



# THE PENTONS' PROGRESS

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With a break from school, Joel spent much of June speaking at special events.

## Father's Day Weekend

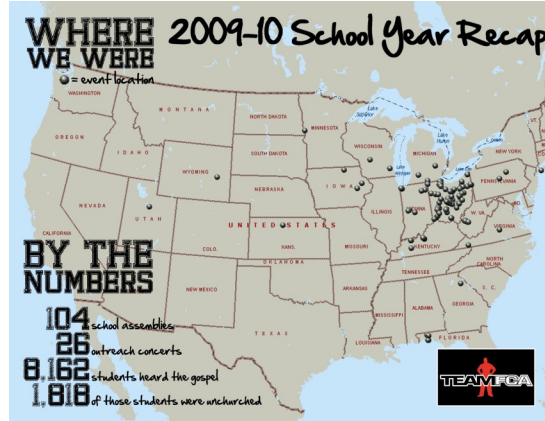


First Church of the Nazarene in St. Mary's

Over Fathers' Day weekend, Joel was blessed with the opportunity to preach at a Saturday night father/son banquet in St. Mary's, OH. Joel's dad, aka "Papa Joe," made the 30 minute drive from Van Wert to St. Mary's to give his son's introduction. Joel was pumped to give a new talk entitled, "The Greatest Blessing a Father can be to his Children." It of course was all about pointing children to our Lord. He also focused on what children should learn about their Heavenly Father through their earthly fathers. It challenged the fathers in the room to model the Lord in their relationship with their children. It also challenged the sons in the room to look to their fathers to learn more about the character of God. Joel always jumps at the chance to speak to a group of Christian men. He said it was a great time of fellowship and many men thanked him for the timely challenge.

The next day, all 5 of us made the trip to St. Mary's to take part in the Sunday morning church service of the Nazarene Church that put on the banquet. We were given a chance to invite families to support our ministry and the response was phenomenal!

## School Year Recap



The picture above may look familiar to you if you support our ministry financially. At the end of June, we sent out a mailing to all of our supporters. The mailing contained the map above showing all the places we travelled to this year. It also contained a recap of the school year including some highlights. If you didn't receive that mailing, here is the short version:

**Highlight #1** Our first year of ministry we held less than 1% of our events outside of Ohio, this past school year we held over 38% of our events in states outside of Ohio!

**Highlight #2** We made new advances in technology by directing students to YouTube to watch a video of themselves that Joel films at each assembly. While they are there, they also can view other videos of Joel answering questions about Christianity and Jesus. We also use similar technology to follow-up with students after our outreach events.

**Highlight #3** Our new evening event strategy of holding a concert featuring Ryan Holliday has paid off big time with nearly 100% of the crowd being HS and MS students. In the past this number was around 50%.

Praise God for all he did this year!

Until next month,  
-Bethany Penton



## Please Pray For...

- God to be glorified in everything we do
- The baby boy due in Sept.
- Our Partners (See Below)

## Message From Joel

Teammates,

The Apostle Paul wrote the book of Philippians to a church that supported his ministry with their prayers and financial giving. He opens up his letter telling the Philippians that he always thanks God for their "partnership in the gospel." In his closing chapter, he tells them that the fruit produced in his ministry "increases to their credit." As I spent the last several weeks studying his letter, I realized that I have something in common with Paul. It certainly isn't his astounding faithfulness or his dizzying intellect or his extreme love for others. What I have, that Paul had, is a group of people behind me who are willing to invest their time and money in the work of the gospel. For those of you who support our ministry, I want you to know that you are no less our "partners in the gospel" than the Philippians were to Paul. Also know that as we see fruit in our ministry, it "increases to your credit." Please know that we are so grateful and thank God for you.

God Bless,  
- Joel