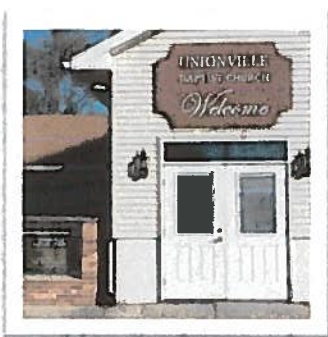


THE EPLEY'S SEPTEMBER, 2023



We are thankful for open doors ... opened by the Lord, and not us. We are now in our 25th year of evangelism and we can happily say, "It's been a good trip!" We were in 11 churches in the past two months and we found dear, dedicated people in each one.

"...who hath despised the day of small things?" – Zechariah 4:10



Two churches we recently visited brought this verse to mind. They are in very small towns, but their vision to reach souls is anything but small.

The Unionville Baptist Church, pastored by Josh Davenport, is located in a town of 100 people, and they are regularly having 100 in attendance! Praise the Lord! In 2023, that borders on miraculous.

The First Baptist Church in Laurel, Indiana, pastored by Paul Frederick, had 95 in attendance last Sunday (August 27). The population of Laurel is 500.



Sometimes we look in awe and admiration at the "big" churches running hundreds or thousands in attendance. We might even call them "mega." But look how many they have to draw from! They are surrounded by thousands.

Hats off to the many pastors who labor for the Master in small-town settings. Every town needs a church (a church preaching the King James Bible, reaching out for souls, taking a stand for holy living). About half of our meetings are in churches with less than 70 people (counting children) and we often travel to churches with less than 50. We are thankful that the Good Lord allows us to do this. We long to be an encouragement to these faithful pastors and their dear people.

Dear Church, your support helps us stay on the road, caring for these "little flocks," and we are very grateful.

Looking ahead ... we will be traveling to Indiana, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia, and Illinois, the Lord willing. Calls are still coming and we still "Feel Like Traveling On."

Our Toyota Avalon has moved into 2nd place among our high-mileage vehicles. 358,000 miles and going strong!



Happy in the Lord,

Steve Epley

*What a Blessing
you are!
To so many!*