

Saturday Edition

Penn-Del Tips

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Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory!

The first day of the 53rd annual retreat is behind us and we pray that it was a good one for you. Here is a look at the highlights from Friday's evening convocation.

After a warm welcome from our President, we jumped right in to singing praises to the glory of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. This writer had the privilege of hearing you guys singing while in the sound booth and all I can say is, WOW! You guys sound great. I'm sure Phil was doing some recruiting for the choir.

James Wall's testimony reminded us that we can have many wonderful experiences and work hard and earn many worldly accolades but ultimately, we are working for the

Lord and His glory, not ours. Whatever rewards we may or may not receive on this Earth, the reward we will receive in Heaven will be worth all of the hard work.

Our Pastor Counselor, Grace Shirk challenged us to be here. She reminded us that we've left our busy homes lives, our work and our churches and come here for this retreat. Make the most of it and then go home refreshed and ready to inspire those around us. Amen! Well said Grace!

When Dr. McJunkin started by having Rodney and Richie play "Sweet Hour of Prayer" while he prayed, you could hear a pin drop in the auditorium. Dr. McJunkin spoke about John the

Baptist and his "Christ Encounter". John was a strange guy, a weirdo. But he didn't need to be told about Jesus. He knew who Jesus was from the moment he heard His mother's voice from the womb and later he picked out Jesus from the crowd and declared Him to be "the Lamb of God". Even though we cannot meet Christ face to face we can still experience Christ through our own "Christ Encounters."

Closing with a moving rendition of "Great is Thy Faithfulness", Dr. McJunkin gave us all a reminder of how great it will be when we have our "Christ Encounter" on the day we will meet Him face to face.

Tonight: "Preparing the Way for the Lord"

Reminder: Please be sure to silence your cell phones and pagers during sessions.



Get Involved!

Take a look at the nominating committee report on page 21 in the retreat booklet. You'll notice that there are many positions marked as "Vacant". If you feel God nudging you toward getting more involved, won't you then please consider coming on board into one of these open positions?

Reminder!

Booster call 51 will be closing at the end of the retreat. If you would like to contribute, please see a board member.

Lost and Found

Find something? Please turn it in at the registration area.

Lose something? Check at the registration area to see if it's been turned in.

Prepare The Way For The Lord!

As Paul H. Dunn once said, "You may be on the right track, but if you just sit there, you'll get run over." Simply preparing is not sufficient. We must also walk the way of the Lord. Let's remove the obstacles (our own agendas) and be open to His leading. Our prayer is that each and everyone of us will be inspired to "prepare the way" and then "walk the way". May His blessings be upon us and on our families this weekend as we "prepare the way" while at the retreat and may he grant us the strength to "walk the way" after the retreat ends.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Today's weather is calling for high temperatures and a high heat index. If you are going to participate in any outdoor activities today, please be sure to be careful. Drink plenty of water (not soda), even if you don't feel thirsty. Above all, don't overdo it! Please also be sure to keep any eye on your fellow participants.

Above all, enjoy your free time!

Retreat Evaluations

How did we do this year? Was there something you liked? Was there something you would like to change? Do you just have some suggestions for additions or improvements to our retreat? Let us know by filling out your evaluation form. As Bob pointed out in yesterday's edition, we read ALL of them! Many of the changes we've made over the years have been a direct result of your feedback, so please make sure you fill out your evaluation before you leave.

Don't miss the fellowship time following tonight's service. Ice Cream and beverages will be served in the Atrium of the CUB.



Have you received a Penn-Del tips in the mail in the last couple of months?

We got hundreds of returned issues with undeliverable addresses. If you

have not been receiving your mailings, we may not have your correct address. Please stop by the display in the registration area and check your address. If you know someone who's not received one recently, be a friend and double check his address, as well. Thanks for helping us to be better stewards of our funds by avoiding duplicate and misdirected mailings.

ABMOPAD Puzzle Page

How did you do on the Puzzle in Friday's Edition? The answer was "Prepare the way of the Lord"

Here are a couple more puzzles to keep you busy today.

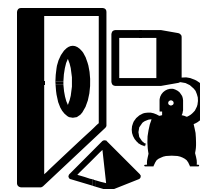
Solve this cryptogram to reveal a scripture passage:

SXY CYEJ TC SXY VTJR FM SXY DYOFIIFIO TC BFMRTN,

EIR GITBVYROY TC SXY XTVZ TIY FM QIRYJMSEIRFIO.

Hint: C=F and N=M.

Good luck and enjoy!



This is, of course, a Men's Retreat. But what do men like to talk about? Women, of course! Unscramble the following words to reveal the

A rash	Hide all	Daily
Aargh!	Amino	Clips rail
Brake! Eh?	Sabbath, eh?	Soil
Heal	Threes	Has a dash
A tram	Bite heals	Rap a ship
Rim aim	At harm	Habitat
Bad hero	Cars do	Hash tune

Don't Miss the Disaster Relief Trailer!

You may have noticed the ABM Disaster Relief Trailer parked near the CUB. This is a "First Response" trailer which can be deployed without the need to hire a tractor and driver. This trailer can be onsite within 72 hours after a disaster occurs. For additional information or to make donations of (either monetary or equipment), please contact Bob Swan.

If you have something you want included in Sunday's Penn-Del tips, please write it down and give it to a board member as soon as possible so it gets to our editors.

