



AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN OF NEBRASKA

"Leading Men to Jesus Christ"

June 22, 2016

– IN SPITE OF OUR SINS, GOD STILL LOVES US! --

Dear Brothers in Christ,

MEN'S CONFERENCE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! PLEASE REGISTER (SEE BACK) JULY 29 & 30 – CAMP MERRILL

Come enjoy fellowship with your NE Baptist brothers, plus meeting our ABC/USA board members and witness our own Bob Slechta be installed as our National President on Friday night right after our steak dinner. Our theme is "My Responsibility as a Man of God". Eph. 3:14-18

TREE SHEARS CAMPAIGN COMPLETED! WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL! PRAISE GOD AND THANK YOU CONTRIBUTORS

We exceeded our \$4200 goal (collected \$5028.20) given by 31 donors) and purchased the tree shears back in March. They have already had steady use removing trees. We can do more collectively as ABMen/NE than individually. You are to be congratulated!

CAMP MERRILL USES THE TREE SHEARS AND GAPPLE HOOKADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT THAT IS ATTACHED TO TRACTOR

Eric Byrd, Facilities Manager of MMCCC was very appreciative of the adaptive equipment ABMen/NE purchased (\$278.25) that has allowed him to attach the grapple hook to the old tractor. He is able pick up the cut down trees because of this equipment while keeping the tree shears dedicated to the skid loader. Craig Erickson as well as others have worked along side Eric in this tree removal project.

DOOR MATTS FOR BUILDINGS AT CAMP MERRILL PURCHASED BY ABMEN/NE

At our Region's convention in Norfolk in April, Bev Pacas informed Glen Dappen and Bob Slechta of the need for door mats for buildings at Camp Merrill, since old ones are worn out. We believed that would be something ABMen/NE could do. They are in place and we paid \$676.28.

SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICANTS FOR 2016 NEEDED, SEND ASAP – APPLICATION FORMS FROM REGION'S WEBSITE

Last year (2015) two scholarships each one thousand dollars, were awarded to Matt Wolf (First B. Gibbon), and Anthony "Tony" Jackson (Benson, Omaha). Forms from men's dropdown on www.abcnebraska.com website (or contact Glen Dappen 402-890-1418 cell). Forward them to Glen.

SPRING BAPTIST GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD IN LINCOLN 5-4-16 RAISED \$934.50 FOR SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

There were 21 golfers on a cold (39 degrees) morning who played in this 42nd annual tourney with \$5.00 of their entry fee going to support the scholarship. There were several who made larger contributions to push this up to \$934.50. Thanks you all who participated. Glen Dappen estimates \$10,000 has been raised in both the spring and fall tournaments over the past forty years. This fund has around \$43,000 in it.

REV JURDAN COUNTS, FIRST BAPTIST BROKEN BOW IS CLERGY PERSON 2016

President Bob Slechta honored Rev. Jurdan Counts at our regional convention by presenting him with a plaque and thanked him for furthering the work of Christ both locally and regionally.

LAYMEN OF THE YEAR APPLICANTS NEEDED FOR 2016 IMMEDIATELY

Last year, our "laymen of the year" was Todd Ray. This award is given at our annual conference, so we do not have much time for selection.

DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY (DRM)

Our two Disaster Relief Trailers are for your use in case of an emergency. One is located at Camp Merrill and the other is located at the First Baptist Church in Scottsbluff. Pastor Gary Cole has expressed his appreciation. Please contact Jim Musick (402-980-0612) or Bob Slechta (402-677-0618)

ABMEN/USA - WILL HOLD A BOARD MEETING AT CAMP MERRILL JULY 27-29 - Open to all who wish to also attend meetings.

They are seeking individuals to donate \$100 a year for their "Key Leadership Contributor Campaign".

MEMBERSHIP (WE WANT YOU!) AND DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

ABMen/NE memberships are yearly, running from Jan. to Dec. Anything collected now will go to 2017. We had 120 members in 2016.

In witness for Him,

Glen E. Dappen, ABMen/NE Past President
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and

Bob Howe, ABM/NE Membership Chairman
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2016 ABMen's Conference

July 29-30

Moses Merrill Camp & Conference Center

MY Responsibility AS A MAN OF GOD

Ephesians 3:14-18

Friday July 29th

12:30 PM **GOLF** - Annual 9 Hole Golf Tournament – **Schuyler, NE** (Golfers – Call Glen Dappen 402-488-6902 – Meet at Schuyler Golf Course: 12:30)

OR

1:00 – 5:00 PM **1. WORK PROJECT** – Contact the Camp 402-666-5639 so various jobs can be arranged for you to work on.

2. FUN – Hiking camp trails / **Blue Rock Shoot** / Zip Line (Contact camp so personnel can be available to use the line.)

5:00-6:00 PM On-Site Registration and payment – **Weaver Hall**

6:00 – 7:00 PM **Steak Fry Supper**

7:00 – 7:30 PM **ABMEN-USA Meeting** – Installation of National Board Members - **Chapel**

7:30 – 8:00 PM Milling Around with the National Board Members

8:15 – 8:30 PM **Break**

8:30 – 9:15PM **Deidra Riggs 1st Presentation with small group discussion led by ABMen Board**

9:30 – 10:00 PM **Campfire** – Bruce Huffman / Craig Erickson

Saturday July 30th

7:30 – 8:00 AM **Devotional** – Nate Wilcox - **Amphitheater**

8:00 – 9:00 AM **Breakfast / Day Registration**

9:00 – 9:45 AM **Deidra Riggs 2nd Presentation**

9:45 – 10:15 AM **Small Group Discussion** – ABMen Board members

10:15 – 10:30 AM **Break**

10:30 – 11:00 AM **Deidra Riggs 3rd Presentation**

11:00 – 11:30 PM **Small Group Discussion / Wrap-up** – ABMen Board members.

11:30 – 1:00 PM **Lunch/Business Meeting/Devotional Charge for coming year**

1:00 – ???? PM **FUN** – Hiking camp trails / Blue Rock Shoot / Zip Line (Contact camp so personnel can be available to use the line.)

OR

WORK - Eric Byrd will have various jobs you can complete



SENIOR PASTOR IS FREE

REGISTER Conference Only & Pay On-Line at www.campmerrill.com/

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REGISTER by Mail: Send Registration & Fee to: **ABMen's Conference, MMCCC, 2849 RD 31, Bldg 3, Linwood, NE 68036-3117**

Lodging Accommodations subject to availability: Circle preference:

Friday & Saturday – Cabin \$65 / or / Lodge \$70: Friday Night only \$20 / Saturday only \$35

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____ PASTOR _____

Please Pay the Following Separate from REGISTRATION :

ABMen Dues and Contributions

\$ _____ \$10 2017 State DUES \$ _____ \$10 ABMenUSA \$ _____ Booster Club Fund

\$ _____ Seminary Scholarship \$ _____ Disaster Relief Fund \$ _____ MMCCC Equipment Fund