



MIKE & PAM EASTRIDGE

The Pulse



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September & October in Review

Perhaps the best word to describe the first two weeks of September for me would be OUCH! After being punctured, poked, and probed by two doctors and a half dozen other healthcare providers, I finally arrived for my September 8 surgery to repair a large hernia. With the surgeon's guarded approval and warning of a 5 pound limit on lifting I resumed my travel schedule one week later. The rigors of the next month rendered the surgeon's promise for a speedy recovery null and void. For the next six weeks, Pam became the family "porter" lifting and loading a huge cache of luggage and supplies to support a busy schedule of meetings and workshops. Thankfully, I have been able to resume most of the loading and my pain level is down to an occasional twinge.

Our first stop was in Pinetops, NC for a Fall Revival with Faith Baptist Church. God blessed with a sweet spirit and folks in the altar each night.

In Dalzell, SC, we conducted a Sunday School & Teacher Training Workshop for Springbank Baptist Church before heading to Ohio for a ministry report to one of our supporting churches and meetings at several others.

In our 34th Sunday School & Teacher Training Workshop at Heartland Baptist Church of St. Elmo Illinois, God blessed with a wonderful spirit of revival. Workers began, right away, implementing what they had learned and planning for future success. On Sunday morning, one trusted Christ as Savior. In the afternoon, a large group turned out for neighborhood soul winning. Finally, after a great Sunday Evening service, the church decided to partner with us for monthly support.

Further west, I preached in the Missions Month at Bartlesville Baptist Temple in Oklahoma. In our final meeting of October I preached the Missions Conference for Smoky Valley Baptist Church of Lindsborg, KS. Our hearts were thrilled as we heard the testimonies of God's people regarding their tithing and missionary giving and to see a lad receive Christ as Savior on Sun-

day. It has indeed been a busy and blessed Fall.

Getting Organized

One of the great marks of Solomon's wisdom was his attendance to order. In I Kings 10:5, the Queen of Sheba was astounded when she witnessed *"the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD;"* This same order can be found in the Temple which he built and which serves as an example today of the excellence and order needed in the business and operation of the local church.

Many pastors possess strong pulpit skills but lack the organizational skills which can engage workers and relieve ministry stress. A growing aspect of our ministry has become assisting pastors with organization. In recent weeks, God has allowed us to spend a number of days working with pastors in:

- Building an annual calendar
- Optimizing the use of facilities
- Managing financial records
- Finding ways to train and engage workers

While we may not immediately see souls walking the aisle, I have no doubt that establishing order will make God's men and Christ's Church far more effective in the work of the Great Commission.

Please pray with us as we work to expand this area of CPR Ministries.

Praises & Prayers

Praise the Lord for a good report from my follow-up visit regarding my August eye surgery.

Praise the Lord for providing a, much needed, new computer to replace my very tired old laptop.

Pray with us about two important pieces of media equipment that we would like to add to our ministry.

Pray as we offer counsel and help for a church restart in Illinois.

Pray for safety as we head back to the Southeastern U.S for Holiday Season.

