June 19-June 25

Two birthdays and no anniversaries this week. Don preaches next Sunday.

June 12, 2022 Contribution: \$890.00 Attendance: 14

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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

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Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



An illustration brought to life! "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." I Cor. 3:6





Every time I share my conversion story, I talk about "my Chaldean classmate in the third year sharing with me some literature that talked about how many tens of thousands of Bible manuscripts we have . . . ," and that's when I became a believer (that was in late 1998). Those small tracts were excerpts from Josh McDowell's *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*. My college friend eventually gave me *More Than A Carpenter*, then took me to a Christian bookstore in a Baghdad church that had only one copy of McDowell's *Evidence*. The copy was for display and I could neither buy nor borrow it. That's it. I had to deal with the fact that I'd *never* get to read McDowell's book.

Well, this past Wednesday, McDowell was speaking at the *Legacy Conference*, where I was also invited to speak. I got him to sign my own copy of his book. I told him I felt like Christ signing the gospel for me. His humor was even less conventional. During the conference, I got to talk about the summer's park evangelism in Dearborn that we launched on Memorial Day, in which I gave a bilingual gospel message. I also got to share the gospel with an Iraqi Muslim man living in Grand Rapids, and he got a copy of *The Road to Your Happiness*. Multiple copies were also distributed off the ACM table in the expo. The book is available for free upon request and a Texas sister who is sharing the gospel with three Muslims wrote me how she loved it.

The Scott County Church of Christ in Georgetown, KY, was an example of a small congregation in the woods of the American South that has a heart as big as the world. The loving congregation invited me to speak about God's love and I naturally felt like I was speaking to the choir. How those rural small churches are credited with the biggest mission work around the globe still baffles me as nothing short of a divine fulfillment of Christ's promise that the gates of Hades will not prevail against His church.

I gave a class on 2 Corinthians at the South Edmonton church and it will be available once uploaded. I was invited to give another class in September.

We continue our *Hebrews* study in my congregation on Wednesdays. (From June newsletter)