



THE PENTONS' PROGRESS

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In July, we concentrated on camps and our plan for the upcoming school year!

Preaching to an Easy Crowd

Joel received a great opportunity to preach at our home church of Northwest Bible the first Sunday in July. As you know, Joel does a lot of speaking but he felt that there is something really special about preaching from the pulpit where we receive our weekly spiritual guidance. Joel prepared extra hard to make sure the people at Northwest received the level of instruction we receive every week. Both services went very well and the everyone was kind enough to laugh at most of Joel's jokes, especially the times that he poked a little fun at some of the preaching habits of our pastors. We have posted a video of the sermon online at: <http://blip.tv/file/2482439/>

Sharing Jesus on TV

In mid-July Joel travelled to Mansfield for a TV interview on a sports talk show. The half-hour program airs live every Wednesday night and consists of a one on one interview with the host and a special guest. Joel expected to talk mostly football but he was surprised at how interested the host was in other things. The host asked about Joel's life, his ministry and his faith. Needless to say, Joel found a way to articulate the Gospel in the midst of this prime opportunity. We have posted video of the full program online at:

<http://blip.tv/file/2481240>



Monroeville Sports Camp



Joel Speaking at Monroeville Camp

At the end of July, Joel drove the Moose to Monroeville, Pennsylvania for a church sports camp. The camp was an outreach to the community. Many kids came throughout the week that don't attend the church. Joel spoke at the camp finale cookout where families were invited to join their children for a meal and message. Everyone had a great time and Joel was able to share his story as well as the Gospel. Numerous kids responded during the time of commitment. Praise God for these great opportunities!



Joel with some of the kids at Monroeville

Until next month ,

-Bethany Penton

Please Pray For...

- School Bookings
- Comeback Event Bookings
- A Great Start to a New School Year

Message From Joel

Teammates,

This summer flew by faster than I can believe. It's amazing that we are going to be doing our first assembly for the third school year in a matter of days. Please pray that God will continue to open doors for our ministry by working in the hearts of school administrators, church leaders, students and supporters.

I mentioned last month that I was heading to a youth speaker seminar in California. The trip was very educational and should prove to be completely worthwhile. Some of the things I learned were so simple and seemingly obvious that it left us kicking ourselves that we hadn't thought of those things before. Others were not nearly as intuitive. We have begun putting a lot of changes in place with the information I gathered including some significant changes to our website, www.joelpenton.com. A few of the changes have already proved effective and we have requests to speak in states where we have never been, including New York, New Jersey, California and others. Please pray for God's blessings as we continue to make changes.

God Bless,

- Joel