



ANABAPTIST DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Annual Assembly and Business Meeting

January 24-25, 2020

Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel

1160 Thorn Run Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108
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Online registration should be available by November 1, 2019

ADC Business Meeting

**All Assembly attendees are welcome
ADC members are encouraged to attend the business meeting**

Friday, January 24, 2020

9:00 AM

Items for discussion

- Financial report
- Election of officer
- Development of a Mission board
- Vision and need of a future Bible School
- ADC Quarterly / Newsletter
- Miscellaneous items and updates etc.

11:30 Lunch

ADC Annual Assembly

Theme: Pastoral Currency; Spend it Wisely

“A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come. Luke 19:12-13 ESV

Jesus spoke of a noble man that gave his servants coins to invest during his absence. Some were faithful and were rewarded for their service when he returned. One he called a wicked servant, not for his wrong actions but for his inaction.

Let us wisely invest the coins entrusted to us so that we may hear the words of the Master, *“Well done good and faithful servant.”* While some coins may have greater value than others, remember the words of Jesus, *“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.” Luke 16:10*

“The Pastoral Currency” presented in our 2020 program, coin by coin, is from Paul’s rich instruction to the Philippian church: *Philippians 4:3-9*

Friday, January 24, 2019

2:00 PM

Welcome

Songs – Shawn Miller

Introduction and inspiration – Bill Mullet

2:30 PM, The Coin of Courtesy – Steve Byler

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; Philippians 4:4-5

Pastors are called to be examples in word and deed. When the difficulties of life cause people to despair and overreact, our courteous approach can bring perspective and a joyful influence. In our culture of extremism and dogmatism on all sides, we are called to bring the courtesy of moderation and reasonableness.

3:15 PM, Break and Fellowship

4:15 PM, The Coin of Collaboration – Steve Byler

Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. Philippians 4:3

A team united in one common cause or goal is powerful! Much more can be accomplished through collaboration than by individual effort. Unity of the pastoral team is essential for the church to grow and prosper! Individualism or personal promotion cripples the pastoral team and often brings division within the congregation.

4:15 PM, My Coin as a Co-laborer, Ladies Session Gladys Yoder

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The women that labored alongside the apostle Paul in the gospel enhanced his ministry. While it requires sacrifice on their part, supportive pastors' wives likewise enhance and bless their husbands' ministry in the church! Pastors' wives may give support during sermon preparation, suggestions, counsel, and correction without criticism, encouragement and yes, even complements. Often one of the heaviest burdens is the extra load of caring alone for children and family matters while husbands are occupied with ministry.

5:00 PM Dinner and fellowship

7:00 PM

Songs – Shawn Miller

Moderator and Inspiration – James Yoder

7:30 PM, The Coin of Confidence – Lonnie Beachy

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Pastors must act with confidence, not to be confused with arrogance. Caring for a congregation can be challenging, and cause pastors to shrink back from the difficult things that must be addressed for a church to prosper. Anxiety must be replaced by confidence that is found through our relationship with Christ through prayer, thanksgiving and supplication.

8:15 PM Snacks and informal fellowship

Saturday, January 25, 2019

9:00 AM

Songs – Shawn Miller

Moderator and Inspiration - Paul A Miller

9:30 AM, The Coin of Character – Steve Byler

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8

Truth, honor, justice, and purity all add up to the character and integrity that are essential to being a trustworthy pastor that people turn to with their life problems. While we may work to protect our reputation, protecting our character is what really matters!

10:15 AM Break

11:00 AM The Coin of Communication – Dr. John Stahl-Wert

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9

Proper words are important in communication, but true influence comes from joining our words to our deeds. It is said that, “between the ‘say’ and the ‘do’ lies an ocean!” As pastors, we must close this gap so that we can truly influence those we lead. Influence is the heart of leadership; if we lose our influence, we lose our ability to lead.

11:45 Lunch and dismissal