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Special Retreat Edition

DEL-PENN TIPS

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Good Morning! Rise and Face a New Day!

Wow! What a great first day. Registration went well (even with the Seavers key issue) and we want to extend a huge “thank you” to the ladies that helped us get registered. Sue Wilcox, Dorothy Dade and Lynell Anderson did a great job!

We could not have asked for a better opening meeting. We tried something new this year with the multi-media Praise and Worship time. The music and imagery were wonderful. Thanks to Dave Paris for leading us during this time. And special thanks to him and Bob for giving us two chances to sing our theme song.

In his testimony, Jason West reminded us that God calls us all to ministry regardless of gender. He also pointed out that it’s never too late to answer that call.

Tim Munson blessed us with his music and testimony telling us that we are here for a “time out” but also for a “time in” – time in fellowship, that is. Tim’s mix of classic hymns with contemporary styling was truly wonderful.

Dr. Trulear brought a powerful message, speaking from 1 Kings 19 about Elijah. It was a time when Elijah felt he had enough. Elijah asked God to end his life, but God had different plans. God then did four things for Elijah. Those four things were not only for Elijah, though, as God offers them to us this very day.

First, God gave Elijah **P**ermission to take care of himself by giving him something to eat. Too often, we are so absorbed with doing things for others that we forget to help ourselves. Put on your own mask first, then help someone else.

God then **P**aused, and listened to what was on Elijah’s mind. God knows what is bothering us, but he lets us “get it out” and give it to him when human ears are not helpful. Elijah didn’t really want to quit, and it actually takes great faith to tell God that you quit, because, even though you’re frustrated and hurting, you really believe that God is listening.

Thirdly, God showed his **P**resence to Elijah. God is

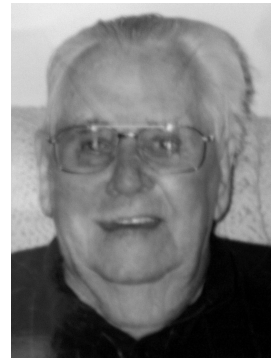
everywhere, but instead of looking for him in the drama and activity, look for God’s still, small voice. We need to define God, as well as ourselves, by character, not by activities.

Finally, God gave Elijah **P**eople to help him. We’re not alone in this and we shouldn’t feel that way. God sent Elisha to Elijah as well as 7,000 others that had never swayed from the path. We need to stop trying to do everything by ourselves. It’s OK to ask for help.

The bottom line is that God was faithful to Elijah and he was restored because of the actions of God. God is faithful to us even when we fail as well. When we don’t hold God’s hand, he’s holding our hands and guiding us all the way.

What an exciting start to our 50th retreat!

A Message from Rev. W. Bert Andrews



Dear Men,

As one of the oldest living Past Presidents of American Baptist Men of PA and DE I bring greetings to you all on your annual retreat on July 30, 31 and August 1st.

Marion is helping me to write this letter in a nursing home. I have been here nearly one month. I have no strength in my legs and I am having therapy. I will be 88 on September 18th.

I remember all the good times I shared with American Baptist Men of PA and DE. I go back to great leaders such as Bill Plank, Ernie Dickson, Bill Bobb, Don Hess, John Haigh, Bobb Homsted and Bob Swan.

The work of the PA and DE men must continue with strong leadership which was shown many times with the past leadership.

My wish and prayer is that the work of PA and DE men shall continue with strong and faithful leadership.

Sincerely,
Rev. W. Bert Andrews

Disaster Relief Update

Be sure to stop by the Disaster Relief Trailer and talk to Bob Riley, Co-Director of Disaster Relief for ABMOPAD. Look at the improvements and hear about our future plans.

Because of recent storm activity in Central N.J., we are planning to expand our Pennsylvania and Delaware Disaster Ministry to embrace our Christian Brothers in New Jersey.

Please keep in mind that we offer the Disaster Trailer to come on site and assist you in approved work projects that your church has or plans to undertake. We want to utilize this trailer ministry for the benefit of all ABCOPAD and PBA churches. For details talk to Bob Swan or Bob Riley.

Members of our Disaster Relief team are available to speak to your group or church. Contact any area Vice President, Bob Swan (215-675-1935) or Bob Riley (717-225-3486).

Reminder about the Choir and Orchestra

The men's choir will meet during the first workshop period (at 8:30 a.m.) and the Orchestra will meet during the second workshop (at 10:30 a.m.). Both the will meet in the memorial auditorium.

Booster Call Update

In the Friday edition, we reported an excess of \$3,500 received to date for Booster Call 49. We're very happy to report that the amount received now exceeds \$4,100. Way to go men!

Youth Schedule

Make sure you check the schedule on page 34 of the retreat booklet. The youth have many exciting plans for the day and evening.

Updated Displays in the CUB

We encourage you to check the displays in the registration area in the CUB. Among them is an updated Booster Club display. If you are not currently a Booster or if you have not been receiving your letters, you can sign up or update your address there. There are also displays for the Church Leadership Institute, the youth program and

many others. We have special 50th anniversary shirts and hats for sale at the display in the back of the registration room. T-shirts and golf shirts are available. Stop by and check them out!

Recreation Activities

During the afternoon recreation time, we have several organized activities planned. You can participate in the annual softball game, play volleyball or enter with a teammate in the horseshoe tournament. There is room in the horseshoe tournament for 32 teams of two men each. See the display in the registration area for more details.

You can also enjoy one of our afternoon workshops. The workshops offered are detailed in your retreat booklet. Of course, relaxing in the pool or taking an afternoon nap is always available.

Word Search Puzzle

This puzzle consists of the hidden words in the word list below, but there is also another hidden word. After you have found all of the words on the word list, the remaining letters can be arranged to spell a special word. This and more Christian puzzles can be found on the web at www.twopaths.com. Enjoy! (Answer Tomorrow)

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Word List:

Abraham, Matthew, Fishers, Heaven, Jesus, Ancient, Augustus, Mark, Blessed, Holy Spirit, Barnabas, Christians, Paul, Revelation, Sacred, Snake, Hebrew, God, Gardens, Lamb, Death, Genesis, Bird, Israel, Fortress, David, Animals, Bloodshed, History, Romans, Ephesians, Wine, Faith, Jehovah, John, Jeremiah, Life, Love, Righteous, Temple, Noah, Mission

Enjoy your workshops and make sure you meet and greet those first-timers!