

2011 Citrus County Fair

The Citrus County fair this year experienced moderate success with at least six salvation decisions reported on Saturday. The First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills manned the booth for the entire day, what a great job these folks did. Other churches that participated were First Baptist Brooksville, Shepherds Way, First Baptist Crystal River, Red Level Baptist Church, Cornerstone, River Gardens and First Baptist Homosassa. Fair ministry is I believe, one of the great opportunities churches have to expose their people to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in a unique way. On any given night hundreds of people come through our booth to get their faces painted, receive a Rainbow bracelet and in so doing hear the gospel, many for the first time ever, and it's all for free. Also this year had its share of excitement with bad weather. Monday night and Wednesday night were closed due to inclement weather. Wednesday afternoon got real exciting when an extremely strong storm came through and lifted the entire booth off the ground in spite of being anchored to four hundred pounds of concrete, and two fat guys hanging on for dear life. But God was good and we were able to save the booth with minor damage.

This year we made a change in our emphasis on fair training. Instead of a "ya'll come" approach on Super Day of training we asked each church involved to send one leader to be comprehensively trained and then for them to take their knowledge back to their local churches and train their people for the fair event. This seems to have worked to some degree because the booth operated much more smoothly and there was a significant increase in salvation decisions. As you may know last year there were no salvations posted.

Each year it is our desire to make available to our churches a real ministry opportunity to share the gospel through this exciting and productive ministry. If your church was not a part of Fair Ministry this year, what about next year? What could ever be equal to telling some girl or boy about Jesus for the first time?