

As I was finishing the program, classes and field work, I began to fill in as pulpit supply. I preached at about 15 churches, several many times, and while I enjoyed this, I knew God had more.

Then in October of 2016, God opened the door of being the full-time pastor at the First Baptist Church of Carthage, NY.

If you're on the fence about taking the classes, I say do it. Jump off that fence! If you feel you have no time for these classes, you do. Pray and God will help. There may be some things in your life that are not producing fruit anyway that could go and you will not miss them. If you feel you are unworthy, too broken or afraid, that's exactly the type of person God has used all throughout the Bible: Moses, David, Paul, etc. God wants you.

Jesus said I came to seek and save the lost.
We are to do the same thing, in our corner of the world.
The Lay Study Program will help."

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LAY STUDY

American Baptist Churches of New York State wanted to hear stories of how the Region impacted individuals throughout the state and beyond. These are their stories, in their words. Erik Svereika was a land surveyor who volunteered with his church's youth group. When he took the step of faith to begin the Lay Study program, God used that to open up more doors. Hear his story:

"Many years ago I was coaching football, running a basketball program, raising 4 children, running a land surveying business and in charge of my church's youth group, Cabin 3. Our church's new pastor had come through the Lay Study Program and began to encourage me to do the same, so I did. Don't worry about being too busy. Make God the priority in your life and He will not let you down.

The Lay Study Program classes opened my eyes to layers of information in the Bible and in the church that I never dreamed existed. The discussion and conversations between fellow classmates and instructors was invaluable, probably the best part of the classes. When a course was ending, I could not wait to seek out and begin the next class.

As I learned through the lay study classes, I could easily and quickly apply it to my church and to my youth group. What I learned was so valuable on so many levels.