

Festival Banner



*Partnering with Churches & Ministries
To reach the Unreached by taking the
GOSPEL beyond the church walls*

The Greatest Gift Ever



The greatest gift of all time is the gift of Grace. Given by God through His son, Jesus, we receive eternal and abundant life as the absolute best gift ever. A wonderful thing experienced through Across Festivals is seeing and hearing about the people who receive this Gift and the blessings to those who share it. Yes, many come to Christ at the events, but often these blessings happen before and after the events. Here are a couple of these stories.

In one city, a pastor told how one of his members relayed with excitement their testimony of sharing. Having been challenged by John to give an ABC's of Salvation booklet to someone before the crusade, God had laid a friend on his heart. At 7:30am on a Saturday morning he felt the Lord keep nudging him. So he called the friend and invited to buy him breakfast. Of course his friend said yes! As they were talking, he asked to share the little booklet with him. That morning his friend prayed to receive Christ as his Savior! He said he had been in a church most of his life but didn't know he needed to do this to go to heaven.

Another time and in another town, a 16-year-old young man accepted Christ at a crusade. Then on the last night of the crusade he was helping take down equipment and was taking one of the tower lamps back to a lot. He asked John to help him connect it to his truck. They said their goodbyes and then 30 minutes later John noticed that his truck was still parked in the same place. Suddenly the young man jumped out of the driver's seat and his girlfriend got out of the passenger side. He hollered, "Mr. John, I just shared this booklet with my girlfriend, and she said yes to Jesus!" Excitement was abounding.

Christmas time is the greatest time of the year to give the Greatest Gift Ever to family and friends. It is as simple as the ABC's. Admit you're a sinner; Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ; Confess you're a sinner and Call out to Jesus! Don't miss out on the Real Joy you can experience this Christmas Season!

Merry Christmas!

The Across Festivals Board and Team

INTRODUCING KEN BROTHERS—FOLLOW-UP & DISCIPLESHIP TRAINER

Across Festivals is excited to introduce a new partner, Ken Brothers. His focus will be on forming, training and equipping aftercare teams for effective follow-up of new believers who make commitments at evangelistic events. Ken has developed materials, "Pathway to Freedom", that has been very successfully used in training new believers.



YEAR-END GIVING

As the end of the year approaches, remember gifts to Across Festivals must be **post-marked** by **December 31st** for 2019 credit. A record of all gifts made in 2019 will be mailed to donors during the month of January 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any question about your gift record.

Donations can now be given **ONLINE** at acrossfestivals.com as well as through the **USPS**.

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From the heart

The Road Ahead . . .

As we travel onward closing out our 16th year, Across Festivals is as busy as ever. We have driven over 45,000 miles with about 1500 yet to go this year. The Lord has allowed us to come alongside many churches sharing Christ. And Thunder in the Park was a hot event (literally). Partnering with Steve Dunn, Mission Strategist, and the Bethlehem Baptist Association was very productive and special. This group of churches is very serious about reaching their neighbors with the Good News. Seeing people come to Christ and seeing the church engage in Evangelism and Missions is the heart of Across Festivals, and we have seen this happen throughout the year.

At the writing of this newsletter we have just two meetings scheduled for the remaining year as we meet with church leaders in the planning of two of our Crusades scheduled for 2020. Please be praying for the Harvest! These two areas are already busy planting seeds of the Gospel and watering them with much prayer and encouragement. It is an exciting time as we prepare.

On a personal note, let me share where my journey is taking me just before 2020 begins. In April, during an Advanced Health Scan, a suspicious area

was detected in my upper left lung. We visited this again after six months with a CT scan and PET scan. After consulting with a thoracic surgeon at Emory's St. Joseph Hospital in Atlanta, we have chosen to have surgery on December 30th. The surgeon will remove a small section of my upper left lobe in the left lung. It will go immediately to pathology so he will know if he needs to do anything further while his tools are still inside me. After much prayer personally, and being prayed over by many prayer partners, I am greatly encouraged.

On my travels I do not listen to the radio very much. Over the past year my hunger for the Word of God has grown so much, and I now listen to the Word nearly all the time when I am driving. Several weeks ago, a verse just jumped out at me and was instantly imprinted upon my heart and mind. Isaiah 7:9b says this: "Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm." (NLT) This verse was given to me two days before my diagnosis. I love when the Holy Spirit gets your attention! My Friends, my faith is firm in trusting my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with everything. What about you? What are you facing? How is your faith? I want to encourage you to grab hold of my favorite verses in Hebrews 12:1-3.

... John

PRAYER: The Strategy

"Prayer is not a substitute for action.

It is an action for which there is no substitute."

- * December 30—John's surgery; Emory St. Joseph Hospital, Atlanta
- * February 23-24—AL Baptist Evangelism Conf.; Montgomery, AL
- * February—Global Missions Conference; FBC Montgomery, AL
- * April—Crusade; Monroeville, AL
- * July—Dream Field Farms Day Camps; Union Springs, AL
- * July—Medical Missions Trip; Jacmel, Haiti
- * October 4-8—Crusade; Greenville, AL
- * October 31 & following—Crusade; Mississippi (pending)

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