

From the President

As I write this, I find it hard to believe that the end of 2018 is so near! It seems like our 2018 conference just ended. The 57th Annual AABS Conference will be here before we know it. Your 2018 - 2019 officers are busy planning our next conference with you in mind. Our theme this year will be *"Do Everything in Love"*. Our prayer is that our time together next March will not just be another conference or meeting, but a special time of renewal in your professional life, your spiritual walk, and in your personal life.

Please remember our General Conference Leader, Allison Wilks, Worship Leaders, Jeremiah and Kirsten Ross, and all of the breakout session leaders in your prayers as they pray and prepare for their roles in leading this conference.

Your time is valuable, especially to be away from the office for a few days. Our desire is that we will do all that we can to make this conference worth every bit of the time, energy and resources that you invest to attend. I look forward to seeing you there!

In His service,
Dawn Chapman, President

Nominations

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a Nomination Form for 2019-2020 AABS Officers. If you know someone that you feel would make an awesome AABS Officer, please fill out the nomination form and return it (by snail mail or email) to Lisa Daniels at SABA Ministry Center, 1306 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL 36301 or lisa@sabachurches.com for consideration by the Nominating Committee. Nominees will be presented for election at the 2019 Conference. If you have questions about this procedure, please feel free to contact one of your officers.

Important Info

Conference registration begins on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM. The conference concludes on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM. We encourage you to be with us for the entire conference to get the full benefit!

All registration is handled through Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center. To register, simply complete the enclosed registration form and return to Shocco with your payment. You may also register online at www.shocco.org.

Find Us Online!

Be sure to check our Facebook page and website (www.alabamabaptistsecretaries.com) for updates as they become available. The full conference schedule will be available on our website in a few weeks.



T-Shirts

T-Shirts will be available for \$13 (sizes small - xl) and \$15 for 2xl - 4xl. The shirts will be short sleeve and coral in color. Your order must be received by February 15, 2019.

Evaluations

We are listening! Each year we ask you to give us feedback on what you thought about the conference, and you are always faithful in giving us good, honest evaluations. We try to make the adjustments each year to present to you the smoothest, relevant, and most helpful conference so as to make the best use of your time and resources. You may notice a few of those changes in 2019. We thank you for your input!



57th Annual Conference

Alabama Association
of
Baptist Secretaries

March 10-13, 2019

Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center
Talladega, AL



Let all that you do be done in Love

1 Corinthians 16:14

General Conference Speaker

Allison Wilks



As a writer, teacher, and women's event speaker, Allison Wilks shares lessons, stories, and life moments with women of all ages and walks of life in hopes that her strides and stumbles will inspire others to walk with Jesus one step at a time. Allison is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, with a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies and is co-founder of One Step Ministries. Allison's desire is to love God deeply and proclaim Him boldly so that others may know Him and bring Him glory.

Worship Leaders



Jeremiah & Kirsten Ross

Jeremiah has been the Pastor to Students and Families at Heartland Church since January of 2017. Jeremiah and Kirsten have been married for 5 years and are the proud parents to two boys, Elias and Ezra. They believe that our own purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, and are thrilled to be able to help other people experience that one purpose.

2019 Breakout Sessions

This year, the list of breakout sessions will include:

- ADX for the church and association
- Spiritual Gifts
- Quick Books
- Benevolence
- Missions in the church
- Outlook
- Publisher
- Excel
- Organizational skills
- Communication tips
- Mentoring
- Leadership
- Certification courses - Leadership & Ministry
- And many more!

Why should you attend?

See what last year's conference attendees said:

- * Loved it! Great time of renewal & retreat.
- * Absolutely refreshing! The joy that was all around, sweet fellowship, spiritual truths that are being repeated in my life right now.
- * It was absolutely wonderful! Thank you for making my first conference so amazing!
- * I am very Blessed to be given this opportunity. If God will allow me, I plan to be back every year.
- * Great choices, I was able to learn more about my job and enjoyed the fellowship and worship.
- * Wonderful time of fellowship, new friends, renewed spirit, refreshed in mind and body.



2018 - 2019 Officers

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