

NEW KITCHEN STAFF ANNOUNCED

This fall, Peggy Singer stepped down from the Kitchen Superintendent position due to health challenges. We will certainly miss Peggy in the kitchen. Peggy hopes to visit during camp, so please pray that God will give her the strength to do so.

Finding leadership for the kitchen is not an easy task, but we feel God has led some wonderful folks to come serve at Peniel. Marsha Jones will be serving as our Kitchen Superintendent. Marsha comes to Peniel having served the past two summers at Camp Judson as Head Cook in 2014, and Assistant Cook and Housekeeping in 2013. She is also a substitute teacher with Conneaut schools and lives in nearby Springboro.

Caryn Stafford is coming on board as our Baker. Caryn has grown up at Peniel and is a third generation camper. In addition to loving Peniel, Caryn also loves to bake. As a long time camper, she already knows what you like! Caryn lives in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and teaches elementary school. She always looks forward to coming back to Peniel during the summer!

We are also pleased to have Glenn (Salad Guy) and Linda (Asst Cook) Wilson back in the kitchen, as well as Dining Hall Host Jason Collins. We are looking for additional volunteers for the kitchen. We would like to have plenty of people, so we can rotate our talent and keep everyone fresh. If you are willing to help in the kitchen, be it for a day or just a meal, please contact Marsha at 814.873.1723 or kitchen@penielholinesscamp.com.

MATERIAL DONATIONS

We are looking for a few pieces of equipment around the camp. This includes:

- 1. FLAT SCREEN TV** – We would like to improve our video operation in the Tabernacle with addition of a 50 to 60 inch flat screen. We could use up to three of them.
- 2. High Capacity Dehumidifier** - Over in Cookman, we are looking for a new high capacity dehumidifier to help keep the building in good shape during the hot, humid summer months.

If you would like to donate new or very gently used equipment to Peniel, please contact Dan to make arrangements prior to bringing it to camp.

Peniel Postings

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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 2015

Please note these dates in your 2015 calendars. Your participation is essential for a successful camp meeting!

Work Days:

Saturday, May 30
Friday & Saturday, June 19 & 20
Friday & Saturday, July 10 & 11

120th Annual Encampment:

Thursday, July 16, through Sunday, July 26

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE OF CAMP

by Camp President Dan Segool



Hello friends and campers! I hope that you are being blessed throughout the winter months, regardless of where you are spending them. I feel very blessed when I settle down on a cold winter's night. The other day I was reflecting on Isaiah 32:18 –

“My people will live in a peaceful habitation, and in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places.” When the weather is cold and blustery outside, I feel extra blessed to have a secure dwelling/resting place.

Another way in which I am continually blessed is through Peniel Camp. You all are often on and never far from my mind. This is also true of my family. These days, I am often driving Josh around town to or from basketball, friends' houses, church, etc. During these times, he sits in the back of the car and talks on and on. Question after question! It is not unusual for the commentary to revolve around the camp.

One day he said, “Do you know what my five favorite things about camp are?”

“No,” I said. “Would you tell me?”

Of course, I knew this could be good content for a column, so as soon as I got home, I jotted down a few quick notes. I am happy to present the five favorite things about Peniel Camp, as dictated by eight-year-old Josh Segool.

1. Meetings in the Children's Tabernacle.

Josh loves to go to the Children's Tabernacle, always curious to see what Mr. Jason is up to. Mr. Jason has a way of catching the imagination of the children. I suppose that is because he is a kid at heart! I'm always blessed when I hear the bell ring at camp and see the kids scurrying to that building. I love to see the enthusiasm! Perhaps we can all learn a lesson from that!

2. Visiting the Snack Stand.

I'll be straight up with you and tell you that I thought this would probably rank number one, followed by

the next category. You see, Lori and I have realized that we made a mistake when we named Josh. We should have named him Hungry. Most mornings, the first thing we hear from him is, “I'm Hungry.” When bedtime comes, “I'm Hungry.” I was thrilled to see Children's Meeting ranked number one on his list, but not at all surprised to see the snack stand in a close second. Of course, when your Grandma works in the stand, that's even better!

3. Breakfast, Dinner & Supper in the Dining Hall.

As camp meeting rolls along, we sometimes let Josh sleep through breakfast, as he needs some extra sleep after days of motoring around the grounds. It is a delicate balance because Josh also gets upset if he misses a meal in the Dining Hall. In addition to delicious food, there is also some wonderful fellowship. I think all campers enjoy it, especially if your nickname is Hungry!

4. Main Tabernacle Evening Service.

I was wondering if this would make the list. Josh is at that age, too old to stay in child watch, missing his friends there, and a bit antsy for the evening service. I'm glad to see that God is planting a desire for worship in his heart. Over time, it will grow.

5. Playing on playground in the dark.

Summer evenings after service are a great time at Peniel. Great fellowship around the snack stand, fun games for the youth, and an opportunity for children and parents to enjoy some recreation and visiting at the playground and basketball court. Eventually, the gentle calm of the evening is pierced when parents inform children it is time to go to bed. You know what Lori and I hear, “But, I'm Hungry!”

Camp time will be here before you know it. We will be updating our website with more information in the coming weeks, and the camp brochure should be ready to go early in May. In the meantime, how about visiting our Facebook page and sharing some of your favorite things about Peniel? I'll look forward to reading your posts!

SEEING THE NEED

by 2015 Evangelist Ken Mosser



What do I need? How often have you asked that question? We are, largely, a society that wants. We want new vehicles, new careers, new friends, alcohol, and on and on the list goes. But the emptiness in the heart remains. We may not realize our true need — salvation.

Before the beginning of mankind, God knew what our real need would be. God knew mankind would fall into sin and out of relationship with HIM. God knew we needed a savior and offered us the gift of his son Jesus to pay for our sins. God saw our need. We should strive to be more like God and see the needs of others.

Some reading this article recognized their need to be saved, recognized they were sinners. They asked Jesus for forgiveness and were saved. Still, others have not yet realized they have a need.

Picture a man standing on a dock over the Atlantic Ocean, viewing the sunset. All around him are life preservers hooked on the rails. He may notice them but doesn't pay attention because he sees no need. He steps too close to the edge and falls into the ocean. Now, he has a problem. He cannot swim. Now he recognizes his need. He yells for help. Would someone nearby throw him a life preserver? Maybe they think it's his fault. He shouldn't have gotten so close to the edge. Some may not even notice the man because they were too busy to care. His need was real. How could people ignore this man?

COOKMAN PROCEDURES

We anticipate being heavily booked in Cookman again this year. In order to better plan for bookings, we have updated our booking procedures for Cookman.

If you have already booked a room for 2015, we are asking you to RE-CONFIRM your reservation between April 16 and May 16, 2015. Also, if you have not already paid your \$25 deposit, it will be due by May 16, 2015.

Due to the demand for lodging, we also want to make sure that all cottages are used. If you own a cottage, and you are not able to attend camp, please contact reservations about making your cottage available to rent.

A man may not fall off a dock in your presence but people with needs are all around us. Recently, my daughter, my son-in-law, his father, and my wife all wanted to go shopping at Sam's Club. I'm not really a shopper but reluctantly went along. Inside Sam's Club the men ended up in the television section. I didn't want to be there nor did I want a television but there I was casually checking out the T.V.'s. I noticed there was a gentleman who was following me like a shadow. This for some reason irritated me. I kept pretending I didn't see him. My son-in-law and his father were nowhere to be seen, just me and my shadow. He had a need that I could or did not want to see. Thankfully the Holy Spirit prompted me to talk to the man. The gentleman was excited to have someone to talk with. He had recently lost his wife and said he came out just to be around people. We had a nice conversation that turned to spiritual things, and I asked if he attended church. He hadn't been to church for years and said he had just drifted away from God. He did confirm a relationship with Jesus and left saying he would be back in church the following Sunday. Here was a man that had a need and it would have been missed without the Holy Spirit prompting me.

People have needs. Do you see their need? God's people need to see the needs of others. In Matthew 4:19 Jesus says to his disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men".

Seeing others' needs is the first step in fishing for men.

More information is available on the "rental information" section of our website. Contact information for reservations is as follows:

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WHAT PENIEL MEANS TO ME

As I turned into the driveway that Saturday evening in late July of 1997, I knew immediately that it was a place where I would be drawn to return. The darkness had descended, but the tabernacle was filled with a glow from the lights, maybe, but also from the Spirit that had settled on that place.



It was my first time at Peniel Holiness Camp, and I was just there to pick up my son and some friends that were returning home on the last weekend of camp. I was in awe as I listened to the voices singing praises to the Lord, and immediately thanked Him for bringing me there.

The next couple years I was only able to attend camp for day trips, each time wishing I could stay longer. Many of the teens from the youth group I taught were attending, and it was great to see them dedicating their lives to Jesus. My younger son and his friends loved it, and couldn't wait to be old enough to be on the Camp Plan.

We started to stay overnight in Cookman Hall after a few years, and each year planned our vacations around camp time. Each year we counted down the months and days until camp, inviting more teens and friends with families.

There is always an excitement that builds up as the car gets closer to the camp grounds. When I get that first glimpse of the old buildings, some standing for over 120 years, I feel the Holy Spirit leap inside of me, an anticipation of what God has planned for all of us for the coming days. I know that He will be there, to teach me, to heal me, to comfort me, and to draw me closer to Him.

Why do I return year after year? Is it because of the time spent with old friends and new friends, watching young children running and playing, teenagers talking and laughing, excellent music, inspiring preaching, great food? I think it is all of that, but mostly it's because it is a place where I meet God face to face (Gen. 32:30). And that is awesome!

—Beth Charnovich

My first trip to Peniel was in 1998. I was invited by some of the families from the Berlin Center United Methodist Church.



I went to church camp when I was a teenager, and I really enjoyed it. So I was hoping my three kids would enjoy camp. My husband wasn't able to come due to working the night shift answering prayer calls for a Christian call center, but he was always supportive when we went for the past 16 years. He likes to help out in behind-the-scenes ways like typing and editing this note for example. It meant missing our anniversary on July 20th for those 16 years. However, he has been able to come for a couple of days.

Our trip to camp took 2 ½ hours. On one trip, I remember the kids asking if we were there yet and asking what it was like. Now when we camped as a family, we used a tent and they were used to swimming pools, hay rides, and lots of activities.

When we finally arrived and pulled into the driveway the first words out of their mouths were "Are we really staying here?" I said, "Yes, we are staying here for the next eight days." By the end of the week, the kids loved camp and have been coming ever since.

Now to explain why Peniel is so important to me. All three of my kids were saved at camp. Chrissy at age 16, Amy at 15, and DJ at age 7. I can still remember when the girls came and told me that they were both saved the same night. That was a very happy moment for me.

Chrissy still says she has some really special memories of camp. The girls still come up with me to do some cleaning and work, and it never fails to bring back memories of special times. Another happy moment was at the children's closing program as the Johnson sisters mentioned that the Ohio boys DJ, Parker, Zack, and Justin had accepted Jesus in their heart.

Now for myself, Peniel is very important to me. I really look forward to camp. It's my time to get away and to recharge my Christian batteries. Here I can relax and focus on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I enjoy spending time with other Christian people, and I really feel we are all the family of God. I enjoy doing everything I do at camp.

—Jackie Shattuck