



Penn-Del Tips

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Praise Him in the Morning!

A joyous good morning to one and all! Saturday was jam-packed with activity and opportunities for fellowship and growth. Here are some highlights.

Rev. Eugene Charsky kicked off the day with devotions where he compared the physical wandering of the Hebrews in the desert to our own spiritual wandering. Even when the goal is set before us we still continue to wander in our sin just as the Hebrews continued to wander rather than enter the Promised Land.

Thirteen wonderful workshops plus a Youth program were held through the morning. This writer attended a great session where we explored the meaning of our names and biblical names, stressing the one name above all names (Jesus Christ). I pray that everyone got as much out of the workshops that they attended.

The afternoon recreation time had a little something for everybody and we had a gorgeous day for it. The folks who participated in the organized sporting competitions had a great time. Trophies were presented at the evening convocation.

In his challenge to the men, Bob Singley urged us to be there for each other. He pleaded that we should commit to each other and challenge each other—following through by answering when called upon by a brother in Christ.

Manuel Luqin brought greetings from ABMen USA. Clearly he is passionate about men's work and thanked us for the opportunity to address the group. He also took the

time to recognize Marie Wilson for her many years of dedicated work for men's work. Thanks Marie!

Our praise and worship team led us in a few moving numbers mixing in some new with classic numbers. No matter what we're singing, we're singing to the Lord. He's is great and greatly to be praised!

Phil Steinhoff prepared the Choir and the Orchestra exceptionally well and they presented a combination of rousing hymns and blended praise.

Vince Cocca provided a powerful testimony reminding us that God can help you overcome your past, your present and set you up for the future. He also pointed out to us that Jesus can come into your heart no matter where you are, whether you're in church or just in your shower.

Richie Shive came through again with two very moving numbers. He sang a warning about how we can be "sleeping" while Jesus is knocking on the door of our hearts. Don't get caught sleeping while Jesus is gathering the harvest!

Rev. Bret Charsky, decked out in his uniform from his time in the desert, started us out by proving that your never too old nor too tough for "goofy kid songs". He then jumped into the word and talked about how the Law of God is perfect. Reminder: God has NEVER failed us! Unless we are convicted by the Holy Spirit we can not be saved. There are many turning points in the desert, and part of these turning points is being convicted of our sin. If we don't receive the bad news that we are

sinners, then the Good News is no good to us. We must confess our sins and repent. God loves us so much that he doesn't want us in Hell, and he won't send us there. We send ourselves there by not being converted in our souls. We MUST believe that the Law of God is perfect, converting the soul.

This morning: The Joy of the Desert. I can't wait.

Attendance Awards

- Founder's Award (churches under 175 members) - Christ American
- President's Award (most first year registrations) - Richardsville – 5 First Year Attendees
- Past President's Award (most total registrations) - Calvary Baptist, Newark – 19 attendees

Our total attendance was an even 200 this year, with 36 first time attendees and 11 pastors. We praise God for each and every attendee and hope that each of you will prayerfully consider returning next year and bringing a friend (or two).

Wordsearch Solution

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Once all of the words hidden in the puzzle are found, the hidden phrase was "Come Lord Jesus".

At the 2005 ABMOPAD Retreat, the Ten Mile Baptist Men announced that they had established a scholarship fund in memory of James L. Edgar. Here is an update:

The Ten Mile Baptist Men have awarded three \$500 scholarships from the James L. Edgar Scholarship Fund to the following people:

- Justin Dixon of First Baptist, Waynesburg.
- James Wolfe of Jefferson Baptist,
- Natalie Carpenter, WWJD Center

James Edgar was a dedicated man to doing God's work and help put together the Ten Mile Baptist Men. He is deeply missed in our association ever since the Lord took him home.

Please pray for each of these students as they continue their Education.

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 \$40 if you loose 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 Bob McQue at:

Robert R. McQue Sr.
21301 Ann's Choice Way
Warminster, PA 18974
- Reminder that Sunday Lunch is included in your retreat fees. Lunch will be served at noon in the Reisner Dining Hall.
- All of the retreat editions of the Penn-Del tips will be available online at www.abmopad.org in a few days, just in case you missed something.

Thank you for coming to the 52nd Annual Men's Retreat. We are so glad you came and look forward to seeing you at the 53rd Annual Men's Retreat to be held at Shippensburg University on August 3rd through the 5th, 2007. Mark your calendars now and don't forget to get one or two additional friends to come as well.

Have a safe ride home!

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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.