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## THINGS EVERY TEENAGER NEEDS TO KNOW

The other day I began to write a list of things that I believe every teen needs to know, and I thought I would share some of them with you.



ROBERT BOOTH

**1** Make God's calling the center of your life. There will be many opportunities that will be appealing to you. But none of them will give you the satisfaction that following God's call will do.

**2** Live above reproach, or guard your character. Live so close to God, that when temptations come, God will give you the power to withstand the enemy. Remember, Greater is He that is in us, then he that is in the world!

**3** What you believe matters! Make God's Word central in your life. God's Word is the ultimate guide. When you know God and know His principles, you are safeguarding your steps.

**4** You matter. God doesn't make junk. Regardless of what has happened in your past or what lies you have been told, God created you and He has amazing plans for your life!

**5** You have an amazing talent from God to impact lives around you. God created you for the purpose of serving Him in the lives of others.

**6** Don't compare yourself to others. Let God help you become who He designed you to be. You are created in His Image!

**7** Teenage years are sometimes confusing and frustrating. You will get through them! Don't get alarmed when you get confused or when things don't go as you hoped. Go to God and godly people to get help to make it.

**8** Waiting is hard, I know. But don't grow impatient. Don't rush what God is doing in your life right now. Let Him have His way in His time, and don't always wish you were three years down the road.

This issue is the 5th annual summer edition of Teen Topics. The editorial staff of the Standard believes in investing in young people, so on this issue we have several pastors who wrote challenging and encouraging articles specifically for teenagers. We also had a teenager submit a thought provoking article that you will want to read.

Teenagers, live life God's way! While everything will try to drag you off track, I promise, you will never regret it!



# Regrets



MATTHEW ELLISON

**W**hen I was fifteen, I made some of the biggest mistakes of my life. I was a rebellious teenager who had walked away from loving parents, a warm home, and God. At the age of thirteen God had called me to become a preacher. Then at age fifteen, I ran from that call, hell-bent on rejecting God's voice. During that time I made a mess of my life and got involved in things that caused wounds. Those wounds took years to heal and left scars that would never go away. I made choices that led to a lifetime of regret. I will always regret getting involved in sinful habits, causing my parents pain, and using alcohol and tobacco. I will always regret cheating my way through high school and being a habitual liar. Yes, sinful living and selfish choices left me with many regrets.

Sinful living causes regret which is a terrible burden to bear. II Corinthians 7:10 says, "For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death." (ESV) Consequences that come from sin and its vices have a way of overtaking your mind with a real awareness of guilt. Guilt that does not lead to salvation leads to despair, a sense of hopelessness, and regret. When an individual does not turn to God in times like that, too often the heavy load of guilt and regret leads to an early death by way of suicide. But thank God, He can help ease the sting and pain of regret through salvation and forgiveness. Yes, when Jesus saved me, that heavy load of guilt was gone and even though I look back over my pre-Christian days and have regrets, the sting is gone.

I was barely in the ministry two years when I faced another round of deep regret. I had been working with an unsaved man we called Woody. He was a very friendly man, but needed Jesus desperately. He was dying with emphysema from smoking heavily nearly all his life. He was so close to death that I had started to visit him on a daily basis, hoping that he would finally pray and

give his life to Jesus. One day as I was studying at the church I felt an urgent prompting to go visit Woody. I thought to myself that I would finish my studying and then I would go right over. I fought that great sense of urgency for nearly an hour. After I finished my studying, I rushed over to visit Woody. I pulled into the drive way, got out of my car, and immediately I sensed something was terribly wrong. As I went to knock on the door, it opened and standing there were family members weeping and sobbing...Woody had died. If you had hit me with a baseball bat, I would not have felt worse. I had failed. I don't know if I had arrived sooner whether Woody would have prayed and gotten right with God, but one thing that will forever haunt me is the regret that I was not there to help give him the chance. I still carry the weight of his lost soul with me to this day. Did I mention, regret is a heavy burden to carry?

Although some behaviors cause regret, there are many actions for which there is no regret. For instance, I have never once regretted becoming a Christian. Not one day have I ever regretted giving my guilt and despair to Jesus. Not one day have I ever regretted being free from the addictions of profanity, pornography, lying, and cheating. My only regret is not staying true to Jesus from my early teens. Not once have I ever regretted answering God's call to preach the Gospel. I am having the time of my life. Oh yes, there are some rough days, but even on those days, nothing is as fulfilling as knowing that I am doing what God wants me to do. Paul says in II Timothy 4:6-7, "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith". What Paul was saying was, "Looking back over my Christian life and now facing death, I have no regrets." Purpose in your heart that, with God's help, you will finish your life and say like Paul, "I have no regrets!" ■



# It's Time to CHANGE our ATTITUDE about Church



**O**ur young people are professional church attendees. I am guessing that most of you reading this have been in church most of your life. Attending all of the regular services at your church would mean you are there at least 150 times per year—much more if you count revivals, camp meetings, etc.

Being in that many services, you have definitely developed some opinions about the way they should and shouldn't be conducted. I suppose this is normal, but if we're not careful we can become overly analytical and critical. Before long we catch ourselves entering services wondering just how long the pastor's message will be, why the song leader tucked his pant legs into those white crew socks, and how the special singers were able to simultaneously sing in two different keys at the same time.

If we're not careful we enter the service as spectators, concert goers, pious critics who're more than ready to broadcast our opinion afterward in the parking lot or at the dinner table.

Even if we avoid these attitudes, we still may be approaching the service selfishly. While it sounds spiritual to "try to get something out of the service," I think this is opposite of what we should be doing because our church services are simply not about us.

Think about what would happen if a dignitary were to be in your church next Sunday. What would change? If a Governor, President, or famous celebrity were there you would work overtime to make sure they enjoyed the service! With that in mind, remember that in each service the dignity of dignitaries is already there! He is the Creator of the universe, the Savior of

mankind and I wonder if He wonders why these services about Him often aren't really about Him. As He "leaves" the church Sunday morning does He say "that was a good service"?

You see I believe with all my heart that instead of asking "Was that a good service" we should be asking at least these three questions:

## I. WILL I MEET WITH GOD TODAY?

Turn your focus entirely on two individuals: you & God. It's a sneaky trick of the devil to get you focused on your neighbor's less than proficient prayer, the song leader's mistake, or the pastor's stumbling as he tried to pronounce that name from Chronicles. Don't be distracted, instead focus on meeting with God!

Ultimately, God wants people who want Him. That's why he said in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We use that verse to make us feel better when attendance is terrible, but the real point is that when gather in His name He will be there. It's a promise!

Let's get away from "getting something out of the service" and move toward "Will I meet with God today?" The next question we need to ask is, "Will God Be Blessed Today?"

## II. WILL GOD BE BLESSED TODAY?

Think about it—We ask God to bless our food, our service, our finances. We want to get blessed, be blessed, and stay blessed. Like Jacob we wrestle and wrangle with continued on **page 7**

You have a new friend request.” How often have you clicked “accept”? It is amazing to look at our Facebook profiles and see the number of friends that we have. Friends from school, fellow youth campers, Bible College representatives, family, and even a few that we do not remember how we know them make up a long list of people that Facebook calls friends. But do you really have 500 friends?

Researchers tell us that a person averages between three and five close friendships. If that is all the close friends that we have, what makes a good friend? What should I be looking for, and what kind of person should I be?

Do you know who is believed to be the best friend of the Apostle Paul? His name was Tychicus. He’s not a person that you are likely to remember, but he is mentioned in Acts, Colossians, Ephesians, 2 Timothy, and Titus. Twice Paul calls him a “beloved brother.”

I wondered, “What made Tychicus such a wonderful friend to Paul?” There were three traits that stood out to me that I believe we all need to emulate.

First, Tychicus was selfless. He had given up everything to travel with Paul on his many missionary trips. While Paul was getting all the credit for starting churches, Tychicus was there helping Paul. It did not matter who got the credit, he just wanted to see the work of God go forward.

Friendship is about giving and getting. If all you do is give, you likely don’t have a healthy friendship. The same is true if all you do is take. Friends help each other without ever wondering what is in it for themselves.

Secondly Tychicus was steadfast. Tychicus was stood by Paul during the good times and the bad. Tychicus was with Paul when churches were doing well and when they were struggling. He did not leave Paul when he was in prison.

Paul knew that he could count on Tychicus. When Paul sent for Titus to come to him, Paul sent Tychicus to fill in as pastor while Titus was away. This was a huge responsibility, but Tychicus had earned Paul’s trust.

JEREMY MORFORD



## Marks of Friendship

Can you be counted on by your friends? Do you keep your word? Can they trust you? Are the things you say about them when they are not around the same things you say when they are there?

Finally, I noticed that Tychicus was servant-hearted. There was nothing below Tychicus. It was by his hand the books of Ephesians and Colossians were written. Paul needed a fill-in pastor for Titus, Tychicus was willing. Paul needed a messenger to deliver the books of Ephesians and Colossians, Tychicus was his man. The people needed encouraging, well, Tychicus would do his best to be a blessing.

Friends help each other. If there is something you can do for your friend, do you do it? So many people want to know “what’s in it for me,” but this is not how a real friend behaves. Friends do for each other without keeping track of who has done more for the other.

Being a friend is a lot more than clicking “Accept” on Facebook. It is about spending time with a person, doing things with them, and being the kind of person that can be trusted. It does not mean that you will never disagree (Proverbs 27:17), you will. However, you will encourage each other (Job 6:14) and will speak the truth even when it is difficult (Proverbs 27:6). ■

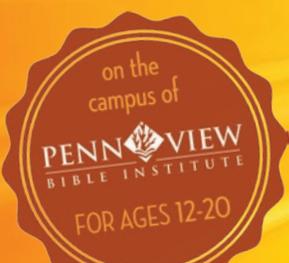


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# GOD’S MISSIONARY YOUTH CAMP

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# A World of Our Own



GABRIELLA M. KEISTER

*Where am I?*

*This place is strange.*

*Surely there's no way I've been here before.*

I look to see where I am, only to find myself bombarded by the new sensations of this place. They're just people. They're people I've never seen before. People I thought only existed in literature and media. These people are real though. Their situation is real.

As I look around, I see people of the humblest sort. An older gentleman wearing torn, dirty clothing leans against the building to my left. Considering how thin and bony he is, leaning against that brick wall has got to hurt. I look into his cold, sad, tired eyes and I feel the hopelessness he faces. With each wrinkle on his ashen, hollow face, I imagine the immense turmoil he

must have endured. Who is this man, and how did he get here? Could he be the son of a great preacher from long ago, or maybe a war veteran? What is his story? Why is no one helping him? He holds a simple sign made of cardboard. As I read the words, I suddenly feel my heart beat faster, and my face begins to warm with compassion overwhelming me. "Food. Please." How can I not help him in some way?

I walk over to him, but he doesn't acknowledge me. "Sir? Would you like to go get something to eat with me?" No response. "Sir?" Why is he not responding to me? "Sir, can you hear me? I want to help."

Stepping far away from him as if he were diseased, a group of well-dressed business people walk past him. Though they do not have the courage to look at him, they talk about him without hesitation. "I thought the new mayor was supposed to clean up the scum in this city," snarks the man with a black leather briefcase in his left hand and a red Starbucks cup in the other. As they walk past, their caustic remarks fade into the distance.

I look at the man as he hangs his head low and wipes a tear away from his eye. Much to my surprise, he begins to pray aloud. "God... I know you can hear me. Please send someone to me... please."

In the distance, I hear a gun shot. Immediately I feel fear, anxiety, and shock. Is this normal? I begin to panic when I see children crying in front of me as their mothers comfort them, the sound of cries breaking out from the people around me, pounding against my ear drums, breaking into my mind, carving a deep memory. Walking closer to the scene of the shooting, the sulfuric odor of gun powder and metallic scent of blood begins to creep into my nostrils. There's a man lying in the street; a group of men race away from the dead man. This is absolutely horrid. What country am I in?

As I enter the next street, I see a pile of old, tattered clothing and a woman at the end of the street smoking what looks to be a joint. Her body language suggests all hope has been drained out of her. As I pass the heap of clothing, I notice the way the clothing is pressed down in the middle; it gives the impression that someone may sleep here. There's also a shopping cart next to the pile filled with tied bags packed full, leaving no wrinkles in the round plastic bags. The aroma of body odor, urine, and feces is so powerful that it begins to consume my nose and slowly, but forcefully, creep into my mouth. This is not a scent – nor taste – that I enjoy. I become afraid that I have turned into a volcano on the verge of erupting. I feel my meal from earlier rise to my mouth. Eyes watering, I swallow hard. Then I run, fast.

Nearing the end of the street, slowing my fast-paced run to a walk, my eyes are drawn to a large man with a cigarette sticking out the corner of his mouth. He quickly, rudely, and loudly approaches the helpless woman at the end of the street. All I can inhale is the smell and taste of the sour fragrance and bitterness from the cigarette smoke combined with the sharp dullness of marijuana smoke. As I proceed past them quietly coughing and

choking, I notice how skimpily the woman is dressed. Her hair is matted and thin, but you can tell she makes the best of the situation by how her hair is done. The man yells at her as she cries, apologizing for not being good enough. Thankfully he leaves in the opposite direction from the one I am walking.

I try to reach out to her. I try to tell her of a God above who cares. A God who loves her so much that He sent His Son to free her of her bondages, but no matter how loudly I scream.... She can't hear me. Crying, I walk away.

I sit down on the sidewalk, back leaning against the building behind me, knees bent upward, face buried in my hands, crying out to God, pleading for the people I saw. "Lord, why couldn't they hear me? Why haven't you sent anyone to help them?! How will they hear of you and your love and mercy? Don't let them perish, Lord! Send someone to help them! Lord, send me!" Crying and screaming to God, I jerk up in bed, awakened by the sound of my own voice and the warmth of my tears streaming down my face.

It was a dream. It was all just a dream, but it seemed so real. Those streets I walked down, I know them. They're streets in cities across the United States. Those faces I saw, they aren't foreigners. No, they're people from this country! I used to think people and scenarios such as what I saw only existed in other countries – only existed in third-world countries. The poverty and hopelessness is all around us.

In Romans 10:14, Paul writes "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" God has a call and a purpose for each of us. In Matthew 28:19, the command of the Great Commission was given to all of us. There is a hurting world at our doorsteps. We must give heed to God's voice and follow His command in telling the world about His love, mercy, and forgiveness. Those people who seem to be beyond hope are most in need of it. But as Paul wrote, how will they know if we do not go tell them? 📌

continued from **page 4** God for blessings, almost at any cost. There are plenty of verses about God blessing man, but I think the secret is in the words of Psalm 103 where it proclaims "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits... Bless the Lord, ye his angels... Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his... Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul."

What if our singular goal in the service was to bless God? I think that not only would the quality of our services universally improve, but WE would experience a fresh blessing from God! When we bless Him He blesses us!

The last question I recommend we ask ourselves is "Will God's Name Be Exalted to Others?"

### III. WILL GOD'S NAME BE EXALTED TO OTHERS?

Ultimately we come to church not only to bless God, but to also to exalt the name of the Lord to others. I don't

want visitors leaving my church with the only takeaways being the beauty of the special song, or how well I delivered the sermon. I want people to exit the church saying "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!"

So next time you head to church, leave the analytical and critical you at home! Instead, ask how you can meet with God, bless His name, and exalt Him to others. I think the change in attitude will change you...and it might just change your church!



## Central Pennsylvania Youth Convention and A Challenge For Today's Teen

MATTHEW MALOYED



**T**he 2016 Central Pennsylvania Youth Convention was marked by the presence of God! It was a remarkable youth convention with over 500 young people attending from over 100 churches from 13 different states as well as Canada. With this amount of support, God helped us shatter the attendance mark, setting a new record of 838! But all who attended will never forget how God came. The 2016 theme was “Stand Firm” challenging young people to take a stand for God in a godless society regardless of the pressures and temptations they may face. It was amazing to watch at the close of every service: God’s presence would settle down in an almost tangible way and the altar would line with young people seeking God—making life-changing commitments to “Stand Firm” for Him.

God’s glory was especially on the scene in the Closing Rally of the convention as wave after wave of young people flocked to the altar, people ran the aisles with shouts of praise and victory as young people sought God to be saved and sanctified and there were too many altar services to count. Conviction was so great that some simply began praying right in their pews. Even after the service ended, others prayed to be saved. Many remarked that it was the mightiest manifestation of God’s Spirit they had ever witnessed. To God be all the glory!

In I Corinthians 16:13, we find a powerful verse for young people living in today’s world. It says, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.” In this short verse we find 4 key components to living a godly life in an ungodly world.

The first command in this verse is to Be Alert! Satan is working overtime to trap young people today. Sin is merely a tap or two away for most every teen. Therefore, we must Be Alert and ask for holy discernment. Some may have to take drastic measures in their life to eliminate temptations that cause them to continuously fail. Don’t allow yourself to be in a situation that you know you will be tempted. Be Alert!

The next directive given is Stand Firm! God does not tolerate sin and we shouldn’t either. In a society where lines are blurred, we should steer as far away from sin as we can get. If anything is questionable in our life, we must get rid of it! We must remove all sin from our life and stand firmly for truth and righteousness. When we do, we come to the realization that we are not standing alone, because when we Stand Firm for God—He stands with us! God is looking for young people to Stand Firm!

Be Brave is the next instruction that we find. It takes an immense amount of courage to live for God in this generation. But we don’t have to rely on our own strength—if we do, we will fail. In order to Be Brave we must stay connected to the Almighty through daily devotions. When we’ve been in the presence of God, we can face this world with courage, having the confidence that “greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world.” Be Brave!

Finally we are told to Be Strong! Our minds must be made up that we are going to live for God. We will not survive on half-hearted efforts. In order to Be Strong, we must be totally surrendered. It’s the Holy Spirit living in His fullness inside of us that makes the difference. Many young people have an up-and-down, weak relationship with God because they never completely surrender. It’s in total surrender of ourselves, that God’s power begins and we are made “more than conquerors.” That’s strong stuff! Be Strong!

Someone wisely once said, “The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand in times of challenge and controversy.” If we have ever lived in a day of challenge and controversy, today is that day. Will you rise to the challenge to: Be Alert, Stand Firm, Be Brave and Be Strong? God is counting on you and so am I.

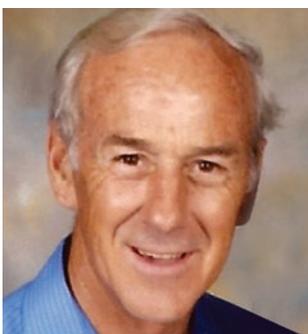
# world missions

**W**hen we were at Sun City Camp, Roger Ortiz gave an encouraging talk about what God is doing in Miami via translation by Jose Cancio. I took some notes because I wanted to share it with you...

They recently had a baptism of two ladies. When one lady was being baptized, a dove flew down where they were. The next lady was fearful to go in to the water because dolphins showed up to help them “celebrate”!

A young man recently came to their church thinking he was coming to mass. Bro. Ortiz wondered what he would do when he found out they don’t have mass! He came up to the third row from the front; at the end of the sermon, he came up to be saved! Thank the Lord!

Another man was waiting for Bro. Roger to give an invitation.



WILMER PAULUS

He must have told Bro. Roger that at the end of the service - said he wanted to pray. Bro. Roger said they prayed that he’d come back that evening so he could give an invitation! He did! This time, after the invitation, he came up and was saved. Said he had been a slave to work. God had been talking to him. He had been working seven days a week.

Said, “God has rescued me!”

A man who had visited before came back - now he has AIDS, but now he is reconciled to God! He said, “I was a vagabond. From now on I submit to Jesus. What can I do, pastor, here I am!”

Several Saturdays ago a Bible Institute was started at the church to develop leaders, which is Bro. Roger’s dream - to equip men ready to go forth in the Word of God. Sometimes it is difficult—it is definitely a long-term job. God will help them finish.

Let us keep praying for Bro. Ortiz and his family as they train others to reach out and as they reach out themselves. His oldest son expressed to me that he’d like to go to Bible college - he wants to be a missionary! So pray for Roger, Jr., as well!

Thank you for supporting World Missions with your prayers and finances.



Frances Stetler came to work in the Bible School for an entire week, including Saturday. Cathy Brubaker interpreted for Frances.

## A HUNGER FOR HOLINESS IN HAITI

*Cathy Brubaker*

It has been my privilege for the past 3 years to interpret for Frances Stetler in our Bible Seminary in Haiti. The hunger, honesty, and humility of the students has made it easy to teach, though at times we have sensed direct combat with the enemy.

I will never forget the closing prayer of one of our older ministerial students, “Lord, we have heard Truth this week that we have never heard before. Help us to walk in the Light and share this Truth with those we minister to.”

Our Bible Seminary would be any teacher’s dream. Not only do the students listen eagerly, but they often jump to their feet when a “hands on” illustration is given. They don’t want to miss a single detail.

I believe in our Bible Seminary! If we can help these students burn with the love of God from a pure heart, they will branch out to their own people and accomplish more than any single missionary could accomplish alone.

**Learn more about GMC Missions in Haiti**

View updates and photos by Don Mobley at [gmcinhaiti.blogspot.com](http://gmcinhaiti.blogspot.com)



## 2016 God's Missionary Church Ministerial



Rev. Harry Plank received the Minister of the Year award and Mrs. Rachel Plank received the Lady of Fine Example award.

## Births



Congratulations to Scott & Heather Hartman on the birth of Mariela Grace! Mariela was born on January 18, 2016.



Congratulations to Jason & Michelle Bennett on the birth of Amelia Leigh! Amelia was born on February 8, 2016.



Congratulations to Christian & Holly Walker on the birth of Addison Jade! Addison was born on April 5, 2016.

## What the 2016 Ministerial Convention Meant to Me

### Rev. Thomas Ramsay

1. It was a time of getting away from the hustle and bustle of the cares and perplexities of life.
2. It was a time of renewing friendship with those who I haven't seen for some time.
3. It was a time of getting together in true Christian Fellowship.
4. It was a time of getting my soul revived and refreshed!
5. It was a time of sitting at the feet of Jesus.



# president

**Dec. 20:** Sunbury, Our granddaughter, Shiloh, was in her first Christmas play. She was an “angel.” Pap and Nana thought she played the part beautifully. There was great attendance of 199.

In the afternoon we traveled to Big Valley B.C.C. for the funeral of Sis Ketner. She was the mother of two of our preacher’s wives, Sis. Dorcas Kratz and Sis. Phoebe Bickert.

Beavertown: Sis Wanda Knapp did an excellent job with the children and others in the Candlelight Service. She reminded us that we are to be a light for Christ in our homes and neighborhoods.

**Dec. 23:** Attended the Sunbury Christmas Youth program portraying that it is Christ in our families that makes a difference.

**Dec. 26, 30:** Went to Rebersburg and enjoyed seeing and talking with Bro. and Sis Paul Miller. Thanks, Bro. and Sis Barry Bennett for the great snack and fellowship after church.

**Dec. 31:** Benjamin McDowell representing Hope International Missions met with me to go over Engage, an exciting partnership with the local church to advance missions. I hope you will pray and consider this ministry.

**Jan. 07:** Today was a Penn View Board meeting that was filled with discussion on finances and different policies. We also spent time discussing the role of our board.

**Jan. 08:** Today was a World Mission board meeting which consisted of updates and goals for the coming year. One of the most exciting events will be the “Haiti Pastors Retreat”.

**Jan. 11:** General Board and Penns Creek Camp Board met. We are planning and praying for a great move of God in our camp meeting.

**Jan. 14-Feb. 04:** Arrived at FL District Camp to prepare and clean the campgrounds.

We had outstanding help before, during and after camp. Our camp evangelist Bro. Joe Smith and Bro. Adam Buckler were both anointed by God. The music of Bro. and Sis. Alan Walter was outstanding. The camp was marked by a spirit of worship. The fruit was seekers for salvation and the saints were edified and encouraged. The service of giving during pledges on Friday night turned into a “you had to be there” service.

**Feb. 02:** Rhoda and I went to Camp Freedom to hear Bro. Plank preach. After the service, we went to Abercrombie Park for a Baptismal Service. Bro. Harry Plank and I then had the privilege of baptizing Laura and Sharon Guel who attend Sun City Camp and Bro. Jacob Miller’s church.

**Feb. 05-07:** Hobe Sound Camp Meeting. I enjoyed my visit with Bro. Booth, the editor of the *God’s Missionary Standard*. Rhoda and I were privileged to talk to Sis. Bonnie Cleaver who was a God’s Missionary Church missionary in Haiti. The camp had excellent preaching and singing.

**Feb. 07:** Miami. The Ortiz family is a great blessing to the church. Bro. Cancio was our interpreter for the service. God helped and a couple people sought the Lord. We enjoyed lunch and good fellowship with the Ortiz Family and Bro. and Sis Cancio.

**Feb. 08:** Arrived safely at home. Thank the Lord!



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**Feb. 14:** Sunbury. Rev. Butch Heath preached on the Godly Home. We appreciate his ministry to families. Good reports came to me from those who attended the seminars that weekend.

**Feb. 15-17:** God’s Missionary Church Ministerial. We are so appreciative of how God’s spirit moved in the services. I want to say thanks to all our church boards who paid the registration fee so that your pastor and pastor’s wife could come to the Ministerial. Bro. & Sis Southerland and Bro. & Sis Davis where both used of God to accomplish our goals of equipping and edifying.

**Feb. 22, 24, 25:** Penn View Bible Institute Revival. Bro. Weatherald preached an informative message on clothes. He shared with us the fashion world’s principles for dress. Then he challenged us to a biblical pattern.

**Feb. 28:** Camp Hill. Bro. Aurand and congregation are to be commended for installing a new heating system and church sign.

**March 01-03:** Lebanon. Outreach and Bus Convention. What a blessing! 31 sessions and services to instruct and inspire us.

**March 06:** Pillow. A van full of children and young people will bring excitement to any church.

**March 07, 08:** Home Missions and Penn View Bible Institute boards are planning and positioning our conference for spiritual, numerical, and financial growth.

**March 13:** York. New replacement windows in the parsonage and new adults in the house of God.

New Columbia-A young teen opened the service and lead in prayer. The church is doing a good job mentoring and trying to develop a new generation of leaders.

**March 15-20:** Revival at Pleasant Valley B.C.C. Thank the Lord for the good testimonies and fellowship.

**March 22:** Today was General Board meeting and we met with the Ways & Means Committee.

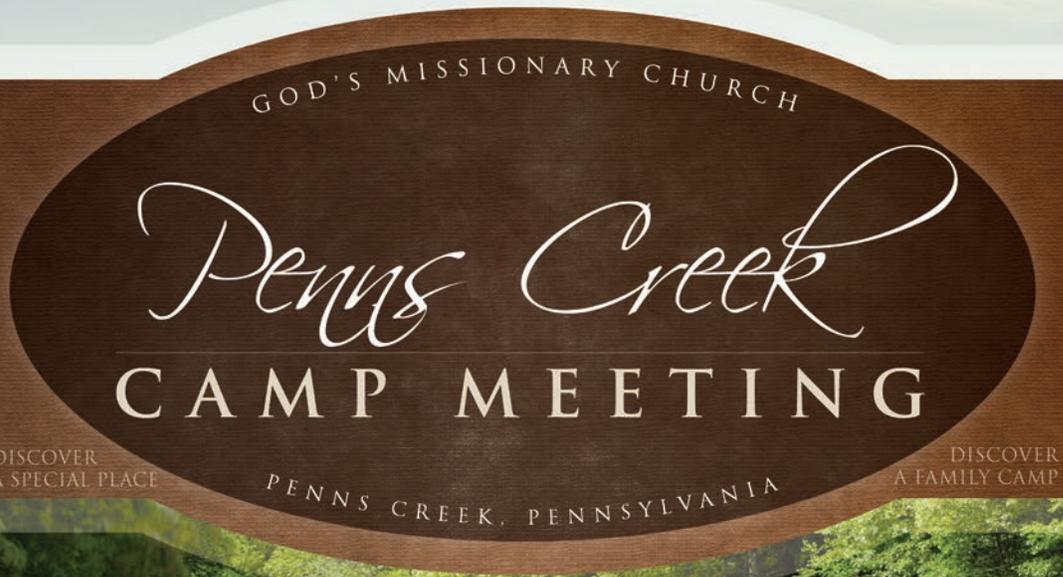
**March 25- April 03:** Ottawa, Kansas. Preached a camp meeting and saw former students from Penn View who are being a blessing in God’s work. 

# July 29–August 7, 2016

**EVANGELISTIC SERVICES: 10:30 AM, 2:30 PM, and 7:30 PM** each day in the **George I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle**

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:15 AM** (Sunday School), **10:00 AM, 2:30 PM** and **7:00 PM**

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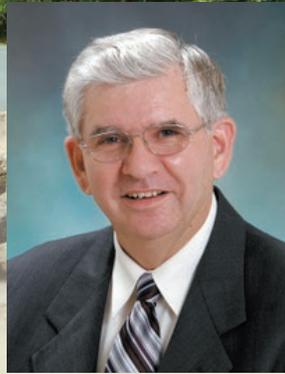
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**81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference—God's Missionary Church:** Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29

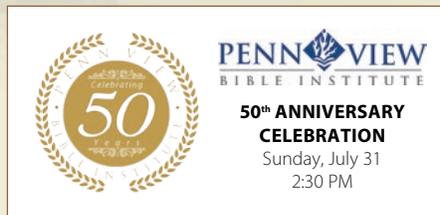
**GMC Ordination Service:**  
Sunday, August 7, 2:30 PM

**Missions:** 7:00 PM—weeknights

**Fort Myers Rescue Mission:**  
Saturday, July 30, 7:00 PM

**Lebanon Valley Gospel Band:**  
Sunday, August 7, 6:30 PM

**Crusader's Youth Program:** A full schedule of youth activities is provided. Youth services are held August 1–6 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM in the Mountain Road Church under the direction of Youth President Solomon Shaffer. Sunday services are at 9:15 AM. Minors staying without an adult chaperon must register in advance at [www.godsmissionarychurch.org/pccyouth](http://www.godsmissionarychurch.org/pccyouth)



**Vacation Bible School:** Held each day at the camp with Rachel Clough at 10:30 AM. Sunday Schedule: 9:15 AM.

**Accommodations:** We welcome you and your family to stay with us for all or part of the camp meeting. Meals, rooms and RV sites are available on a free-will offering basis. Limited rooms are available with air conditioning, all others are suitable for you to bring a small window air conditioning unit. For room reservations write: Penns Creek Camp Meeting, PO Box 970, Penns Creek, PA 17862 or call 570-765-1498. You may also email [holliness@icloud.com](mailto:holliness@icloud.com)

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