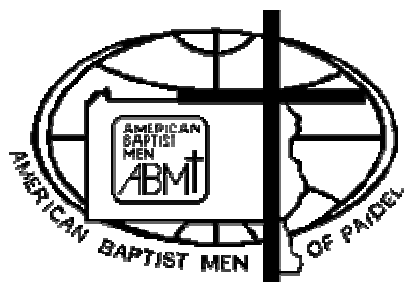


Saturday Edition



Penn-Del Tips

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Good Morning! Let's recap our Friday

The 51st Annual Retreat kicked off with quite a bang. Men from all over the region converged on the University with a vengeance. The official count is not in yet, but all 250 programs that we printed are gone. In addition, the CUB multi purpose room was set for 270 people and from my vantage point, there were not many empty chairs. It was also certainly encouraging to see so many youth and first time attendees this year. God is certainly gracious and answers prayer.

In the evening convocation, Dave Paris led us in a mix of newer praise songs and classic hymns. It was great to see so many men stand up for Jesus.

Mike Metzger challenged us to take advantage of the opportunity to disconnect from the world and reconnect with the Lord.

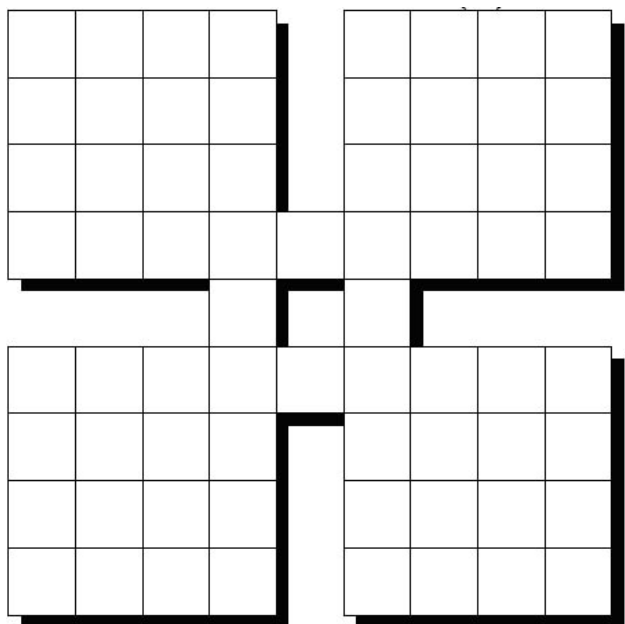
Testimony from Don Claypoole was nothing short of inspiring. No matter how many detours you may take along the way, God has His plan for you and as long as you're open to His leading, you'll end up where you need to be.

Yeka, Yah and Kou Kilikpo blessed us immensely with their songs of praise and worship. The wonderful blending of their voices with guitar is so simple, yet so powerful. How truly blessed we are to have them here to share with us this weekend.

Richard McFee then finished the

evening with a great mix of humorous stories and pointed advice. His simple formula of "awareness + risk = growth" made great sense. If you are aware of your assets and you dare to risk using them then you will certainly grow. God has blessed us all with abilities and relationships. We all have at least one thing that we do well. We also all know somebody who does something else well. We need to listen to God's leading, step out in faith, take a risk and use these abilities and relationships to accomplish real growth for the Kingdom of God.

If we are to truly grow, we must risk something—money, stature, personal safety. Above all, we must be willing to risk failing.



This crossword puzzle contains no clues. Simply place the words from the list onto the grid on the left. Be careful, they only go in one way. Use of a pencil is highly recommended. Solution in tomorrow's newsletter. Good luck and have fun!

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Sorry about that!

I think I read somewhere that the Bag-It convenience store was supposed to be open last night until 11 P.M. Obviously the store was closed. The Board of Managers apologizes for the inconvenience. We're investigating exactly where the disconnect was and will take every step to ensure that this does not happen again.

Don't forget! All workshops will be held in the Cumberland Union Building. If you have trouble locating where your workshop should be, stop any member of the Board and ask for directions. They will be glad to help you out.

Proposed Constitutional Changes

At the Spring ABMOPAD board meeting held in April, 2005 at Shippensburg University, the board of managers voted to add a new position, "First Vice President" to the board. This requires a change in the ABMOPAD constitution, specifically Article 5, "Officers" and Article 9, "Executive Committee". In accordance with our constitution, this change was published in our official publication (the Penn-Del Tips) 90 days prior to coming up for a vote. At the business meeting tonight, this will be put for a vote, requiring a 2/3 majority in order to pass. To refresh your memory, the changes proposed are as follows:

The sections in question currently read:

Article 5 Officers

The officers shall consist of a President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Youth Director, Area Vice-Presidents, Fellowship Chairman, Growth Chairman and Action Chairman.

Article 9 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of eight (8) members as follows: President, Executive Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Youth Director, Secretary-Treasurer, Pastor-Counselor, Retreat Registrar and one additional person designated by the President. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President, Executive Vice-President or upon written request, addressed to the President, of three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

The proposed changes would read:

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Psalms 78:4-6 urges us to remember what we have learned and pass it on to the next generation. The youth are our present and our future. We are glad to have so many youth this year and pray that they will not only have a wonderful time but also come back next year and bring a friend.