



LABORING Together

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Forest Hill Baptist Church of Skippers, VA, invited Evangelist Tim Lee to hold a revival meeting in Greensville County. Dr. Lee led the four-day revival on March 10-13. Forest Hill chose to underwrite the expense of renting the Meherrin Performing Arts Center, a neutral location in Emporia.

Area churches were not requested to make a monetary investment. Instead, the pastors were asked to advertise the meeting and encourage attendance. Social media and one-on-one contacts proved successful. Over 500 flyers and posters were distributed, and 6,000 postcards were mailed.

Individual churches prepared

dinner for the revival team. The church located closest to the venue allowed its facility to be used for all the meals. Other churches supplied breakfast and lunch to the team.

Volunteers from four churches sponsored the children's ministry; and volunteers from various churches patrolled the parking lot, took up offerings, and greeted visitors. All the offerings received went to Tim Lee Ministries.

Mark Ivey from Jacksonville, FL, led the worship team, which also included students from Liberty University.

Before the revival, Forest Hill devoted Wednesdays to prayer. Churches committed to a continual prayer chain for 18 hours a day. One day was also scheduled for corporate fasting and prayer, and before each revival service, pastors and leaders were invited to a community prayer meeting.

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Dr. Lee was invited to speak locally to the Junior ROTC of Greensville County High School. Students participated in Monday night's patriotic theme when Dr. Lee shared his personal story.

The cooperation and attendance of fifteen churches in the county worked together for the proclamation of Christ. The goal of the revival was to save the lost and strengthen believers' spiritual commitment.

By personal testimonies, many received Christ or received assurance of their salvation. Forest Hill has baptized new believers on three different Sundays since the revival. Participating churches have also reported baptisms. It is inspiring to see local pastors sharing the burden of evangelism as a unified body of Christ. ■

