

May/June 2017



ALAN HARRIS MINISTRIES

So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us - 1 Thessalonians 2:6

Dear Friends,

Unbelievably, May has already disappeared into June! Starting out the month in Texas, we traveled in May to meetings in Michigan, Virginia, and Ohio. As June begins, we are glad to be back in Indiana for the first full week since January! However, we now have to make our yard look like someone actually lives here! We like to make our neighbors' yards look better next to ours! I think there's a spiritual application in there somewhere.

One aspect of our ministry is that we enjoy serving in a variety of sizes and styles of venues. Large, medium, small-wherever there are people gathered, there are opportunities to make disciples



First Baptist Church of Canton, MI - Pastor Rick Henry

and to help pastors and other ministry leaders with their part of Jesus's assignment to go and teach and baptize. We never reject an opportunity to minister based on the size of a venue. Pictured to the left is the First Baptist Church of Canton, Michigan, where Rick Henry is the pastor. Canton is in the Detroit area. We ministered there May 7. Pictured to the right is Bethany Baptist Church in McDermott, Ohio where Al Owens is the pastor.

McDermott is a tiny rural town in southern Ohio near the Scioto River. We were the guests for their spring revival May 21-26. Whether we are in a crowded

suburban area like Detroit or along the walk path of the old Erie Canal in the Southern Ohio Valley, we realize that each person attending the service/event represents a soul that needs to know Jesus or needs to be drawn into a closer relationship with Jesus. Whether we are standing before an audience of 15 or 1500, there is a multiplied potential of making disciples that will influence their circle for the glory of God.

Albert Einstein thought that compound interest was the most powerful force in the universe. However, we have no doubt that disciples of

Jesus Christ who, in the power of the Holy Spirit, carry out the command of Jesus to make disciples who make disciples are absolutely the most incredibly invincible force in the universe! At some point our earthly resources will reach an end, but the profits derived from investing in God's kingdom will multiply eternally.

While revival can be a corporate event, true revival is personal and individual. Each person who sits before us represents infinite potential as he or she hears the Word of God and allows the Holy Spirit to convict and challenge, and then goes on to apply the Word with concrete and consistent action. Below is a Facebook post that was posted after one of the evening services in a recent week-long meeting at the white church pictured above. It is printed with permission as it appeared on Facebook.



Bethany Baptist Church-McDermott, OH-Pastor Al Owens



Philip, Hannah, Alyssa, Ethan Ferguson

I have a very important question to ask all my friends. I am sorry for all the times and opportunities I have lost not ever asking any of you before. If you were to die tonight...do you know for SURE that you would go to heaven? Please think about this if you never have before. There is only one other alternative and I don't want any of you to go to hell when I could have witnessed to you. Jesus Christ saved me when I was a kid and it has impacted my life. My life will someday end just as yours will. My soul will live forever just as yours will. Thanks to my savior I know for SURE where I would be tomorrow and forever if/when I leave this world. I am no where even near the perfect Christian. To be honest there is no such thing. Nothing I could ever do could ever get me to heaven but the sacrifice Jesus made for me to pay for my sins. I know I am in need of a savior. If you don't know for SURE please message me. There is nothing I can do but point you to the one that can. I just realized tonight that all the times and chances I've had that has slipped by. I don't want to regret it someday and don't want you to regret it either. If you don't believe I guarantee you will the second you take your last breath and then it will be too late. We never know when that time is for any of us. Do you know for sure that if you die tonight that you will go to heaven?

We believe Hannah's post demonstrates the essence of revival. Wherever we minister, it is our desire to see a renewed zeal among Christians to prioritize their lives around Jesus's command of making disciples. Pray with us for people everywhere (including us and you!) to let their faith be living, loving, and dynamic every day in every situation. We are saved by grace through faith, but faith without works is dead! (Ephesians 2 and James 2)

With sincere gratitude,
Alan and Angie Harris

IMPORTANT UPDATE

**The annual
Harris Family Homecoming
Concert has been moved to
October 14, 2017.**

**Please mark your calendars,
and plan to attend!**

More details will be posted in future newsletters.

PRAY FERVENTLY PRAY BELIEVING PRAY

1- Our next mission trip to the Philippines is scheduled for January 2-13, 2018. Please pray for our team and our plans to come together according to God's will.

2 - Please pray for our son Alex and his wife Ellain. All documents have been submitted and we are hoping to hear from the National Visa Center soon. **Pray that all will be approved and that her visa interview will be scheduled soon and will go well.**

JUNE – JULY 2017

June 4-AM: First Southern Baptist Church, Falmouth, IN
June 11-AM: Kennett Sq Miss. Bapt Ch, Kennett Sq, PA
June 18-AM: Southside Baptist Church, Dover, DE
June 18-PM: New Life Baptist Ch, White Marsh, MD
June 21-25: Freedom Baptist Church, Dundalk, MD
July 2-AM: Grace Pointe Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD
July 16: Calvary Baptist Ch 70th Anniv., Connersville, IN
July 18: Calvary Baptist Church, Connersville, IN
July 30: Calvary Baptist Church, Connersville, IN