

This year, two of our most experienced officers hung up their ledgers and pencils and retired. Carol Durfee had served as our Financial Secretary for 33 years, and Beryl McClay served as our Treasurer for 17 years. Both of these ladies were known for the excellent quality of their work, and all friends at Peniel are so grateful for their service. Beryl and Carol worked so well together that it seems appropriate that they retire as a team.

We are fortunate to have a new team ready to take on the challenge. Beryl and Carol trained Lisa Truitt as our new Treasurer and Jody McCue as our Financial Secretary. They are off to a great start. Beryl and Carol will remain on the board as trustees. Remember that contributions will now be mailed to Jody's attention going forward.

Joyce Purcell is also retiring. Joyce has faithfully helped behind the scenes for years maintaining our mailing list database and preparing labels for our mailings. Without her efforts, you would not receive these mailings. We are currently seeking a new mailing database coordinator.

Thanks again to these fine ladies for their great example of service and best wishes for continued success with the new team!

2014 EVANGELISTS

**Preaching:** Larry Leckrone & Stephen Manley

**Song:** Tab Beechler

**Youth:** Adam & Valerie Vanaman

**Children:** Jason Campbell

*We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our bodies.*

—2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-12

2013 THEME VERSE

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*So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."*

—GENESIS 32:30



IMPORTANT DATES 2014

Please note these dates in your 2014 calendars. Your participation is essential for a successful camp meeting!

**Work Days:**

- Saturday, May 31
- Friday & Saturday, June 20 & 21
- Friday & Saturday, July 11 & 12

**119th Annual Encampment:**

Thursday, July 17, through Sunday, July 27

HONK!

by Camp President Dan Segool



Greetings! It has been five months since we sent out our campfolder, and now this will likely be our last communication for 2013. How the year flies by! If you would like more regular communications from Peniel, you can email me to be added to our email distribution list, or check us out at the Peniel Holiness Camp

page on Facebook. Our website is also listed in this mailing.

It has been an exciting year for Peniel in 2013. We had a super encampment; God blessed us greatly. Our attendance was up again, and I was especially excited to see our teen attendance way up and our children's program may need a bigger home!

Now, our encampment is a blessed memory, and the campus was recently shut down for the season. I don't know about you, but that makes me feel a little down.

What do we need when we feel down? How about encouragement! Fortunately, as Christians, we have some great ways to get encouraged. The way I see it, we have three primary sources of encouragement.

First, God's word is the ultimate source of encouragement. Are the odds stacked against you? Read about David and Goliath. Are you travelling one of the darker roads of life? Read Psalm 23. Are you taking on some tough new responsibilities? Read Joshua chapter one and be reminded that you can't spell encouragement without the word **COURAGE!**

I believe that we think of encouragement primarily in the context of being down and needing a lift. But, God's word offers encouragement no matter where our emotions are at. Sometimes, that encouragement might come in the form of a swift kick if we are starting to go astray or a challenge to step outside of our comfort zone. This is why it is so important to

read God's word daily. That way, we receive a daily dose of encouragement!

The second way we receive encouragement is closely related to the first. The Holy Spirit is always there for us. He convicts, teaches, comforts, and encourages. Many times, he will bring scripture to our mind to encourage us. I remember a particularly difficult time in my life when I found myself feeling so peaceful. "How," I wondered, "could I feel such peace in the middle of this?" Immediately, Phil 4:7 came to mind:

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

I know that God was so very close at that moment, and the peace he was giving me was indeed beyond understanding!

The final way we receive encouragement is from fellow believers. How many times have we been lifted by an encouraging word? Recently, I saw a video about geese. It offered an excellent illustration of encouragement and working together. I plan to post the video on our website and Facebook page so you can watch it too!

We are all familiar with the "V" formation the geese fly in. Flying in such a manner allows them to fly much further than they could alone. When they fly overhead, we often hear them honking. The geese further back in the formation honk to encourage the leaders to keep going. Isn't that cool?

It is a long offseason for Peniel. What are we doing to encourage one another? Well, I hope to start a little something with this column... a quick way for you to let a fellow camper know that you are thinking of them — that you are cheering them on. Just give someone a one word phone call, text, email, tweet or Facebook posting.

Thanks for helping to make 2013 a great year. Lori, DJ, Courtney, Josh and I wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. I guess we can sum up our wishes with one word...

HONK!

## REVIVAL AND RENEWAL

by 2013 Evangelist Nelson S. Perdue



It was my privilege to serve as one of the evangelists at Peniel Holiness Camp for their 118th camp meeting, located in Conneautville, Pennsylvania. It was a time of spiritual revival and renewal. It was a special

blessing for me to share the pulpit with Dr. John Neihof, President of the Jackson Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. He was God's chosen vessel for this camp meeting. His anointed ministry was a blessing to us all. The Forester family blessed everyone with their unique gifts of singing and instrumentals. The songs of Zion never sounded better.

Each service was led by the very capable President of the camp, Dan Segool. He, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, directed not only our services but also carried a burden of prayer for the meetings. The spirit of the entire camp meeting was one of prayer. As a result of prayer, the Spirit of the living God was evident upon the workers and the people.

## GROUNDS UPDATE

This year, our main focus for improvements was the Children's Workers Cottage. We began the work in the fall of 2012 by gutting the interior of the cottage out. Prior to camp this year, we installed new siding, ceiling, windows, drywall, carpet, a bathroom, and new ceiling fans. The building was painted inside and out and looks great! The final touches were completed as camp began. Adam, Valerie and Isaiah Vanaman enjoyed the new accommodations. Speaking of the Vanamans, they recently welcomed Levi Eralee Vanaman, who was born October 23. Congratulations!

Other improvements around campus include continued renovation of the Cooks Cottage by George Small. George has made numerous improvements including a new roof, windows, doors, and the addition of a bathroom. Work will continue in the spring.

This fall, Sandra Powell had her old cottage torn down. The site has been cleared, and Sandra hopes to eventually build a new cottage on the site. Of course, a

This camp ministers to the entire family. Adam and Valerie Vanaman served as the youth pastors, and they were mightily blessed of God for their labor of love. Many young people found a new relationship with God and were lifted to new heights of spiritual victory. The children once again received wonderful Biblical teaching from Jason Campbell. God has gifted Jason with the ability to communicate the Gospel to boys and girls with a fresh anointing sent from above.

The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all, and there was a spirit of unity throughout the eleven days of camp meeting. Many worked behind the scenes to make the camp a wonderful time of joy and gladness in praise, preaching, prayer, singing, and testimonies. These were seasons of refreshing from the Lord. Our altars were tearstained as some were converted, some cleansed, and all re-confirmed in their faith. As in the Acts of the Apostles, they were all of one accord and of one spirit. As the name Peniel Holiness Camp suggests, Scriptural holiness is its central message and the 118th camp meeting was true to its heritage as well as its posterity. To God be the Glory!

new cottage won't be quite the same without the familiar lean of the old one!

Many thanks to all the workers who helped on these and many other projects throughout this past year. You are appreciated!



Powell Cottage teardown

## YOUTH FIND DESIRE FOR CHRIST

by Adam Vanaman

It was an honor to serve at Peniel Holiness Camp as the Youth Superintendent and Evangelist for the second straight year. It was an amazing time of God outpouring His Spirit on the people who attended the camp meeting. God really did some amazing work in the lives of the young people during camp. We had a wonderful increase in attendance this year, which was great. However, the greatest thing about camp was how God was working on and speaking to the young people. My wife and I have had wonderful opportunities to work with young people in different parts of the country, however the young people at Peniel are very open to the Message of Jesus Christ. We have never been around a group of young people that have such a strong desire to live and serve Jesus Christ with their lives.

The Youth Program was very much assisted by a great team of counselors. We had one home-grown counselor, Alisha Starkey, who worked well with girls, and a group of students from Kentucky Mountain Bible College (Jonathan Jack, Mellissa Moffat, and Eung Chokedeepusit). These counseling teams worked very hard and were a spiritual blessing to the Youth at camp. They led wonderful times of devotions and discussion about the things of God. We also do not want to forget the help that we received from some of the parents. Pete and Ward were especially a blessing to the Youth Program as they volunteered to be "Dorm Dads" for a couple of nights in the dorm. They shared wonderful stories and had challenging times of devotion with the young men in the dormitory. Dr. John Neihof and Dr. Nelson Perdue also took time out of their busy schedules to share the wonderful message of Jesus Christ with the young people; it was a tremendous blessing to me and to the young people.

We also had a great time with games this year! We ordered a six-foot inflatable soccer ball that was a hit with kids of all ages. The young people also enjoyed a very exciting and close game of waterslide whiffle ball, as well as a trip to Pymatuning Lake.

Peniel Camp was a huge success in 2013 because God was there, and God was transforming the lives of Young People. God has blessed us, and we are so thankful for Peniel Camp.



Future Youth Choir



Girls' dormitory/Cafeteria

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