

Dear Family and Friends,

I started this newsletter on the way to our third summit in Texas, and now we are traveling to our sixth in Paducah, Kentucky. I hope to actually get it out in the next few days! Let me share with you some of what God has been doing.

“In the beginning I was excited to be in His presence, but when sin crept in, my prayers didn’t reach much beyond my lips. I was angry with friends, relatives, everybody. There has been no fruit...how could there be. As a result of this anger my lips have been unclean. I yelled at my kids, argued with my husband, and pushed people away. I was an idol worshiper of myself. I participated in prayer meetings just to save face. I have constantly lived looking at the ugliness of my sin in so many areas. I started with confessing my spirit of not confessing, then went on to, anger, abandonment of youth, self-love, destructive talk, lying, resentment, prayerlessness, no Bible study, jealousy. The piece that was missing was confession and repentance. Repentance is hating and turning from it, then replacing it with God’s truth. I was not full of God, but full of sin. No more.” –Laura, GA



A pastor in LaFayette, GA, leads the church in a prayer of repentance for the past superficiality of the way they have done church, asking God for a new normal and deeper standard of zealousness in the future.

Oh, the fun I get to have sometimes – from playing in playground tunnels to carving pumpkins!



Faces of Happy Heart City



One of the evidences of a great move of God is that His people become very generous. God moved mightily at Second Baptist Church in LaFayette (emphasis on the Fay), Georgia. He reached down and saved several people who were leaders in the church. He set a couple free from the guilt of a past affair. He saved a marriage that was coming close to divorce. He broke women over the way they treated their husbands and children. One night after the official service was over, somebody called the men of the church to a spontaneous business meeting outside. For years, this church had been building up an emergency fund to prepare for a time of need such as one they had been through before. Well, those men voted unanimously that night to give the entire emergency fund to Life Action. They saw that they *had* been in a state of emergency and had not realized it. This one church gave a total of about \$50,000. Praise the Lord for His awesome providence!

“I didn’t want to come to the summit at all. For about 20 years I hated God. I was mad. I got rid of all my anger Wednesday night. My wife wants a spiritual husband and leader. This morning for the first time I led a bible study for my family.” – Robert, AL

“Since JR (*pre-summit revivalist*) came, God’s been working on our house. As a wife and mom, I’ve been very controlling. I didn’t think that God was taking care of Jonathan, I was doing it myself. On Sundays I get up here and tell you ‘God is good’ while we yelled at each other the whole way here. Before the summit I said to Keith, ‘If this revival doesn’t change you, I want you out.’ But it wasn’t him, it was me. I wasn’t letting him lead our home. After the luncheon, God convicted me of that so strongly. For the first time in our married life, we have had family devotions. Everything is going great. As your secretary, and a praise team member, I need your forgiveness, and please



- God, I need You

pray that we will continue to grow together as a family.” --Alicia, GA

Personally, God has started some breaking in me. At the beginning of this past summit in Florence, MS, I began to feel a new level of dissatisfaction with things as they are. My life is not driven by an abandoned love for God. It is not characterized by an excitement for Him. I do not live in wonder of Him most of the time. I want to see so much more, not just in the churches we visit, but in my team, in me. This may seem like an obvious concept, but knowing something should be so does not make it so. I want to be done with normal. I need to experience so much more of Christ. God has also been revealing some hard truths about some major idols that are still in my life. There is a powerful song by Ross King that aptly describes what I need.

Clear the Stage

*Clear the stage and set the sound and lights ablaze
If that's the measure that it takes to crush the idols.
Chuck the pews and all the decorations too
Until the congregations few then have revival.
Tell your friends that this is where the party ends
until you're broken for your sins you can't be social.
Then seek the Lord and wait for what he has in store
and know that great is your reward and just be hopeful*

*Cause you can sing all you want to.
Yes you can sing all you want to
you can sing all you want to
And don't get me wrong, worship is more than a song.*

*Take a break from all the plans that you made
And sit at home alone and wait for God to whisper.
Beg Him please to open up his mouth and speak
And pray for real upon your knees until they blister.
Shine the light on every corner of your life
Until the pride and lust and lies are in the open.
Then read the word and put to test the things you've heard
Until your heart and soul are stirred and rocked and broken.*

*Cause you can sing all you want to.
Yes you can sing all you want to
you can sing all you want to
And don't get me wrong, worship is more than a song.*

*Anything I put before my God is an idol.
Anything I want with all my heart is an idol.
Anything I can't stop thinking of is an idol.
Anything that I give all my love is an idol.
We must not worship something that's not even worth it.
Clear the stage and make some space for the one who deserves it.*

*Cause I can sing all I want to.
Yes I can sing all I want to
I can sing all I want to
And still get it wrong, worship is more than a song.*

*And you can sing all you want to.
Yes you can sing all you want to
You can sing all you want to
But don't get me wrong, worship is more than a song.*

What will it take to crush the idols in our country? In our churches? What will it take to crush my idols? I don't think I'm going to like it. But wouldn't it be a tragedy to spend our whole life worshipping something that's not even worth it? Please pray that that would not be so in my life.

Praise:

-That God does not leave me to myself, but continually offers His grace and mercy!

Prayer Requests:

-Grace to love and correct and lead little boys and girls who need Him!

-Continued growth in the Happy Heart City team

-Grace to connect with people at each church we go to

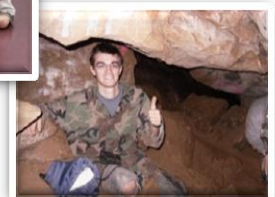
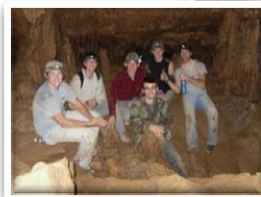
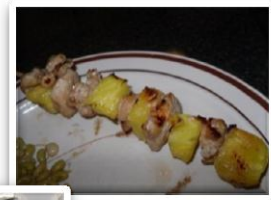
-Grace and wisdom in how to love my team

-That God will take my eyes off of everyone else and fix them completely on Himself

Remaining Fall Summits:

Friendship Baptist Church, Paducah, KY
– Sun, Nov. 13 – Sun, Nov. 20

First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, IN
– Sun, Nov. 27 – Wed, Nov. 7



Top Left: Samuel and Melissa – Two of my co-teachers; Top Right : Gator shishkabob –yum!
Middle: My co-teacher Becca reading to the kids;
Bottom Left and Right : Caving in Georgia!