



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

February 2021

It's always an honor and blessing for me to encourage the homeless men who are finding help at Memphis Union Mission. We have to practice social distancing, so the people are separated and I can't shake hands or give a hug - but God's Word is clearly taught and well received!

I preached for a week encouraging them on how to apply the principles of God's word to their moment-by-moment lives. The overall theme that comes through the messages this year is found in **Proverbs 23:7** – *“For as he thinks within himself, so he is.”*



I reminded the men that they came from the mind of God and apart from God they would never have been born. God chose to create them, and He has a wonderful plan for their lives. Therefore, how they see themselves sets the direction for their lives, for as a man thinks within himself, so he is.

I reminded them they once were a little baby, then an older child leading to the teenage years and adulthood. The environment we grow up in and the adults that we watch and who speak into our lives shape how we think within ourselves. A person cannot for very long act differently than how he ... thinks within himself ...

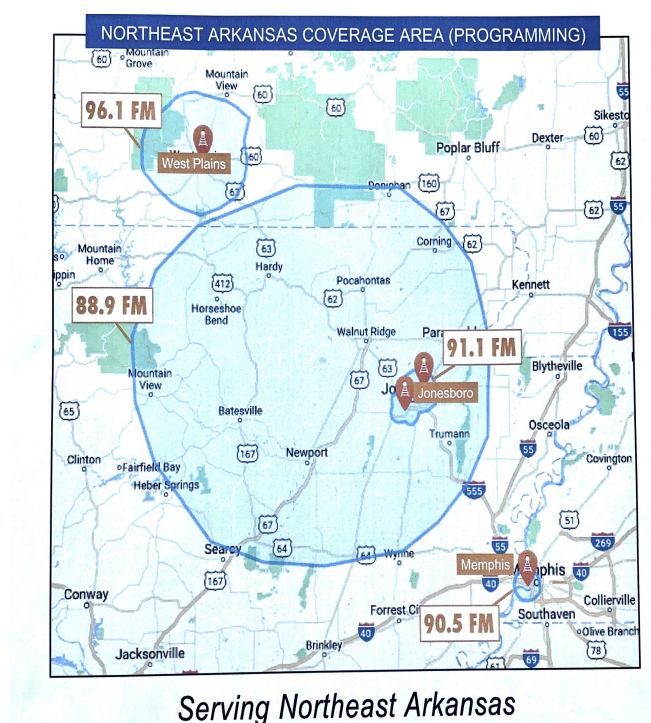
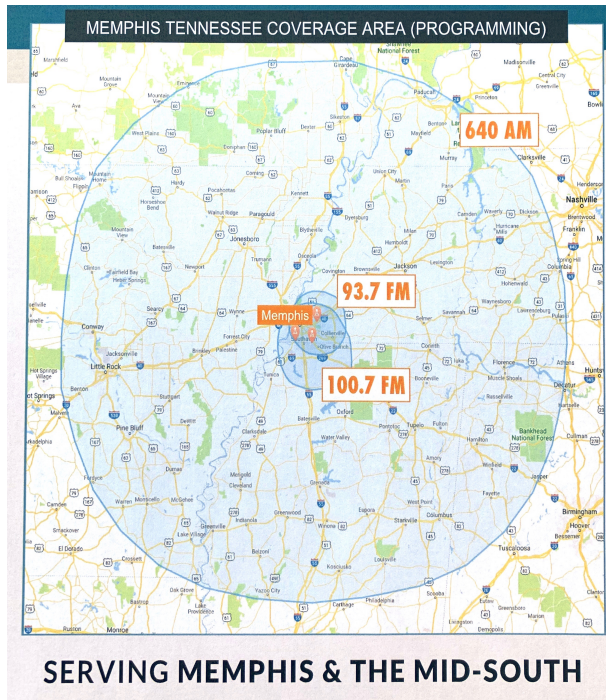
God's perfect and wonderful plan for a person begins with a personal relationship with God the Father, by believing that God the Son died for all of the sin he was born in and all acts of sin he would ever commit.

I taught them that at the moment of their salvation, God the Holy Spirit came inside of their human spirit, and as they let the Holy Spirit control them, He renews their mind which affects their emotions and controls their human will. I also encouraged them in the discipleship programs they are enrolled in. Please pray for these men and for the many people in rescue missions across our wonderful country, America.

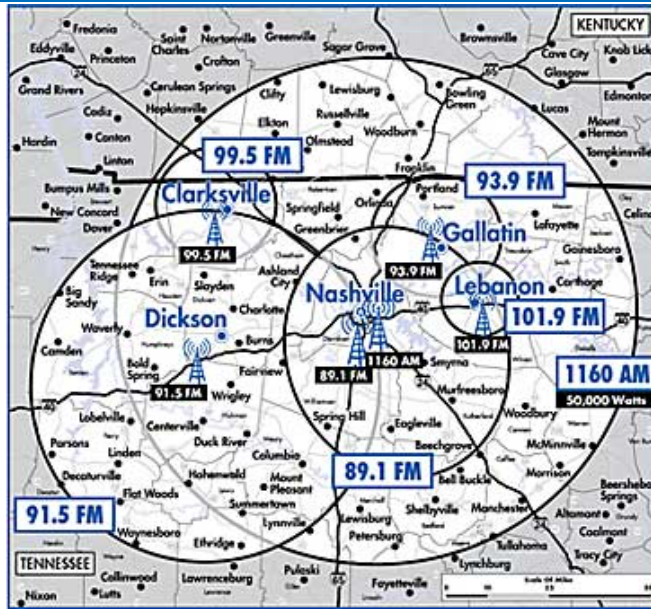
It was great to be back with Byron Tyler and Steve Coplton for an interview with Byron's radio program, Mid-South Viewpoint. The interview was about the need for evangelism to be a top priority for God's children and local churches worldwide. Byron listed many statistics that were alarming on the lack of evangelistic fervor here and around the world. Check out the following link on YouTube <https://youtu.be/MW4aVvadIMo> .



Exciting news! We have an opportunity to greatly expand our radio coverage from Memphis, TN to Jonesboro, AR and Nashville, TN and their greater areas.



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Please pray for us in this! Pray that God will lead people to give so the gospel will go out to more people through this expanded coverage area.

We need you!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3

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