



Sunday Edition

Penn-Del Tips

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Rise And Rejoice!

Saturday is "in the books" and we had a wonderful day! Looking back at the day, I can see how God was taking situations that we'd consider less than ideal and using them for His Glory.

Starting with Morning Devotions, we hit a roadblock in that the CUB was still locked. No problem, because God led the men to hold their morning devotions in the small courtyard outside the CUB. The men in attendance discussed Galatians 3:26, where Paul writes about being "Sons of God through faith". Praise God for his leading!

Workshops were very well attended and all of the reports I've received so far is that they were a wonderful, enriching experience for everybody.

Afternoon recreation hit a snag when a fast moving thunderstorm rolled through. It cleared rather quickly, though, and the outdoor sports were well attended. Congratulations to the winners of the horseshoe tournament (although the term "ringer" seems appropriate here).

During the recreation time, we tried something new this year. A "Civil War Evangelist" came and presented a seminar on Civil War era

chaplancy. Renee and his wife Robbie came dressed fully in 19th century garb and led 32 men in praise songs accompanied by a "dulcijo" (an instrument that is a hybrid of a dulcimer and a banjo). Renee then gave a rousing sermon on the need to teach the Word, no matter how unpopular the Message.

At our evening service, ABMOPAD President, Bob McQue, Sr. challenged the men to get up, get moving and do work for the Lord. At that point, we really did get up and get to work, as we shared a time of praise and worship that had the CUB rocking. I can't say enough about how good you guys sound.

The Layman of the Year award was presented to Thomas H. Roberts for his outstanding work in many years of ministry. Our Men's Choir and the Orchestra presented a nice mix of Gospel and Hymns and proved that no matter how small the group, the power of God shines through fully when you pour your heart into ministry. Thank you gentlemen for a job well done! And thank you Phil for bringing them together this year!

Layman of the Year, Thomas Roberts spoke about his time in the prison ministry and how he had to learn

"how to know the will of God". Focusing on Romans 12:2, he pointed out that you have to commit to do God's will BEFORE you even know what it is. It is important to be obedient when God's will is directed to us. We must always witness when we have the opportunity. It is God's opportunity to reach people through us!

The Kilikpo's raised the roof once more tonight with four awesome numbers. They sang about how they love "that man from Galilee" and how they are so grateful to the Lord. Their songs about the name of Jesus and the God of the valley drove the point home as well.

Rev. Santilli finished off the night by speaking to us again from the book of Philippians. He talked about how we need to be called back when we stray. We must be humble before God and man. The way to unity is NOT by being right, it's by being humble. We must put aside our selfish interests and be like-minded with Christ.

If let the Spirit blaze in us and don't put out the fire, there is nothing we cannot do in ministry. Praise God!

Don't let the fire go out when you return home!

Places of the Bible Anagram—Solution

Puzzle Created by BibleQuizzes.org.uk

Rule James - Jerusalem
A leg lie - Galilee
Big one - Gibeon
To China! - Antioch
Any blob - Babylon
Chin rot - Corinth
Omit as a poem - Mesopotamia

Seasonal itch - Thessalonica
A truss - Tarsus
Manure cap - Capernaum
I'm a Sara - Samaria
Hairy tat - Thyatira
Cola idea - Laodicea
No herb - Hebron

Babes here? - Beersheba
Topsy school - Scythopolis
Same pilot - Ptolemais
Push! See? - Ephesus
Space idol - Decapolis
Hen vine - Nineveh
Heap hid a pill - Philadelphia

Attendance Awards

- Founder's Award (churches under 175 members) - Immanuel Baptist
- President's Award (most first year registrations) - Parkesburg – 5 First Year Attendees
- Past President's Award (most total registrations) - Tie between Calvary Baptist, Newark and Parkesburg – 20 attendees.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Thomas H. Roberts 2008 Layman of the Year

On Saturday night, Thomas H. Roberts was honored as our Layman of the Year for 2008. Tom has been extremely active in men's work for years with many accomplishments. He truly has a heart for service. Congratulations to Tom for an honor that is well deserved.



Anyway (author unknown)

- People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered - Forgive them anyway.
- If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives - Be kind anyway.
- If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies - Succeed anyway.
- If you are honest and frank, they may cheat you - Be forthright anyway.
- What you spent years building, they may destroy overnight - Build anyway.
- The good you do today, they often will forget tomorrow - Do good anyway.
- Give the world the best you have, and it will never be enough - Give the world the best you've got anyway.
- You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God - It was never between you and them anyway.

Thank you for coming to the 54th Annual Men's Retreat. We are so glad you came and look forward to seeing you at the 55th Annual Men's Retreat to be held at Shippensburg University on July 31st through August 2nd, 2009. Mark your calendars now and don't forget to get one or two additional friends to come as well.

Have a safe ride home!

ABMOPAD Board of Managers

We read EVERY evaluation form. Please tell us honestly about your experience. Many of the changes that have been implemented in the past were based on feedback from your retreat evaluations. We'd like to hear from you about what you liked, what you didn't like, suggestions for improvement and general comments.

A few final housekeeping items . . .

- Linens should be placed in your pillow cases and brought to the designated area. In Mowrey Hall, that area is the main lobby desk. In Seavers apartments, there is a laundry room on the first floor.
- When you check out, make sure you turn in your key. These keys will cost you \$60 if you lose one.
- DO NOT RETURN YOUR KEY IN THE KEY DROP. Return the room keys to our registration area in the CUB.
- Please complete your evaluation forms and drop them off in the registration area when you turn in your key. If you need more time to complete the evaluation form, you can mail them to Howard Dade at:

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- All of the retreat editions of the Penn-Del tips—including this one are currently available on the website—www.abmopad.org
- Have a safe trip home and please return next year with a few friends!