

THE PENNSYLVANIA BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

July 28 – August 1, 2014 ♦ Millersville University

The Pennsylvania Baptist Congress of Christian Education is the educational branch (“The Teaching Arm”) of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention. The following important information should be conveyed to all delegates who wish to attend this week long educational conference.



THE SCHEDULE

The Congress follows a rigorous schedule. The day begins with breakfast at 7:00 am and ends with lights out at 11:00 pm.

Classes and plenary sessions are scheduled each day, and attendance at these sessions is mandatory. Worship services are scheduled each evening. The key element of the Congress experience is the educational enrichment received in the classroom.

The Congress meets on a college campus, and although all buildings are accessible to the disabled, moderate walking is required to move between classes, sessions, and the dormitories.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Three meals per day are served cafeteria style in the university dining facility. Standard sleeping quarters are in the air-conditioned dormitories (double occupancy) with male and female delegates placed on separate floors. Floor coordinators assigned by the congress are available to assist with dormitory concerns. On-campus apartment housing and off-campus hotel accommodations are also available for an additional cost.



CLASSES

A list of course offerings is provided so that each delegate may select a class for the week. Class assignments are made by the Dean’s Office with every effort made to register delegates for the class of their choice. Early registration ensures placement in classes of choice. **CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY** – It is the key component of the Congress experience.

*The Children’s Fellowship serves students ages 12 & younger.

*Youth classes are designed for students ages 13- 18.



OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME INVOLVED

***THE CHOIR:** Each year, a Congress Choir is formed from delegates in attendance. Delegates are welcome to share their love of and interest in choral singing by joining the choir.

***THE USHERS:** Ushers are needed to serve in the worship and plenary sessions. Those (both youth and adults) who might wish to serve as ushers are urged to bring their uniforms, or black and white attire for serving.

***COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:** Occasionally, delegates will be asked to serve on a committee that functions within the Congress. If you are asked to serve, please be sure to attend the committee meeting and offer your input.



EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services are held each evening. Tuesday’s focus is on Missions. Wednesday is the President’s Address and election of officers. Thursday is the Oratorical Contest and Youth Night. The Tuesday evening service closes with the Lord’s Supper. Deacons are encouraged to wear black and bring white gloves to assist in the administration of the Lord’s Supper. Deaconesses are invited to wear their white, and sit together.



DRESS CODE

While we recognize that standards of dress vary from community to community and church to church, delegates are asked to dress respectfully and modestly at all times.

Specifically, females should wear dresses or skirts and blouses to evening sessions. Males should wear collared dress shirts and long pants. Ties and jackets are optional.

***** Shorts, halter tops, and T-shirts are NOT permitted AT ANY SESSION!*****



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Congress is first and foremost an educational experience. However, when time permits, evening recreational activities, which include swimming, volleyball, and basketball will be available. **TIMES AND LOCATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.**



VALUABLES AND PERSONAL CONDUCT

NEITHER THE UNIVERSITY NOR THE CONGRESS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST/STOLEN ITEMS. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ITEMS OF VALUE (jewelry, electronics, etc.) be left at home.

Delegates will be given a room key, for which they are responsible. Children and youth under 18 must be supervised by an adult of the same gender from their church. That adult will be given the key for those under 18, and will be responsible for the same. **Replacement Key Cost - \$35**



CHAPERONES FOR YOUTH

Churches **MUST** register and send one adult of the same gender for every five (5) children or youth under the age of 18. Chaperones are responsible for the supervision of their youth delegates. They will be placed in dormitory rooms near the youth they bring. It is the chaperone’s responsibility to ensure that children and youth in their charge adhere to the schedule, as well as the guidelines for the Congress.