



Joe McDonald Ministry

Isaiah 6:8

The Evangelism Trail –April 2022

After a very long two years wait, “The Gospel Parade” float finally got the chance to participate in the “Irish, Italian, Islenos” parade in Chalmette, LA. We built the float in the Spring of 2020 just for this event and saw it cancelled for two years due to covid. We were ready this year as were the people of St Bernard Parish, Chalmette and Arabi, LA! There were fifty-two huge Mardi Gras floats that threw 500,000 pounds of produce. Yes, produce! It is a unique parade for sure. We played our “Jesus” music and threw five hundred tennis balls with “Jesus Loves You” seen below, five hundred tracks



in plastic bags with “Jesus Love You” bracelets, two hundred Ramen noodle packages with different tracks, two hundred “Jesus Loves You” bracelets and five hundred beads! Our friends Phil and Debbie Smith, founders of “Wee Can Know” ministry set this up each year and they had five thousand colored bracelets based on the wordless book where the colors tell the story of sin, forgiveness, and salvation. In all over 7800 spiritual items were handed out!

Pictured on the right are members of “Wee Can Know” Good News Club helpers that rode with us and passed out and threw the items mentioned above and shown below. Patti decorated the float with bright ribbons, wreaths and bows and it was very impressive with the flags, artwork, banners, and music. The young people had a blast and were very helpful since we couldn’t bring our grandchildren when it was moved to Sunday April 2nd due to weather.



The residents of Chalmette and Arabi were just a little over a week from a destructive tornado that did heavy damage to the area and took the life of one resident. So, we are grateful to Phil and Debbie for inviting us and the City of Chalmette for bringing the celebration to fruition after two long years. Make plans to attend next year the first weekend in April. We had friends in the group that traveled from Mobile to enjoy the parade and celebration.



Our Forgiven Ministry “One Day with God” event at the Franklin Correctional Unit in Carrabelle, FL scheduled for the last week of February was rescheduled for later in the year. We were at “The Mission of Hope” for the third in the series for fathers, “The Power of the Father’s Blessing” for around sixty men. We will be back this month for the next in the three-part series, “The Power of



the Father’s Legacy.” This training holds such importance for fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and soon to be or hope to be fathers. It is not just for men facing difficult consequences for bad decisions they made. Many believe this is what it was designed for. It is not, and all fathers could use this training to help understand their powerful role in their family’s future for generations to come. “Show Me the Father,” “Courageous” and other movies speak to this important role the father and only the father can fill. I have provided supporting data in several newsletters that support the need for and importance of fathers.

April begins the busy season right after Easter. We have 4-5 “One Day with God” events in GA and FL scheduled. “Grace Camp” in LA for the children of inmates is in the planning stages and ongoing discussion of a Brazil trip.

Please pray for our board members that lost loved ones in March. Dr. Rod Smith lost his wife Vivian of almost 60 years and Geri Lundien lost her mother after caring for her daily the past 6 years.

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