



Joe McDonald Ministry

Isaiah 6:8

The Evangelism Trail –May 2023

“When studied, the evidence of the resurrection proved to be more conceivable than the battle of Waterloo. There is 10,000 times more evidence of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ than there is of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo. If someone does not believe it, it is not because there is not enough proof. The problem is not Jesus; the problem is us.” Jim Scudder

Mayday! That can mean several things. One, the first day of May complete with a “Maypole.” Most young people may not know that a “Maypole” is an old timey way of celebrating the first day of May. The other thing it is known for and widely used is to declare an emergency, usually at sea or in an aircraft. Mayday, mayday! That means everyone stops and pays close attention to the emergency.

I call “Mayday, Mayday” in the first paragraph above. The thing that makes me listen for the emergency, is: “*The problem is not Jesus; the problem is us.*” My new favorite saying is: “**Normal isn’t coming back, Jesus is!**” Our job, to make sure everyone, everywhere and every age, knows!

Busy May ahead for the ministry and Patti and me personally. Two graduations the first weekend. Our oldest grandson, Ryan graduates from South Alabama as does Skylar, his Fiancé. The wonderful thing about their wedding on the 27th of May is I get to perform the ceremony! What an honor and privilege this is to see these two fine Christian young people begin a new life together and I get to be a special part of their start.



The second weekend this month, Patti and I will be in Prattville, AL with “**Drive-In Ministries**” for their “children’s day” at the new “**Drive-In Park.**” <http://driveinministries.com> They are expecting around two hundred people during the day. I will have the honor of doing about an hour program complete with the “Gospel” presentation. Check out the site above find “**Drive-In Park**” on **Facebook** and see the beautiful 13-acre park complete with soccer field, lights, track, volleyball, two pavilions with bathrooms, playground equipment, and places for concession setup with movies on their 16’ X 24’ movie screen! A fitting example of God’s faithfulness. Having served on their Board, this has been a “pay as you go project.” Thanks Director Mike and wife AnnaMae Jones for the challenging work with this project and invitation to attend. From there, Patti and I will be in Alexander City, AL for our Mother’s Day with our son and his family.



“**The Mission of Hope**” ministry night is May 19th, “*The Power of the Father’s Words*” our monthly fatherhood training for the residents. <http://missionofhopeministries.net> My son, Joe will join me as usual.



We leave the end of the month for a **Forgiven Ministry “One Day with God”** in Wilkesboro, NC. at the Wilkes Correctional facility. <http://forgivenministry.org> Looking forward to being in Taylorsville, NC home of “Forgiven Ministry” and spend time with our friends. I served on their Board for many years and will tell you without a doubt this is the most anointed ministry I have ever been involved with. After almost 20 years working with them all over the US, it is still a powerful blessing for each event. Pray for the founders, Jack, and Scottie Barnes, as they have had some health issues that keep them from travelling to the events as much as they would like.

May also brings Mother’s Day. It is late enough this year for me (Patti) to do some serious prep on both my website <http://professionalmom.com> and my **Professional Mom** Facebook page. Please read my latest post “**Mom’s the Boss**” and celebrate honoring our moms on this special day, May 14, 2023! Happy Mother’s Day! Please let us know if you have friends & family who would like to receive our newsletter and keep up with Joe McDonald Ministry.

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