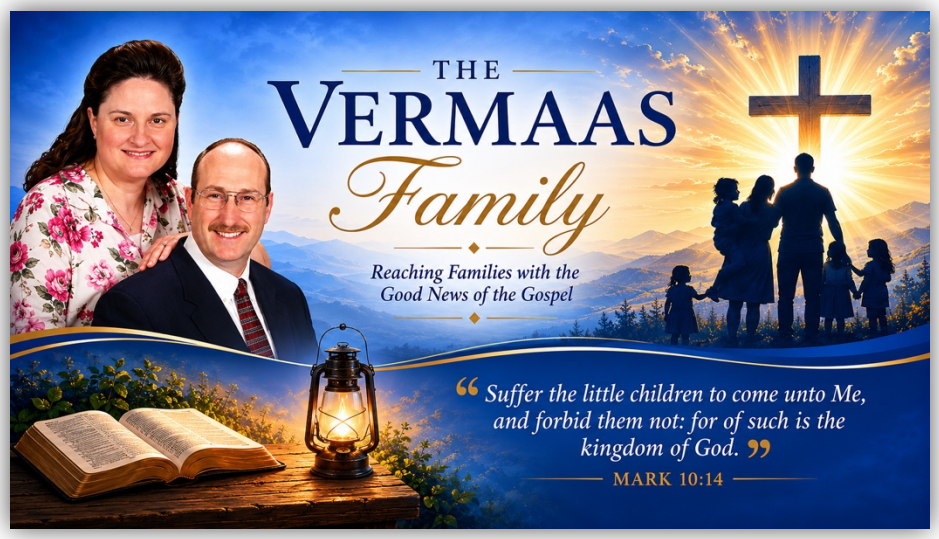

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"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

We are so grateful for the many opportunities God has given us to minister for Him! Although Susan's health continues to keep her from traveling, the Lord has graciously made it possible for me to take more meetings this year. With Rachel living at home and working nearby, she has been a tremendous help—and we are thankful that I have been able to travel more and minister in some of the churches that have been so dear to us through the years.

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Bob and Keiko Hurd

On May 16th, I joined Pastor Hurd at ***Spring City Baptist Church*** in Spring City, TN, and spoke during their *Church Picnic*. It was a sweet time of food, fellowship, and ministry. Pastor and Mrs. Hurd have been faithfully serving in the Spring City area for almost 30 years.


Camp Jacob

I had the privilege of speaking at the Father/Son Campout at ***Camp Jacob*** in Clintwood, VA, on June 12th *(sponsored by* ***Independent Baptist Church*** *in Pound, VA, and* ***Calvary Baptist Church*** *in Clintwood).* It was some of the best campout food I have ever eaten—freshly caught, deep-fried fish, along with chicken was on the "menu" for that evening!


Randy and Pam Reagan

On June 14th, I preached both services at ***Independent Baptist Church*** while Pastor Randy Reagan was out of town. It was especially encouraging to have Pastor Cauthorne bring his folks over from ***Calvary Baptist Church*** for the Sunday evening service.

From June 21st–25th, I had the privilege of conducting a *Family VBS* at ***Southland Baptist Church*** in Cincinnati, OH. We have ministered with Pastor Love at ***Southland*** for many years and always enjoy the privilege of


James and Tammy Love



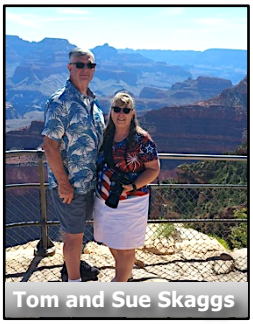
ministering with them. They always do a tremendous job of impacting young people and their families for Christ.








The greatest blessing of the week came on Sunday night when 15-year-old Allie came forward and put her trust in Christ! The Church had been reaching out to Allie and her family for several months, and several of her family members attended throughout the week. What a blessing to see the Lord working through the faithful efforts of His people!


Tom and Sue Skaggs

Tom and Sue Skaggs graciously opened their home to me for the week, which was another special blessing. Their kindness was such an encouragement! We are truly grateful for their *love, prayers, and friendship*.

One evening, three of the teenagers reenacted a *"Let's Make a Deal"* that had happened at the church eleven years earlier. It was hilarious—and brought back some great memories!
















After the final meeting at ***Southland***, I learned that Susan had lost her balance and fallen at home (fracturing her elbow). We praise the Lord that the fracture was able to heal without surgery.





Then came one of the highlights of our summer—***Camp Fairview!***

And what a week God gave us!


Camp Fairview


New Chapel

From July 6th–10th, young people from several different Churches came together for our week of camp in Riceville, TN. This was my first opportunity to preach in our beautiful new chapel.

Eight young people chose to put their trust in Christ, with one young lady receiving the assurance of her Salvation!




























Those are the moments that remind us why we do what we do. We love the fun, the fellowship, and the memories made at camp, but nothing compares with seeing a young person respond to the Gospel and trust Christ as their Savior. Another blessing was that 6 young people from our ***Good News Club*** were able to join us for camp! **It was an awesome week indeed!**

On July 18th, I joined Pastor Jeff and our friends at ***Summer City Baptist Church*** in Pikeville, TN, for their *One-day VBS*. They had a great group of young people, and we had a wonderful time together.








The following day, July 19th, I preached for *Homecoming* at ***White Oak Baptist Church*** in Dayton, TN. Pastor Hunsucker, Brother David, and this dear Church family have been such a tremendous encouragement to us. It was a fantastic day of ministry, food, and fellowship.


Carl and Bobbie Hunsucker




Dennis and Brenda McChargue



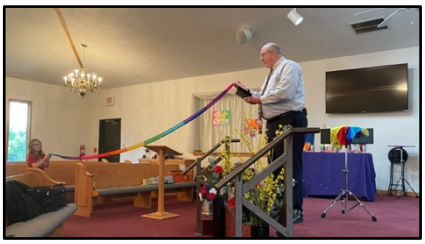
On July 26th, I had the privilege of preaching both services for Pastor McChargue at ***Brayton Baptist Church*** in Graysville, TN. It was another wonderful day of ministry with dear friends.

From August 2nd–6th, I conducted a Family Crusade at ***Riverside Baptist Church*** in Clarington, OH. It was especially good to be back with Pastor Gee and his Church family. We have ministered at ***Riverside*** every year for 13 years, but last summer we had to cancel most of our meetings because of Susan's health. Being able to return this year made the week especially meaningful.





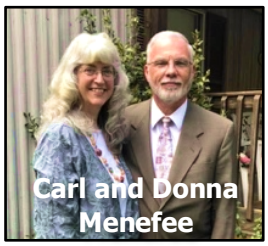






On August 9th, the Lord allowed me to minister in two of our supporting Churches in Northern Virginia.

Sunday morning, I taught Sunday School and preached at ***Front Royal Baptist Temple*** in Front Royal, VA. It was wonderful to see so many friends and to spend time with Pastor and Mrs. Menefee. Pastor Menefee was Susan's parents' pastor in Culpeper, VA, many years ago. I also enjoyed seeing Danny and Betty Clegg. Brother Danny is now Pastor Emeritus at ***Front Royal Baptist Temple***, and they have been such ***dear*** friends for many years. In fact, one of our ventriloquism characters is fondly named after him. 😊


Carl and Donna Menefee


Danny and Betty Clegg

We ***had*** to include this picture! Twenty-five years ago (when we were expecting Rachel), Denise, Hope Clegg, and many others organized a very special baby shower for us. Everyone was encouraged to bring "Pooh Holders"—but we had NO idea what those were! At the shower, they concealed their surprise behind a large *Pooh Bear* blanket. When the blanket came down, there stood a mountain of diapers! Thanks to this dear Church family and a few others, we didn't have to buy a single diaper until **exactly one year** after Rachel was born! What an unforgettable blessing!



Denise Denlinger

On the Funny Side

But perhaps the funniest memory was Pastor Danny Clegg's opening prayer: "Lord, please bless us as we fellowship in this shower." I have absolutely NO idea what he prayed after that, because I was laughing uncontrollably (quietly, of course!). Those of you who know me (Susan) will understand immediately. For everyone else, just read that opening prayer again! 😂🤣😂

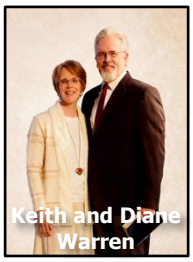
The evening of August 9th, I joined our friends at ***Liberty Baptist Church*** in Strasburg, VA, where I gave a ministry update and presented a couple of Gospel illusions during their *"Back to School"* service. Pastor Keith and his Church family have been a blessing to us for so many years, and I am grateful for their kindness in allowing me to stay in their Prophet's Chamber for the weekend. It was a real blessing!

















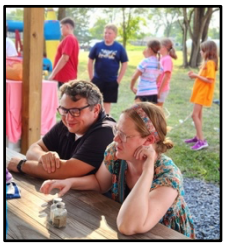










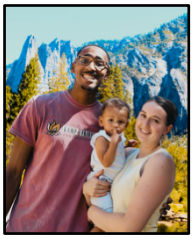




On August 14th, I was able to speak at ***The Groves,*** one of our local Nursing Homes.

I spent the day with our friends at ***Vision Baptist Church*** in Alpharetta, GA on August 23rd. Pastor Trent Cornwell and his people are doing a tremendous job reaching families in the Alpharetta area. I presented a Gospel illusion and preached on Sunday evening (followed by some teacher training after the service). I especially enjoyed spending time with Greg and Grace Keelen, who have faithfully brought a group of young people to our week at ***Camp Fairview*** for the past several years.







On August 30th, I was able to fill in for Pastor Smithson at ***Christian Bible Fellowship*** in Evensville, TN. God has used this dear Church family to encourage and help us in so many ways, especially throughout this difficult season with Susan's health. We are deeply grateful for their ***friendship, prayers, and support***.



And ministry continues right here at home!

On September 15th and 22nd, I had the privilege of preaching at ***Fairview Christian Academy*** in Athens, TN. It's always a lot of fun to minister with the young people during Elementary Chapel.

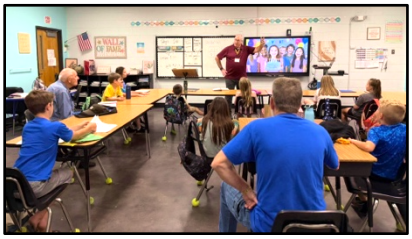


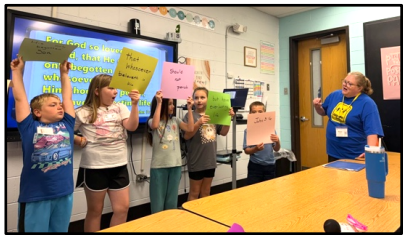






Our ***Good News Club*** at ***Niota Elementary School*** is once again in full swing. God has given us a wonderful team to minister to these precious children each Tuesday afternoon (throughout the school year). It is truly one of the highlights of my week! What a privilege to have an open door to share the Gospel with children right here in our own community!







On September 27th, I had the privilege of preaching at our home Church, ***Fairview Baptist Church,*** in Athens, TN. This was my first time preaching in the auditorium since the remodel, and I thoroughly enjoyed using the new projectors (visuals aren't just for kids – we adults enjoy them too).





As we look back over these summer months, our hearts are full. This has not been an easy season for our family. Susan is still unable to travel and continues to face significant health struggles. Yet, in the midst of it all, **God has been so Faithful.**

He has opened doors. He has provided help when we needed it. He has allowed us to return to many of the Churches we love. He has given opportunities to preach the Gospel to children, teenagers, and adults. And, most precious of all, ***we have seen young people come to Christ!***

Thank you for standing with us. Your faithful prayers, encouragement, and financial support make it possible for us to continue going through the doors God opens. We never want to take your partnership for granted.

Thank you for praying! Thank you for giving! Thank you for helping us reach families with the Good News of the Gospel!

We are excited to see what God will do next!

Reaching Families for Him,

Tim & Susan

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PS. Susan's Health Update coming soon . . .

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