

## CONDOLENCES

Peniel Camp's family extends our deepest condolences to the McClay and Smith families. Frank McClay died suddenly on December 5, 2010. His wife, Beryl, serves as our Treasurer. She and Frank have been active at Peniel for many years. Please remember Beryl and their family in prayer.

Amy (Rhinehart) Ramba died on January 29, 2011, after a five-year battle with cancer. Amy had most recently served as our camp secretary. Her spirit and witness for Christ blessed us all. Please remember husband Mike and the entire Rhinehart family in prayer.

Rev. Emory Ringer went home to be with the Lord on February 21, 2011. Rev. Ringer was a long-time member of Peniel's Board and also was active in prison ministries. Please remember wife Ruth and the Ringer family in prayer.

We will honor the memories and witnesses of our loved ones in our annual Memorial Service on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

## 2011 WORKDAYS ANNOUNCED

Each year, volunteer efforts are critical in preparing the grounds for our encampment. During the last several years, we have tackled major construction and refurbishment projects. This year, though, will probably be different and for that, we can say PRAISE THE LORD!

However, the camp always needs plenty of cleaning, mowing and weeding, as well as general repairs and upgrades. This upkeep happens only with dedicated service of our work day volunteers. Everyone--- *every one* ---can find something meaningful and helpful to do. The hard work is paid off with great fellowship and enjoyment at lunchtimes around the table.

Please mark your calendar for upcoming workdays. As a reminder, we ask each camping family to attend at least one summer and one fall workday each year. Also, if your schedule does not allow you to come on weekends, you can schedule your own workdays by simply contacting President Dan.

Please see the dates on the front of the newsletter.

# Peniel Postings

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*So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."*

—GENESIS 32:30



## IMPORTANT DATES 2011

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars! Your participation is critical to another successful encampment.

**Spring Board Meeting:** Saturday, May 7

### Work Days:

Saturday, June 4

Friday & Saturday, June 24 & 25

Friday & Saturday, July 15 & 16

### 116th Annual Encampment:

Thursday, July 21, through Sunday, July 31

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### Read Any Good Books Lately?

*by Dan Segool*



So, what have you been doing this winter? You might recall that last winter many of us read through the book *Called to be Holy* by John Oswalt. I was greatly blessed

through reading and reflecting upon that book.

This winter I have joined with many in my church to read the Bible. Now that might not be a shock to you, as I'm sure many of us read and reflect upon God's Word regularly. I was shocked, though, when our Pastor challenged us to read the entire Bible in 90 days. Ninety days! Cover to cover. I'll admit, I thought it was crazy at first. Then I found out that reading the entire Bible in 90 days would take 45 minutes to an hour of reading per day. I thought about how much time I might spend watching TV during the winter months, and I realized that I had the time to do this *if* I was willing to make it a priority.

As I write this column on March 3, I have about one more week to go in the Old Testament. Then the schedule calls for us to read the New Testament in twenty days. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed the reading. So many people, from children to adults, have been involved. How exciting!

I have read the Bible before, but never like this. By reading cover-to-cover and fairly quickly, I am able to make more connections between books, as details are still fresh in my mind. Now, of course, some areas have really piqued my interest or provoked questions. I can go back to some of those for some in-depth study after I am finished. No doubt, Bible *study* is important, but I am wondering if maybe Bible *reading* has taken a back seat to Bible study in the modern church. God's Word is a marvelous gift to us and we certainly should study it, but why not enjoy the experience of reading it, too?

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Continuous reading allows God's Word, and only God's Word, to penetrate our hearts.

I can't think of a better way to prepare for our upcoming encampment than to spend some time in God's Word. As you read, write down any questions that come to mind. Bring them to camp. Camp time is a great time to seek answers.

Speaking of camp time, July is coming faster than you might think. We are working hard to round out our staffing and plans for this summer. The camp folder should be published in May. Get ready for a great encampment!

In the meantime, enjoy a great adventure and read through the Bible. Like any good book, the Bible has a thrilling conclusion, and I am anxious to read it again. The best is certainly yet to come. To conclude, let me borrow the title of a gospel song: *I've Read the Back of the Book (and We Win)!*



Children's Program

## FINDING YOUR EDGE

*The neglect of prayer is a grand hindrance to holiness.*

— JOHN WESLEY

by Evangelist Ted L. Robinson



Every encampment has glorious surprises from the Awesome God we serve. I am looking forward with great anticipation to what He has in store for those who will come into His presence during this special time. The word Peniel reflects the encounter Jacob had with God as they wrestled through the night. Jacob's response was, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" (Genesis 32:30).

What a glorious experience! Jacob was never the same. He was transformed. What would happen if everyone who came to Peniel Holiness Camp experienced such an encounter with God?

God is anxious to astound us with His grace, mercy and love. Undoubtedly we are living in the last days of the church age. Jesus admonishes believers: "Watch you therefore, and pray always, that you might be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

We live in the days that Jesus warned us about. Signs of the time are pointing to Christ's imminent return for those who are ready. The Word of God teaches that holiness of heart and life is the prerequisite for believers to be victorious in this life and to be ready for the return of our Glorious Lord.

God wants every believer to experience holiness. His Word tells us that without holiness no man shall see the Lord: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

Holiness is a divine essential to see God and to be a part of His glorious kingdom. It is also essential because God commands it: "Be ye holy; for I am Holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

The Church, the body of Christ, is especially called to this experience. Paul, writing to believers in Corinth, spoke these words: *(see next column)*

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"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:2).

There is no possibility of Jesus Christ, the heavenly Bridegroom, being married to an unholy bride. Listen to Revelation 19:7-9: "...Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.' And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints...Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!..."

God calls us to holiness that we might share in His glory. The apostle Peter spoke to this glorious time in 1 Peter 5:10,11: "But may the God of all grace, who called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

"To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever, Amen."

A FRESH FACE ON ROMANS 12:1,2

*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you. Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

— THE MESSAGE

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER...

*...and let's make welcome this year's camp workers!*

**In the pulpit we'll see...**

• **Rev. Ted L. Robinson**, a "seasoned" evangelist who's gifted in evangelism and explaining end times. Can you say *eschatology*? Check out his article in this Postings.



• **Rev. Roy Gearhart**, who returns to help God's people sharpen their edge as effective witnesses to Christ today. Visit roygearhart.org to see the many faces of Roy. Maybe you'll recognize one or two of them when he ministers during the first half of camp!



• **Rev. Gary Bond** is his name, and communicating Christian holiness is his game. You already know his songs, and during the last half of camp you're going to hear his sermons!



**At the keyboard we'll see...**

• **Tab Beechler**, as he returns to use his innate musical ability to connect people with Jesus Christ and each other. His presentations are genuine worship experiences that attempt to communicate the transforming power of God's love and grace. Loved by every age!



**In the Children's Tabernacle we'll see...**

• **Jason Campbell**, who uses cutting-edge ministry techniques to reach perhaps our greatest earthly treasures---our children. Mission-minded, experienced, reaping the harvest in today's generation.



**Stay tuned! Staffing for our Youth Program will be announced in the Camp Folder!**

CALLING ALL YOUTH COUNSELORS!

Are you interested in serving as a Youth Counselor this year? If so, please visit [www.peniellholinesscamp.com](http://www.peniellholinesscamp.com) and click on "ministry opportunities" for a downloadable application.

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES!

Several campers must have forgotten to pay their dues. We are asking that all dues be paid before April 30th. If you are unsure whether your dues are paid, please contact Carol Durfee at 814-774-8426.



Opening Concert

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