

This year we were able to make several repairs and upgrades around the campus. We certainly do more than can be shared in this short article, but here are three of the bigger jobs.

This spring we found that one of the pipes in our main valve pit had sprung a leak. The hardware in that pit was very old and the pit itself needed repairs. This repair quickly became our top priority, as we could only turn the water on for short periods of time due to the leak. We installed all new hardware in the pit and repaired the walls of the pit. The improvements have made a big difference and should serve the camp well for many years.

The brick columns at the entrance to camp were in bad shape and a friend of the camp, Clarence Lane, offered to use his masonry skills to construct new brick columns. We were also fortunate to have bricks, mortar, sand, stone and granite tops donated to the camp. The new columns look terrific. We also installed new signs on the columns. Whenever a guest arrives at camp, they are greeted by the following Scripture at the main entrance to camp:

Love the Lord with all your...
Heart
Mind
Soul
Strength

Love your neighbor as yourself

After camp, we discovered that the roof on our tractor barn was leaking. We also have seen the roof on the Children's Tabernacle, while not leaking, is showing clear signs of deterioration. One of our friends of the camp, Henry Johnson, offered to donate the labor for the installation of steel roofs on both buildings. We began a campaign to raise \$4,000 to cover the cost to re-roof both buildings. Unfortunately, funds were slow to come in, so we tarped off the roof on the barn. We did raise enough money to purchase the material for the barn. We have put the materials in storage and will get on the job first thing in the spring.

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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 2017

Please note these dates in your 2017 calendars. Your participation is essential for a successful camp meeting!

Work Days:

- Saturday, May 20
- Friday & Saturday, June 23 & 24
- Friday & Saturday, July 14 & 15

122nd Annual Encampment:
Thursday, July 20, through Sunday, July 30

RIP ROARIN' & READY FOR WORSHIP

by Camp President Dan Segool



Greetings friends and campers. I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall season. We have been blessed with some great

weather during and following our encampment this year.

As I reflected on our encampment this summer and thought about what we could talk about in this fall, this little saying of mine came to mind. You know it... "Are you rip roarin' and ready to worship?" This question is met with cheers, often pitting the youth against the adults. Generally, the youth get the better of it.

What does it mean to be rip roarin' and ready to worship? I decided to ask myself this question. As I pondered an answer, I realized that it could mean different things to different people. It might even mean something different from one service to another, depending on our need and spiritual condition at that time.

There are two words that I think of in my definition: excitement and anticipation. I'm excited when camp time comes around. An incredible amount of prayer, planning and preparation goes into a camp meeting. Our camp staff and volunteers put in thousands of hours, year round, to make it possible. So, when camp meeting comes around, you better believe that I am excited and so are many others! There are many things that we get excited about in our society. As I type this, I am watching Game 7 of The World Series. It is a matchup with two teams that many of our campers get excited about. Should the Cubs win, I am sure that our Illinois contingent of campers will be shouting and jumping up and down. If the Indians win, a large contingent of Ohio campers will be jumping for joy! As I have watched

the coverage of the game, it is amazing to see that some paid more for a ticket to the game than others earn in a year. They are certainly excited to see that game!

There is nothing wrong with enjoying a good sporting event. But, do we have similar excitement for the things of God? Consider Psalm 100: "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

There can be no doubt that the writer of this Psalm is rip roarin and ready to worship. Notice all the words that convey excitement: shout, joy, gladness, joyful, thanksgiving, praise. When it is time to worship at Peniel, I am excited for that opportunity. I am excited because the gathering of our Association is a special thing, but more important than that, we are worshipping a good God, whose love for us endures forever!

I also feel a sense of anticipation when I come to worship at Peniel. Joshua knew something about anticipation in worship. Joshua 3:5 reads, "Then Joshua said to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.'"

Joshua lived an amazing life. It was amazing because he saw God do amazing things, and he got a glimpse of how amazing God is. We serve this same amazing God today. He has done amazing things at Peniel. We can feel a sense of anticipation when we come to worship at Peniel, because God has shown time and time again that he will move and do wonders among us, and that's why I'm rip roarin' and ready to worship!

May God Bless you with a rip roarin'
Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year!

DANGEROUS PRAYERS

by 2023 Evangelist David Gallimore



David Gallimore is scheduled to preach at Peniel in 2023. His camp meeting schedule is in such demand, we had to go that far out to schedule him!

Several years ago, I was on a personal journey for more of God. I was hungry for a fresh Word.

While reading Psalm 139:23-24 one day, I discovered what I call “5 Dangerous Prayers” that literally have revolutionized my relationship with Jesus Christ. I have prayed these prayers every day for the last 20 years, and it has been an incredible ride. However, let me warn you: these prayers are dangerous! They will mess you up – in the best of ways. At the end of the day, these prayers will produce a fully sanctified and surrendered life.

Dangerous Prayer # 1: Search Me

Picture yourself going to the doctor and getting on the examination table. You put yourself in a vulnerable position where the doctor can perform the examination. You give up control, privacy, etc. It actually can be an uncomfortable experience. Would you be willing to get on God’s examination table and say, “I give you permission to search every area of my heart, mind and soul”?

Dangerous Prayer # 2: Break Me

I must confess when I first prayed these prayers, my attitude was cavalier at best: “Go ahead, God. Search me. I think I’m doing pretty good. I’ve grown up in the Holiness Movement. I know how to do church the right way!” I had no idea what I was in store for! I started praying these prayers, and God started breaking me of what I will call – for lack of better term- “spiritual pride.” I began to realize new growth comes when old habits and attitudes are broken. To put it even stronger, there is room for repentance even in the saved and sanctified life.

Dangerous Prayer # 3: Stretch Me

When I first began praying these prayers, God led me out of a very comfortable pastorate into a cutting edge, multi-cultural church that forever changed my perspective of ministry. Hymn books were replaced by Hillsong, suits and ties were now shorts and tee shirts,

and testimonies changed from, “I’ve been saved and sanctified for 50 years,” to one innocent but enthusiastic biker who shouted from the altar to a packed congregation, “This is the greatest day of my life! God just save the Hell out of me this morning!” Was I ever being stretched out of my comfort zone! I had the privilege of baptizing 50 new converts one Sunday. Three women approached the baptistry in two-piece bathing suits! I got all mixed up, thinking “in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,” what am I going to hold on to! We got on the phone in the church office on Monday morning and ordered baptismal robes to take care of that problem. Watch out when you pray these prayers. They’re dangerous!

Dangerous Prayer #4: Lead Me

King David prayed, “Lead me in the way everlasting.” For the past 20 years, I have prayed that God daily would lead me out of my comfort and safety zones into a life of radical obedience. After serving the church as a pastor for many years, God called me into full-time itinerant ministry of evangelism. I tried to reason with God about this: it’s not 1950, most churches do not have revival meetings anymore, we will starve to death! I ran the numbers on the calculator, and they did not add up, but I kept praying these prayers. Lead me Lord; I’ll follow. We took this huge step of faith and left the security of a great church that was taking wonderful care of me and my family, and we found that, when you trust and obey, God always provides. For the past 10 years, I have averaged preaching 45 evangelistic meetings a year here in America and abroad. What I’m saying is that you can trust God with your life.

Dangerous Prayer # 5: Use Me

When all is said and done, has your life counted for the kingdom’s sake? The mantra of this world is, “He who has the most toys at the end wins.” My prayer for us today is that God would deliver us from the wisdom and ways of this world and that we would be willing to live fully surrendered lives, that we would say, “I am available today, God. Lead me to the person who needs you most, and use me to be a winning witness.”

Would you be courageous enough to pray these five prayers every day? Remember the disclaimer – the fine print – they are dangerous. But they have the potential to radically revolutionize your life. May God bless you as you start the adventure.

A HUMBLE & FAITHFUL KING

by Gary Henecke



I am in the midst of the Fall crusades, but am thinking today of my brothers and sisters at the Peniel Camp. Thank you for the memories and the experience of the love and presence of our Master. I was so honored to have been trusted among you with the good news of Jesus’ Faithfulness and Lordship over death and evil. Our nation is involved in an awful political season – but for us who know Christ, the future is bright. We are ruled and led by a humble and faithful King!

To the Romans, the death of Jesus of Nazareth was but one execution among thousands deemed necessary to bring former autonomous peoples into submissive unity to the new world order. Jesus is condemned and hanged as “King of the Jews.”[1] This of course met with strong resistance from the temple rulers. Caesar’s authority was not the issue for the religious priests and learned teachers who were assembled under Joseph Caiaphas. For them the issue was theological rather than political. This man claimed to be the Son of God.[2] The defining of orthodoxy and the issue of what and who Jesus was became the reason for their zeal. The priests could embrace a foreign monarch but not God as defined in Jesus. They found it easy to cry, “We have no king but Caesar,”[3] but could not embrace the truth that the God of their ancestors was revealing himself in this Jesus of Nazareth. To do so would call for the reorientation of all of their theological convictions. They were able to comprehend that Jesus was a threat to the temple system and to religion, as they had known it.[4] The issue for them was a crisis of doctrine and, in that, a crisis of life meaning and established order.

To us Jesus is alive and reigns – He is Sovereign!
For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (Rom 5:10 NASU)

[1] John 19:9-21 [2] John 19:7

[3] John 19:15 [4] John 11:48

DREAM MACHINE

During this past year, we have had a number of issues with our mowing equipment. We struggled to keep our old equipment running and spent more time trying to repair equipment than we did doing the actual mowing. These issues have caused us to realize that we need to upgrade our equipment. We have had a zero turn mower on our wish list for quite some time.

Over the years, we have both purchased and had used equipment donated to the camp. We mow a very large area and the terrain is difficult on equipment, especially equipment that has already had a lot of use. Also, standard residential equipment won’t hold up; we need commercial grade.

In the picture, you will see Dan with his “dream machine.” This is a commercial grade Dixie Chopper mower. This machine would mow our grounds much faster than our current machine, and because it is a Z turn machine, it could be easily maneuvered, even in tight spots. These machines are used all day long by landscapers, so while they are expensive, they would last for many years with proper care.

We are not running a capital campaign for this, but we want to make everyone at the camp aware of this concern and see what is possible.



EVANGELISTS SLATED FOR 2017

Be sure to mark your calendars for Peniel’s 122nd Camp Meeting, July 20-30, 2017. Evangelists include Dr. Stephen Manley, Dr. Roy Lauter and Pastor Greg McDonald.