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Summer is here! Spring is gone. Seasons change but God does not. He continues to use the same Great News to bring new life to lost souls! This past Spring we watched as God once again used the public proclamation of the Gospel to draw unbelievers to Christ, encourage believers, answer skeptics, confront critics, and awaken a sleeping culture to the reality of eternity. The job of the Evangelist: Plant, Water, Plow, Pull Weeds, Move Rocks... Repeat & Watch God! Thank you for supporting & sending this "farmer" out to plant the Seed of God's Good Word!

Above: "Out Raleigh" Gay Pride Festival brings a wild crowd with many "undercover seekers." Every year God has us speak with those in the LGBTQ community that He's drawing out of the darkness. The same verses that apply to us apply to them. Jesus said, "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Me." He did not say, "Deny the cross, affirm yourself and expect Me to follow you into a life of sin." **Below Left:** "NAACP Rally" was a local rally for Planned Parenthood, Black Lives Matter, Liberal Democrats and anyone that hates Donald Trump. For me it was a great fishing hole to share Christ with inquisitive youth, correct misunderstandings about God & the Bible, and also catch a new friend whom I'm currently discipling on a regular basis. The three girls standing in front of me were hooked by the Gospel as I explained that God did not create them to live life without Him. **Below Center:** "Animazement" is an annual event where 1000s dress up in costumes & enjoy each other's interest in Japanese animation. I spoke with Jay, a 19 yr. old transexual, for an hour as others stood around & listened to me explain to him that he was a man, made in God's image to be undivided physically & psychologically. For example, if someone struggles with anorexia & psychologically "feels" overweight, but physically they're not, the most compassionate response is not to agree with their "feelings" & confusion, but to affirm the facts of their physical body. The LGBTQ community, like anyone, needs "true" Christian love; a love that accepts them as being made in God's image & worthy of respect, without affirming their sin & rebellion. **Below Right:** "Animazement" for me was 7 hours Friday night & 7 hours Saturday night of non-stop preaching, teaching and Q & A with young people who have no interest in going to church. Under all the costumes & criticisms, under all the skepticism & sin, are little lambs, made in the image of God, lost, alone, empty and without a Shepherd. The most loving and reasonable thing we can do is introduce them to Jesus!

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Having spent some years in the past as a young adults' pastor I cannot turn off my passion for the youth. They're full of life, energy, and zeal, even if it's in the wrong direction. They're intellectually inquisitive and sincerely desire a meaningful future. They want answers about life, but at the same time they want to live in rebellion and sin against God. Now, more than ever I see how the standard University's secular progressive liberalism provides no real answers and meaning for these young adults. Advertised as "Essential for Success", apart from Christ, the University has become a sure path to a fake future clothed in trendy social causes. But before we misplace our hope, conservative religious moralism has also failed young people. It often provides a spiritual counterfeit to truly knowing Christ, growing in Christ and expanding God's Kingdom. My message to young adults is this: "Please, do not succeed at the wrong thing. Please, don't be really good in the wrong direction. Get saved. Get straightened out. And get started serving God with your gifts and talents. You won't regret it." **Above Left & Center:** The UNC Chapel Hill "Pit" has become one of my favorite places to preach. Sometimes I call myself, "the uninvited professor." I tell students that Jesus offers the "Highest Education," but His teachings can be dangerous to our agendas. And unlike Muslim jihad, I'm there to set off "a weapon of mass instruction," teaching them Biblical truth, tearing down arguments against the knowledge of God & loving each student. **Above Right:** NC State University- If I'm not preaching, I'm passing out tracts and talking with students one on one. Here I'm talking with a young Muslim student who is convinced the New Testament is not trustworthy, and Jesus did not really die or rise from the grave. I'm learning to be more like a good doctor; lots of questions, lots of listening, and only then can I make the proper diagnosis and provide the right answer. Ultimately I trust the Holy Spirit to persuade them, but God loves using real Christians with real answers in that process.



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