

THE KENNEDYS

On Mission with God and For God

July 2024 NEWS

Reaching North Central Idaho & Eastern Washington with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 3:36

I recently had the privilege of writing a sermon about the wrath of God and I wanted to share a bit of it. The title of the sermon is "God Means What He Says." One point of the sermon is that understanding the wrath of God gives you a richer appreciation and insight into God's love, mercy, and grace. 1 John 4:8 tells us God is love, and John 3:16 promises that whoever believes in the Son has life. God's love and power demonstrated through the cross and resurrection gives us a way to peace with Him, while disobedience to His Gospel, (Jesus said, "Follow Me") results in God's wrath remaining on that person.

God does not "lose His temper." Since He is sovereign, holy, and unchanging, God's wrath is an expression of His justice executed toward sinners. God's mercy and grace hold back His wrath, providing the path to His love so clearly demonstrated at the cross. God's wrath gives credence and clarity to His mercy and grace through His glorious Gospel. That is the "nutshell" of a very long sermon.

I deserve God's wrath, but because of His great love, I can say, *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."* 1 Peter 1:3-4

What's Been Happening

January – May College Campus Ministry: I continued weekly ministry on college campuses, which provided hundreds of opportunities to share the Gospel with students. Campuses I continue to frequent include Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, ID; North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, ID; Washington State University in Pullman, WA; and the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID. These are fruitful times for sharing Scripture with unbelievers, and answering their questions. It is also a great time of encouragement and discipleship with Christian students who stop to talk.

Indian Bible College (IBC): Once again, I had the opportunity to teach a creative ministries class at IBC in Flagstaff, AZ. My co-workers there were OAC Personnel Director, Tom Fox and his new bride, Carmen. The great privilege of being a part of IBC is seeing peoples' lives transformed by the Gospel and watching as IBC has come "full circle" to become a missionary sending organization, both locally and globally. Please pray for the students and staff at IBC. The IBC vision posted on campus is: "Biblical, Relational, Transformational" and as an organization you see this lived out there. To learn more about them see their website: indianbible.org.

Rodeo Time: Border Days in Grangeville is when our little town grows exponentially and ministry stretches from Art In The Park to pre-rodeo rides on Jesse around town passing out tracts and talking to people.

Winchester Days: I got to partner with Winchester Community Church where we set up a booth to reach the community with the Gospel.

Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp: I was so pleased to be the speaker for teen camp at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. This was a great time with the teens being very receptive, asking good questions, and some professing Christ with others growing in their walk.



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Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2



Other Activities

- “Pulpit Supply” for local churches
- Speaking at conferences, home school events, school chapels, etc.
- Board member for Eagle Summit Ministries out of Spokane, WA helping rural churches eaglesummitministry.org
- Chapel speaker for Spokane’s Union Gospel Mission

What’s Ahead

Community Events

Community events are in full swing. These are great times to involve and train local churches in reaching their communities. With so many new people moving to Idaho, I meet lots of newcomers from all walks of life. Events I have already been able to do outreaches at include the:

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| St. Patrick Day’s Event, Kamiah, ID | Salmon River Jet Boat Races, Riggins, ID |
| White Bird Days, White Bird, ID | Craigmont June Picnic, Craigmont, ID |
| Winchester Days, Winchester, ID | Border Days, Grangeville, ID |

Upcoming events where I will be set-up include:

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| Kooskia Days, Kooskia, ID | BBQ Days, Kamiah, ID |
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July 28

I am presenting Open Air Campaigners and speaking at a community-wide event in LaCrosse, WA organized by three churches in the community.

August 5-6

I will be conducting a training session for Tiny Heartbeats ministry interns before they head off to the California Bay Area to do evangelism and pro-life outreaches.

Week of August 19th

Colleges are back in session so that’s where I will be.

Ministry Partner Updates

Angela continues to work part-time and this is the season where she enjoys spending time in the garden so she is staying quite busy. She holds down the fort at home while I am so often on the road, and she is the one who types all my messages. **Bailey** continues to serve with her mission board, Serge, in Nairobi, Kenya. Please keep her in prayer.

The **mules** will get to be involved in ministry this summer as well. Jesse, Angela’s mule did have an injury to her right hind leg but is healed up and ready to go. People always seem quite open to taking a tract from a man on a mule! **Remi**, our young mini-aussie pup even got to be involved in ministry this year. She headed to college campus with me. As you might guess, she is more popular than me.

This summer marks 20 years that we have been on staff with Open Air Campaigners. It seems like only yesterday we were preparing for our internship in the Baltimore/DC OAC Branch.



Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

As missionaries, we depend on God’s provision. We ask that after supporting your local church you would prayerfully consider giving to God’s work through this ministry. We welcome your partnership in reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your tax-deductible gift can be given online at oacgive.org or by mail to OAC PO Box D, Nazareth, PA 18064. **Thank You!!**