



Penn-Del Tips

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Good Morning! Rise and Let Jesus Shine Through You!

The 52nd Annual Retreat kicked off with a bang. Richie and the praise team got us going with our previous year's theme song "Come, Now is the Time to Worship". It was time to worship (isn't it always time to worship, actually?) and we certainly did worship. Bob Riley gave a heartfelt testimony that moved the men to a standing ovation. Anyone who heard his testimony and still does not believe in God's mighty power working in us every day certainly wasn't listening. What a mighty God we serve!

Fred Daugherty did a fine job of reminding us that we should store up our treasures in Heaven and not on this Earth. Fred is also leading a workshop that we developed at your request as a result of feedback through the retreat evaluation forms, once again showing how powerful

our God is. Just when we were identifying a need, He already had it taken care of by leading Fred to us.

Dr. Dan MacDonald gave us some inspiring updates on our denomination and our region. He introduced Rev. Dr. James McJunkin who pointed out that next year, the Philadelphia Baptist Association will celebrate 300 years as an association (although he claims he was not in fact in attendance at the first meeting). They will celebrate with a 300 voice choir worshipping in one voice of praise.

Dr. MacDonald also pointed out that while we have much to celebrate with our rich history, we also have wonderful news of the future. The Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is now offering a Youth Ministry track and is offering it as online courses. This will be a wonderful addition to an

already powerful training program.

Richie Shive came back to sing two inspiring numbers, "Above All" and "Come to Jesus". Did anyone else get chills when he told us to "Dance for Jesus and Live"? Jesus should inspire us all to dance.

Finally, Brett Charsky spoke of his time in the desert and of preparing for the desert. In Iraq, the only weapon that Brett carried was the mighty Word of God. He told us that we must tell our story to our children—if we can't share our testimony with our families, who can we share it with? Using John the Baptist as an example, he pointed out that John was prepared for the desert by his parents. Elizabeth and Zachariah trained up their son and taught him the truth. Their unflinching love in

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Hidden Bible Books Puzzle—The answers are in bold below. How did you do?

I once made a **remark** about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a **lulu**; **kept** people **looking** so hard for **facts**, and for others, it was a **revelation**. Some were in a **jam**, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized. But the **truth** finally struck home to **numbers** of our readers. To others it was a real **job**. We want it to be a **most** fascinating few moments for you. **Yes**, **there** will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require **judges** to help find them. I will quickly admit **it** usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud **lamentations** when it is found. A little lady says **she brews** a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can **compete**. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.

The Way Things Should Be

While at a fast food restaurant several months ago, I ordered one of their soft ice cream desserts. They served it to me and I proceeded to the condiment station only to find that there were no spoons available. Upon informing the counter person that there were no spoons, her response was "there should be" and she went about her business. It struck me that in her mind, because there **should** be spoons there, then there **are** spoons there. Don't we as Christians many times act similarly? We say "well the church should do this" or "things should be that way". Simply saying how things should be doesn't make it so. We must "put feet to our faith" and get involved. If you see a need, do what you can to fill it. We are told in 1 Peter 4 that we must use the gifts that have been given to us so that praise may be given to God through his Son Jesus Christ. My prayer, dear brothers, is that each and every one of us will be "spoon getters" rather than "should be-ers". If we are, then God will certainly be glorified.

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 A L P B O L A R R D H I N O D
 E I U E A S E B E J T S I E Y
 R C N W N T P V M C S T R N U
 A E A A R N O O E O A S O O S
 P R I E V T D R H E P M E E W
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 I V R R X H T H S N E P Q W P
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 C H R I S T I A N G W N L Y J

Did you know that the praise and worship team that joined Richie last night was somewhat impromptu? When members of Richie's home church heard he was going to be leading the praise and worship time, they volunteered to come and play with him. They've only been rehearsing a couple of weeks, but they do sound wonderful. God is certainly to be praised for providing for us in so many ways.



Have you received a Penn-Del tips in the mail in the last couple of months? We got hundreds of returned issues with undeliverable addresses. If you have not been receiving your mailings, we may not have your correct address. Please stop by the Booster display in the registration area if you need to update your address.

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be continually in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord. Let the afflicted hear and be glad. Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 34:1-3

The following 25 words are hidden in the puzzle above. Once you've found them, the first 13 unused letters form a phrase that should be on all of our minds.

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| ABMOPAD | FUN | RECREATION |
| BAPTIST | LOVE | REISNER |
| CHRISTIAN | MESSIAH | RESURRECTION |
| CUB | MOUNTAINTOP | RETREAT |
| DELAWARE | MOWREY | SEEVERS |
| DEVOTIONS | PENNDELTIPS | SHIPPENSBURG |
| FELLOWSHIP | PENNSYLVANIA | TESTIMONY |
| FOOD | PREPARE | WORKSHOPS |

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combination with the truth of the Word of God gave John the strength to go to the desert to prepare the way for Jesus.

We are at war for our families. The world wants to provide it's own truth, which is not God's Absolute Truth. We can win this war by passing on to our children the Truth. If we are present and known in our children's lives, we will have a loving family relationship. If we have a relationship as a loving family, we can build on that with our beliefs. On our beliefs, we can build our values and on top of it all, our behavior will be that of God Fearing servants of the Almighty.

Now that we're prepared for the desert, I can't wait to hear "The Message of the Desert".

You may have heard us state this before, but it bears repeating.

Be sure that you don't loose your room key. It will cost you \$40 in order for the University to re-key the room.

There are currently seven Area Vice President vacancies on the ABMOPAD board. If you have felt God tapping you on the shoulder to get involved, won't you take the step now? If you are interested in serving or know somebody who could fit the bill, please complete the nomination form in the retreat booklet.

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