

AB GIRLS—Cindy Martin

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Trust...what a word. Did you ever stop to think what “trust” really means? According to Dictionary.com, trust means “confident expectation of something; hope, as well as reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surety, etc., of a person or thing; confidence.” This summer, I have experienced the word trust and trusting in a different light. As many of you know, my church’s Youth Group, on their annual summer mission trip, experienced a tragic death of a young man. I learned a whole new meaning of trust. I had to trust the Youth Staff at a whole new level. I had to trust the Youth as they pleaded to continue their mission work. I had to trust strangers at New Covenant Church in Oklahoma City, that I had never met, to minister, counsel and love our youth. But, most of all, I had to TRUST God for His protection of youth and youth staff, His love, and His will. I will be honest, this was a Step to the Edge for me. I wanted and thought my girls needed me—or at least that is what I believed. What I found out was the Youth of Greenfield Baptist Church, North East, PA, TRUSTED God for his safety, answers, love, comfort, and so much more. These kids were able to show and

act the true meaning of TRUST to so many people.

“Come to the Edge...Trust” was the theme of the 2008 AB



Women’s Conference. Seventeen Girls joined the women of our region to celebrate in the phrase “Come to the Edge...Trust.” Eight of the girls were 1st timers. We had a jam packed weekend of fun and friends. Devotions were led by the AB GIRLS Cabinet members. The girls participated in Bible Study and General Sessions with the Women. We also had the opportunity to attend workshops—including Self-Defense, Beading, Bird House Craft and more. The GIRLS also “clowned” around with Myra Goss. We had a great time learning some basics of clowning, about laughter, and dressing up a bit. The GIRLS were the hostesses for the Decades Dance. If you missed this, you missed some line dancing, dancing to the moves of the “mashed potato”, “hustle”, plus more from the 50’s, through today. Pizza,

laughter, friends, food, tie-dying, and more were also included in the weekend.

In 2008, the AB Women of PA/DE awarded two \$500.00 scholarships to two AB GIRLS in the Region. I am pleased to announce this year’s recipients. The first recipient is Katie Yule, First English Baptist Church, Bloomsburg PA. Katie has served as both President and Secretary of the AB GIRLS of PA/D. She has been an active AB GIRL for many years. Katie is continuing her education at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute where she will be furthering her education in Architectural Design. And, our second recipient is Kandis Snyder, Moreland Baptist Church, Muncy, PA. Kandis is an active AB Girl, involved in youth, Sunday School, Service Projects and Mission Trips. As a result of her 2006 mission trip to Jamaica, Kandis will be pursuing her education in premed at Penn State University Park to achieve her goal of being a family practice doctor on a mission field. The Executive Board of AB Women of PA/DE wish these girls and all the girls of our Region that are heading off to college, the best. Please keep our girls in your prayers.

Cindy

Conference 2008 Update
Jennifer Kirk, Chair

Total Registrations: **320**

First-timers: **60**

Total AB GIRLS: **17**

First-time AB GIRLS: **10**

Churches Represented: **93**

Associations Represented: **19**

Church with most registrations:

Moreland Baptist Church

Association with most registrations:

Northumberland

“Come to the Edge ... TRUST” was the theme of this year’s conference. And the women of Pennsylvania and Delaware truly did “come to the edge” as they learned to maneuver the campus at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. Because of renovations at Shippensburg, we had to move Conference to a new location, which proved to be both challenging and exciting as we prepared for the event.

Our speaker, Dr. Leslie Callahan from Philadelphia, PA, delivered two dynamic and thought-provoking bible studies. We learned about life in the Congo from our missionary speaker, Lynn Nelson. Song leader, Mary Jo Laupp, led us in worship. And Judy Smitley was a woman on the edge in “Noah’s Wife”.



Additionally, fun and informative workshops gave instruction in such areas as “How to write a devotional” and “Christian Clowning”. The AB GIRLS hosted a dance party at the college night club. And Myra Goss led a traditional hymn sing on Saturday night. There really was something for everyone at this year’s conference!

Conference 2009 – Mark Your Calendars!

June 5-7, 2009

Bucknell University

Lewisburg, PA

Based on the comments and suggestions from the 2008 evaluation forms, here are some things we’re working on for the 2009 Conference:

1. A shuttle system to transport ladies to and from the cafeteria.
2. Staggered meal times so the cafeteria isn’t so crowded and chaotic.
3. Workshops to inform women about American Baptist Women’s Ministries and how to get involved locally and regionally.
4. A revised schedule to allow for more free time and a less-hurried pace.



Please keep the Conference Committee in your prayers as we meet in September to plan for next year’s conference.
Thank you!

Jennifer



LOVE GIFT

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GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! You have been doing a wonderful job with "Love Gift" and the answer is to keep it up. You have "Come to the Edge and Flown Away." I am glad to report that we are ahead of last year by \$2,424.75. Boy, have you been filling that one (lonely) Love Gift box.

There are a lot of churches that do not participate in giving to Love Gift. Let us try to get them involved and ask that they give just \$10.00. This could increase our love gift substantially. It is great to report that we received \$1,538.00 in the love gift offering at conference.



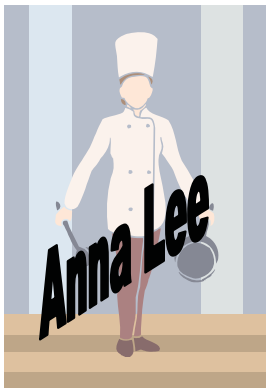
Let us continue to soar above the clouds and do great work for the Lord.

GIVE WITH A GRATEFUL HEART AS THE LORD HAS GIVEN TO YOU.

Eddie

MY SUMMER

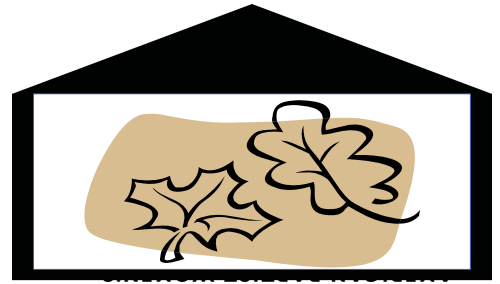
by Anna Lee Earnest



My summer went by rather fast this year. After conference, I spent three weeks as cook at Camp Carmel. The experience was unlike any other I have ever had. For the first two of the three weeks, my assistant was a woman who I had as a camper back when I was a counselor in the 80's. She was not my favorite person to work with. The first week she ruined my cinnamon rolls and was told by the director's wife not to do anything without my permission. The campers loved my homemade rolls and they couldn't believe I had made them. They would even sneak rolls out of the mess hall to eat later. The third week, I had a friend helping me and another friend working in the kitchen, so I was much happier. The pastor said it was a first for him to have campers eating rolls during lessons. He also said he would only come back as pastor next year if I would be the cook.

I was only home for a week and a half before going to Green Lake, Wisconsin with Betsy Hale. In that week and a half, I canned green beans and froze corn. On the drive to and from Green Lake, Betsy and I had a contest to see how many license plates we could see. We were shocked to see two cars from Hawaii pass us. By the time we arrived back at my house, there were only about four states we had not seen.

If you have never been to the National Conference, you should go at least once. You get such an amazing uplift and spiritual growth. It is just a wonderful experience. Plus, I was able to spend the week with our new president Sue Fitzgerald as my roommate.



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AB GIRLS Announcement
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House party was cancelled this year due to limited registrations. As I was very disappointed and heart broken, I have learned to TRUST in what God has for the AB GIRLS for the future.

So,

I am pleased and excited to announce the following.....

HOUSE PARTY 2009

July 31—August 2, 2009

First English Baptist Church

Bloomsburg, PA

Theme...“HE lifts Me Up!!!

Theme Song...“Get Down”
by Audio Adrenaline

Theme Scripture...“The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.”

Psalms 145:14 (NIV)