

Deadline for Registration is March 18  
Registration Form

Church Name:

Church Address:

Phone/Email Contact:

Name of Attendees: (please indicate dietary restrictions)

Please enclose the registration fee of \$15 per person.

Checks made payable to: St. Thomas Church

Please complete and return registration form to:

EA Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

c/o St. Thomas Church

536 N. Main St.

Bernville, PA 19506

For more information about St. Thomas please visit the website at

<http://stthomasbernville.org>

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Specific questions about the conference contact

Rev. Dr. Daniel Lute at [pdanlute@gmail.com](mailto:pdanlute@gmail.com)

March 28, 2020

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION  
MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL

Pre-Conference Prayer: 9:00 AM

Registration: 10:00 AM Conference: 10:30 AM -3:30 PM

HOSTED BY THE PEN-EAST PASTORS' GROUP



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Not Leaving—Just Not Showing Up:  
Dealing With the Decline In Church  
Attendance.

## THE SCHEDULE

### Not Leaving—Just Not Showing Up: Dealing With the Decline In Church Attendance.

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9:00–10:00 AM	Pre-Conference prayer in the chapel
10:00–10:30 AM	Registration and refreshments
10:30–10:45 AM	Announcements and worship
10:45–11:00 AM	A word from our National Minister Jim Barnes
11:00 AM–12:00 PM	First Session: False Assumptions of our People
12:00–12:45 PM	Lunch
1:00–2:00 PM	Second Session: False Assumptions of Church Leaders
2:00–2:30 PM	Summaries and written prayers
2:30–2:45 PM	Snacks/Fellowship
2:45–3:30 PM	Worship—Communion and dismissal

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During our worship sessions we will be taking an offering towards the National Ministers Fund to aid in the work that Jim Barnes is involved with throughout our network.

## TABLE TALK

Host Pastor Dan Lute states, “If you’re part of the national average, you’re in a church that is experiencing decline in attendance. Members are not going somewhere else; they’re simply not going. At our Mid-Atlantic conference, we want to explore the false expectations that may be contributing to this concern. Come and be prepared to question, to wrestle, to be encouraged, and to leave with some concrete prayer requests for your leadership and your church family.”

Instead of having a key note speaker or a panel of speakers this year, we wanted to give participants a greater voice in the discussion about church member attrition. So we’ve designed two sessions (morning and afternoon) to do some table discussions regarding false expectations of the church attendee and false expectations of pastors/leaders. Several of our Pen-East pastors will be helping lead the discussions prompted by a couple of lead and very short videos. A word from our national minister, some Jesus focused worship, and prayer will accentuate the day. We hope you can join us.