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## Revival!

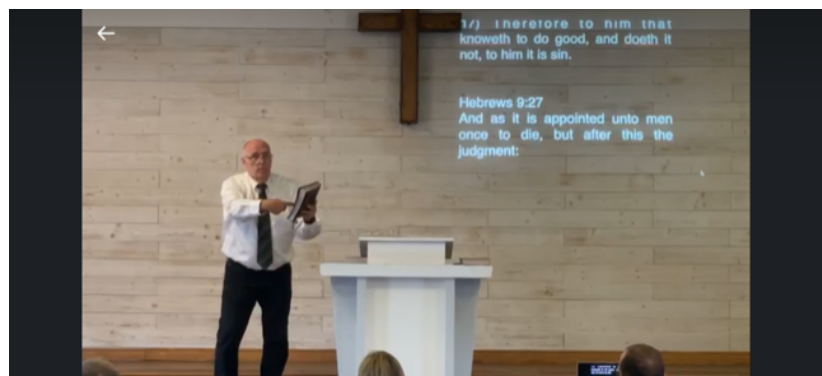
As we entered into the Fall season, our schedule as a church really ramped up. Prior to opening our church last Spring, I already scheduled with several guest speakers for two revival events, one for our whole church in September and another for our youth in October. Needless to say, these occasions were a huge blessing to our church

### *Labor Day Cookout*

For Labor Day weekend, we had a cookout as a church together right after our service. One family generously offered their home for us to grill, eat, and have fellowship. They have a backyard that connects to a shared road for cars to park behind row homes, so that made it feel bigger outside. We stayed out till almost ten and it was a great time to get to know each other.

### *Revival*

The weekend after Labor Day, we hosted a revival meeting for two days, Saturday and Sunday. Our guest speaker was Allen Snare, a veteran deaf evangelist from Silent Word Ministries who has been preaching for almost 50 years. On the first day, we had two services with a large crowd with some local visitors and many from other states. On the second day, it was just our church family and a few local visitors from the day before. After the



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service, one of those visitors came forward to me and said “My heart hurts”. I understood what he meant and we walked together to a private space. He explained that as he was listening to Allen preach, his heart began to “hurt” but he was talking about it in a way that meant he was feeling convicted. So I asked him if he knew how to go to heaven and after listening to his answer, it was clear that he wasn’t saved. Over the next 30 minutes I went through the Romans road with him and showing him pictures from a gospel Chick tract.

At the end of our conversation, I explained to him that I cannot pray for him but that he will have to pray and ask God himself. He closed his eyes, lifted up his head, and then prayed in sign language. As I was watching him pray and listening to his words, it was clear that he understood salvation. We were beyond thrilled to see our first soul saved!

*Teaching Sign Language*

During the summer, I met a hearing man about the same age as me at a local meeting who works as an associate pastor. His church in New Jersey has a small deaf ministry and he has been learning sign language to communicate with them. Within a few minutes of conversing with him, I could tell that he already has a very natural affinity with ASL. He already knew fingerspelling and basic vocabulary, it was easy to tell that he was quite dedicated to it. Since we live close by, I offered to teach him more on a weekly basis and he was quite delighted! Starting in September, we have been meeting halfway between our homes at a Dunkin Donuts for one hour almost every week. I’m looking forward to see how God will use this.

*Youth Rally*

As mentioned, I reserved a speaker for our youth before the church started. His name is J.T. Gorham, a deaf youth evangelist, also from Silent Word Ministries. Back then, I wasn’t expecting how







many children we would have but we had fifteen children across two days. I also took this opportunity to learn how to best conduct children's ministry by watching J.T. Back in my home church, most of my ministry was geared toward young adults so I was thankful for this learning experience. After all of the activities, games, food, and preaching, two young CODAs (Child Of Deaf Adult) professed Christ! One is ten years old and the other, eight.

### *Sweet Sixteenth*

During October, one of the CODAs who comes to church asked me to give a message and a blessing during her sweet sixteenth party. She comes from a Puerto Rican family so this is quite common in their culture. I gave a message, more directly to her than the crowd, on knowing Jesus and treasuring the Bible. In the end, I gave her a Bible and during the prayer, my request were the same as mentioned in the message. She and her family were very appreciative of us being there.

### *Prayer Requests*

We're thrilled to see our first salvations and fruit being produced this early in our ministry. We could have not done it without your support and prayers.

- For the newly saved's spiritual growth.
- For more others in the deaf community to become saved.
- For our church family to continue in their walk with the Lord.

*-Thank you!!*

