

Festival Banner



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To reach the Unreached by taking the
GOSPEL beyond the church walls*

TWOS AND THREES...

We live in a world of 'I' more than we live in a world of 'We'. Over and over you will hear it said: "I can do it myself!" or "I don't need any help!" Pastor Jay Wolf many, many times has taught and instructed us that "We need Jesus, and we need each other!" When Jesus was sending out His disciples, He never sent them out alone. He always sent them out in "twos and threes"! So many times we choose to do things alone, and then we can find ourselves spent and feeling isolated. It is exciting what the Lord is doing alongside the Across Festivals crusades this year! They are far from being the ordinary. Here are some of the things coming. He-Man International, led by Todd Carmichael, is walking with Across Festivals this year to bring opportunities never dreamed of. Already, the Lord has connected Todd with people in the crusade areas that will take

Fire in the Field far beyond their locality. The dream and plan is to engage many people on the street for a 'Chat and a Coke' that leads to a conversation about Christ. People will be walking the streets looking for a chat with people! Todd will be joining Across Festivals in Cambridge, MD and in Greenville, AL at their crusades.

Area churches in Cambridge, MD are coming together for twelve weekends this summer for a 'Fresh Fire' Revival at Camp Shiloh in preparing for their **Fire in the Field** crusade. John will be preaching on July 23rd & 24th.

A church in AL that participated in a **Fire in the Field** crusade in 2017 is planning a family mission trip to Delaware. Coming in the week before the Delaware **Fire in the Field** crusade, they are looking at doing

door to door visits, backyard Bible Clubs, 'Chat and Coke' times, and other creative ways to share Christ.



Churches in Greenville, AL, are manning '70 Days at the Cross' in preparation for their crusade. A huge cross has been erected at a major intersection in the area where people are being invited to stop and pray for their 'One', a person they are praying will come to Christ.

And finally, there is the volunteer Across Festival Tent Team. This group of men from AL are working out details as to how they can travel so far and be gone from home so much in September and October. Across Festivals cannot do without these men!

With excitement comes many challenges also! Because the crusade locations are greater distances than before, the cost is going to be greater.. It is going to cost around \$15,000 to transport and care for the equipment from Alabama to Delaware/Maryland and back. That's why two crusades were planned near one another to allow good stewardship of God's resources. It could be that you might want to consider being a partner financially and help to carry out God's mandate of the Great Commission. One hundred percent of gifts designated for crusades will go to these endeavors. Would you prayerfully consider being a partner for these fall events?

Haiti Missions Partnership



In the midst of all that is happening in Haiti our Lord is still mightily at work! The work continues with Pastor Marc Cloveus in the planting of churches. Over the past year they have planted several churches in villages that had no church. "A virus cannot stop Christ!" says Pastor Marc! When a church is planted, Across Festivals helps them build a temporary Temple. In America it would be called a pole barn. After 3 years, they strive to build a permanent Temple. We are currently helping with the costs to build one. We need \$5,000 to complete this permanent church. Please understand that Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere and money is not readily available to their people. Would you and/or your church prayerfully consider giving to help reach this goal? 100% of gifts designated 'Haiti Church' will go toward this work! Donations can be made online or by check. Giving details on the back page of newsletter.

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From the heart

"It's Harvest Time!"

As I sit here this morning I am overwhelmed with the goodness of God! It is beyond amazing to watch our God at work and that He invites us to join Him where He is at work. I have already driven far more miles in the first half of this year than I did all of last year. I know every mile of Interstate 85 from Montgomery, AL through all of Virginia and have had the privilege to pray up and down it all. It is the connecting corridor between Greenville, AL, Georgetown, DE, and Cambridge, MD.

Have you prayed yet today? I believe that every time you get in your car that you should be prayer driving! I really mean that! You will pass by hundreds of people today that need Jesus, and you could pray this simple phrase over them: **"Lord, would you spark a fire of desire in their hearts for Jesus?"** I cannot even imagine the impact that this could have across our land and our world if we all took it serious that everyone needs Jesus! One of my favorite preachers of all time was E.V. Hill. He took prayer serious! When the Watts area of So. California where he lived was going up in flames and rioting, he challenged his church members to begin prayer walking the block that they lived on asking God to intervene. In a very short time the riots stopped and the people weren't afraid to go out anymore. We can do the same! We must quit doing everything in our own power. We must be honest before the Lord that we can't do anything without His Presence. We must trust Him and be dependent upon Him.

And then, after we pray, we must again plant the seeds of the



Wheat field ready for harvest, Cambridge, MD

Gospel wherever our journey takes us! We have no right to expect a Harvest if we don't plant and water the Gospel along our journey every step of every day. I never knew that southern Maryland and southern Delaware were mainly great farmlands. It is amazing watching the change in the fields every time I travel back up there. Farmers understand that the work of the harvest is always ongoing. They must tend to the soil constantly. We must tend to the souls of mankind constantly also! That is what the church is to be about most of all. We must be more involved in the lives of people so that we might plant the truth of the Gospel. Otherwise we will continue to live in a hopeless society. Jesus! the Hope of Glory!

My prayer today is that we will embody the Great Commission and flesh it out daily! We will want to be a true Follower of the Lord Jesus Christ more than anything else. A disciple of Jesus Christ is a true follower and learner of Him. Are you, am I, walking with Jesus daily? Are you, am I, living a life worth living? I invite you to join me in following Jesus more than following any person, denomination, church, or anything else that might take first place in your life before Him! Our world, our states, our cities, and our communities need Jesus more than they need anything else! As Adrian Rogers states so well even yet from heaven: **"You aren't saved by the plan of salvation; you are saved by the man of salvation! His Name is Jesus!"**

In Christ Alone,

... **John**

CALENDAR

Fire in the Field

Greenville, Alabama
Sept. 19—23
Frankford, Delaware
Oct. 10—14
Cambridge, Maryland
Oct. 24—28

TRANSITIONS

God has led John and Jeanette to move to South Carolina where they are blessed to be next door to their daughter, son-in-law, and the two grandsons. They have a cozy little home with a guest room where they invite friends and family to come visit. The Across Festivals mailing address has transitioned also so that mail can be received in a more timely manner. The Montgomery post office box will be maintained for some time so there's no problem if things have been sent there. Please note the new address for your Across Festival correspondence.

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PRAYER: The Strategy

- ♦ Salvation of the lost to come to Christ
- ♦ Boldness for believers
- ♦ Counselor training events
- ♦ School assemblies
- ♦ Unity of believers as work together

*"Prayer is not a substitute for action.
It is an action for which there is no substitute."*

- ♦ Evangelists: Frank Shelton, Ken Freeman
- ♦ Musician: Chris McDaniel
- ♦ Volunteer Tent Team
- ♦ Safe travel for John
- ♦ Good health for John & Jeanette