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Ministry Is Harder In 2021!!

The fear of the pandemic made the government place restrictions on us like mask wearing and social distancing. People were afraid so they isolated themselves. This made it very difficult to do ministry. Since the first of the year, things have opened up.

In April, we decided to do a Monday night Bible study on Identity. It was very successful and we had a good turnout. The Wednesday night youth meeting, Alive, has maintained its momentum.

Next Gen, our ministry where we go into the high schools, has been shut down for a year. As things have loosened up we



have been trying to get back into the high schools. Bonnabel agreed to let us back on campus so the first Thursday in April was our first club in a year. We are not allowed to give out pizza, so we give wrapped candy. It was really like starting over all over again.

The Collective, our college and career group, has been meeting on Thursday night for Bible study and attendance is good.

The Current Word, my call in radio talk show, has been doing really good. I have people who listen from New York city and London, England.

One of our students, Andrew Francis, has been waiting to be baptized along with his brother. So, on April 9 he was baptized in a neighbor's pool by his mom and dad.

Last year we were unable to do our Disciple Now citywide conference. This year we got a helping hand from the New Orleans



Baptist theological seminary. In the past it was a two day event where the students stayed in guest homes. This year it was just one long day and the seminary hosted it. It was just what our youth needed.

It is hard to explain, but the lockdown really did emotional damage to our youth. All the youth groups across the city have suffered. Please pray for my ministry.

Bonnabel Opened Up!!

Last year, when they shut down the school in the beginning of March, we were running over a hundred youth at our Next Gen club meetings in Bonnabel. Next Gen tried to keep in touch with the students virtually. It was hard because everything they were doing was virtual. So, at the beginning of the year when the schools started opening up Next Gen started contacting all this schools so we could get back in. Bonnabel was the first high school on the east bank.

What complicated it was the students were given the option to come to class in per-



son or virtually at home. So about 40% of the students were not there. About 40% of the students only speak Spanish. So it makes it very difficult for us to gather students to have club.

Last year we were running over 100 students and this year we were running 20 to 30. I felt like we were starting a new club at Bonnabel. Many of the students still remember us from last year. The problem is, they want pizza and we can't serve any open food. So, we just bring wrapped candy. I feel like what we did this year was to try to lay a foundation for next year.

Disciple-Now!!

Since the students have been so isolated they are craving to get out of their homes. But the pandemic created so much fear that it makes it hard for them to venture out. So, D-Now came at a good time.

All of the churches in the city have taken a hit in the youth groups. So, the leaders were behind the eight ball when it came to planning the Disciple Now weekend for the city. The New Orleans Baptist theological seminary stepped up and volunteered their campus for our D-Now weekend. The seminary is trying to be more community minded and the president was our first speaker and also a personal friend of Matt Papa who led the worship band.

The youth were given lunch, dinner, snacks, a T-shirt, and the cost of the event and they were only charged \$10. We was so



thankful for the seminaries generosity. It also came at a great time for many of the youth groups who were trying to get on their feet. It made it a great opportunity to reach out to other students. I know Satan would like nothing better than to destroy the church especially the youth. But Jesus is sovereign.

Church Under Attack !!!

It is becoming increasingly apparent that there is a war against the church and Christianity. There are pastors all across this nation that are still restricted from opening up their churches. Christians are identified as ultra right and are increasingly depicted against progress. We are painted as narrow minded and ignorant.

The progressives are also continuing to push ideologies that they know the church will have to stand against such as same-sex marriage, abortion, gender identity, and legalizing drugs. They are trying to paint the picture of Christians being fanatical and cultish. They lump us with far right groups like white supremacist to demean us and make us seem flawed.

I truly believe the motivation behind this is because Satan knows that mankind's answer is Jesus Christ. He is not only our whole but the only driving force that can defeat Satan and evil. Our only hope is not to fight Satan or the evil ones, but to continue to introduce the world around us to the living God, Jesus. Don't forget to share Jesus with those you know. It is our hope.

Selling Collectibles!!

My friend Karl Olinde set up a web page to help sell my collectibles. It helped me pay for my teeth. He is a good friend. Check it out for yourself.



PRAYER REQUEST

- *For our **President** and our **country**.
- *For **Bob's Ministry** and his **Support**.
- *For the **Students** in **Bob's Ministry**.
- *For those whom **Bob Counsels**.
- *For the **Current Word**, radio talk show.
- *For **Bonnabel & Destrahan** high schools.
- *For **Be One Together**.
- *For **Jacob** & his walk with God.
- *For all the **Youth** in bad home situations.

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