

2017 GBAMA Workshop Schedule

Thursday:

Workshop 1 (1:15-2:30 pm)

Membership Records – The key to your Church’s Past and Future (Sandra Sartor) –

Would it shock you to learn that many churches do not keep membership records? Many reasons have been given; however, your church’s membership records hold the story of your church’s “family lifeline,” and they should be kept as completely and securely as you would keep your legal documents. It’s never too late to begin. We’ll use this time together to learn the correct way to keep membership records, especially the chronological membership roll.

Change Is Not Necessarily an Ugly Word (Benny Pate)

This interactive class will explore why change can be perceived as difficult and threatening. Practical examples will be given on how to deal with and benefit from new circumstances.

BEST PRACTICES IN 2017 FOR CHURCHES ON FACEBOOK (Barry Dollar)

Facebook is a big pond of people and potential attenders to your church. Learn some 2017 best practices that will help your church to get noticed and hopefully bring more people in the door!

Card Creations (Kathy Bishop)

Come join us as we create hand-stamped cards and envelopes for our family and friends. With all the emails and texts we have lost the art of creating, writing and mailing a note of encouragement, an expressing of sympathy, a joyous Happy Birthday or a card that simply says “Hi, I was thinking out you today.” Join us as we learn together the art of hand-stamped cards so you can mail some love to the ones you care about.

There is a fee of \$10 to cover the supplies. You will leave with several cards ready to mail.

Workshop 2 (2:45-4:00 pm)

Benevolence – Unlocking the Door of God’s Blessings (Sandra Sartor) –

Benevolence is one of the most difficult ministries of the church office because no matter how much we want to assist people, we are always worried about whether we are doing the “right thing.” This conference will answer many of the most common questions regarding benevolence: how, when, what, how much, and who.

Jesus Loves Them – At Least You Can Try (Benny Pate) -

It is not always easy to respond graciously to demanding people. Our class will use biblical principles to help us learn to respond positively just as Jesus did.

HOW TO GET YOUR CHURCH FOUND ON GOOGLE TO INCREASE VISITORS (Barry Dollar) -

When looking for a church, most new people in your community will often begin by searching Google. They will likely search for, "Baptist churches in [your town]". Will your church show-up on the first page? Learn these free tricks to move your church up higher in the rankings.

Naturally You (Kathy Bishop)

Have you ever wanted to clean up the chemicals in your home, to transform your home into a more natural, chemical-free environment for the health and safety of your family? Well... Come join us for a craft class to make your own natural Lip Balm, Body Scrub, Air Freshener, Headache Roller, etc. We will have several work stations set up in the classroom so you can craft at your own speed. There is a fee of \$10 to cover your take-home containers and supplies. You will leave with as many different DIY, all natural – chemical free, items as you have time to craft.

Workshop 3 (4:15-5:30 pm)

UNDERSTANDING THE INTERNET CLOUD AND WHY YOU WANT TO BE THERE (Barry Dollar) -

Storage, apps, media, resources and software are all rapidly moving to the cloud. What is the cloud and how does a church benefit? Come and learn how to navigate in the clouds of the web world. Q & A format.

Dealing with Church Administration Issues – (Alan Folsom)

The church Ministry Assistant is on the front line of making sure that "all things are done in an orderly and decent manner" (1 Corinthians 14:40), and that church administration matters are set in order (Titus 1:5). What are the priority administrative areas that you need to know about? We will discuss these top issues and give practical tips on implementing these practices in the church.

Friday:

Workshop 4 (9:00-10:15 am)

Event Planning – Love it or Hate it – your choice (Bill Wheeler) –

Does the thought of planning an event make you want to simply call in and not go into work? So many details, so many variables, so many unknowns Join Bill as he shares ideas, suggestions, even some forms to help you enjoy the process of event planning.

You Again! What we want Now, and what we want More (Dianne Parker) –

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Crafty Creations – (Kathy Bishop)

Come join us as we have fun and craft together. There is a fee of \$10 charge to cover the supplies.

Workshop 5 (10:30-11:45 am)

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Surviving Difficult Church Members (Alan Folsom) -

You can't make everybody happy all the time! You will deal with unhappy or disgruntled church members, this is just a part of ministry and dealing with people! We will discuss the different types of "Difficult Church Members" and tips on how to survive and handle these individuals in a loving and Christ like manner.