



## Fall Newsletter 2022

## FAITHFULNESS

Luke 1:8-13

<sup>8</sup> And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, <sup>9</sup> According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. <sup>11</sup> And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Not much is known about Zacharias. From the text, we know that he faithfully fulfilled the duties of his priestly office. The Bible isn't clear how long he and Elisabeth prayed for a child, but we can assume it had been for many years. God heard the prayers of His faithful servants and gave them a son, John the Baptist.

If I were to tell most of you the name, Jack Mercer, there would not be much known about him. He served faithfully as deacon for over 50 years. Anything that needed to be done, he would do, no matter what the task entailed without ever seeking man's approval. On top of being faithful to God and His service, he was faithful to his family. In my eyes, there is no greater grandpa than mine.

Because my Grandpa was faithful unto God, the Lord blessed him, answering many of his prayers. He told me that he and my nanny would pray every night for me, my family and this ministry. Although he never told me the exact prayer (because prayer is a private thing between him and God), I do know, I've seen souls saved, bodies miraculously healed, people set free from bondages and I've seen God's provision upon my family and the ministry.

While on our last evangelistic trip, we endured several hard trials. My 19-month-old niece passed in a tragic drowning accident. I had to miss two different meetings when hit by a second round of Covid that put me back into the ER and later receiving another infusion. We had an air conditioner failure that my dad was able to replace while parked next to the church house, and three different breakdowns on the side of the busy highway. One break down in particular left us stranded for eight hours in the middle of the night. We were excited when a tow truck finally came at 2:00 am to help us only to be called away to another semi wreck just a few miles away. Finally at 3:00 am a second tow truck towed us to the nearest Wal-Mart parking lot around 5:00 am. We found out the next day that it was only a 20 minute repair, but still we saw the faithfulness of God when He provided a preacher to contact the right mechanic with the right parts to get us back up and running. On the last breakdown,



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only three hours from home, we almost didn't make it up a small hill, as the bus would only travel

15mph. My dad had to unhitch the van to drive an hour in one direction to pick up the needed part. Afterwards, Dad changed the air filter, which was a temporary fix to get us safely home. Once home, we got the bus into our mechanic and he pinpointed the root of the problem. We had to replace all the fuel injectors that came at a shocking price. Repairs for this trip was over \$10,000.

Through all these many trials, it was worth it to see the Lord save seven precious souls! Many times we thought about turning the bus toward home, but my grandpa's words came to my mind "there ain't no use in coming home. You ins stay on the road and do what God has called you to do." The Lord reminded me of my grandpa's faithfulness, but most importantly I saw the faithfulness of God. In my human flesh I have not always been faithful unto God as I should, but He has always been faithful to me. I pray that I will be considered faithful enough to hear the same words my grandpa heard on April 1, 2022 as God wiped away his last tear, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

If it were not for our faithful partners, both through prayer and financial support, we would not have made it through this last trip. Please help us pray the Lord sends more monthly financial partners. Due to the astronomical cost of all the repairs and diesel prices, our ministry has suffered a great financial deficit.

If you would like to become a monthly partner or to give a special gift to help, there are multiple way to do so: through our free app (Jacob Berry Ministries), through our website ([www.jacobberryministries.org](http://www.jacobberryministries.org)), or by mail to Jacob Berry Ministries P.O. Box 1266 Miami, OK 74355.

THANK YOU!



## FALL SCHEDULE

### September

18<sup>th</sup> Christ The King Comm.  
Church  
Fredericktown, OH  
Rev. Lucian Baker

21<sup>st</sup> Cedar Street Baptist Church  
Proctorville, OH  
Rev. Brian Root

25<sup>th</sup> Blanchester Fellowship  
Tabernacle Church  
Blanchester, OH  
Rev. Josh Haines

### October

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Winfield Arise Camp  
Meeting  
Faith Ignited Church  
Winfield, KS  
Rev. Branson Sears

Jacob preaching Sunday pm

27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> Antioch House Of Prayer  
Abingdon, VA  
Rev. Jason Nunley