

The local church is responsible to support those who struggle financially, while also providing guidance for those in prosperity. The Deacon and Trustee Seminar is for anyone who serves in a leadership or advisory role in the church community, including bishops, ministers, deacons, trustee committees, and financial advisors. The goal of this seminar is to support the church by offering training on working redemptively with those in financial difficulty and topics on inspiring a stewardship mindset during prosperity.

**Cost:** There is no charge to attend this seminar.

**Registration:** Please register by two weeks prior to the seminar. When you register, please let us know if your wife is planning to come with you.

To register, fill out the attached form and mail it to **Anabaptist Financial, 55 Whisper Creek Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837**. Or contact us by phone: **267-368-4628** or email: **seminars@afweb.org**.

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**DEACON & TRUSTEE SEMINAR**  
June 29, 2023 — West Manchester, OH



Stewardship  
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# Deacon & Trustee SEMINAR

*Helping church leaders and financial committees  
navigate adversity and prosperity.*



**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023**

**SEEDTIME ACRES**

*759 Stephens Road, West Manchester, OH 45382*

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Date: June 29, 2023

Location: Seedtime Acres

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8:30 AM	Welcome and Song	
8:40	Devotions and Prayer	1:45
8:50	Organizational Talk	
9:00	<b>The Challenge of Prosperity</b> <i>by Gary Miller; Caldwell, Idaho</i> Churches historically have had difficulty thriving during times of prosperity. Can we survive if our primary reference point is our own affluent culture?	
9:45	Break & Snack	
10:15	<b>Work and Business as a Testimony</b> <i>by Dave Swearingen; New Carlisle, OH</i> Church members involved in business can build or tear down the testimony of the church in the local community. Which business practices build testimony? Which destroy it? What encouragements and warnings should leadership be providing to the church?	2:30
11:00	<b>Wills and Guardianship Issues</b> <i>by Richie Lauer</i> Is it true that every family should have a will? What happens to minor children when there is a death without guardianship arrangements having been made?	2:50
11:45	Lunch	3:45
1:00 PM	<b>Making Eternal Investments: Having a Single Eye</b> <i>by Tim Thomas; Pickens, SC</i> In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said we should "lay up treasures in heaven." One of the next things Jesus says is, "if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." A "single eye" was a well understood idiom in those days that referred to how we respond to needs we see. On the other hand, an "evil eye"	4:30
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referred to being stingy towards the needs of others. Jesus then compares this to an "evil eye" which is another idiom that referred to how we respond to needs we see. The burden of this topic is to call our people to have an awareness of the needs around us and respond to them in the way Jesus would have.

## Budgeting as a Steward's Tool

*by Jason Sensenig; Tyrone, PA*

A budget is a good tool to help those struggling financially to get back on their feet again. It is also a good tool for those who have plenty to be good stewards of what God has given them. Sometimes a deacon or trustee committee is not sure how to help someone get on a budget. This session explains the four steps in setting up a budget and the benefits of it.

Break & Snack

## Easy Money (GoFundMe Accounts, Benefit Events, etc.)

*by Tim Thomas*

Within hours of a tragedy or emerging needs, someone is setting up a GoFundMe page for internet donations, planning a benefit event, or heading to the bank to open a donation account for the needy family or individual. Are these options helping or hurting? How is brotherhood mutual aid impacted when we do this? Is this just a different form of alms giving? How do GoFundMe pages and benefit bank accounts actually work? What direction should leadership be giving?

## Brotherhood Financial Transparency and Accountability

*by Gary Miller*

We look back and marvel at how the early church freely shared their possessions. Was this belief only for those first believers? Is it possible that we should have more financial transparency and accountability in our day?

Closing Comments

Dismissal

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