

The Evangelism Trail –December 2023





We are ending our 20th year of full time

ministry with a very busy December. As you read this we will either be in the Dawes, AL Christmas Parade on 12/9 starting at 1:00 PM or the Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade on Sunday 12/17 starting at 2:30 PM. Please join with us in praying for the weather to be perfect for us to hand out thousands of Gospel tracts, bracelets, balls and let people know that Jesus loves them and *Hope* has a name.



We welcomed our #18 Grandchild, actually our 3rd Greatgrand in November. Here are all three of our Greatgrands. Peyton, Emmy the newest, and Eli. We had an early Thanksgiving get together with some of our



family at our home the week of Thanksgiving. Here they are!

We headed to Dauphin Island for Thanksgiving. Patti rented a very nice house in Desoto Landing and we had some great family time. Grandkids even swam in the Gulf almost daily



and we feasted on lots of good food that many hands had a part in cooking and serving.

We will be at "The Mission of Hope" teaching "The Power of the Father's Word" Friday the 15th.

For 2024, events already scheduled so far in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana. This year will take us out of the country as we accept invitations we couldn't last year.

Patti: As I look at all of the throws we have prepared for the upcoming parades, the fact that the parade for last week was postponed reminded me that we must be ready when the Bridegroom comes! So, for whatever reason God made us wait, we are ready! Thank you

for all of your donations for these events. If one person trusts Jesus because of the tracts, bracelets, music, or float panels, it is because of your faithfulness in supporting Joe McDonald Ministry!

Don't miss out on our Volume XIII of "Sunsets on Mobile Bay" 2024 Calendar. It is available on professionalmom.com.

Patti's book is finally out with the proper printing. You can find a link on <u>professionalmom.com</u> or Amazon.com.

Praying you have a Christ filled Christmas with your family making memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for another successful year serving Jesus. Remember the men and women that can't be home Christmas.

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"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.". Luke 2:11-12

McDonald Christmas Letters 2023

Deck the Halls! What a blessing to be preparing for another Christmas celebration at the McDonald Household. The turkey is bought (thanks to Joey) and the decorations are going on the tree today. Two presents are ordered and about 30 more to go. God is so good, another year, another time to enjoy family and reflect on His mercy and grace in providing His Son as our Savior!

We have added to our tribe by welcoming 2 new great-grands and a new granddaughter-in-law. Let's have a go at recognizing everyone for your Christmas update.

Andrea is faithfully serving with the District Court Police. She purchased a new house (in Mobile) this year and Laura, Joey, Peyton (8) and our newbie, Emmy (2 weeks), are helping her take care of it (and her dogs) as she is gone so much.

Jennifer and Ellis have built a beautiful house in New Brockton, Alabama to move into when he retires from the Army at the end of the year. Olivia (21) will finish college there and hopefully get to live there a bit, Mitchell (13) is rocking the seventh grade and is a gifted artist, like his sister.

Nicole and David added to their family with our precious Skylar, married to Ryan (22) in May after both graduated from USA and Eli (5 months) born to Kathleen (25) and Phillip in July. And of course, Mallory (17) continues to delight us as she is halfway through her Senior year of HS.

Sarah and John live in Dallas and are sorely missed. Brittany (25) moved there this year and Jacelynn (21) is there working for T-Mobile, best salesgirl ever! JJ (15) is livin' the dream as he is finally on his dad's basketball team. (that rhymed!) He's good too!

Joey and Veronica are great neighbors here in Mobile. We get together for most Alabama games and love visiting with the children as much as possible. Mia (11) is in "pre-teens" at church, Joey, Jr. (10, next week) loves to "represent" the ministry, wearing our shirts on every occasion. Naomi (5) is a love and is learning to read.

Sean is still with Plant Kinetics in management. He has moved around a bit, is now in Alexander City, AL. Mikaela (15) just got back from a State Competition for her Drama Team. Cole (14, tomorrow) towers over Nanny now and is a fine-looking fella. Alex (11,) is eye-to-eye, but growing like a weed. We enjoyed them so much at our Thanksgiving celebration.

Joe and Patti have been busy with parade prep these last few weeks (read about on page 1,) and have been working in the states this year, mostly with Forgiven Ministry in the prisons. Joe has been able to be faithful to the Mission of Hope with monthly visits as well as helping our ministry friends in Prattville and elsewhere. Patti facilitated Volume XIII of our Sunsets calendar with Tommie Peterson's photography and published her book, "Hell is Forever, The Way of Escape."

Merry Christmas to all of our family and faithful supporters!

We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future!

Love in the precious name of Jesus, Joe and Patti McDonald

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