



“Share your faith every day as a way of life!”

### ***How the Lord Used Us in June, 2022***

Summers are typically slow times for our teaching ministry, and 2022 is following the same pattern, although we are so grateful for the summer calendar events that we have. We had one M.A.D. Live Event in June and I preached at a morning service. I continue to be blessed to share the Gospel at our church’s food pantry three times in recent months.

However, the highlight of the month was partnering with Polkville Baptist Church in NC to share the Gospel and man a tent at the annual “Rodeo Polkville”. This event has been hosted by this church since 2000 and is an officially sanctioned competition by the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA). I brought a number of evangelistically minded brothers and one sister from our church to man a tent, share the Gospel, give out Gospel literature, and pray with people. I also had the privilege of sharing a Gospel message from the center of the arena with over 4,000 adults (plus kids) on Friday, and over 6,000 adults (plus kids on Saturday)! What a blessing to have been able to plant Gospel seeds in so many hearts for the Father to use! Eternity will reveal the impact of this opportunity. All Glory to God! Lord willing, we’ll be able to serve there again next year!

I had some very cool Divine appointments this past month. Here’s what happened:

I was on my way from the campground to my son’s home and the low tire pressure warning light came and the dashboard display showed that the passenger rear tire was rapidly losing air. I raced to my son’s driveway with 14 pounds left in the tire that normally holds 72 pounds. I must have picked up a large piece of metal and the tire ended up with 2 psi in it. I determined I was not changing the tire so I called AAA...that’s one of the reasons I have their coverage. They sent a man out to change the tire.

As he exited his vehicle, he asked if my name was really “Sunshine”. I told him, yes, and he laughed and told me his first name is “Reyshine”, pronounced Rayshine. We laughed and thought it would be funny to have been named, “Reyshine Sunshine”. We talked as he changed the tire for me. I mentioned what a blessing it must be for him to not have to change the tire on the interstate. It’s much safer in a driveway. He agreed. When he was about to leave, I thanked him, gave him a nice tip, and asked if I could share something with him. He agreed and I shared Billy Graham’s “Step to Peace With God” with him. I asked him if I could pray with him and he agreed. I asked for a specific request, laid my hand on his shoulder, and prayed for him. In my prayer, I mentioned that God, in His sovereignty, allowed this incident to happen because He wanted Reyshine to meet me and hear what the Lord wanted me to share with him. I also gave him my business card and told him to me if he had any spiritual questions. He said he would, thanked me, and left. We saw him stop a short way down the street and he appeared to be reading the tract I had given to him. Another successful Divine appointment through a flat tire.

I had a very cool Divine appointment at the hotel after the training. Cathy and I took the elevator to the 4th floor and walked down the long hallway to the last room on the left, which is ours. When she tried the keys, neither electronic key worked. She asked me to try them and sure enough, neither worked. So

I left my stuff with her, walked all the way down the hallway to the elevator, and pressed the down button. The doors opened and I stepped in. Before the doors closed, a lady ran into the elevator from around the corner. I asked her if she was going down, and she said she'd really like to be going "up", but she wasn't sure if she would be. I asked her if she would like to know for sure that she'd be going "up" when she died, and she said she would. The elevator reached the first floor and the elevator doors opened. She quickly walked to the front desk. I asked her if she would wait for a minute while I grabbed something for her to read. She agreed. I retrieved one of Billy Graham's "Steps to Peace with God" tracts for her. I asked if I could pray for her and she agreed. They were cleaning the carpets in the lobby so I asked her to step around the corner where it was quieter. We walked around the corner and I asked what her name was. She replied, "Sarah". I asked where she was from and she said, "Seattle". I said, "Wow! That's a long way from here! Why are you in NJ? She said that her husband had died from a massive heart attack 2 years ago this November and she couldn't stay in Seattle by herself. She was lonely, so she came back to NJ to be with her family. I mentioned that she didn't look old enough to have a spouse die of a heart attack. She said he died at 45. I told her how sorry I was and asked if she had children. She told me she has a 14-year-old daughter. I shared the Gospel tract with her, laid my hand on her shoulder, and prayed for peace, comfort, and salvation for her and her family. When I closed the prayer in Jesus' name, she was crying and thanked me for sharing and praying with her.

Now here's the thing. Do you see the sovereignty of God in this? Had our room keys worked, I never would have headed to the front desk and met her in the elevator. Do you see God's timing in this as well? I went to the elevator at just the right time., and God brought her into the elevator at just the right time. SHE turned a simple conversation into a Spiritual one and I responded. to God and prayers for Sarah and her family's salvation. I look forward to seeing her "up" there!

#### **SCHEDULE**

- June 22 - 27 - Drive to CO, then UT to prepare for this year's Adventure Trip guests
- June 28 - July 7 - Annual Ultimate Adventure Trip to Utah
- July 23 - M.A.D. Live Event # 701 - Washington Alliance Church, Washington, NJ
- July 24 - M.A.D. Live Event # 702 - Zarephath Christian Church, Zarephath, NJ
- August 7 - M.A.D. Live Event # 703 - Clark Street Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN
- August 21 - M.A.D. Live Event # 704 - Mount Olive Baptist Church, Mars Hill, NC
- Sept 17 - M.A.D. Live Event # 705 - Stony Fork Community Church, Rock Hill, SC
- Sept 18 - M.A.D. Live Event # 706 - First Baptist Church, Rock Hill, SC
- Sept 24 - M.A.D. Live Event # 707 - Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, PA
- Sept 25 - Speak at morning service - Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, PA

#### **PLEASE PRAY WITH US**

- Safe travel for us and the folks coming on this Ultimate Adventure trip to Utah
- SCHEDULE - In 2019 we were blessed to complete 55 M.A.D. Live Events. Due to the pandemic, we only had 10 in 2021. Last year we did 29 and this year we have 30 scheduled so far. There are lots of open dates that need to be filled. Continued prayers are appreciated!
- I was in contact with the folks at Focus on the Family. They are considering and evaluating whether they'd like to do an interview with me. Prayers for this would be appreciated!
- For continued good health and travel mercies.

Love in Christ,

*Cathy and Don*