

PVBI *today*

It is of the Lord's mercies
that we are not consumed,
because his compassions fail not.
They are new every morning:

**great is thy
faithfulness.**

Lamentations 3:22-23

SPRING 2024





PVBI today is a quarterly publication that highlights news and current events connected with Penn View Bible Institute & Christian Academy.

Penn View Bible Institute's mission is "To prepare Christ-like Servant Leaders through higher education that engages spiritual transformation, academic excellence, social integrity, and practical experience, in the conservative Wesleyan-Arminian tradition to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission."

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16th annual *Christmas Musical*

"Hello? What in the world? What is this? A dream? Is this supposed to be a funny dream, God? Because it's not funny anymore! I want to wake up now! I just want to go home. Please. I have tried so hard to follow You...and obey You...and please You. Don't I deserve more? Don't I deserve better?"
---Melody

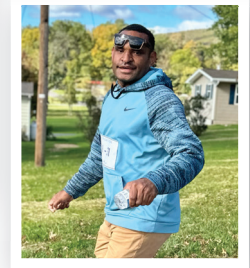
The 16th annual Christmas musical of Penn View Bible Institute and Christian Academy mass choir, orchestra, and drama cast titled *Love Came Down* explored the age-old question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" *Love Came Down* told the story of Melody, a young wife and mother who wrestled with fear and anger after her husband lost his job just as she was beginning to prepare for a Christmas season filled with love, joy, warmth, gifts, and laughter.

Held December 7, 8, and 9, 2023, with over 3,000 local attendees and thousands of livestream viewers worldwide, the Penn View Christmas Musical connected in a deep and meaningful way with many who heard the message of God's indescribable love shared through the story of Melody's struggle and transformation. The annual Christmas Musical once again offered the Penn View family an opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season together in a spirit of unity and celebration while sharing the impactful message of God's love for mankind.



Walkathon

The 2023 walk-a-thon fundraiser was blessed as students and staff raised \$83,670. This helped with general fund needs as well as providing new playground and athletic equipment pieces on the campus.



Homecoming



We praise God for a wonderful Homecoming that honored the graduating classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003, & 2013. We enjoyed the music and stories from the Mowery brothers and their families as well as the great food and silent auction. Congratulations to our 2023 alumnus of the year, Rev. Tobias Nangunduo of Papua New Guinea. He is a 1996 graduate of the ministerial department and is currently leading the largest ACE school in the world.



Christmas Benefit Auction

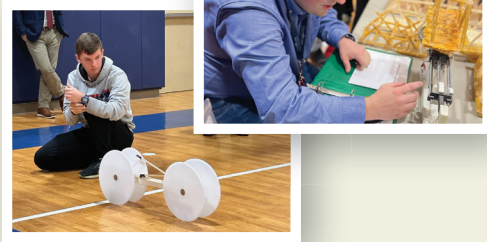
The 2023 Christmas Benefit Auction was the largest ever with grossed sales totaling almost \$53,000.00 and record crowds. Of course, the benefit of the auction is not only financial, but in bringing the alumni, parents, family, friends, and community together. It was a great time! To God be the Glory!



Tech Trials

The Academy Tech Trials, sponsored by the science department, was held last fall with 29

students entering the event. The competition included an Egg Drop Challenge, Stomp Rocket Race, Pasta & Popsicle Stick Bridge Making, and the Mouse Trap Challenge. Congratulations to all the winners as well as the participants.



Open House

The 2024 Open House was blessed with over 100 young people from 15 states visiting Penn View classes and chapel as well as enjoying Tony's cooking and the activities in the gym. Rev. Luis Miranda of Honduras and his daughter Thelma spoke powerfully in chapel as God met with everyone.



PA Hunter/Trap Ed. Class

Penn View was once again honored to host a PA Game Commission Hunter/Trapper Education Class for the 6th grade middle school academy class. Congratulations to the entire class for passing and special thanks to the volunteer instructors who taught. We especially say thank you to our Snyder County Game Warden, Mr. Austin Adams.



Winter Revival

We praise God for a great school revival with Rev. Joshua Davis preaching and the Travis Hatfield family providing the singing. God certainly used their ministry on campus and many victories were won.



ABHE Annual Meeting

Dr. Timothy Cooley, Rev. Wes McDonald, Ms. Roxanne Shiery, and President Dan Durkee represented Penn View at the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida in February. It was a time of professional development and growth as well as being with our sister Bible Colleges and other Bible Colleges from across North America.



Bus & Outreach Convention

The 37th Outreach & Bus Convention hosted at the Lebanon God's Missionary Church was marked with God's presence in every session and service. Penn View was well represented with 17 faculty & staff and 37 students in attendance. Bus ministry and evangelism are certainly a part of our DNA. The Mission Still Matters at Penn View!



Enroll now in...

EMS CLASSES

Penn View Bible Institute is an Emergency Medical Services Institute, accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS. Penn View is able to offer the following training classes that all lead to being state certified and also being able to take the National Registry psychomotor skills and written tests.

- **Emergency Medical Responder**
- **Emergency Medical Technician**
- **Advanced Emergency Medical Technician**
- **CPR**
- **EVOC**

If you have dreamed of working and ministering in EMS, you can now make that dream a reality in a holiness Bible college environment and in a class taught by skilled, holiness professors. These are skills that can be used anywhere in the United States and around the world in Mission settings to meet the needs of people in the middle of the worst time in their life.

Our next EMS class is scheduled for the fall of 2024. Availability is limited. Call our director of admissions to see how you can apply to take these classes.

These courses have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as meeting the educational course requirements that are needed for certification.

79

students since
Spring 2022

Next **EMR** Class
Begins Fall 2024

Next **EMT** Class
Begins Spring 2025

**LIMITED
AVAILABILITY!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Director of Admissions: Rachel Clough | 570-837-1855, ext. 1131



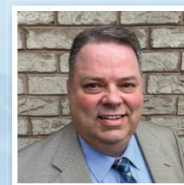
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April
23-25
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2024

TUESDAY April 23rd

7:00 pm **Opening Rally** Harold Taylor



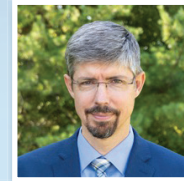
Harold Taylor
International Conservative Holiness Association

WEDNESDAY April 24th

10:15 am **Chapel** Angela Thornton - God's Plan for a Child's Life in Missions
11:15 am **Session I** Stephen Gibson - God's Plan for the Unreached

12 - 1 pm **Lunch**
1:30 pm **Session II**
2:15 pm **Session III**

Stephen Archibald - God's Plan Using EMS
1. **Stephen Gibson** - How Do I Fit in God's Plan?
2. **Arab Community Ministries** - Teaching English as God's Plan
3. **Angela Thornton** - God's Plan in Africa



Stephen Gibson
Evangelistic Faith Missions

4:30 pm **Supper**
6:15 pm **PowerPoint**
7:00 pm **Evening Rally**

Sharon Teed - God's Plan for Slovakia
Arab Community Ministries



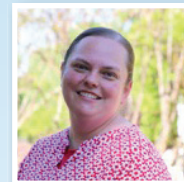
Stephen Archibald
All Tribes Indian Missions

THURSDAY April 25th

10:15 am **Chapel** Harold Taylor - God's Exciting Plan for Me!
11:15 am **Session IV** Arab Community Ministries - God's Plan for Arabs

12 - 1 pm **Lunch**
1:30 pm **Session V**
2:15 pm **Session VI**

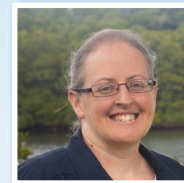
Sharon Teed - God's Plan for the Disadvantaged
1. **Harold Taylor** - God's Plan Around the World
2. **Angela Thornton** - Children's Ministry as God's Plan
3. **Stephen Archibald** - God's Plan for the Common Laborer



Angela Thornton
Hope International Missions

4:30 pm **International Meal**
6:15 pm **PowerPoint**
7:00 pm **Closing Rally**

Stephen Archibald - All Tribes Indian Missions
Stephen Gibson



Sharon Teed
Hope International Missions



PNG Students
Music Ministry

SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON CAMPUS IN THE G.I. STRAUB MEMORIAL TABERNACLE.

You can also **WATCH** via **LIVESTREAM**: live.PVBI.edu



** Our featured speakers will also include a family who works in Arab community ministries. Their sessions will not be livestreamed.*

CAMPUS DAYS '24

MAY 2-3, 2024 | Register today at **PVBI.EDU**



Don't miss the **CAMPUS DAYS RALLY** on *Friday, May 3rd @ 7:00 pm*
with special speaker **JOEL BYER!**

Schedule

Thursday (May 2)

- 12:30 – 4:30 pm** Check-in, Registration, Fun Zone, Meet the Division Directors, Campus Tours
- 4:30 – 5:45 pm** Supper
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm** Campus Days Kickoff
- 7:45 – 10:10 pm** Activities, Fellowship, Refreshments
- 10:15 – 10:45 pm** Afterglow

Friday (May 3)

- 7:15 – 7:50 am** Breakfast
- 7:40 – 7:50 am** Presidential Welcome
- 7:50 – 9:55 am** Penn View Academics
- 10:00 – 11:00 am** Chapel Service
- 11:25 – 11:50 am** Application/Admissions Q&A
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** Lunch
- 1:30 – 4:00 pm** Team Activities
- 5:00 – 6:15 pm** Campus Days Banquet
- 7:00 pm** Rally
- 8:30 pm** Activities, Volleyball Tournament, Fellowship, Refreshments



*Scan for more
info or to register*

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Missions Convention > April 23-25
- Friend Weekend > September 12-14
- Homecoming > November 7-8
- Senior Days > November 14-15
- Christmas Musical > December 12-14
- Open House > January 31, 2025

FACULTY LEADERSHIP

you can follow



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Music Division Director
Faculty



DR. BRIAN BLACK
Bible Division Director
Faculty



CALEB BLACK
Bible
Faculty



PHILIP BRENIER
Bible
Faculty



KEITH BUNCH
Ministerial Division Director
Faculty



DR. TIMOTHY COOLEY
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Faculty



DARREN DURKEE
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Faculty



DUSTIN DURKEE
EMS
Faculty



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Science
Faculty



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Child Evangelism Division
Director & Faculty



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Missions & EMS Division
Director & Faculty



STEFAN PAULUS
Bible
Faculty



JULIA SICKLER
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Faculty



DR. FRANCES STETLER
Education Division Director
Faculty



**MICHELLE
WRIGHTSMAN**
Education Faculty



Rev. Daniel P. Durkee
President / Faculty

“Penn View is a place where the **MISSION STILL MATTERS.** If you are interested in making your life count for God by becoming a passionate disciple maker, **Penn View** is for you! Let us prepare you today!”

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ALUMNI NEWS

BIRTHS



Jaida Renee born to
Weston & Breanna (McCarty) Stahl
October 15, 2023



Oakley Rhema born to
Noah & Dena (Ivankina) Erdley
October 28, 2023



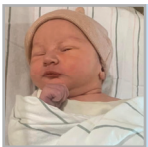
Shanda Rose born to
Daniel & Monica (Stanton) Anthony
November 18, 2023



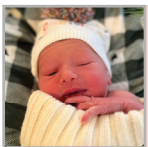
Zion Emerson born to
Josh & Brenda (Pardoe) Scholl
November 22, 2023



Lucy Kathleen born to
Josh & Alyson (Rice) Grubbs
November 28, 2023



Azariah Michael born to
Caleb & Emily King
December 6, 2023



Selah Grace born to
Benjamin & Jaylena (Mowery) McDowell
December 14, 2023



Lola Paige born to
Ronnie & Charity (Gardner) Hallenbeck
January 6, 2024



Zayne Lee born to
Caleb & Marie (Spangler) Black
January 10, 2024

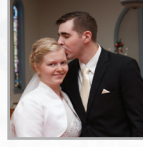


Christina born to
Titus & Summer (Grubbs) Dorman
January 12, 2024

WEDDINGS



Joel & Janessa (Arnold) Kauffman
October 28, 2023

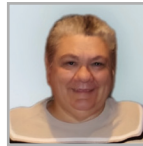


Elijah & Victoria Emens
December 16, 2023

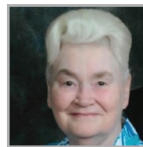
IN MEMORY



Rick Fleck of Lewiston, PA
October 17, 2023
Alumnus of PVCA



Ruth Zimmerman of McConellstown, PA
November 26, 2023
Alumnus of PVBI



Ruth (Staver) Cooley of Middleburg, PA
December 12, 2023
Alumnus of PVCA & PVBI

UK Alumni Reunion

Penn View held its first ever UK Penn View Alumni Reunion in Omagh, Northern Ireland on Thursday, December 21, 2023. President & Mrs. Durkee were in attendance as were Rev. & Mrs. Nathan Purdy and their 3 children, Rev. & Mrs. Sam Aiken and their three children, and Ms. Linda Aiken. All five alumni are four-year graduates that are ministering in the work of the Lord!



To submit alumni news, please email alumni@pvbi.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

TO VIEW OUR SPRING CHOIR TOUR SCHEDULE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.PVBI.EDU/SCHEDULE



ALUMNI REUNION *at Gatlinburg*

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

after the evening IHC service
Gatlinburg Convention Center
Ballroom A

44th Annual

SPRING BENEFIT AUCTION

Friday, May 10, 2024

3:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

:: Held on campus at the **Student Life Center** ::

Spring Concert

THURSDAY
May 16, 2024 | 7:00 pm
G.I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle

KINDERGARTEN
Thursday, May 23rd

5TH GRADE
Friday, May 24th

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE
Saturday, May 25th

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