The Bible in the Air by Heart

This conference will introduce getting the Bible into the air by learning and telling biblical stories by heart. The theory of biblical storytelling will be outlined including the story of how the Bible was transformed from sound into textual silence. We will explore the structure of human memory and the most efficient ways of learning stories by heart. Everyone will join in a community storylearning/telling experience that will include personal stories of healing and overcoming of fear. The potential roles of biblical storytelling in congregational life will also be described with specific examples as preparation for the afternoon workshops. This day of workshops will enable participants to learn and tell biblical stories as an integral dimension of ministry in midwestern Christian congregations.

Saturday Evening Special Event:
A Celebration of Favorite Bible Stories
This evening of biblical stories will provide a forum in which everyone participating in the festival can tell favorite biblical stories. We will develop a list during the day and people can practice their stories during the workshops. The evening may include videos of biblical storytelling as well as stories told “live.” The evening will be interspersed with music and dancing.

Schedule of Events
Saturday, September 20
8:30 – 9:10 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:10 – 9:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. – Noon The Bible in the Air by Heart
Tom Boomershine
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Free Time
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Workshops
Let the Children Come: Biblical Storytelling & Children's Sermons
Amelia Cooper Boomershine
Biblical Storytelling in Worship & Preaching
Tom Boomershine
The Art of Biblical Storytelling: Story, Music and Art
Dan LeMonnier
Humor and Storytelling
Tom Mullen
2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Break
3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Workshops (See list above)
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Wrap Up

About Our Conference Leader

The REV. DR. THOMAS E. BOOMERSHINE is an internationally known speaker and author in the interpretation of the narratives of the Bible as oral story in antiquity and in the communication systems of the digital age. He served as the G. Ernest Thomas Distinguished Professor of Christianity and Communication at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio from 2004-2006 where he also served as Professor of New Testament from 1979-2000. He now writes and produces multimedia resources for the interpretation of the Bible in digital culture.

Tom is an ordained elder in the West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a classical pianist, a church organist since age 12, loves to play golf and tennis, and to work and hike with his wife, Amelia.

Biblical Storytelling Conference
11th Annual Pastors Conference
September 20, 2008
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION FORM
(one registration per form please)

Name__________________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________________
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State/Zip_______________________________________________________
Phone__________________________________________________________
E-mail__________________________________________________________
Meeting/Church________________________________________________

Registration fee $40.00
(includes breakfast and lunch)
☐ Please indicate vegetarian preference

Registration deadline: September 12, 2008

Send registration and payment to:
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Questions?
Call 1-800-432-1377 or 765-983-1423
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Lodging

We offer the following suggestions for lodging while attending the conference.

Quaker Hill
Conference Center
10 Quaker Hill Drive
Richmond, IN 47374
765-962-5741

Lees Inn & Suites
6030 National Road East
Richmond, IN 47374
765-966-6559 or
800-733-5337

Philip W. Smith
Bed & Breakfast
2039 East Main Street
Richmond, IN 47374
765-966-8972 or
800-966-8972

Or visit:
www.waynet.org/lodging

Directions to reach Earlham School of Religion:

Approach Richmond via Interstate 70, exiting at Williamsburg Pike south (Exit 149A), merging after about a mile into Northwest 5th Street. Follow Northwest 5th Street to U. S. 40 (National Road West).

Turn right and prepare to turn left one block later, at College Avenue. Turn left (south) on College Avenue. The ESR Center (stone building) sits on the southwest corner. To reach the parking lot, continue south on College Avenue to the first stop sign, turn right. Turn right again at the next stop sign and take the next right into the large parking lot.