

## May 2024 Newsletter

### God Did It!

When is the last time you can honestly say “God did it?” The Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:31 “So that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”” He wrote this letter to church members in the city of Corinth, as an attempt to restore the Corinthian church to its foundation – Jesus Christ! So often, we tend to boast about what we have done and want to receive the credit. This causes a major problem; we have discredited God and taken Him out of the picture. The truth is, we are not able to do anything without God. The Bible teaches us that it is impossible for man alone, but with God all things are possible. So, if we want to boast, boast about all the Lord has done.



I do not know if this is true story or not, but I heard an evangelist share one time about a woman that was a widow. She had nothing and had no food! Each day she would get down on her knees and pray “God fill my pantry, fill my pantry with food.” One day there was a knock at the door and right there on the doorstep was all the food she had been looking for. She said “oh my goodness, God did it, God did it, God did it!” Suddenly as she was praising God, a man jumped out of the bushes and said “ah ha, I’m your neighbor, and I am an atheist. I heard you praying yesterday for God to fill your pantry. So I went to the grocery store and bought all the groceries and put them right here on your door step and hid in the bushes all to watch you praise a God that does not exist.” She said “God did it, God did it, God did it!” He



said “NO NO NO NO, you are not listening. You are praising the wrong God, I heard you praying the prayer from the window. I don’t believe in God. There is no God. I went to the grocery store and bought the groceries with my own money and with my own credit card. I put the groceries in my car and drove them over. I put them on the doorstep, knocked on the door, and hid in the bushes all to watch you give praise to a God that does not exist.” This woman does not know much, but she said “God did it, God did it, and He made the devil pay for it!” We share this story because it is encouraging. We want people to know about a God that hears our prayers and provides for His children. Maybe you are going through a trying time in your life right now, but we want you to be encouraged and know that God loves and cares about you.

We have been so busy over the past month, and our schedule is only getting started. A few weeks ago, we had an opportunity to come alongside Decatur Baptist Church in Decatur, AL to serve the community through “Community Impact.” This consisted of helping several nonprofit organizations in the community from building wheelchair ramps to helping Habitat for Humanity. Our ministry team specifically helped Sleep Heavenly Peace build 30 beds for kids that sleep on the hard floor. There are 400 plus requests for beds going to children in need in the Decatur area. This opens the opportunity to share the Gospel with families upon delivery. In addition, we have also helped some of the homeless people in the Muscle Shoals, AL area by providing temporary accommodations, food, clothing, and biblical counseling to include sharing the Gospel. As many



may know, we just got back from “Hope for Athens!” This is an amazing event that started in 2018 with Convoy of Hope, that has now become a movement. A handful of churches in the local community come together to unit as one church to serve, encourage, provide for needs such as health services, haircuts, clothing, groceries, and so much more in a family friendly Christian environment that is totally “FREE” for everyone. Our team spent a weekend with Lindsay Lane Baptist Church from going to the rally, serving in the connections tent praying for people, sharing the Gospel, and handing out Bibles, and attending Sunday morning worship service. We do all these things, because the Bible tells us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with our mind and to love our neighbor as yourself. God loves people, and so do we!



Our feet have already hit the ground running for the start of May. We are preparing for our first chapel service at Heritage Acres RV Resort in Tuscumbia, AL on May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will provide a free supper followed by a chapel service to include live worship music. In addition, we will have a Spanish speaking translator to reach those that do not speak English. If you or someone that you know is willing to volunteer for our first chapel service with grilling, playing live worship music, or translating, please contact us today. We need

your help! We also have a full schedule for the summer months to include going to Tennessee and Texas, campground ministry, community outreach in the Shoals and Decatur, AL area, and raising money for our whole team to go to South Africa on a mission trip with Parkview Baptist Church in Tuscumbia, AL. God has been so good to us and our ministry! He has recently taken a couple small donations and turned them into a miracle of multiplication. With this, He has provided us a portable sound system and taken care of a few unexpected ministry bills. To put this all into perspective, we are reminded of when Jesus took the two fish and five loaves to feed the 5,000 and had 12 baskets leftover. That's our Jesus; all we can say is God did it! What an awesome God we serve!

What do we need? We need your prayers! Everything we do needs to continue to be lifted in prayer. Prayer is very powerful! But as with anything, we must have the finances. We can share countless times how the Lord has provided in various ways from the church to generous people like you. We are asking that you will prayerfully consider sponsoring our ministry team specifically in helping us to go to South Africa to share the Gospel in a village outside of Johannesburg. God has provided before, and we know He is able to do it again. We have been overseas several times, but this will be the first time for Maverick. Not only will this be an experience for our family and ministry, but especially Mav. We look forward to sharing another God did it moment!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



Meeting people where they are and taking them where they need to go!

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