

Dear Friend of **Abiding Above**,

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What a pure joy to preach again under a big tent! If you will remember, about 5 years ago when we started this ministry we had a Tent Crusade on the campus of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. We saw men, women, boys, and girls pray to receive Christ, and come to know who they are in Christ. Many of you signed up to be on our mailing list at that event. That list has now grown to more than 1,300 people who follow what we are doing and pray for us faithfully!

### **Tent Revival:**

Our Tent Revival north of Little Rock, Arkansas was a great success! We saw 22 come forward the first night, 16 the second night, 1 the third night, and 3 the last night. Many more made decisions at their seat indicated by raising their hand. What is so amazing about our time in Arkansas is the



amount of rain we had. It poured down with sheets of rain as I drove there, the entire time I was there, and on my way home! Each night the people got drenched racing to the tent from their cars. Yes, the weather did affect attendance, but not like we thought it would. We maintained about 250 people each night though we were expecting 350 to 700. We were surprised, and pleased with the turn out in such bad weather. It was obvious that the people are hungry for genuine spiritual renewal. Remember, a revival is for those who are saved. It is a call to full surrender, *"Not I, But Christ."* Yes, it is glorious to see people saved at these events, but the emphasis is for the believer who has been following God at a guilty distance to renew his fellowship with God.

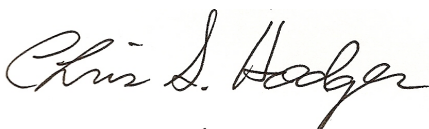
**Memphis Union Mission:** It was a joy to preach at the Memphis Union Mission this month and see so many pray to receive Christ! We must always remember, but for the grace of God we could find ourselves in a rescue mission struggling with an addiction and many personal problems. Each time I preach at the mission I try to bring a discipleship message and close with a simple gospel plea. I believe they need basic encouragement, and to learn basic principles to live by that we know comes only from God's Holy Word. They do not need another turn or burn, hell fire and brimstone message. I feel led by the Holy Spirit to be as patient with them as God has always been with me.

You know, there are many local churches in any city, but when you think of the spiritual body of Christ and the fact that true believers are all one in Christ it keeps you from becoming exclusive of your brothers and sisters in Christ in area churches. One of our sister churches Emmanuel Baptist in Collierville, TN invited me to preach this month and we saw 11 people come forward at the invitation. My message that morning was, "*How To Renew Your Fellowship with God.*" If you would like a free copy of this message you may write to the address on this letter, or call 901-590-9890, or you can email at [calsip@abidingabove.org](mailto:calsip@abidingabove.org). We will be happy to send one to you.

I want to ask someone who may be reading this newsletter to help us in the area of our discipleship school. We are discipling people all over America through the mail. We have hundreds of students who faithfully do their lessons each week. We are in critical need of re-stocking our lessons. We have many lessons in many series and our supply is at an all time low. We are very close to having students not finish a series because of this. The lessons and postage add up, but the results are wonderful. We are helping Christians grow spiritually. Please help us. Right now \$2,500 will put us back to where we need to be so not a student will see an interruption. Please pray about this. We need you.

When you receive this letter I will be in the middle of a revival at Boulevard Baptist Church in Southaven, MS. Please pray for me and maybe you can make one night of the revival! I would love to see you there! We love you and thank God daily for you.

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3