

Gospel Equip News

September 2024

Recap of Gospel Outreaches in August 2024

Witnessing Workshop for Lewisburg Baptist Church: It was such an encouragement to equip the saints at my great friend Brandon Bailey's church on August 3rd! About a third of the church showed up to learn how to effectively share the gospel. This was in preparation for the Germantown

Germantown Fair Gospel Booth: Pastor Justin Clemens from Lewisburg Baptist came out along with many other Christians to share the glorious gospel with fair visitors on August 5-6. The exciting thing was that this was Lewisburg Baptist's first gospel booth at the Germantown Fair! They are planning on doing it again next year.

Iowa State Fair Gospel Booth: The Iowa State Fair was August 8-18, and this year we had team members from Gospel Equip there for each day of the fair. We partnered with Tulip Gospel Outreach and Tomorrow's Forefathers to share the Gospel with tens of thousands of people this year. We gave away about 70,000 gospel tracts and had hundreds and hundreds of meaningful, Christ-centered conversations.

Testify Witnessing Training Camp: During the fair Tony also spoke at the Testify witnessing training camp put on by Tomorrow's Forefathers at Willowbrook Bible Camp. Each of the two camps had about 50 people with campers coming from as far away as California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, and Texas! In addition to Tony, we also had Eric Hovind of Creation Today as a speaker.





Cynthiana Rod Run Gospel Outreach: PJ Simpson had a race car and a gospel booth at the Cynthiana Rod Run. We had a great time sharing the glorious gospel with many lost people at this car show on August 24th.

Riverfest Gospel Outreach: Cincinnati Riverfest was Sunday, September 1st, we had a team of nearly 30 people both from the Gospel Equip Witnessing Workshop which was hosted by Torch Community Church, as well as a group from Calvary Chapel, four siblings from Iowa, and others.

Tony taught several sessions on Saturday and Sunday mornings at Torch Community Church. Afterward, we loaded into cars and drove to the riverfront where we had a prayer stand and a life-size dinosaur! Tony also got to interview a “Black Hebrew Israelite” named Jay. That video will be posted to the Gospel Equip YouTube channel so stay tuned! It was certainly an interesting conversation.

The main attraction of Riverfest is one of the largest fireworks shows in the nation. After the fireworks, the team handed out thousands of the million-dollar bill tracts from Living Waters.

Team member Heidi had this to say about her experience:

Resistance

“Nobody wants that stuff!”

Said a teenage girl as she threw the million dollar bill tract on the ground, except she didn’t actually say “stuff” she said something worse.

“You’re wasting your time, but you’re very brave!” Said a man who claimed to be a Christian who stopped to chat for a minute.

Both these encounters happened at Cincinnati Riverfest after the fireworks ended when a tidal wave of approximately a hundred thousand people flowed by on their way out of the festival. I was handing out the million-dollar bills along with about twenty other people. There were so many people leaving at once that we needed a whole crew and even then we couldn’t possibly reach everyone.

The teenage girl didn’t surprise me; that’s not an uncommon reaction when handing out gospel tracts. But the man who claimed to be a Christian did. I don’t understand how any Christian could see handing out gospel tracts as a waste of time. Both of those people are good examples of how resistance can come from both sides - hostility from unbelievers and apathy from those who claim to be believers (God only knows if they are). Maybe I should not be surprised by either. Both come from an attitude that says “I just want to be left alone.” The unbeliever would rather have their sins and the believer

would rather have their comfort. My prayer for both of them is that the Lord would “shake them up” to see their need for a Savior and the need for the gospel for the lost.





Upcoming events

House of Prayer 50th Anniversary: Tony will be speaking 3-4 times at a church jubilee celebration in Indiana from Sept 13-15.

Bright Lights at the Ark Encounter: Gospel Equip will have a booth at the Bright Lights conference from Sept 20-21.

Texas State Fair: A team from Gospel Equip will be going to the Texas State Fair in Dallas from October 3-14, stay tuned for details!

Court Days: We will have a gospel booth at Court Days in Mt. Sterling, KY from Oct 18-21.

Does your church or group want to host a Gospel Equip Witnessing Workshop? contact: Tony@GospelEquip.org

