



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

How the Lord Used Us in May, 2022

Hello, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

In May we completed 3 M.A.D. Live Events, which puts us just one away from # 700! Glory to God! We were also blessed to see two ladies give their lives to Jesus Christ at our events this month. It's always encouraging to see the Lord use what we practice as a lifestyle and teach others to do. Here's a testimony I received from a waitress I prayed for in our travels... Wow!

“Hello. I'm not sure if you'll remember me. I am a Server at Texas Roadhouse in Erie Pa. You asked me what I wanted you to pray for on my behalf. I told you that I've been seeking a miracle since I lost my eyesight last June. I received that miracle I never thought I'd get on Tuesday. I had a surgery that restored much of my eyesight. I wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for praying for me. I'm overwhelmed with emotion, grateful beyond words.”

Here are a few of the comments from the Walk thru the Old Testament that I did last month:

“I thoroughly enjoyed this event and the entire weekend. The program was extremely interactive and fun. Seems like we cram so much in just three sessions. Don mixes laughter and personal stories in with a new way to look at the Old Testament. I've read through the entire Bible each of the last three years, and I finally can see how it fits together. Thank you, Don!”

“I thoroughly enjoyed your presentation for Walk through the Old Testament, and have a much better understanding of the chronological order in which events in the Old Testament took place. Thank you for spending the weekend with us.”

“I was very blessed and I thank everyone that was a part of this Godly event. For their time serving and obeying God. I will pass what I learned on to others and I will live out what I learned with the help of God. Amen.”

We have changed our weekly “accountability” and testimony/story sharing hour to be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM. We have a small group of committed Christ followers who participate and are striving to share their faith every day as a lifestyle. All have been challenged and encouraged as we share the Divine appointments that God had given us since our last get together. If you're interested in checking it out, let me know, and I will send you the info so you can “Zoom” in. You can just sit, listen, learn, and be encouraged by attending, or ask questions and share if you want to. No pressure! We have a sister-in-the-Lord in NJ who Zooms in for every session. You are welcome too!

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE – AUGUST

The stats in this chart certainly help explain the difficulty we have getting into churches to teach. Without a Biblical worldview, evangelism is of little importance to pastors and congregants. It is sad to see the state of much of our church leadership.

The Percentage of Christian Pastors That Possess a Biblical Worldview	
Pastoral Position	Percent with a Biblical Worldview
All Christian Pastors	37%
Senior/Lead Pastor	41
Associate/Assistant Pastor	28
Teaching Pastor	13
Children's/Youth Pastor	12
Executive Pastor	4

Source: *American Worldview Inventory 2022*, Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University; N=1,000 Christian pastors; conducted February-March 2022. Note: the "All Christian Pastors" statistic is a weighted average of all five pastoral positions based on the proportion of pastors represented by each of the positions in churches nationwide.

- June 7 - Share the Gospel message with those coming to our church's Food Pantry
- June 11 - M.A.D. Live Event # 700 - Crossroads Community Church, Shamong, NJ
- June 12 - Speak at morning service - Crossroads Community Church, Shamong, NJ
- June 17, 18 - Share the Gospel at the "Rodeo Polkville" (NC). It is a sanctioned competition of the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA). Last year 10,000 people attended! It was the most attended event in Cleveland County NC last year. I am excited be given the opportunity to plant the Gospel seed in the hearts of so many people over 2 evenings, and speak at the "Cowboy Service" for the competitors and their entourages both nights!
- June 21 - Share the Gospel message with those coming to our church's Food Pantry
- 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

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- This may be our last year to do the Ultimate Adventure to Utah. We are blessed to have a good group coming this year. Please pray for the finances. As I prepared for this year's trip last summer, I had budgeted less than half of what the price of what diesel fuel is today. We will be driving the ministry truck 7,000 miles on the trip, getting about 10 MPG towing the trailer...that's 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel for the truck, plus the gas for the 15-passenger van that we are renting.
- Thanks for your prayers for Cathy. Her sense of taste and smell is slightly better. Please continue to lift her up!
- 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*

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