



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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It was a joy to teach the homeless men at Memphis Union Mission in their brand-new chapel. It's been amazing to watch the construction of the new facilities they now have and to realize how God led people to pay for it as they went. Memphis Union Mission is debt free!

I've been a volunteer preacher there for more than 20 years, and each time I go it is truly a blessing. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt the lessons I teach from God's Holy Word will transform their minds, affecting their actions, and healing their emotions.

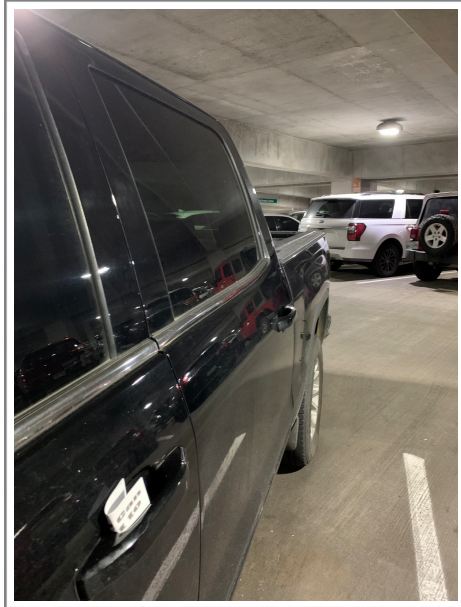
Recently, I officiated a funeral at Bellevue Baptist Church. While talking with the family preparing for the service, we realized this godly lady used to sit with my mother when my dad had to run errands. My mother suffered from a major stroke. It was a blessing to do the funeral service of a woman who had a positive influence on so many lives. The Bellevue choir, which she was a member of, did a fantastic job in honoring her godly life.

A team of us were able to distribute thousands of tracts at the Memphis Airport. Our city's international airport is a great location to get the gospel out to many different people from all over the world! Sometimes people ask me, "How many of the tracts do you think people read?" I always respond, "More than if there were none given out." Tract distribution is an excellent way to get the gospel of Jesus Christ out to a lost and dying world.

***"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke (1729-1797)***



Praise the Lord also for the thousands of tracts a team of us handed out at this year's Liberty Bowl in Memphis, TN. We met for prayer, loaded our backpacks with gospel tracts and then made a beeline to the huge stadium! We handed tracts to people, put tracts on the door handles of cars, and had many spiritual conversations with fans from both teams!



My friend, I pray you and your family will have a blessed new year as you continue to walk, talk, and listen to the One who is your Life!

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