

# 2009 ANNOTATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey

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### JANUARY Emphasis: Make Your Will

- 1 New Year's Day – office closed
- 4-7 [Winter Bible Study Emphasis Week](#)
- 5-9 State Staff Week, Harrisburg, PA
- 7 State Day of Prayer and Fasting  
FOR WHOM: Board-elected staff
- 8-10 VBS Institute  
Training for State enlisted VBS leadership team  
FOR WHOM: State enlisted VBS Team
- 12-13 Supervision Conference
- 18 [Sanctity of Human Life Sunday](#)
- 19 Martin Luther King Holiday (office closed)
- 26-28 State Board Elected Staff Retreat, TBA  
Provides planning and relaxation time.
- 27-28 Associational Missionaries Meeting, TBA
- 29-30 New Staff Orientation, Harrisburg, PA  
Conference for new church staff and spouses to become oriented to the resources of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey.  
FOR WHOM: New church staff and spouses in the state convention area

### FEBRUARY Emphases: Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools; True Love Waits

- 2-6 State Staff Week, Harrisburg PA
- 6-7 Executive Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA  
Meeting of Executive Board and related committees to discuss business of BCPSJ.  
FOR WHOM: Executive Board members
- 7 Building and Finance Conference, TBD  
Conference covers new construction, remodeling, and working with volunteers. The rules of thumb for building churches are given and attention is paid to working within the church and the challenges that change brings.  
FOR WHOM: Pastors and building committee members looking at new construction or remodeling and anyone in church who will be supervising and working with construction volunteers.
- 8 [Racial Reconciliation Sunday](#)

- 13-15 Mid-winter Collegiate Retreat, Camp Joy El, Greencastle, PA
- 9-15 Focus on WMU
  - Church focus on Woman's Missionary Union programs for the year. Time to recognize leaders and members of WMU organizations. To Emphasize the value of WMU to a church.
  - FOR WHOM: leaders and members of WMU organizations.
- 14 Children's Ministry Day

**MARCH      Emphasis: North American Missions**

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 2-6 State Staff Week, Harrisburg, PA
- 4 Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America
- 5 Baptist Doctrine Study Overview "Vibrant Church: Becoming a Healthy Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" - TBA
- 8 North American Missions Day in Sunday School
- 8-14 Youth Week
- 9-14 Update Week for Church Planting Trainers and Assessors, Volunteer House, Harrisburg, PA
- 14 Associational Baptist Youth Night
- 15 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
- 16-17 Church Conciliation Training – TBA
  - Two day training seminar for Certification in Conciliation.
  - FOR WHOM: Pastors and lay leaders interested in helping churches in the conciliation process.
- 22 On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday

**APRIL      Emphases: Life Commitment and Church Vocations; Church Media**

- 3/30-
- 3 State Staff Week, Harrisburg, PA
- 2-3 New Staff Orientation, Harrisburg, PA
  - Conference for new church staff and spouses to become oriented to the resources of the Baptist convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey
  - FOR WHOM: New church staff and spouses in the state convention area
- 5 SBC Seminaries Sunday
- 10 Good Friday (Office Closed)
- 10-11 Youth Evangelism Celebration, TBA
  - Two day meeting designed for inspiration and training in Evangelism and Discipleship
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 12-16 Baptist Doctrine Emphasis Week

- 17 Natural Church Development Conference, TBA  
Conference covers the Natural Church Development process.  
FOR WHOM: NCD Consultants by invitation only
- 19 [Life Commitment Sunday](#)
- 25 Small Group Training, TBD
- 26 [Cooperative Program Sunday](#)

**MAY                    Emphases: Annual Church Council Planning; Chaplaincy Ministries**

- 1-2 Executive Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA  
Meeting of Executive Board and related committees to discuss business of BCPSJ.  
FOR WHOM: Executive Board members
- 2 Bible Challenge, TBA  
Three events covering the Bible Challenge: Challenge for grades 4-6; Challenge for grades 7-9; and Speakers Tournament. Participants must qualify through Associational meets before the State Challenge.  
FOR WHOM: Participants in the event, their family, friends, and anyone who wants to attend.
- 3 [Senior Adult Day](#)
- 3-10 [Christian Home Week](#)
- 4-8 State Staff Week, Harrisburg, PA
- 7 [National Day of Prayer](#)
- 7-8 Associational Missionaries Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
- 9 Children's Discipleship Conference, TBD
- 17-23 [Associational Missions Emphasis Week](#)
- 18-20 Ministers' Retreat, Philip Bongiorno Conference Center, Carlisle, PA  
A time for rejuvenation, fellowship, encouragement, relationship-building and relaxation.  
FOR WHOM: Pastors and invited staff members
- 24 [Pentecost Sunday](#)
- 25 Memorial Day (office closed)
- 31 [Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism](#)

**JUNE                    Emphases: Vacation Bible School; Guidestone Ministries**

- 1-3 Summer Missions Orientation, Philip Bongiorno Conference Center, Carlisle, PA  
Training and orientation retreat for student summer missionaries assigned to PA/SJ. Cultural acclamation, ministry and evangelism resources are included.
- 1-5 State Staff Week
- 20-21 [Crossover, Louisville, Kentucky](#)
- 21 [Baptist Men's Emphasis](#)

- 21-22 WMU Missions Celebration, Louisville, Kentucky  
Celebrate the Joy of Missions at this annual missions conference.  
FOR WHOM: For all persons involved in and interested in missions.
- 23-24 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky
- 28 Adopt-An-Annuitant Sunday

**JULY            Emphasis: Christian Literature**

- 5        Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
- 3        Independence Day Holiday (office closed)
- 24-26 Campus Minister's Retreat
- 26-28 Campus Intern Orientation
- 26-30 NAMB/State Leadership, Atlanta, GA

**AUGUST        Emphases: Ridgecrest Conferences; Glorieta Conferences**

- 2        Social Issues Sunday
- 2-8     Angel Tree Camp, Denver, PA  
FOR WHOM: Summer Camp for children who have parents incarcerated.
- 7-11    National Collegiate Week at Ridgecrest Conference Center
- 9        Day of Prayer for Students
- 16-22 Church Music Emphasis Week
- 20-21 Leadership Team Retreat

**SEPTEMBER    Emphasis: State Missions State Missions Season of Prayer and Ed & Mary Price Offering. A focus on state missions involving study, prayer, and giving.**

- 1-4     Annual Single Adult Labor Day Getaway, Ridgecrest, NC  
Conference and national networking opportunities  
FOR WHOM: All single adults and single adult leaders
- 6        Single Adult Sunday
- 7        Labor Day (office closed)
- 8-11    State Staff Week, Harrisburg, PA
- 15-16    Associational Missionaries Quarterly Meeting
- 19        Worship Conference  
Training for use of the Lifeway Worship Project  
FOR WHOM: Music leaders
- 20        Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 21        Suggested Associational Discipleship Rally

- 22 Prayer and Evangelism Summit – TBA  
 Training, prayer and planning for Prayer and Evangelism strategies and programs.  
 FOR WHOM: Prayer and Evangelism Coordinators and interested persons in the local church.
- 26 Sunday School Leadership Institute, TBD  
 Training for state team of multipliers who will go out and train in churches and associations. Presented by specialists in age-groups from LifeWay.  
 FOR WHOM: Usually by invitation by may be open to anyone who wants to lead training in PA/SJ.

**OCTOBER Emphases: Annual Associational Meetings; Cooperative Program**

- 4 [On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday](#)  
 5-9 State Staff Week, Harrisburg, PA  
 11 [World Hunger Sunday](#)  
 12-13 New Staff Orientation, Harrisburg, PA  
 Conference for new church staff and spouses to become oriented to the resources of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey  
 FOR WHOM: New church staff and spouses in the state convention area  
 26-30 State Staff Week for November

**NOVEMBER Emphasis: Stewardship and Church Budget Promotion**

- 1 [On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday](#)  
 2 [BW World of Prayer](#)  
 5-6 State Convention Meeting, TBA  
 Annual Meeting of Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptists Constituency of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey  
 FOR WHOM: Constituency of BCPSJ  
 5-6 Executive Board Meeting,  
 Meeting of Executive Board and related committees to discuss business of BCPSJ  
 FOR WHOM: Executive Board members  
 6 Winter Bible Study Overview,  
 An overview of the Winter Bible Study materials  
 FOR WHOM: Pastors or others interested in presenting these materials to  
 6-7 Missions Celebration ( WMU Meeting)  
 This conference is a missions celebration and the annual business session for Woman’s Missionary Union of PA/SJ  
 FOR WHOM: All church and associational mission leaders  
 14 Leadership of the Black Church, TBD  
 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

**DECEMBER**            **Emphases: International Missions; Student Day at Christmas**

11/29-

6        Season of International Missions Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

6        International Missions Day in Sunday School

11      Office Staff Christmas Party

25-28 Christmas Holiday (office closed)

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