



Joe McDonald Ministry

*Isaiah 6:8*

## *The Evangelism Trail –April 2025 Edition*

Hard to believe that we are riding out the last week of April already! We have been gone most of the month with ministry work in AL, LA and FL.



The first week in April we traveled to Chalmette, LA for the annual “Irish, Italian, Islenos” parade. Kim and Trisha Mobley came down from Hamilton, GA to ride. Our son Joe, wife Veronica, their three children, as well as her sister, Kim, her mother, Karen, and Kim’s three children, also from GA, were great helpers!. We partnered with Phil and Debbie Smith and team “Wee Can Know” (ministry.) We loved having so much help! Kim and Trisha, Patti and I put together (about) 5000 Gospel Message”, salvation tracts, “Jesus Loves You” bracelets and tennis balls. Mike Bedford, Pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Bay Minette, AL and his parishoners put together 5,000+ “Salvation” packages for our hosts, Phil and Debbie. In all we gave out over 12,000 Gospel explanations (with candy and Ramen,) salvation info and how to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Our “The Gospel Parade” float with the same message and wonderful Christian music delivered God’s Word! We mused amongst ourselves that God blessed us by allowing over 12,000 people, (plus the thousands at the parade,) young and old to hear the good news in one Saturday afternoon. How many ministries are blessed to be given such a opportunity? God is good and your gifts made this happen!

The next week we were in Carrabelle, FL at Franklin Correctional for a Forgiven Ministry “One Day with God” for 33 children, 25 inmate fathers, 17 caregivers, 47 volunteers and a large number of corrections staff. Many lives young and old were forever changed. The emphasis on Jesus, family and reconciliation was so well received! We camped at East Point, FL and on Sunday we traveled to Crawfordville, FL to Grace Baptist Church to worship with some of our ministry partners. Please continue to pray for healing for the founders of Forgiven Ministry, Jack and Scottie Barnes (NC) to be able to return to the ministry events, pointing inmates and their families to Jesus Christ. Their health issues are critical at this time.



My son Joe and I were at The Mission of Hope on Good Friday for our monthly fathers training. This was “*The Power of the Father’s Blessing*” session and we had 40 men attend and participate in the forgiven ceremony and many came forward to be *blessed* by a substitute father. Pray for these men to have life changing experiences while at the Mission of Hope.

We celebrated Resurrection Sunday with some of our kids, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We had a wonderful time remembering what Easter was special for and how thankful we are for the “Risen Lord” and the empty tomb. As always we missed our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that were not able to be with us. As we remembered the price our Savior paid for us, it is only fitting that we sang “Up From The Grave He Arose,” somewhat out of key, but truly beautiful (as our blessing.) I hope you all had a Blessed Easter!



We found out our beautiful Peyton (9) has accepted Jesus as her Savior and she is going to be baptized next Sunday! This is what we live for! Jesus is Lord!

Patti: Baking bunny, or lamb cakes has been a tradition since our children were teenagers, long ago! It was fun to have the younger children “compete” for the best cake decorating. We have such talent in our family! My prayer is that “*Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*” Col 3:17

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