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# PENN-DEL TIPS

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## Good Morning! How about a recap?

Our first day is behind us, and what a day it was! We had approximately 230 preregistrations with a large majority already checked in. We'll give the final attendance count once it's tallied. We are truly thankful to God for the men who are attending this year. May the Lord bless all of us so that this weekend we go home overflowing with the Glory of God. If everyone who is here this weekend comes back next year and brings a friend, we will double our numbers!

Many thanks to the men of Fassett Baptist for serving as ushers at our worship service.

Allen Fulmer of Fassett Baptist gave his testimony, reading from Psalm 71 and 139. He reminded us all that no matter what your abilities or disabilities, God has a purpose for you.

Pastor Tim Munson (that's Munson with a "D") blessed us as worship song leader. He also gave us a preview of the 50<sup>th</sup> retreat next year by singing to the Lord while we listened. Pastor Munson will be the special music for the 2004 retreat and pitched in to help us for Friday night this year. Thanks Tim!

Although it was unfamiliar to many of us, Bob McQue led us in our theme song where we sing of the Lord proclaiming His grace abroad while we turn away from our idols and back to Him. I'm sure we'll all be singing this catchy tune for some time.

Rev. Tim Schwartz gave an inspiring message and set us up to want more over the next two days! He spoke to us on being "Men of Identity". We have lost our identity to a secular world and long for the "Glory Days" of our youth. Tim promised us that as 250 men who have come to ask God to make a difference in our lives, we can become "Men of Identity" who

identify with Jesus Christ. Jesus has come to give us life so that we may live it to the fullest! If we become men of identity in Jesus Christ, Tim tells us that five things will happen:

1. We will no longer be dragged down to the level of the world, but raised up in the example of Jesus.
2. We will learn to live outside rather than inside the world's box.
3. Rather than being upwardly mobile to worldly success, we will be downwardly mobile, ending at the foot of the cross.
4. We will stand out rather than fit in.
5. We will live a Sunday life rather than a Friday life. The trials of the world will come, but we'll beat them back with an empty tomb.

This writer, for one, can't wait for the next message: Being Men of Integrity.

Rev. Schwartz showed us that age doesn't matter when it comes to being on fire for the Lord. Besides, who doesn't love a rousing chorus of "Jesus Loves Me"?

## Announcements

The youth will meet in the recreation room at Mowrey Hall at 8:15 am for their program. The youth will still attend the regular Worship services. There will be a pizza party Saturday night during the fellowship time in the Mowrey Hall recreation room (youth only, sorry adults).

There will be no CPR Workshop this year. The instructor was called away for Disaster Relief duties. Please pray for those involved.

There will be only one Church Leadership Institute (CLI) workshop during each workshop session. The CLI workshops will take place in room 126 of the Dauphin Humanities Center.

No matter what the banner says, this is our 49<sup>th</sup> retreat. The 48 was a clever way of getting you thinking about our 48<sup>th</sup> Booster call. If you're not a Booster, stop by the registration area and fill out a commitment card. The banner, by the way, has been corrected.

For those of you in Stone Ridge Commons, checkout time is 9:30 am on Sunday. Please checkout and return your key before going to Worship services on Sunday morning.

### **Bible Book Names Puzzle**

Can you find the names of 25 books of the Bible in the following paragraph?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vicks mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving; she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot . . . that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam; especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get; we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help, books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph. Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.

### **Answers Tomorrow**

### **Mailing List Update**

Over the last several months both the Penn-Del tips and Booster Call number 48 have been mailed. If you have not received one or the other, or if you have a different issue with the mailing (duplicate mailings, for instance), please stop by the Booster table in the registration area and complete a change of address form to assist us in updating our

records. We thank you for your patience while we get the list straightened out.

### **Booster Call Update**

Did you notice the great poster in the registration hall? It's made with the return address labels from each of the Boosters who responded to call number 48 so far. Stop by and see if you can find your name on it. Between what was collected prior to the retreat and what we've received here, we've already totaled over \$3,300! Way to go Boosters! Let's keep the support coming!

### **Did you notice?**

The men with the red dots? They are the first time attendees. Please extend a warm greeting to them.

Derq Howlett has returned to play the piano again this year? Thanks very much, Derq!

Even though we are small in number, we are mighty in voice? Great singing guys!

All of the Youth in attendance have either AB Boys and Young Men dog tags or pins? Make sure you make them feel welcome. They are our future!

There is no van service between the Stone Ridge Commons apartments and the meeting places? If you are driving between the apartments and the campus and you see someone walking, please offer a ride.

### **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.