

Good News Reflections

October 20, 2025

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"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us." I John 5:14

*This last summer was very different for us – it was the **first** summer in **32 years** where Susan was unable to travel and minister through *Vacation Bible Schools, Family Crusades, and Teacher Training.**

As many of you know, due to Susan's health, we had to cancel most of our weeklong meetings. She is currently unable to travel, and I cannot leave her alone for extended periods of time.

We are so grateful for how God has provided. He opened doors for more weekend meetings where I was able to preach, and we have truly been amazed by His provision – through both extra opportunities to preach and generous gifts from dear friends like you.

Susan's Health Update

I (Susan) am so thankful for the encouragement and prayers of many friends across this country. You have been the "*healing salve*" God has used to encourage my heart. Through these many months, the Lord has given me such **peace** and **grace**. Even through times of unbearable pain and deep fatigue, I have felt the Lord carry me. *His Grace has so overwhelmed me!*

Since beginning the detox treatments in February, the pain and fatigue have eased somewhat. I've been trying to do chair exercises a couple of times a week to strengthen my atrophied muscles, but it's been difficult because of the lingering exhaustion. The fatigue that follows often sends me back to bed for several days.

I am continuing the detox treatments for *Black Mold* and *Lyme Disease* – six weeks on, two weeks off (I'm now in my third round) – and will keep cycling through this process until my test results return to normal.

On September 30th, I had an appointment with Dr. Potter (my Functional Medicine doctor) and his Nurse Practitioner. We discussed the results from multiple tests, along with several ongoing symptoms. We are very encouraged by some of the improvements:

Improvements:

- The black mold numbers are better! They went from red (high risk) to yellow (moderate). *I will continue detox treatments until the numbers are in the green.*
- TSH improved from 38.8 to 5 (*goal: below 1*).
- The unbearable pain from Parvovirus has eased.

Additional Areas for Prayer:

- The following areas are very elevated:
 - [Lactic Acid](#)
 - [A1c](#)
 - [ALT](#)
 - [CPK](#)
 - [ANA](#) is positive

PLAN OF TREATMENT:

- Continue detox for *Black Mold*, *Lyme*, and *Parvovirus*.
- Focus on strengthening *Mitochondria*.
- Retesting several markers is planned for late October and December.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers for my complete healing. I can hardly wait for the day when I can travel with Tim again for meetings. ***There is no greater joy than to be a part of someone coming to faith in Christ!***

Summer Reflections

June 1, 2025 - I (Tim) thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the VBS kick-off at ***Way of the Cross Baptist Church*** in McDonough, GA. We were originally scheduled to do their *Family Crusade* that week but had to cancel due to Susan's health. I preached during Sunday



School and the morning service, then did an illusion and shared the Gospel during the evening service.

Ten-year-old Carson and two other young people helped me with the illusion. On Monday evening, Carson told Pastor Bell he wanted to talk with him about Salvation – and praise God, he came back on Tuesday night and trusted Jesus as his Savior!

June 8, 2025 - It was a blessing to minister with our dear friends at ***Fellowship Baptist Church*** in Sevierville, TN. These folks have been such an encouragement to us and have faithfully supported our ministry for many years.



was a special joy to be home and serve alongside our Church family.

June 22-25, 2025 - I had the privilege of helping with VBS at our home Church, ***Fairview Baptist Church*** in Athens, TN. We're usually on the road during that week, so it



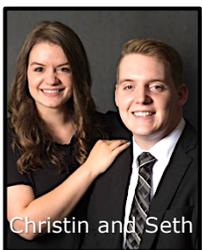
July 7-11, 2025 - The Lord gave us another great week at **Camp Fairview** in Riceville, TN. Two of Susan's sisters came to stay with her, which allowed me to focus fully on the kids and the meetings. I'm so thankful for Pastor Steven and Mrs. Lynne Bell for helping with the music! It was a wonderful week - three young people placed their trust in Christ for Salvation!



[July 13, 2025](#) - We always enjoy ministering with our friends at **Christian Bible Fellowship** in Evensville, TN. Pastor Smithson has graciously allowed me to fill-in for him regularly during this time of illness with Susan.



[July 20-24, 2025](#) - This was my first opportunity to minister at **Lakewood Baptist Church** in Harrison, TN. Pastor Gilbert and his staff did a tremendous job preparing for the meeting. It was also my first *VBS/Family Crusade* without Susan's help – **and I sure did miss her!** Seth and Christin Pyles (*the Youth Pastor and his wife*) were a huge help, especially with the music. I drove to Chattanooga and back for the meetings each night. The services were sweet, and one young man accepted Jesus as his Savior! Susan and I look forward to ministering with them again in the future!



[July 27, 2025](#) - It was such a joy to preach Sunday morning at **White Oak Baptist Church** in Dayton, TN. These dear friends have been such a blessing and encouragement to us and our ministry for many years.

[August 9, 2025](#) - What a privilege it was to be the speaker for the *Men's Meeting* at **Christian Bible Fellowship** in Evensville, TN. Men from several local Churches participated, and it was a sweet time of food, fellowship, and time in God's Word.



[August 16, 2025](#) - I'm thankful for the opportunity to attend the annual **Child Evangelism Fellowship** training in Chattanooga, TN. **CEF** has such a remarkable heritage—88 years of reaching boys and girls around the world with the Gospel! In 2024 alone, there were over 100,000 **Good News Clubs** globally.



A special memory I have with **CEF** goes back to my childhood. My mom actually hosted a **Good News Club** in our home because she wanted my little sister and me to have Christian friends. God used that simple desire to reach many neighborhood children with the Good News of the Gospel.

[August 19 and 26, 2025](#) - It's such a joy and privilege to share God's Word each Tuesday afternoon with the students at *Niota Elementary School* through **Good News Clubs!**



[August 24, 2025](#) - I was honored to speak on the first day of *Camp Meeting* at **Way of the Cross Baptist Church** in McDonough, GA. Pastor Bell and his sweet Church family have been such a blessing to us through the years. (*Pastor Bell also serves on the Board for **Good News for Little People***).



[September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025](#) - **Good News Club**, Niota Elementary School

[September 12, 2025](#) – I thoroughly enjoyed my time of ministry at **Dominion Senior Living** in Athens, TN. The staff does a wonderful job of providing meaningful activities for the residents. It’s such a joy to invest in the lives of those who have given so much through the years.



[September 28, 2025](#) – It was such a **blessing** to minister with our dear friends at **Knobs Baptist Church** in Tower Hill, IL for all three

Sunday services. We were supposed to be with them for a Family Crusade this summer but had to cancel due to Susan’s health. We have known Pastor Randy and his wife, Mildred, for over 40 years, and are so grateful for their faithfulness, friendship, and support!



[October 5 and 12, 2025](#) – Over the past couple of Sundays, I’ve had the privilege of preaching at **White Oak Baptist Church** in Dayton, TN while Pastor Carl recovers from knee replacement surgery. Our friends at **White Oak** have been such a blessing and encouragement to us over the years! We’re praying for Pastor (and his wife, Mrs. Bobbie) as he recovers from surgery.



[October 14, 2025](#) - **Good News Club**, Niota Elementary School

[On the Homefront](#)

Many of you have asked about our current needs as we continue working to finish our home. We moved in on Christmas Eve of 2024—and what a difference it has made! Each time we look around, we’re still amazed that this beautiful home is truly ours. **God’s goodness to us has been overwhelming!**

Current projects that still need to be completed:

- Finish and paint cabinets, baseboards, doors, and door frames
- Build outdoor stairs and wheelchair ramp
- Build and install fireplace
- Add stonework around the front door and fireplace
- Install/Build shelving in Tim’s office for library
- Build/Buy a small shed or outbuilding for tools and home projects



We’re praying that, as the Lord provides, we’ll be able to finish these remaining projects soon.

We know that many of you are **praying fervently** for us—especially for Susan—and we can't thank you enough. Our desire is to resume our regular summer schedule next year, and we've already begun to schedule weeklong meetings.

We truly believe God has much more for us to do **together** to reach young people and their families for Him. We are trusting Him for Susan's complete healing and look forward to many more years of sharing the *Good News of the Gospel* together!

We are so very grateful for your love, support, and prayers for our family and ministry. ***You are such a vital part of what God is doing through this work, and we thank the Lord for you!***

Reaching Families for Him,



Tim and Susan Vermaas

Upcoming Meetings

October 21 and 28, 2025 –**Fairview Christian Academy** in Athens, TN – *Elementary Chapels*

October 21 and 28, 2025 - **Good News Club**, Niota Elementary School

November 4, 11, and 18, 2025 - **Good News Club**, Niota Elementary School

December 2, 9, and 16, 2025 - **Good News Club**, Niota Elementary School