

Reflections of Lakeview



I would like to begin this letter by wishing you all a wonderful Fall 2016! Although fall tends to be a season leading into the dormancy of winter it has a special place in my life. Fall affects me in many ways. To those of you who know me best you would agree that I embrace the cooler temperatures of fall. I would be tickled if the temperatures of fall lasted from October to October! Fall enables me to make significant changes to my attire. I can lose the perspiration towel and start wearing a sweatshirt with my shorts. A huge quality of life improvement. When

things start to go dormant in the fall I come to life! I love to sit in a blind or a stand and watch the sun come up while hunting. These are the moments of renewal for me. I can see God's splendor in beauty in the vivid foliage colors falling from the trees, the whitetail deer moving silently through the woods, and the clang of the acorns hitting the metal roofs around the camp. There is so much of His majesty and splendor at display here at Peniel. Certainly a good time to meet God face to face! Often I find I don't take the time to be still and listen for God. Psalm 145:5 reads, "On the glorious splendor of Your Majesty and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate." So that I intend to do.

In the fall here at Peniel we slow down but do not stop. We are currently preparing for a Wedding in October as well as our Fall 2016 Prayer Council Meeting. We also have a Teen Bible Study on Friday evenings every week. We are studying the Bible from beginning to end. This is a study that was started in the spring of 2016 and has continued with a short break during the summer months. We are currently studying Exodus and last week's topic was the ten commandments. We played ten commandment jeopardy. The teens are engaged and enjoying just reading from the Word and discussing it. I am amazed at what I continually learn as I read the Bible with them. We are averaging between 10-15 teens per week. Please pray that The Spirit guides us in this ministry and teens will come. The Men's community bible study is also here at Peniel on Thursday mornings. We are currently studying Nehemiah and the building of the walls of Jerusalem. The study is being led by a local retired pastor and the turnout is 6-8 men on average. We also cook breakfast for those who want to stay and pay for a meal after the study. Everyone stays! It is a wonderful time for me to be blessed by men still hungering to study God's Word. Keep these things in your hearts and pray for God's word to be effective and powerful in all our hearts and minds during these continuing studies at Peniel.



Currently we are working on many improvements around the camp. We have built and groomed two sledding runs in preparation for our winter events in February. We are also installing a new bathroom in the Cottage to accommodate year round income from this building, integral for winter staffing and availability to keep the Restaurant running all winter for Bible studies and events. We are looking to put a new roof on the Lodge before the winter. It is the original roof and we have had ice damming issues during our last two February events. We are also looking to put a heating system in Lakeview before the winter as well as a roof. Obviously these are costs that exceed our income and our labor pool. Please pray that God will provide both. Without help from volunteers to operate equipment, donate their time, and give financially, these projects would not get done. If you are interested in helping financially please contact me directly for info at director@penielbibleconference.org. I would be glad to give you the details on any aforementioned project.

Although repairing and maintaining the the grounds and buildings at Peniel



are important, let's not forgot the number one reason this wonderful place exists. We are here to tell others the Gospel, offer a place of learning biblical truths, offer a place for renewal for those in the ministry, as well as give people a place to seek God face to face. With that in mind I urge you to become involved! How do you become involved? It can be as simple as sending a child to winter camp this February. Paid registrations keep Peniel operating. We want to fill the lodge this February! Don't you want your children and grandchildren to experience what you experienced here at Peniel? We need teachers who feel the call to minister to children, people to lead them in activities, and people to feed them both physically and spiritually. If you were blessed here in the past be a blessing today. Keep the flame of Jesus lit for future generations. In a time when we see it slipping away help restore it! If you are feeling called, please contact me and we can discuss what role you can fill here at Peniel. If you feel you cannot help physically then pray for us. Prayer is powerful. Pray that we do the will of God and teach from the Word at all times here at Peniel and that we are good stewards and make the right decisions in this ministry.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter. I hope it finds you and lifts you up. I thank you again for all you have given to this ministry and look forward to your contributions moving forward. I pray God's blessing in your lives as well as His strength to carry on during this Fall 2016 season. I hope to see you all soon!

Humbly in His Service;

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