

# ***REACHING HEARTS AT HOME***

*The Quarterly Newsletter of Joe and Erin Wells*

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## ***We Continue to Grow as We Serve***

When this year began, we had a full schedule ahead of us. Now as we look back on a completed summer, with an eye of reflection we marvel at how much our family has grown through our experiences.

On top of our oldest finishing high school and preparing himself for college, we now have an additional teenager driving in our family. Our daughter, Michala, passed her permit test and is working toward getting her license. Our other two boys continue to grow and blossom into fine young men as they demonstrated over and over again at Bible camps this year.

Camden won camper of the week at the camp Apologetics Press puts on every year, and Bennett was so kind and thoughtful at our last camp when it came to younger campers who were homesick or lonely. He went up and asked this one boy to sit with him during an evening keynote. I know that may not sound like much, but as parents, we were so proud of how much he cared about another person.

The spiritual growth of our own children is a major part of our personal ministry, and we love that our children have ample opportunities to mature.

## ***What We've Been Up To:***

The CONNECT Conference was held in Nashville, TN, on June 3-5. This was the very first conference, and the attendance really demonstrated that Christians are ready to be together. With an emphasis on evangelism and church growth, the CONNECT Conference looks to be a yearly encouragement for those who decide to make this event part of their year. Joe spoke twice, with his keynote being "The Gospel Matters." Next year, the conference is set for July 27-30, and Joe is slated to speak every morning as the kick-off, motivational speaker.

In July, both Joe and Erin were asked to teach at HORIZONS, the summer camp held each year on the campus of Freed-Hardeman University. Erin taught a class on the book of 1 John and one on evangelism. Joe taught on Ministering Through Tragedy. The teens in the class were wonderful and very attentive. It was a great week!

In July, Joe flew to Puyallup, WA, where he participated in a conference called FaithBuilders. This is a wonderful event for those living in the Northwest to look forward to every year. Joe spoke a total of 6 times over the 4-day conference on the subject of the church, its value, beauty, and blessing to those who embrace the precious message of the Gospel.

Most recently, most of our family traveled down to Central Florida Bible Camp in Eustis, FL. There, Joe spoke to the teens a total of 9 times on various subjects within the theme "Culture Shock." There were over 80 teens present from a variety of backgrounds, which contributed to a week of in-depth questions and discussions. This was the second full-week camp Joe had spoken at during the summer. The first one was at Yosemite Bible Camp in California where there were two baptisms.



**CONNECT Conference in Nashville**



**HORIZONS at Freed-Hardeman**



**FaithBuilders in Washington**



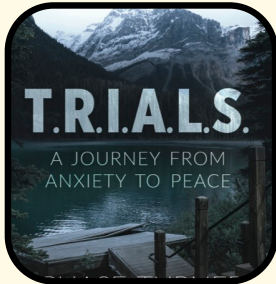
**Central Florida Bible Camp**



## ***New Products from Kaio Publications:***



With seven months completed in 2021, we have published a total of 6 new resources and two more are nearing completion. The first one I want to tell you about is a resource for ladies to help them grow in their prayer lives through in-depth Bible study and journaling. "Praying Through It: Pursuing a Heart of Prayer" is written by Lori Boyd, one of our regular ladies' authors. She did a terrific job creating a very timely and usable resource.



The second project we completed in this quarter is called "T.R.I.A.L.S.: A Journey from Anxiety to Peace." Written by Chase Turner, this resource falls into the self-help/family-health category. With topics such as finances, family, careers, parenting, and more being addressed, this resource is practical for every person. An additional benefit to this project is that it is also available in a Spanish translation.



The last resource we completed in this quarter is the second book in our "Piedy" series. With the number of our fully illustrated children's books increasing, "Piedy Learns Patience" is one we are very excited about. In this book, Piedy meets a young lady with autism. With the intent of helping young children better understand those with autism, this resource will serve families and congregations well.

## ***Registration for Legacy Family Camp East***

**SPEAKERS**

DAVID SHANNON  
PRESIDENT, FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY

LEGACY FAMILY CAMP EAST  
OCTOBER 28-31, 2021  
www.legacyfamilycampeast.com

BILLY CLABAUGH  
PREACHER, SAYRE CHURCH OF CHRIST &  
CO-DIRECTOR OF LEGACY FAMILY CAMP (OK)

Recently, we opened registration for the upcoming Legacy Family Camp East. We currently have 47 family units registered, totaling over 180 people. Registration is still opened, so if anyone in your congregation would like to attend, please direct them to the website. ([legacyfamilycampeast.com](http://legacyfamilycampeast.com))

We are very excited about our speakers this year. Brother David Shannon currently serves as the President of Freed-Hardeman University and is a well-known speaker at various conferences. Brother Billy Clabaugh is one of the co-directors of the original Legacy Family Camp in Oklahoma and preaches for the Sayre congregation in Sayre, OK.

## ***The Hey Joe Show***

The summer months are nearly over which means a brand new season of The Hey Joe Show will kick off the first of August. This season, we will have a new producer of the show. Our oldest son, Colton, has served as our producer for years. However, with him beginning his first year of college soon, our son Camden will be stepping into this role. One of the great blessings about our ministry is that our children get to participate and learn how important various tasks can be. From fulfilling orders to producing a YouTube show, this truly is a family ministry. Be watching for the new episode to come out on Sunday night, August 8th!



### ***Speaking Schedule:***

#### **August:**

- 2 - Franklin, KY
- 4 - Killen, AL
- 8 - Louisville, KY
- 11 - Birmingham, AL
- 13-15 - Meridian, ID
- 29-Sept 1 - Sayre, OK

#### **September:**

- 10-11 - Dexter, MO
- 12-15 - Poplar Bluff, MO
- 16-19 - Denver, CO
- 24-25 - Clifton, TN
- 26-27 - Ponca City, OK

#### **October:**

- 3-6 - Washington, WV
- 9 - Oklahoma City, OK
- 10-13 - Prescott, AR
- 24 - Louisville, KY
- 27-31 - Hamilton, AL

#### **November:**

- 1-30 - Maui, HI

Our family would like to express our deepest and most sincerest thanks for each and every one of you. When we were praying about this ministry, we knew it would only be possible if God chose to provide a way. Through your partnership, God continues to provide a path forward, and we are excited about faithful walk, trusting Him. If we can ever serve you, either in your presence or in a consultant capacity, please know we are at your service. We love each of you in the Lord. May God continue to bless you!

***We thank God for each of you.  
Thank you for partnering with us!***