

# FACE to FACE

*So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face..." ~Genesis 32:20*



A Publication for Friends of PENIEL ~ Spring 2019

## A Letter from the Prayer Council:

Greetings from Peniel!

We are thrilled to share lots of exciting news about what's been happening here at Peniel! Thanks for your patience as some of you haven't heard from us in a while. We've been hard at work developing a plan for future growth after a season of reduced operations and would be so grateful for your continued support. Enjoy reading about all God's been doing here and look for more information in the future.

It is with great joy and expectation that the Prayer Council and I introduce you to Kristen Coltart; our new director. She and her family have been involved at Peniel for many years. Kristen has served on our Prayer Council and our Management Team. She has also served as our camp program director, Bible teacher, pop shop coordinator, a cleaning committee member, kitchen helper, dining room hostess, and as a general volunteer. Her husband Philip has been involved as a media/marketing consultant, and her three children have been kitchen crew, counselors, dishwashers, grounds workers, cleaning crew, and general volunteers. We are excited that God has brought them to Peniel and has now commissioned Kristen into greater service here. I would like to share her vision for Peniel:



**"My vision for Peniel is to start something new and fresh that meets the current needs of youth in our fast paced, modern culture. My desire is for the camp to present the Salvation of Christ and teach the Word of God in a fun, non-threatening environment. My hope is that through real relationship, and a community built on trust, campers will let down their protective walls and allow the Holy Spirit to divinely minister to their deeper needs. These goals are only attainable with a unified team approach. I believe that the vision we create is achievable under a strong, involved board with solid business practices and with the help of partnering churches. In addition, we will need community involvement and new attractive branding that will increase our footprint and attract new campers. Thriving programs will allow us to update our facilities further attracting church support. Adult programming may also begin to flourish again with the increase of church partnerships and resulting church sponsored retreats."**

**~Kristen Coltart, Director**

The entire Peniel leadership looks forward to joining with you in this new venture, while honoring and building on the foundations laid 84 years ago. Please join us as we advance Peniel into the exciting future that God holds for us.

~Jan Goodwin and the Prayer Council



## What's Been Happening at Peniel?

Funny you should ask: We have been trudging through a lot of transition at Peniel, all the while asking God, if continuing this ministry, in light of very unstable financial conditions, is truly his will. In the meantime, we have continued to have Fun Nights and Camp overnights to keep in touch with our campers and to pour into their lives. We have maintained the hosting of weekly events, such as a Girl's Bible Club and a Teen Bible Study. We have updated the stove and dishwasher in our Lamplighter Restaurant, and have given the dining room some new life with a fresh coat of paint. We have hosted Growth in Truth, rental groups, and church retreats; we are currently hosting tenants and have quite a busy summer of rentals ahead of us. We have maintained our grounds and our buildings to the best of our financial abilities.

Predominantly we have been planning! We have been seeking vision for the future of Peniel, and we see that vision unfolding. We are understanding our mission, that of Susan Beers, to reach young people with an authentic experience with God and make disciples. We are seeing the importance of working with churches to revitalize our camp, and we are seeing the people come into position to make these visions a reality.

We have been raising funds and have two fundraisers in the works for the spring and summer. We are working on marketing our beautiful camp and retreat center, and we have summer camp plans in the works! Check out our website for details and dates.

The answer to our question, "Is continuing the ministry of Peniel the will of God?" has been made clear! God does have plans for Peniel. He has clearly provided the people to forward his will and his Word through this ministry once again. We are thrilled to be a part of that!



# How Can You Be A Part of the Ministry of Peniel?

You can donate your gifts, talents, and time, or donate to Peniel with a one time monetary gift or monthly donations.

Visit our website @ [www.penieltbibleconference.org](http://www.penieltbibleconference.org)

## Additional Fundraising Opportunities

You can support Peniel by shopping at **AMAZON!** Shop through this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364579> and Peniel will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchases.

You can also register for the SCRIPT program. When you do your regular shopping at your regular stores Peniel earns a percentage! Visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Then at the top right of the page click, Join a Program. Then type in our enrollment code: **8CE5F68263373**

You could join us for a **Volleyball Tournament on May 31, at 5:30 pm**, at The King's School. We will be hosting a double elimination tournament. Put together a team of 6 or join us for some concessions and some lighthearted competition. See our Website or Facebook page for more information.



Remember us as you plan for spring, summer, and fall events, retreats, and vacations. We can accommodate a family or a large group. Rentals range from rustic cabins to Adirondack style motel rooms. We have spacious facilities for weddings, graduations, and parties. All at affordable prices. For more info contact:

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## Peniel Management Team 2018 ~ 2019

\*THE MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETS BIMONTHLY, YEAR-ROUND TO PLAN FOR PROGRAMMING, MARKETING, AND FUNDRAISING.

**Kristen Coltart** (Director)

**Jan Goodwin**  
(Prayer Council President)

**Pastor Dave Bouffard**  
(Prayer Council VP)

**Beth and Tom Sweeney**

**Erin Frasier**  
(Office Manager)

**John and Ayla Sutton**

**Dianne Spelter**  
(Prayer Council Member)

**Tobias Kipp**

**Terry and Jalane Lord**

**Michelle Hodges**

**David Frasier**  
(Maintenance)

**Jeannette Powell**



## Peniel Prayer Council ~ May 2019

\*THE PRAYER COUNCIL MEETS SIX TIMES A YEAR TO DIRECT SPIRITUAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS.

**Jan Goodwin**  
(President)

**Pastor Dave Bouffard**  
(Vice President)

**Kristen Coltart**  
(Director, non-voting member)

**Sarah Maynard**

**Alissa Weaver**  
(Secretary)

**Pastor Phil Allen**

**Dianne Spelter**

**Charles Blowers**



## A Word to Leave You With ~



### Peniel

In the stillness of cool water;  
In the delicate, understated beauty of  
A forest floor flower;  
In the ancient dignity of a heron, blue, great;  
In the faces of servants, selfless, diligent;  
In mountains majestic,  
a reminder of our state small;  
In a chapel rustic, set apart, holding years of worship;  
In a roaring fire, warming, refining;  
Elijah's reminder of our God great;  
In friendships around a table, sharing blessings;  
In faithful fellowship;  
Is Peniel.

~Erin Frasier



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