through a life-giving personal & corporate structure.

#19 *GRACE, TRUTH & TIME IN A SMALL GROUP* – Jack Dyson

People are meeting together, but are they experiencing transformation? Designed to help leaders understand how members experience transformation as grace, truth & time intersect in their groups.

#20 *ISSUES IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY* – Joy Corby

Joy is a Professor at Evangelical Theological Seminary and will guide a discussion about this important field in ministry.

Register for the workshops you would like to attend on the form at the center of this brochure.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Cabelas, 100 Cabelas Dr., Hamburg, PA

Goggle Works Center for the Arts, Reading

Hersheypark & Chocolate World, Hersheypark Dr., Hershey

Mid Atlantic Air Museum, Reading Airport, Reading

Reading Public Museum & Art Gallery, 500 Museum Road, Reading

Roadside America (Train Display), Exit 23 off I-78, Shartelsville

VF Outlet Village, 801 Hill Road, Wyomissing

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