

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

November 2007

I pray this newsletter finds you having a lovely day. *I have just now prayed for you.* Just in a few weeks we will begin to see, hear, and smell the holiday season. It's the most wonderful time of the year as we give thanks to God the Father for His many gifts, especially the gift of His dear Son, Jesus Christ. I hope to see you somewhere during this special time.

Revival In Germantown, M.D.: Thank you so much for praying for me while I was away in Maryland in revival. Many decisions were made for Christ, mostly rededications. Please pray for them to grow spiritually in the days ahead as they walk along knowing that they are in Christ and Christ is in them.

An Evening of Inspiration: Praise God for the turn out of our second annual **Abiding Above Ministries Evening of Inspiration!** The storm kept some away understandably but I was encouraged by your presence. Mrs. Carolyn Alsip along with our volunteers, again, did a wonderful job with the planning, decorating, and making sure everyone knew just how welcomed they were. Dale Shipley blessed us with his message in song and his inspiring personal testimony along with Sandra Miller who played the piano for us during the entire evening.



God's Work In Progress: As I prepared my ministry report and message for that night I was so amazed at how much has been accomplished in less than three years.

<u>Abiding Above Ministries Statistics</u>	<u>2005 – 2007</u>
Events	143
Salvations	16,611
Rededications	59

<u>Abiding Above Discipleship School Statistics</u>	<u>2005 – 2007</u>
Bible Lessons Distributed	10,094
Bible Lessons Graded	3,261

As you can see we have been busy about the Lord's work, relying on His Holy Spirit and giving Him all of the glory.

The Work Continues in Memphis: I have enjoyed preaching on two occasions during the month of October at the Memphis Union Rescue Mission seeing a total of 47 men and women pray to receive Christ. I am also discipling them using power point presentations as I teach them the very basics of the Christian life, how to be a wise person and build right relationships.

Teaching on the Spirit-filled Life: I have also been invited to teach on the Spirit-filled Life using a power point presentation to those who are involved in Evangelism Explosion at Bellevue Baptist Church. We have all been encouraged each Tuesday night as we look into the Biblical truths of a deeper life with Christ. I have been invited back for their spring semester to teach a series of messages on how God has made us **spirit, soul, and body**. I have found it is so helpful to know these truths from God's Word when you think of the struggles we all go through during the different seasons of our life.

Ethiopia Crusade: Last night, after I finished teaching "The Fullness of the Holy Spirit" to the Evangelism Explosion Class at Bellevue Baptist, the class gathered around me and prayed for my upcoming trip to the capital city of Ethiopia. It moved my heart to hear them call my name in prayer to our Father in heaven asking Him to anoint me as I preach in this great country. We are expecting the crowds to exceed 100,000 each day of the crusade. This has involved a great deal of planning and hard work. Please pray and support me in this. When you receive this newsletter I will be well on my way. Please, stop right now and pray for my team and me. Traveling with me are my friends Jim Wheeler and Barry Wicktom. We will be flying out Monday, November 5th, and we are as ready as we can possibly be.

I Love You and Appreciate You: Words cannot express how grateful I am that you support me. We do need more financial support. Please, help us. *Remember, we are not maintaining anything.* We have laser like focus on sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person, encouraging spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3