



Wishing each of you a wonderful Easter with your family!

The 2023 “Irish, Italian, Islesnos” parade in Chalmette, LA is history. The many, many huge floats threw 500,000 pounds of produce! (see wagon below left) We team up with Phil and Debbie Smith of “Wee Can Know” ministry each year for this event. We did not hand out produce, we handed our over 10,000 “Jesus Loves You” items, tracts, and bracelets! It was all about Jesus and how to be saved and get to heaven. We had three of our grandchildren, our son Joe, Phil, Debbie and their CEF affiliates with them. Phil Smith drove behind “The Gospel Parade” float with his lawn mower and pulled five wagons with spiritual messages. You can see Debbie Smith with Patti in the right picture and kids and adults reaching for “Jesus Loves You” items as our Christian music played for all to hear. Note the young girls on the left reading the tracts Debbie handed to them. Here is what Debbie Smith says about tracts: *“I ALWAYS read tracts that people would leave around. I was hungry to know Christ. My turning point where I fully surrendered to Christ was when I read Proverb 3:5-6 on the front page on the Mobile Press Register. I was a young mother in a troubled marriage and when I read it, I said, “I’m going to do that...”*



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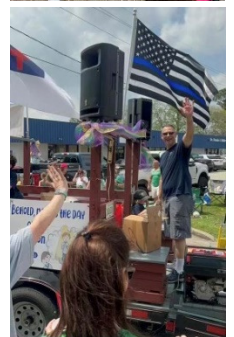
Patti says: *“You never know how God will use His Word in someone’s life. God’s Word will not return void! We are counting on that and praying for the harvest! Isaiah 55:11”*



Patti and I leave for Carrabelle, FL on the 13th for a Forgiven Ministry “One Day with God” at Franklin Correctional Facility. Patti will be a mentor with the children as they go inside the prison to spend the day with their fathers. I will do two programs, one for the children’s caregiver and one for the children and their fathers in the facility.



My son Joe and I will be back at “The Mission of Hope” on the 21st of April for our monthly fathers training. We will begin the first of the three part series, “The Power of the Father’s Legacy.”



Remember normal is not going to return , but Jesus is!

Thank God for the upper room, the cross and the empty tomb!

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