



I am excited to be a part of Peniel Holiness Camp 2013. I have been visiting your camp for many years with representative groups from Kentucky Mountain Bible College, where I live and work. Through the years, I have been thrilled as I have heard the Word of God proclaimed in your tabernacle, been challenged by your missionary speakers, prayed with youth around the altar, and deepened friendships with many of you. Ever since Dan scheduled me, I have anticipated working with my dear friend and hero of faith, Dr. Nelson Perdue. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of Peniel 2013! I look forward to praying, preaching, eating, walking, visiting, and laughing with you this year!

### 2013 EVANGELISTS

**Preaching:** Dr. Nelson Purdue & Dr. John Neihof  
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**Youth:** Adam & Valerie Vanaman  
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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 2013

Please note these dates in your 2013 calendars. Your participation is essential for a successful camp meeting!

**Work Days:**  
Saturday, June 1  
Friday & Saturday, June 21 & 22  
Friday & Saturday, July 12 & 13

**117th Annual Encampment:**  
Thursday, July 18 through Sunday, July 28

Can we earn God's respect?

*by Camp President Dan Segool*



Could it be that I am using the winter edition of *The Postings* to do a movie review? Probably not what you expected! For what it is worth, I didn't expect it either. A couple weeks ago, I went to see the movie, "Here Comes The Boom." I won't play spoiler if you haven't seen the movie, but I really enjoyed it.

Now, if you don't like scenes of guys getting beat up, then you might want to pass on this one.

The premise of the movie is that a one time, great school teacher who has lost his passion decides to take up MMA fighting to raise money and save the music program at his school. This includes saving the job of the music teacher, played by Henry Winkler. I'll pause right now to say that my mind has a hard time wrapping around the idea that "The Fonz" is now an old music teacher with long gray hair.

There is one scene that this article is focused on. The teacher needs additional training, and he goes to a gym where he is pummeled by as many as three fighters at a time. He does his best to hang in there, despite the incredible beat down. Following this "training session" the fighters and the trainers sit down for dinner together. At this point, I was shocked and quite pleased to hear the trainer begin to talk about Jacob's experience at Peniel. (Gen 32:22-31) Jacob, he says, faced impossible odds in his wrestling match with God. But he wouldn't let go, and by the end of their all night wrestling match, he had earned God's respect. The inference is that this school teacher faced impossible odds, but he hung in there and earned the respect of everyone in the gym.

I don't completely agree with the interpretation of the scripture as presented in the movie, but I was

thrilled nonetheless to see a scripture reference in a secular movie. I also wondered if we should start an MMA program at Peniel. (Just kidding!)

Of course, this got my wheels turning as I reflected upon that scripture and the movie. I felt glad that I don't have to earn God's respect. Jacob earned a blessing at Peniel. He already had God's respect. None of us could ever do enough to earn God's respect. Fortunately, we don't have to. God has given it to us. He loves us so much that he allowed himself to become a target of disrespect and death. God loved and respected us, while we were still his enemies. (Rom 5:7-9) The fact is we have no idea how much respect God has for us. It goes beyond our understanding.

In closing, I wanted to take a moment to thank Renee Tuning for all her work on *The Postings* as our editor over the past few years. Renee has stepped down due to the time demands of her growing business. Bethany Doyle is working with me as Publisher/Editor and doing a great job. We are always looking for content, and if you would ever like to write an article, just let me know.

Our next publication will be the Camp Folder in May, which is closer than you think! So, I hope you are already making plans for Peniel in 2013. During the past few weeks, I have been asking campers, "Why do you look forward to Peniel Camp?" You will find answers to that question in this edition of *The Postings*.

God Bless,  
Dan



## TIPS FOR COTTAGE OWNERS



During the past several years, we have made many improvements throughout the campus, far too many to list here. We are also pleased to see that a number of cottage owners have been working hard on their cottages to help our camp to have a neat and uniform appearance.

In the last two years, the camp has spent over \$4,000 to paint the Dining Hall, the Tabernacle, the Evangelists' and President's cottages, as well as both bathhouses. That's a lot of painting for that price! We are fortunate to have labor and some of the supplies donated. A fresh coat of paint makes a big difference!

So, we are encouraging cottage owners to take a look and see if your cottage could benefit from a fresh coat. If your cottage needs a new coat, the first thing you want to do is make sure it is well prepared before painting. Scraping isn't fun, but good surface preparation will make your job last much longer. There are also reasonably priced power paint scrapers available at most home improvement stores. The camp has used white stain on several of our recent paint jobs. Stain will not peel and crack like paint and is much more easily freshened up down the road.

Of course, you could also go the route of vinyl siding and not have to worry about painting again! Whether you paint, stain or use siding, make sure to use the Peniel color scheme, bright white siding with green trim. (Most paint stores refer to Peniel green as "forest green.") Porches should use weather treated deck boards, and if you choose to paint them,

we recommend gray stain. If you are doing interior painting, the camp does have some off white tinted primer and paint, which we can make available to cottage owners. If you are interested, contact Dan Segool or Lee Greenfield.

Cottage owners are welcome to use their cottages whenever the grounds are open. Generally, we have water and a bathhouse available on campus from mid-May until mid-September. Annual dues partially offset the cost of grounds maintenance and water service, so it is important for all campers, and especially cottage owners, to keep their dues up to date.

Are you interested in buying or building a cottage? If you aren't already a member of The Association, then the first step is to apply for membership during camp.

"The Christian [walk] demands our spiritual best, and more. To our best must be added His supernatural enabling touch. We must offer our best; then we must look to God to add His holy fire. Our best is never enough. We constantly need God's extra touch. We need His fire. In the service of God we need more than ability and skill. We need the manifest presence of God, the consciousness and evidence of God's special touch upon us. We rely, not on our knowledge, training and experience, but on God's transforming addition to our highest and best."

—WESLEY DUEWEL, former president of OMS  
excerpted from his book *ABLAZE FOR GOD*

*Be sure to look for the 2013 Camp Folder in your mailbox in May. You won't want to miss this year's encampment, which begins with an opening concert from The Keelings.*

## WHY DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO PENIEL?

*To spend time with the most uplifting people I know.*  
— Peggy Singer

*Peniel Camp is a blessed reminder of my grandparents, who brought me and my two sisters here from Illinois, year after year!*  
— Kari Baum

*I love taking a 10-day vacation with God!*  
— Lisa Truitt

*To help me keep working FORWARD to "When I look into His face, the One that saved me by His Grace, what a glorious day that will be!"*  
— Cindy Schaaf

*I look forward to Peniel Camp because it's always great see new and old faces and to grow together as a family in God's love. . . it's home away from home!"*  
— Luse Choongo

*Seeing people's kids...who look like THEM when they were younger!*  
— Darlene McClimans

*The preaching is my favorite part. I love a good sermon!*  
— Nathan Doyle

*I have always felt that coming to camp was a bit of a homecoming to a kind of earthly reflection of Heaven, being in the shadow of God more directly.*  
— Margaret Henning



Youth at Pymatuning Lake 2012



Bell Tower above Dining Hall



Full crowd awaits Sunday evening service