

## *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*

*11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pastors Conference*

September 20, 2008

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

*(one registration per form please)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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:

**EARLHAM SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

228 College Avenue, Richmond, IN 47374

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Sponsored by Earlham School of Religion and Bethany Theological Seminary  
September 20, 2008

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tom Boomershine



## 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Follow Northwest 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



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