

# Festival Banner

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*Partnering with Churches & Ministries  
To reach the Unreached by taking the  
GOSPEL beyond the church walls*

## FIRE IN THE FIELD

NIGHTLY CRUSADES ~ DAYTIME SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

**ATMORE, ALABAMA**

**OCTOBER 1—5**

**BUTLER, ALABAMA**

**OCTOBER 15—19**

details at [acrossfestivals.com](http://acrossfestivals.com)

**Power at the Point** 

**SEALE, ALABAMA**

**NOVEMBER 5—9**

**7 PM EST**

**Hwy 431 @ Hwy**

### GOSPEL TENT MEETING - WAYNESBORO, MS

John and Jeanette were blessed to assist in a crusade event with Jamey Ragle & Gerald Simmons April 30—May 1st. That first night was only the second time in the 12-year history of Across Festivals that rain cancelled a meeting, but God still poured out showers of blessings! 30+ souls were saved!! Many believers hearts' were made right and glory was given to God!

Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son! (Ephesians 1:5)



### PRAYER: The Strategy

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

Pray for . . .

- ◇ Lost souls to come to Christ at each crusade
- ◇ Evangelists and Musicians as they lead
- ◇ School assemblies to be set, and used to reach youth
- ◇ Counselors and all volunteers
- ◇ Unity of believers as we work together for the Kingdom

### ADDITIONAL CALENDAR NOTES

Aug. 12—18 Jeanette in Haiti

Oct. 15—31 Judgment House

Dec. 30—Jan 1 Big God Conference, Myrtle Beach

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## ***From the heart . . .***

Life may throw you many curveballs, but you must be willing to stay in the batter's box and keep your eye on the ball. The next pitch might just be the sweet one you are waiting for.

And that is exactly what I am doing with the curveball thrown at me! I am waiting for the next pitch because my eyes are fixed upon the Lord Jesus Christ! With three fall crusades in the works and just finishing two in the spring, I was thrown the curveball of prostate cancer. I am so thankful for my prayer partner and doctor who insisted I get a biopsy. Do I like this pitch? Absolutely not! But, as my youngest son, Jeff has taught me through his unexpected disease (transverse myelitis) 5 years ago, "I've got it; I'll deal with it!"

So what does this mean for me? Let me summarize what has happened and will be happening:

- Discovery/diagnosis made May 17
- Prayer warriors began praying on my behalf and continue to pray
- Options were explored
- Decision made to have radiation seed implants, radiation & hormonal therapy
- Began doing ministry more from home office
- Thanking the Lord for great churches and leadership in Choctaw County, Escambia County, and Russell County who are carrying the load in preparation for upcoming crusades of October/November
- Produced 2 videos: "Church Invitation" & "Counselor Training" for use in preparation of upcoming crusades (available on website)
- Had seed implants on July 6
- Continuing preparatory work for crusades via email, texts, and phone calls
- Began hormonal therapy on July 14
- Made short trips to Russell County and Escambia County to work with team leaders
- Starting 7 weeks of radiation treatments, July 25, at Radiotherapy Clinics of Georgia in Atlanta
- Continuing work on crusades, and Judgment House recruiting from new work place, "Atlanta"
- Keeping my eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus Christ each day
- Thanking God and praying for all my prayer partners, my church family, and the great number of churches reaching out to Jeanette and me
- Thanking the Lord so much more than I have ever before for giving me Jeanette who has always been more than a wife or mother
- Waiting upon the Lord!

My Lord knew about this before anyone else, and He Truly Is In Control! He is mightily at work in all things! I can trust God with all of this! Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

I do cherish your prayers and thank God for all your support! I am more than a blessed man! Blessings to each of you!

**... John**