

WHY DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO CAMP?

"I am really looking forward to camp as I always feel closer to Him when I am there. The fellowship with other campers is awesome."

- Corky

"Because who doesn't like going home?"

- Rixey

"I look forward to camp every year. It's my time to get away and get recharged with God's Word. I also enjoy being with my camp family."

- Jackie

"To get closer to God."

- Joshua

"The opportunity to unplug from technology and busy schedules, have extra time for reflection and growth in His Word, and fellowship with likeminded believers is priceless."

- Bethany

"To grow closer to God and his family."

- Sandra



2017 CAMP MEETING EVANGELISTS

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Dr. Stephen Manley, Rev. Greg McDonald

Song: Brian Arner

Youth: Adam & Valerie Vanaman

Children: Jason Campbell

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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

Saturday, June 17 - Rummage Sale

Friday & Saturday, June 23 & 24

Friday & Saturday, July 14 & 15

122nd Annual Encampment:

Thursday, July 20, through Sunday, July 30

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"PASSIONS"

by Camp President Dan Segool



Hello Friends and campers. I hope you are having a good winter. This winter, I have joined many of my friends at church in The

Bible in 90 Days challenge. It has been challenging, but it has been a tremendous blessing to immerse myself in God's Word for about 40-50 minutes each day as we go cover to cover, just like you would with a great novel.

Of course, there is no other novel like God's Holy Word! As I write this, I am in 2 Kings, or almost a third of the way through the Bible. I have to admit that sometimes my mind is simply boggled by the turn of events that happens with the Israelites. Time and time again, God warns them not to adopt the ways and false gods of the nations surrounding. The Lord wants them to be uncompromising in living as a holy nation, set apart for God. Yet, we see a continual pattern of compromise and disobedience.

One of the hardest things for me to understand is the terrible chain of events that occur while Moses is meeting with The Lord on Mount Sinai. Moses went up on the mountain to meet with God and was up there for 40 days (Exodus 32). At some point, the people demanded idols to serve as their gods. These are the same people who with their own eyes witnessed all the plagues in Egypt and who crossed through the Red Sea when God parted the waters to allow them to escape Pharaoh's army. These people witnessed God coming down onto the mountain and asked Moses to represent them before The Lord as they feared for their lives should they appear before God. How could they turn away and do such a thing?

Then, there is Aaron. As Moses' "right hand man," he had a front row seat to everything that God was doing. How could he agree to do this? When Moses returns, he confronts Aaron, who basically blames

it on the people and also states, "So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" (Ex 32:24). How pathetic. Many of you know that Lori has a cookie business and keeps very busy during the holidays. I can tell you that I have never seen her toss a lump of dough into the oven and out pops perfectly formed and tasty cookies. It doesn't happen that way. It takes effort and planning. Aaron is in such denial of this sinful failure of leadership that he can't even speak logically.

I find myself amazed at this lack of obedience. It certainly doesn't stop there. God raises up many wonderful leaders, kings and prophets who point the people to God. Yet, as soon as that leader passes, sinful ways quickly return. The thing I must continually tell myself is this: "Apart from God, I'm not any different!"

The rebellious heart is not unique to Old Testament times. We only need to look around us to see it in our society and ourselves today. Songwriters remind us of it too. Many of our seasoned campers will be familiar with the hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Written in 1758, one verse reads, "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love!" More recently minted campers might be familiar with the song, "Calling on Fire," which was released by Bellarive in 2014. One stanza pleads, "Burn away my rebellious, ever-wandering heart." Written over 250 years apart, both songs reveal this flaw in the heart of mankind, this fickle heart we have.

So, is there anything we can do? Both songs present the answer. "In 2014 we pray "Teach me to fix my eyes on you." In 1758 we pray, "Here's my heart Lord, oh take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above."

The only cure for this fickle heart is to turn it over to Jesus and allow him to remake and seal it in His image where He fixes our eyes on Him. Holy living is possible, but only when the fickle, rebellious heart burns away.

We will gather this summer to discuss this: How is your heart?

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

by Dr. Roy Lauter



In a recent conversation with Dan Segool, Peniel Holiness Camp president, we discussed the upcoming camp meeting for 2017. My mind raced back across the years since I was last at Peniel. The intervening years since 2008, have passed quickly and brought many changes in my life. I have fought a near terminal battle with cancer, had another knee replacement, and aged considerably. Yet, with the Lord's help, I have emerged with the fires of evangelism burning as brightly as ever. I have, by God's grace, been able to resume a full preaching schedule. I am excited about returning to Peniel Camp!

While leading a mission team to South Africa, a team member asked about plans for the next day. My response was, "We've got to hit the ground running if we are to accomplish our tasks." That is my challenge to all of us for Peniel 2017. We need to hit the ground running.

There is an African Proverb that expressed my thoughts very well:

Every morning the impala awakes knowing that it must outrun the fastest lion if it wants to stay alive.

Every morning the lion awakes knowing it must outrun the slowest impala or it will starve.

It makes no difference if you are a lion or an impala, when the sun comes up in Africa you must wake up running.

The Apostle Paul compares the Christian life to a race. Here are four principles Paul uses in his analogy of the Christian life and a foot race.

• Striving for the Prize: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize" 1 Cor. 9:24 NIV.

• Stripping for the Contest: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" Heb. 12:1 NIV.

• Hindrances to the Runner: "You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?" Ga. 5:12 NIV

• Pressing toward the Goal: "I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us" Ph.3:14 NIV.

How are you doing in your race for eternal life? Are you strong because of feeding on God's word? Are you exercising your faith? Are you keeping fit in your prayer life? Have you stripped away the earthly weights and besetting sins? The enemy of man's soul will catch the spiritually weak and slow. Are you lagging behind? If so, then Peniel Camp meeting for 2017 is for you.

BRIDGING TOGETHER CHRIST'S WORK

by Marshall Sillie



One evening in July 2013 I was minding my own business in the Tabernacle. I met Dan Segool standing with Dr. John Niehof., who invited me to apply to Wesley Biblical Seminary where he was the in-coming president. I applied and began classes that Fall semester. Now I am completing my final semester of an experience I could not have possibly anticipated. God has helped me grow with the assist of the best possible faculty. During my two residencies I have met brothers from around the globe in Christ with whom I will keep in touch the rest of my life.

Peniel helped me get a graduate education and a deeper walk with Christ.

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

by Brian Arner, 2017 Song Evangelist



Wow! Isn't it a pleasant thought to know even in these cold days of winter that camp meeting 2017 at Peniel is coming soon!

I am so grateful that God has chosen to give me the opportunity to share through music this year

what He is doing in my life. It affords me the chance to meet many of you and to be introduced to Peniel Camp. I am no stranger to camp meeting and grew up attending and working in the very special atmosphere of camp meetings in nearby Northeast Ohio area, but this will be my first visit to Peniel. Will you join me in praying for an encounter with Jesus that will cause us to want to sing His praises day after day through every service and concert? Pray that the Holy Spirit will move as we make Jesus Christ the centerpiece of our worship. In the months leading up to camp, let's make the chorus to this favorite, timeless song our prayer to prepare our hearts and minds for the best camp meeting we've ever had!

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

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GROUNDS UPDATE

All has been quiet during the winter months at Peniel, but to borrow a phrase from Dr Lauter, we plan to "hit the ground running" come spring. As discussed in the Fall Postings, we have purchased materials to replace the roof on our tractor barn with a steel roof. We would like to raise funds to do the same to our Children's Tabernacle. We estimate material cost for the C Tab to be approximately \$1,500. If we can raise the funds now, we can get both jobs done early in the spring.

Also, please pray for wisdom and blessings regarding our efforts to upgrade our mowing equipment!

Of course, there is much more that we would like to do with our buildings and grounds. One of the most important parts of that is your participation in work days. Please see the list of important dates. Thanks for your prayers, finances and sweat equity!!

ONLINE DONATING NOW AVAILABLE

Several of our campers have expressed a desire to simplify donations by having online capability. This winter, our board, with the assistance of our website manager, Shawn Durfee, has now added that capability to our website.

Now, you can simply go to the following web address to make a donation to Peniel:

www.peniellholinesscamp.com/donate.htm

You will be emailed a receipt, and we will continue to keep record and send you an annual statement of giving, as we have done in the past. Of course, you can also continue to mail a check donation to Peniel at:

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