



Saturday Edition

Penn-Del Tips

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It's Saturday! Recap Time

It was a warm Friday and many people got an early start traveling to Shippensburg University from all over the region. While there were around 170 pre-registrations we also had many walk up registrations as well. With our long-time registrar under the weather and unable to attend, our ABMOPAD President put on another hat and performed these duties. Thanks for the hard work, Bob!

The annual golf tournament, sponsored by Alderson-Broadus College and Eastern University was held at Cumberland Golf Club. They certainly had a great day for it. I can't wait to see who won the shortest drive contest!

As the afternoon grew toward evening, the men in attendance went on the trek to the Kriner Dining Hall. All in all, it wasn't a bad walk and the food was top-notch.

The evening service got underway promptly at 7:30 PM. Following a short welcome by Bob McQue, we kicked it into high gear with Richie

Shive and Rodney Arment leading our Praise and Worship songs. We had a mix of familiar praise choruses, favorite hymns and finally a brand new song that was just written last year. As Richie said, God is not impressed with your style of worship, he wants your heart. The group of men gathered in the hall certainly sounded like their heart was in the right place, because the music sounded incredible.

Following the recognition of the Area Ministers and our Pastors, the 54'th Annual Retreat theme song was sung. "Seek Ye First" is such a simple hymn, but carries the powerful message from the scriptures.

In sharing his testimony, Dale Miller reminded us that no matter what plans you many have, if God has other plans for you, he'll lead you in that new direction. We must be sensitive to God's calling.

Returning after three years, the Kilikpo's revved up the evening with three awesome numbers. We are all

fighters in God's army and we have to make a choice for Jesus!

Last but not least, Rev. Robert Santilli gave the keynote message. Speaking from the book of Philippians, he spoke of how God loves us and how we need to exude that love to other people. In 1 John, 4 we read that we love, because God first loved us. We have to love and have joy in all things—Joy is not dependant on circumstances.

Best of all, we discovered that Bob Santilli works for crumb cake. We'll have the treasurer make a note of that.

It was a fabulous first day of our retreat. It's hard to believe that it's over as I sit and write this in my room. Thank you to all who are in attendance. If you are reading this online because you were unable to attend, we pray that you are able to join us at a future retreat.

Enjoy your Saturday!

Places of the Bible Anagram

Unscrample the words below to reveal place names from the bible
Puzzle Created by BibleQuizzes.org.uk

Rule James	Seasonal itch	Babes here?
A leg lie	A truss	Tipsy school
Big one	Manure cap	Same pilot
To China!	I'm a Sara	Push! See?
Any blob	Hairy tat	Space idol
Chin rot	Cola idea	Hen vine
Omit as a poem	No herb	Heap hid a pill

Newsletter Submissions

The Penn-Del Tips will be available as you enter Kriner Dining Hall on Saturday and Sunday mornings .

If you have something you would like to add to the next morning's edition, please write it down and bring it to the registration desk before 11 PM.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones and pagers during sessions.



ABMOPAD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Each year, retreat awards are given based on attendance. One of the awards, the Founders Award, is for churches that meet criteria based on membership size. We have discovered that our records are not up to date and we may be unintentionally excluding (and in some cases including) churches in error. At the registration desk, we have a list of all churches that are represented at the retreat this year. We ask that a representative from each church come and provide a number of members for your church. This would be the number of total members, whether active or inactive. Armed with this information, we can better determine the winner of future awards. Thank you!

God Of The Ages

Richie introduced a new song to us Friday evening. It was titled "God Of The Ages". This song was written in 2007 by Travis Doucette, a student at Liberty University. The song officially debuted at Thomas Road Baptist Church in April, 2008. The song gained instant popularity and even is featured in a youtube video. Check the retreat pages when you return home for the link to this video.

Travis takes no personal credit for this song and gives it all to the Glory of God.

Thanks be to God for his great gift of inspiration to this talented young man.

Retreat Evaluations

How did we do this year? Was there something you liked? Was there something you would like to change? Do you just have some suggestions for additions or improvements to our retreat? Let us know by filling out your evaluation form. We read ALL of them! Many of the changes we've made over the years, including adding bottled water for the rooms at night have been a direct result of your feedback, so please make sure you fill out your evaluation before you leave.

Lost and Found

Find something? Please turn it in at the registration area.

Lose something? Check at the registration area to see if it's been turned in.

Reminder!

Booster call 52 will be closing at the end of the retreat. If you would like to contribute, please see a board member.

Don't miss the fellowship time following tonight's service. Ice Cream and beverages will be served in the Atrium of the CUB.

Get Involved!

Take a look at the nominating committee report on page 20 in the retreat booklet. You're notice that there are many positions marked as "Vacant". If you feel God nudging you toward getting more involved, won't you then please consider coming on board into one of these open positions?

Altoona Project

ABCOPAD currently has a project underway with Habitat for Humanity. It is a great project and needs your support. Check out all of the information at the ABCOPAD website www.abcopad.org. If each church in the region gave as little as \$500, the project could be fully funded with enough left over to start a second project home. Please prayerfully consider returning to your home church with this exciting project on your heart. If you'd like more information, you can also speak with Mark Mahserjian-Smith. He'd be glad to tell you about the wonderful work that is underway!

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Today's weather is calling for high temperatures and a high heat index. If you are going to participate in any outdoor activities today, please be sure to be careful. Drink plenty of water (not soda), even if you don't feel thirsty. Above all, don't overdo it! Please also be sure to keep any eye on your fellow participants. Above all, enjoy your free time!

From the Editor

On Friday, I drove out to Shippensburg University on the highway. When traffic allowed, I used the cruise control in my vehicle. Cruise control is a wonderful invention. It lets you set the speed and not worry about falling behind your schedule or going too fast and possibly receiving a traffic citation for speeding. The problem with cruise control, though, is that it's easy to get complacent about your trip. When your foot is not controlling your speed, you may get too relaxed and possibly not notice a drastic change in the traffic conditions. Even with using cruise control, you need to make sure you are paying close attention for your own safety.

Our lives as Christians often run on cruise control, don't they? We come to church, we have our meetings, we sing our songs, we pray, we listen to the sermon. Rewind. Start again next week. It's easy to get stuck in a rut if you are not careful. Just like when we're driving, we need to pay close attention in our lives and make sure that everything we do, especially in our church lives, is for the Glory of God. If we're doing something just because we're cruising, we're not doing it for the right reason. Approach EVERY situation with an eye towards God and turn that life cruise control off!