

Festival Banner



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

FIRE IN THE FIELD SAVES LIVES

What an amazing week with God! The 'Fire in the Field' crusade held in Monroeville, AL April 10-16 was indeed an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit that was as one man said, "electrifying. The atmosphere was just awesome. God poured His Spirit out on the meeting. It's just hard to describe."



Each night the tent was filled with 1500 to 2000 people. Counselors and pastors were trained and ready to receive the persons who responded to the invitation to receive Christ. On the weekdays, evangelist, Frank Sheldton spoke to students in 8 area schools. He shared his motivational talk about 'Greatness'. At 2 of the private schools he was given permission to share the gospel. Between the crusade and the assemblies together some 350-plus people prayed to receive Christ. Souls were saved, and others prayed for renewal.

Scheduled originally for just 5 nights, many felt that the crusade should be extended. After much prayer, the steering committee felt led to extend the meetings 2 additional nights. Those 2 nights made it possible for 50 people to come to know Jesus personally.

Volunteers were incredible. They came to help from many places to help in many ways. Food was donated, cooked and served by so many churches and vendors that they can not be listed. Even when rain came during the night and made the parking field unusable, the high school across the road gave permission to use their parking lot. Churches volunteered their buses and others their golf carts as shuttles to bring the people to the tent where the ground inside was dry. The local fire and rescue volunteered their services to direct traffic so people could safely cross the

PRAYER:

The Strategy

*"Prayer is not a
substitute for action.
It is an action for which
there is no substitute."*
Jay Wolf

MINISTRY PRAYER NEEDS

- Crusade: Sept. 11-14
'Mission Revive America'
- Salvation of the lost
- Boldness for believers
- Bo Shedd, Evangelist
- Chris McDaniel, Musician
- Crusade Counselors
- Crusade Volunteers
- AF budget need \$10,000

road.

The list could go on, but Prayer was and is the key. The prayers of faithful partners like you, and the many believers of Monroe county churches made the difference. God heard and answered those prayers. Keep on praying! And God will keep on working!



Fire in the Field, Monroeville, AL: (top page) Panoramic view inside tent, (left) crowds praying for one another, (right top) Aerial view from 1st night, (right bottom) Counseling tent in action.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11-14

Mission: Revive America

Tent Crusade, Andalusia, AL

October 12, 14-15, 19, 21-22, 26-31

Judgment-House

Montgomery, AL

October 16

Crusade Launch Rally

Choctaw County, AL

October 17

Pastor's Meeting

Choctaw County, AL

October 22-23

Raceway Ministries

Talladega, AL

December 30-January 1

Big God Conference

Myrtle Beach, SC

April 11-14, 2017

Fire in the Field Crusade

Monroeville, AL

More events pending

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From the heart

Seasons and Harvesting –

I will always be grateful that God gave me my Big Daddy and Big Mama and allowed me to grow up as a child less than a quarter of a mile from them! They were two of the hardest working people I have ever known, and it seemed that they knew everything about **seasons and harvesting**. Big Daddy would rise before daybreak, read the Word of God, pray, eat breakfast, and head to the barn and the fields where there was always work to be done. Big Mama was up before him preparing breakfast and setting everything in motion before the household was awake. She would later go down the hill to her **praying oak** to talk with the Lord about life and His will. She and Big Daddy saw God answer many prayers and even work miracles. They knew how to grow anything, even kids. I was one of them who will forever be indebted to them. They loved God, family, friends, and neighbors! I saw them give when they didn't have to give because that is what they should do. They taught me about God's love. Big Daddy always had a story, and we kids loved stories. They always ended with something that God had done and pointed to His love. Big Mama told us the stories of God every summer afternoon and taught us the hymns of faith as she sat on her piano bench in their wonderful living room. They were my first seminary teachers, and I didn't even know it. Today, I try to follow their model.

My life verse is: "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of disciples that I might know how to sustain a weary one with a word; He awakens me morning by morning; He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple" (Isaiah 50: 4). I know that this verse refers to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and as I follow after Him, my life is His. It has been modeled before me vividly! And I am trying to teach it as a pathway for all believers. I share these three things with every church I come before:

Prayer is our strategy! We need to rise up early and pray. We need to take everyone and everything to God in prayer. We cannot neglect such a powerful action as prayer where we come in agreement with our Heavenly Father on all matters. We must pray more than we have ever prayed before!

Proclamation is needed more than ever! We must give the Word of God away via our sto-

In Loving Memory of Chuck Johnson

Across Festivals thanks these friends
who have given memorial gifts.

- Mike & Gayle Crouch
- David & Nona Parkman
- Betty Jean, Elaine & Emily Pharris
- Legacy Leaders

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Once again, John and Jeanette were privileged and blessed to go with Dr. Harold Cox and a medical team to the Jacmel region of Haiti in early July. Working alongside Children's Hope missionaries, the team traveled to 4 different locations setting up a clinic each day. God poured out His Spirit as the



Clinic at Bois Dezi Church



Clinic at Muzak Church

team ministered to more than 400 patients.

Each person was given the opportunity to talk with a pastor/evangelist and hear the gospel. At least 75 people prayed to receive Christ!