



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 5, 2026

Dear Brethren,

We are meeting to worship ... in just six short weeks. It is time for our fall conference for the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches. The dates are **September 14-16, 2026**, and the church family here at Calvary Baptist Church in Jersey Shore is excited to welcome you all to Northcentral PA.

Our time together is designed to offer encouragement and equipping. The theme for the conference this fall is ***"The Incomparable Christ" ~ Our Caring Shepherd***. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Marty Von to be a primary speaker for the conference, along with his son, Pastor Matthew Von who pastors in Colorado. They have teamed up to minister to our fellowship previously. Dr. Von has an extensive care and counseling ministry across the country, especially with pastors and wives. We will also hear from some of our fellowship pastors – Dan Brabson of Bible Baptist Church of West Chester, Ed Newton of Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, and myself on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

You will be traveling to a beautiful part of the state, and it would be worth your time to take a few extra days to experience some of it. We are centrally located and within easy driving distance of some wonderful scenic views in the state, as well as premier camping and fishing areas. Jersey Shore is also the southern terminus for the incredibly beautiful rails to trails network that goes all the way to Ansonia – a ride of over 60 miles. At a grade of 3%, it is easily enjoyed. So, think about bringing your bicycles for you and someone else. Pine Creek features outstanding stretches of fly-fishing for trout, as well as other species. Hyner State Park and Lookout features award winning views, and is just a mere 25 minutes north of Lock Haven. Other state parks within easy driving distance are Worlds End State Park near Forksville, PA, and Little Pine State Park in Waterville, PA. ***There will be free time on Tuesday afternoon, and one of the activities available will be time on the range enjoying fellowship and marksmanship.*** So, come relaxed. Leave the tie at home if you like. Wear a flannel shirt! 😊

The conference will begin Monday afternoon with registration beginning at 2:00 pm and the first session beginning at 3:00 pm. Further details about schedule, lodging, and opportunities for you are to be found on other pages. Finally, let me encourage you to invite other like-believing churches and pastors to attend with you. Let's strive to do what we are ... and fellowship! See you soon ...

Blessings,
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