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“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).

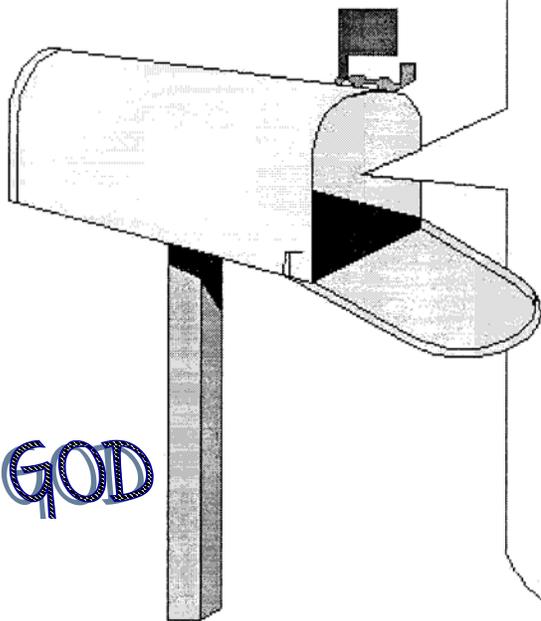
CAMP PENIEL –

FACE

TO

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WITH GOD



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Hodgenville, KY



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Dathan Tucker
Catoosa, OK



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Plan now to attend

By Editor Wallace E. Joice



The name of **CAMP PENIEL** is suggested by the classic experience of Jacob's wrestling match with the angel of the LORD. Peniel is a Hebrew word meaning "face of God." Jacob, himself, named the place of his encounter, "*Peniel*."

Jacob was left alone; *"and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day."* In verse 28, we read *"And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel (prince with God): for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."*

At Camp Peniel, young people will be brought

under the influence of godly men and women. More importantly, they can have a personal encounter with God. A "face to face" experience of the Divine Presence. If such is the case, their lives will never be the same.

Camp Peniel is a ministry of Bible Holiness Assembly of God and Ozark Bible Institute and College. I would encourage you to help needy young people attend. As it is never a money-making venture, please help the church and school if you can.

More information and all necessary camp forms can be obtained at: www.bibleholinessag.org



**"I SAT WHERE
THEY SAT"
Being A
Christian In
A Real World**

By President Daniel E. Taylor

"Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days" (Ezekiel 3:15).

Ezekiel is one of the more difficult books in the Bible to understand. B. P. Carroll said when he read about Ezekiel's wheels, his head started spinning! But, in addition to its obscure language, the Book of Ezekiel delves into some of the more complex truths of God's dealings with his people and average Christians can't sit still for it.

But before I frighten some of you, my message is actually very simple, **"Being a Christian In A Real World."**

Ezekiel's name means "God strengthens." Daniel means "God is judge." People in that day knew what his name meant. Ezekiel was of a priestly family and grew up in Judea. He was a contemporary of Jeremiah and Daniel, though somewhat younger than Daniel and much younger than Jeremiah. Ezekiel was a captive five years before he was called to be a prophet. He prophesied for twenty-two years.

Ezekiel's message like that of Jeremiah was usually resented. Why? Because it held little hope for the immediate future of the people. They hadn't got in that shape over night and they wouldn't get out over night.

Beginning in verse four of chapter one and extending to verse fourteen of chapter three, Ezekiel had been in a private interview with God. Ezekiel had a unique way of describing the

times when God manifested His Word to and through him. *"The hand of the Lord was upon me."*

While the hand of the Lord was upon Ezekiel, God revealed unseen things to him. God revealed the people's mistakes, their wrong turns, their sensual pursuits, and their sins. Of course, all of this was academic and interesting. It was like being a medical student watching the professor draw pictures of a diseased heart on the chalk board, and then explaining the cause and effect. Of course, it is all academic and interesting.

It is like being in an OBI class or church service and hearing about the symptoms of sin. How sin affects one's standing with God, how it eats away at your life like cancer, and how it deceives people and blinds the mind. But in verse fifteen the young doctor leaves the classroom and enters the operating room! The young Christian leaves the Bible school or church house and enters the outside world! And suddenly Ezekiel comes out of the presence of God and opens his eyes in the real world and is *"astonished."* The word literally means—overwhelmed! Ezekiel had sat in the presence of God for a while, but now he sat where the lost and hurting sat, and the need overwhelmed him.

I have a few questions about being a Christian in a real world. The answers might help you.

I. HOW DOES FAITH WORK IN A REAL WORLD?

It is like the difference between reading a war story and being in a fox hole under fire. It goes from being an interesting speculation to being a life and death struggle. We see numerous examples of how faith works in the Bible.

The story of Elijah by the brook Cherith during the drought illustrates this. He drank of the brook and the ravens fed him. Then the brook dried up so he goes to the widow of

Zarephath. The meal barrel is never empty. The cruse of oil never fails. Thus the Bible tells us how faith worked for Elijah in Bible times.

But how does the Bible apply in a real world? **It recognizes that bad things can happen to good people in a real world, but God helps them through, if they trust His Word.** Nothing supports the soul like the Word of God! This is why so much of what the Spirit says in tongues and interpretation is quotations from Scripture. When I need something to strengthen and steady me in the battles of life, I look to God's Word.

Once I was struggling with trouble in several areas of life. I asked God, "Why?" He led me to John 16:33, *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."* This verse taught me that rich, poor, weak, strong, Christian or non-Christian, there is no exception. We all have trouble! **But the major difference between a Christian and a lost person is that one day a Christian's trouble will end, and the sinners trouble will get worse.**

Something else I learned from the Word of God which has helped me in a real world is, **being a Christian delivers us from some problems while at the same time giving us some new ones.** A Christian's troubles are like that. There are many, and there are some hard times, but the alternative of not having them is worse! This is what David is implying in Psalm 34:19, *(Continued on page 3)*

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"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth them out of them all."

A Christian has a lot of troubles the world doesn't have because they are Christians! But the Lord is going to deliver them completely one day! **Praise God, it is a promise in the Word!**

II. HOW DOES THE BIBLE APPLY IN A REAL WORLD?

No matter what our circumstances are in the real world, the Lord can keep you calm and give you peace as long as you can keep your mind on Him. *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee"* (Isaiah 26:3). The phrase *"whose mind is stayed on thee,"* means: someone who lives in continual awareness of the presence of God. So the verse means: God will keep you in complete peace no matter what you face if you focus on Him and keep putting your trust in Him to see you through.

I think of the story of Corrie Ten Boom worrying about what she would do if the time came when the Nazis caught them. Her father said, "When you were a child going on a trip, when did I give you your train

ticket?" She answered, "When I got on the train." God will give you what you need when you need it. So don't fret about it now!

III. HOW DO YOU KEEP YOUR HOPES UP IN A REAL WORLD?

If sitting where those held captive by sin seems overwhelming, try to think about what it will be like to walk streets of gold with the redeemed. Hear me children, do like the Bible says, *"Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth"* (Colossians 3:2). Remember the Bible says earthly things are temporary, but the heavenly things are eternal. Most of you have heard me tell of Sister Best telling me to read to her about heaven because she was going there pretty soon. Are you planning on going there? First Peter 1:4 talks about an incorruptible inheritance *"reserved in heaven for you."*

Have you made your reservation?

Come with me by way of imagination, and let's visit heaven. The moment the gate clanks behind you, you feel lighter. You know what it is? You left all your sorrows and heart aches outside the gate. The Lord Himself greets you with a warm embrace, a well done, and He wipes the tears forever from your eyes. Someone invites you to sit down, but

like the old song says, *"I can't sit down, I just got to heaven and I want to look around..."* Up walks Norman Thomas standing straight and tall, hair dark against his white robe, and Dorothy on his arm, smiling. Brother Thomas says, "Come with me Brother Taylor, I want to show you something." Brother Thomas says, "Look, twelve kinds of fruit on the same tree. It bears ripe fruit every month all through eternity."

I stand along the river looking down the row of trees and out from behind one pops a familiar face. I run to him. Brother Stoner, my you look good! There is a beautiful young woman leaning against the next tree down from us and she walks up to us. Brother Stoner says, "Well, as you see Mom made it here safe and sound." I said, "By the way, how's the fishing?" Brother Stoner said, "All you want and more!" I said, "Did you catch any with a coin its mouth?" Brother Stoner said, "No, don't need it here. There isn't any taxes here. **Jesus paid it all!**"

Well, saints we may be overwhelmed where we are today, but one day we are going to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in our Father's kingdom!



A WORD FROM OUR ACADEMIC DEAN

It does not seem possible to me that another school year has rapidly come to a close. The Lord has been so good to us here at OBI. We had a wonderful graduation service with a great crowd and a great challenge to labor in the greatest work on earth. We had a tremendous student body this year. They were hungry for the things of God and purposeful in their

pursuit of the perfect will of God.

I would like to personally thank all of the pastors, parents, and prayer partners which have made this year a success. It would not be possible to accomplish the will of God at OBI if it were not for your faithfulness. Please plan this year to attend the Bible Holiness Convocation October 13-16. Bring your young people to camp Peniel June 30 - July 4, and continue to stay in touch with each other.

"Not forsaking the assembling of

ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25). We certainly need to exhort and encourage one another because that day is rapidly approaching.



2014 Graduates



GROWTH

“And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily” (Acts 16:5).

One of the first tasks started when OBI obtained control of the mission work in Guatemala was to acquire a NIT (tax identification number) in order to be recognized legally by the government as a non profit organization. This process took about two years and a couple thousand dollars to accomplish. The Bible school and (at that time) one church congregation meeting regularly on the premises of the property came under the auspices of this entity called in English, School of Evangelism Association. Since that time, we have planted two more churches nearby in Villa Hermosa and Prados, with all three churches called Iglesia Vida Abundante (Abundant Life Church).

There are a number of graduates who have pioneered churches in various localities in Guatemala that are very interested in establishing another organization solely for churches connected with the Bible school. They have started a fund into which



Brother & Sister Pennington with Ziona



Brother Anson & Sister Tabitha Miller

and self-supporting works). We are thankful for their vision and commitment to establishing churches which are legally recognized by the government. If you would like to contribute financially to this endeavor to defray \$2,000-\$3,000 cost of incorporation, please use the coupon on this page to designate your offering as such. The Bible school continues to run well. The students are serious and tending to their studies, evangelism, and practical duties responsibly. Anson and Tabitha Miller will be arriving in mid-May to assist the national staff, and work through the months of June and July. Please pray for them, and you may designate personal support for them on the coupon as well. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go out to all of the family of God that faithfully pray for and support missions. We know from experience God opens the windows of heaven to bless those actively involved in getting the message of this glorious gospel spread to all nations. The time is short. The harvest is large. Real workers are scarce. Let us pray hard!

This is a step in the direction we would like to lead these brethren toward (indigenous self-governing

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For souls, The Penningtons



Pastor Hugo at Santa Rita, Guatemala



Brother Pennington, National director Juan Carlos, and Pastor "Tio Juan" in front of new church



Current students and staff Spring 2014

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Scholarships given to thirty-two Students to attend Ozark Bible Institute and College

Traditionally, scholarships are given based on academics. Although academics are considered, these scholarships are granted based upon total character. The OBI administration is interested in helping students and prospective students who are serious-minded about training for four years of theological studies and full-time ministry.

In recent years, Ozark Bible Institute and College has been blessed by newly created scholarship funds. These funds are proving to be most helpful and encouraging to several students. Each of the scholarships have been established by individuals who have a special interest in the training of young people for the work of the ministry. At present, there are fifteen different scholarships being given on an annual basis.



The scholarship program has been a wonderful way to invest in God's kingdom by helping young people train for the ministry.

On behalf of OBI, let me say "Thank you" to all who have made our scholarship program possible.

Sincerely, Daniel E. Taylor

Each year we award scholarships to students so they can experience active ministry during the summer and be able to return to school in the fall. The following are thus awarded as full scholarships to the "Higher Ground Outreach Group."

The Three Rivers Scholarship



Ethan Binkley Joshua Rogers Jamin Martin

Shifflet Memorial Scholarship



Jonathan Hutson Jeron Presley

Voice of Truth Quartet Scholarship - \$500.00



Faith Frazier Jeremy Stoughton Seth Zerbel

Johnson Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Tyler Brown Thomas Hammond

Leonard Allgood Scholarship - \$500.00



Brittany Frederick Hannah Williams

Dorothy Miller/Ramona Fare Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Deidre Boggs Hannah McCoy

Marshall Stoner Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Trey Lowery

Russell Graham Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Chelsea Cornett

William Cherry Memorial Scholarship - \$600.00



Bethany Boyer

Gene Huff Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Nathan Akers Ceslie Benner



Charity Benner Jonathan Ennis



Jordan Ennis Courtney Johnston



Keith Rice Alecia Webb

OBI Textbook Scholarship



Jackson Embry



Mikayla Johnson

Owen Mincks Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Bethany Derr Justin Malone

D.C. Branham Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Kemberleigh Kimble

Bonnie M Stoner Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Justin Fiocoprile

OBI Student Council Textbook Scholarship



Rachel Brock

Wishing everyone a great summer!



Summer Mission Trip Applicants



*By Gene Canter
OCM Director of
Development*

We have just concluded OBI's 2013/2014 school year. There were a record number of young people graduating, and probably the largest attendance at the commencement service that we have ever had. We

praise God for His evident hand upon OBI.

Twenty-two OBI students have signed up to be a part of OCM's mission trips this summer. Ten young people are making plans to work with Brother and Sister Presley in Hoyerswerda, Germany. They will be conducting children's services, passing out tracts, talking with people in street evangelism, and ministering in song and testimony in an evening tent crusade.

Six young people are going to Latur, India with President Taylor and a teaching team of instructors. They will be involved in children's ministry, working with the pastor's children and children from the



Some of the current and former OBI students who are applying to do mission work this summer

orphanage. Brother Taylor will be preaching at the holiness convocation in the morning and evening, and the instructors will conduct four classes each day for pastors.

Brother and Sister Baker will be travelling with six young people to Guatemala. These students will be working with children as well as Bible School Students. They will be involved in street evangelism, along with tasks assigned by Brother Pennington at OBI Guatemala.

All of these mission trips are scheduled for the month of August.

Please pray that the Lord will help each of the students as they learn to itinerate and share their burden with their home church as well as other congregations.

Ozark Christian Missions is in constant need of funds in order to answer the many requests we have for ministry. We have no source of income other than contributions coming from those of you whose heart God has touched with a burden for missions. Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. May the Lord richly bless you for your sacrifice.

Student Corner

POEMS

Something that I've tried to encourage ministerial students to do is to try their hand at poetry. It is amazing how insights come to the forefront when we try to say it in a poem. From time to time, I like to put one in the Standard Bearer—this is one of those times—so enjoy.

Daniel E. Taylor



SOMEONE TO BELIEVE IN THE BROKEN

*By Chelsea Cornett
(OBI Freshman Student
2013-2014)*

Heavy hearts, screaming fears.
Broken dreams, constant fears.

Who will believe in them?
Recognize the worth deeper hidden?

Many have given up,
Saying they're not enough.

"All of them a hopeless cause,
Marred by mistakes and flaws!"

But there is one, he truly believes,
Knows there's more than what he can see.

Potential, talent, a spark, a shine!
All that it takes to achieve bigger than life!

Full of faith, driven by love.
Willing to invest in what could become.

Working daily to revive silenced dreams.
Giving strength to the broken wings.

Bleeding Hearts and Bloody Hands



*By Charity Moreino
OBI Sophomore 2013-2014
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(Charityfaye.wordpress.com)*

How many of you remember the story of Stephen? His story is short, just taking up a handful of verses in chapters 6 & 7 of Acts. We don't know much about him. We don't know about his background. His parents aren't mentioned. We aren't told if he was an educated man or not. Was he a smart man? Was he business minded? Did he have a wife and children? Was he from a good devout family? What were his dreams? What did he do before he was chosen by the church? We don't know. The only thing we know about him is that he was *"full of faith and of the Holy Ghost."* And that says more about the man than any list of his history or background ever could. Here was a man who had emptied himself of his own wants, his own desires, his fears and dreams. **He had to, because the only way to be full of something is to empty yourself of everything else.** I don't know what he'd been holding onto before he came to know Christ, but I do know he wasn't holding onto it anymore. And this is where we find Stephen, full of the Spirit of God.

It was a hectic crowd that day. The men and women gathered around

Stephen were angry, even hostile. They'd been drawn by the power of God resting on Stephen, unable to resist the wisdom and Spirit that rested on him. They flung wild accusations at him, wanting to destroy him as they had his Savior. Stephen, though, was not worried. He sat and listened, trusting in his Heavenly Father.

"Look at him. He looks like an angel," whispered a young scribe. "How can he be so calm?" asked a councilman.

And there amongst the crowd, sat a young man who would cause untold trouble for the church, wondering the very same thing.

As Stephen exhorted on the greatness of God and cautioned them against the hardness of their hearts, the young man shifted uncomfortably in his seat. The words sliced at his heart, opening a wound that caused him to become angry. With relief, he watched as the crowd turned against Stephen. He followed along as they carried the faithful follower of Christ out of the city. Still, when the first stone was thrown at the first martyr of Christ, he couldn't help but feel his same wound open a little wider. By the time Stephen cried out with a loud voice, *"Lord, lay not this sin to their charge,"* Saul felt sick.

In an attempt to heal his wound, he *"made havoc of the church."*

But somehow I can't believe he ever forgot the simple prayer he had heard Stephen utter with his last breath. It was an outrageous prayer, if he had ever heard one. It was a prayer of mercy, a prayer of love. A prayer of forgiveness for the very men who murdered him. It was grace in its truest sense.

The prayer of Stephen's was answered in a greater way than he could have ever imagined. For soon, on the Damascus Road, God would answer the outrageous prayer. There on the Damascus Road, God would give mercy to the very one Stephen had interceded for.

This is why we must intercede for those we love. Intercession is not a futile pastime. It is not a ritual we go through. **Intercession allows us to touch heaven for the most hardened people who otherwise might never be carried before the throne of grace.** People who this world needs in the Christian fight. People with bleeding hearts and bloody hands. People no one else wants to pray for. These are the people we are to intercede for. These are the people we are to love and extend mercy to. But first we must empty ourselves. Because it's only by the Spirit of God these people will be drawn to Christ, and in order to be full of His power, we have to give Him room. It's not about our wants, desires, and fears. It's about the Savior and His kingdom.

So let Him really fill you. Let Him change you and fill you with His power. **Because there are other Sauls out there waiting to become Pauls.** And even though our "story" may only amount to a handful of verses like Stephens, our impact could bring in more Pauls, whose books fill up much of the New Testament.

So, be a prayer warrior. Seek God's face for your father, your daughter, your uncle, your cousin, your friend. Don't stop. Don't give up. **Keep praying because God's grace is still healing bleeding hearts and cleansing bloody hands.**

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A THANK YOU AND MEMORIAL FROM THE PHILIP AND SHERRY SNOW FAMILY



By Philip and Sherry Snow
OBI Graduates
1976

On February 7, 2014, the LORD took our son-in-law, Darren McNutt home to be with Him. He was fixing their microwave when he was electrocuted.

We want to say a big "Thank You" to all for your prayers and support through this time. So many have been so gracious to give to Dottie and their children,



Darren and family about four months before the accident

and for every gift and words of concern and encouragement, our family is deeply grateful.

Darren had for some time before

his death talked to many of my boys about what he wanted his funeral to be. "Not a dry, dead funeral service, but a Camp Meeting service." The LORD did just that! It was a High and Happy rejoicing service. The LORD especially blessed Dottie.

I would also like to thank the LORD for the Holiness Convocation we had here at Idabel, Oklahoma just three weeks after his death. The LORD came by and gave His strength and help. The Convocation is always a great time of blessing, but was especially so this year to our family. God certainly blessed and encouraged us all to stay faithful to Him and press on until Jesus comes or calls us Home!

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REVEREND G. DEAN REID

By Editor Wallace E. Joice



Brother Reid's picture taken from the 1970 OBI Yearbook

News has reached us of the passing of Brother G. Dean Reid, the second Dean of OBI. I have been associated with the school, officially or unofficially, since its founding as a day school in 1969. There are not many of us left. I knew all of the original staff. They were all great men and women.

Brother G. Dean Reid, 81, passed away on March 25, 2014. His memorial service was at Sierra Vista, Arizona, and his funeral service and burial was in Denver, Colorado. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and three daughters, Dawn, Susan, and Twila.

As I think of Brother Reid, I think of-

A MAN OF COURAGE

One time I went with him to bring

a young man back who had ran away from the school. When he confronted him, he said, "You can go with us voluntarily, or I will take you by force. To my surprise, he went with us as meekly as a lamb.

Then I think of-

A MAN OF CONVICTION

All of our staff members are people of conviction, and Brother Reid was no exception. He did not believe in a "double standard" of righteousness and holiness for men and women. I once heard him say, "God will never condone in young men what He condemns in young women." So he believed, and so he lived.

Yet again, I think of-

A MAN OF COMPASSION

A mutual friend of ours, had to go to Mayo Clinic for special testing. Brother Reid and his church in Honolulu, Hawaii paid the bill. I thought so much of this brother that this seemed like a personal favor to me.

Finally, I think of-

A MAN OF CONCERN

One of the last acts of his life was to give the three volumes of his writings to the library of Ozark Bible Institute and College. He spent much of his life helping young people. Through his gift, he will continue his work.

We send our condolences to the family and friends who mourn his passing. Should there be those who would like to send a card they may address it to: Mrs. Marjorie Reid, PO Box 197, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

Births

Emmalynn Marie McDonald was born to David and Crystal McDonald on March 21, 2014 weighing in at 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Wedding

Sara Lewis and Ryan Thomas were united in marriage April 17, 2014.

Deaths

Donna Sharp who worked for OBI in the early years as typist for the Standard Bearer passed away May 5, 2014. Our condolences and sympathy to the family.