



Sunday Edition

Penn-Del Tips

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Rise, Shine and Face a Glorious New Day!

God is good! Saturday continued right where we left off on Friday night. We kicked off a very busy day with devotions in the "O" theater. Workshops were well attended and a majority of the feedback we've received so far has been quite positive. Thank you to all presenters.

At our evening service, our praise and worship songs set the mood and it only got better from there. We presented the Layman of the Year award to a very humble N. Lance Parson who was literally speechless, although he did make sure to thank his wife Joyce for all of the support she's given him over the years.

The Choir and the Orchestra did a great job as usual. Special thanks to Bob and Phil for their leadership and also to Rodney for volunteering his talents on the piano.

David Cross' testimony was nothing short of outstanding. The "long and winding road" of his life has taken him to numerous places and he is proof positive that God transforms people who put their full faith and trust in Him.

The blessings just kept pouring in with Yeka, Yah and Kou praising the Lord. Whether singing acapella or with Yeka's guitar, their love of Jesus Christ shines through.

Rev. Dr. Z. Allen Abbot spoke to us about Perception vs. Reality. In the text from Esther, the king's perception of the Hebrews was that they were not obeying his laws and needed to be destroyed. This perception was based on bad information from a trusted advisor. The reality of the situation was that the Jews were cooperative subjects

of the King and were eventually rewarded for it. Often our own perceptions of ourselves are distorted for one reason or another. We fool ourselves into thinking we are different than we really are and therefore project that distorted perception outwardly. In reality, God sees us for who we really are and even though he knows we are all sinners, he loves us and died for us to save us from our sins. We need to stop fooling ourselves and allow God to take full control of our lives, shattering the distorted perceptions with the reality of His love.

The singing of the Lord's Prayer is always one of the highlights of this retreat. You guys sound awesome!

And finally, sharing communion with all of you is something that this writer always treasures. God is good!!

Congratulations N. Lance Parson!

2005 ABMOPAD Layman of the Year



On Saturday night, Lance became the 45th man to be selected as ABMOPAD Layman of the Year. Lance is a man who demonstrates his Christian Commitment through his service to his church, his family relationships, his community

involvement, his work ethic, and his service to the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware. His Wife Joyce joined him onstage for the presentation and it's obvious that his commitment to the work of the Lord is shared by his family.

Congratulations Lance! It is an honor that is well deserved!

Ten Mile Baptist Men Announce a Scholarship Fund

The Ten Mile Baptist Men would like to announce that we have started a scholarship fund for young men and women in the Ten Mile Association. This scholarship is in the name of James L. Edgar whose work in the association made a difference. He also enjoyed the men's retreat and attended until his passing in 2004. Because of his work we were able to give five scholarships at \$500. Although my father has gone home to be with the Lord, his memory will never be forgotten.

Our total attendance for this year's retreat was 242. That's up from 233 last year. Total first time attendees was 47, up from 30—**more than a 50% increase!** 21 pastors were in attendance and those 242 attendees represented 74 churches. Good job guys! Keep coming back and bring friends!

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.
- Be sure to check the web site (www.abmopad.org) in a few days for a special "Monday" edition of the Penn-Del tips recapping our Sunday activities. This will be a web-only edition. The three weekend editions will also be posted on the website at the same time.

Attendance Awards

- Founder's Award (churches under 175 members) - Christ American, Spring Grove
- President's Award (most first year registrations) - Christ American, Spring Grove – 6 First Year Attendees
- Past President's Award (most total registrations) - Calvary Baptist, Newark – 15 attendees

There was some confusion surrounding the Founder's Award and Calvary Baptist, Newark was announced initially as the winner. As Calvary Baptist was not eligible for the category (they are larger than 175 members) they graciously refused the award. Thanks to the men of Calvary Baptist for their integrity in setting the record straight.

Puzzle Solution

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Created by The Word Puzzles (www.thewordpuzzles.com) using
Crossword Express (www.crauswords.com)

It came to our attention late on Saturday night that there was more than one possible solution to this particular puzzle. Here is one possible solution. Whether you solved it or not, thanks for playing!

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

Thank you for coming to the 51st Annual Men's Retreat. We are so glad you came and look forward to seeing you at the 52nd Annual Men's Retreat to be held at Shippensburg University on August 4th through the 6th, 2006. 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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