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Chick Customer Wins Gospel Tract Case

Richard Johnson became a born-again Christian after a troubled past that included sexual abuse as a child and years of involvement in a bisexual lifestyle.

After Christ saved him, he began telling others what had happened in his life. Since 2007, he has evangelized across England and Europe, distributing gospel literature, street preaching and witnessing to people he meets.

Johnson says he has distributed hundreds of thousands of tracts over the years and frequently uses Chick tracts.



"I often use Chick tracts because they are King James Bible based and often humorous and people like cartoons," he explained.

Trouble in Soho

On April 14, Johnson traveled to

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A Little Library With a Big Opportunity

They sit in front yards, near parks, and along neighborhood streets. Some look like tiny houses. Others are brightly painted boxes mounted on posts.

Inside are books free for anyone to take.

Known as Little Free Libraries, these neighborhood book exchanges have become a common sight across the United States. One missionary family discovered that they can also provide an unusual opportunity to put the Word of God into the hands of someone who might never otherwise pick up a Bible.

An Idea on the Road

The Little Free Library movement began in 2009 when a Wisconsin man built a small model of a schoolhouse, filled it with books, and placed it outside with a sign to "take a book, leave a book." The idea spread, eventually developing into a nonprofit organization and inspiring thousands of similar book exchanges.

One missionary family first began noticing the little libraries while

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Fake It ’Till You Make It

For 30 days, New York influencer Brian Guan decided to live as though God were real—even though he wasn’t sure he believed it.

He called the experiment “faithless Christianity.” The idea was simple: begin practicing Christianity before believing it and see what happened. “Practice first, let faith catch up,” Guan explained.

He began attending church, reading the Bible every day, praying, discussing theology, and trying to follow the teachings of Jesus. He documented the experiment online, inviting thousands of people to watch as he wrestled publicly with questions about God and faith.

But Guan never made it to the end of the 30 days as a nonbeliever. By day 20, something had changed.

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Young People Are Looking for an Answer

Stephen James grew up in church. He attended nearly every Sunday, knew what Christians believed, and repeatedly heard that he needed Jesus. There was just one thing he didn’t understand: Why?

“I simply had not been shown why the problem [that] Christ came to solve was *my* problem,” James stated in an interview.

Without that understanding, invitations to accept Christ fell on deaf ears. James eventually left church, went to college, climbed the career ladder, married, and built a life that seemed to work just fine without God. But his need for Christ had not changed.

Years later, after a medical crisis, the end of his marriage, and serious financial difficulties, a retired pastor who was also his friend sat down with him. This time, James heard about what Christ had done and *why* he needed it.

Finally understanding, James accepted Christ in his 40s. His experience, however, raises an important question as millions of young people search for answers of their own: Are we clearly presenting the gospel?

They’re Asking Big Questions

A 2026 Barna survey of 1,500 American teenagers found that today’s teens are wrestling with questions that go far beyond school, friends, and what they want to do after graduation.

Seventy-two percent said they feel pressure to figure out what is true or worth believing. Seventy percent are wrestling with who they really are, 69 percent are struggling to determine what is right and wrong. Sixty-six percent wrestle with why they are here.

Fifty-seven percent are trying to determine whether God loves them, and 56 percent are wrestling with whether God is real at all.

Teens are also worried about the world in which they are growing up. Seventy-eight percent feel pressure to figure out how they will make a living, 77 percent are wondering whether their generation will have a stable future, and the same amount can’t decide whether society is headed in the right direction or is falling apart.

Know Jesus Know Peace

The answers these young people need are the same ones James needed when he was growing up. Unlike

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Soho, an area of central London known for its nightlife and large LGBT community.

Johnson was carrying a variety of gospel literature that day. As he made his way along Old Compton Street, he distributed several copies of *Doom Town*, a Chick tract based on the biblical account of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Because of his own past, he said he has empathy for those caught in the homosexual lifestyle and can use his testimony as an opening to share the gospel. He often puts his name and telephone number on tracts so people can contact him with questions.

But that day, two men took exception to the tract. According to Johnson's account, they followed him for several blocks, shouting at him and telling him to "get out of Soho."

A Gospel Tract Becomes a Criminal Case

A few weeks after the Soho incident, Johnson was called to a police station and formally "cautioned". The case was eventually referred to the Crown Prosecution Service, and Johnson was prosecuted under Section 4A of the Public Order Act 1986.

Two people complained that *Doom Town* had caused them distress because of its treatment of homosexuality and LGBT issues.

One complainant argued that Soho should be regarded as a "safe space" for LGBT people and protected from messages considered hostile to them.

Johnson's legal team warned that such reasoning would effectively create a space where speech permitted elsewhere could be restricted merely due to the beliefs of people living in

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Looking for Something More

Guan was not completely unfamiliar with Christianity. He had been raised with the Christian faith but "rejected it in college."

He later built a career in cryptocurrency but eventually walked away from it feeling "jaded" and "looking for deeper meaning." That search eventually led him back toward the faith he had left behind.

Instead of waiting until he was convinced Christianity was true, Guan decided to begin living as though it were. His mornings included a prayer that began with the candid admission: "God, I don't know if you're real, but…"

He read Scripture. He went to church. He considered what Jesus taught and began applying it to his life. Online, he discussed subjects ranging from addiction and dating to forgiveness.

"I'm a guy wrestling with his faith, in public, on camera," he told his followers. "You're welcome to wrestle with me."

Five days into the challenge, Guan said he already felt better, although he wasn't sure whether that came from God or simply from the attention and encouragement his experiment was receiving online.

Still, he kept going. "We all believe in something," Guan said in explanation of why he was conducting his experiment. "Believing in something beats believing in nothing."

"I'm Done Pretending"

Then came day 20. In an emotional video, Guan announced that the experiment had become something more.

"I'm done pretending… this is real!"

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Body of Christ Grows Despite Rising Persecution

An estimated 380 million Christians face persecution each year for their faith. Yet in some countries where following Christ can bring arrest, imprisonment, or even death, churches continue to grow.

Iran provides one of the clearest examples.

Converts from Islam can face arrest and imprisonment, while house churches operate through hidden networks and believers use online evangelism to reach others. Yet the International Christian Concern (ICC), a non-profit that runs the Global Persecution Index, describes Iran as having "one of the fastest-growing Christian populations in the world."

Reports from the ground show how costly that growth can be. Iran Alive Ministries reported that at least 33 Christian ministers connected with the underground church movement had been killed and more than 130 believers had been detained by mid-2026. Some of those detained remain imprisoned and face death sentences.

Yet the ministry also reported 5,849 known conversions this year alone and said the actual number is likely much higher.

Even prison has not stopped believers from witnessing. "Christian prisoners

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or visiting the area. The law, however, still provides just as much freedom of religion and freedom of expression in Soho as it does elsewhere in London.

Not Guilty

After nearly 17 months with the criminal case hanging over him, Johnson went to trial on September 4, 2026. Though the court acknowledged that the tract had upset the complainants, it was determined that Johnson had done nothing worthy of a criminal conviction. He was acquitted of all charges.

Tim Dieppe of Christian Concern said Johnson should never have been prosecuted. He called it "shocking" that prosecutors had pursued a criminal case "merely for handing out tracts in that area calling people to repent and find forgiveness and freedom in Jesus."

Dieppe said Christians should not have to fear arrest simply because someone complains about their message. "People have the right to say what they think and to preach the gospel," he said.

Keep Passing Them Out

Johnson has faithfully taken the gospel to the streets for nearly 20 years. He has kept going when people listened, when they rejected the message—and even when sharing it landed him in court.

Now it's our turn. There are millions more people who need to hear that Jesus Christ saves. We may not all preach on the streets of London, but we can all carry a few tracts and look for someone who needs one.

Every tract handed out is another opportunity for someone to hear the gospel. Every Christian who joins in means the message reaches a little farther.

Richard Johnson is back out there. Let's join him—and keep the gospel moving.

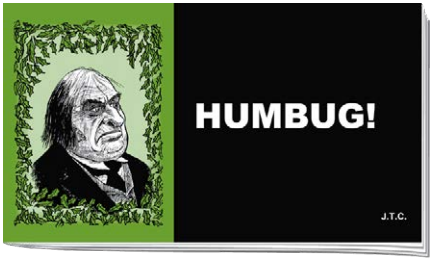
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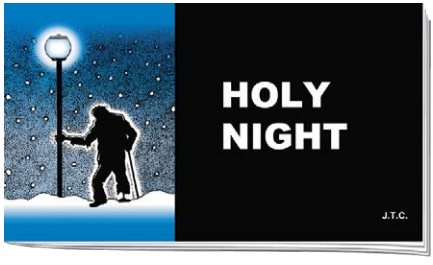
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Americans have forgotten the meaning of "Thanksgiving." To millions, it's just "Turkey Day," a time to watch football. You can give Missing Day to anyone with the comment "Happy Thanksgiving!" They will take it and say "Thank you!"

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traveling across the United States during furlough.

"We started to notice them everywhere while driving across country," they explained. "It was during this time that we came up with a plan to use these libraries for ministry purposes!"

When they returned for their most recent furlough, they came prepared.

"During this recent furlough we have purposely visited Little Free Libraries everywhere we go with the express purpose of leaving a new Bible with a gospel tract inside of it on the John 3:16 page."

Instead of waiting for someone to come to a church service, the missionaries are putting the Scriptures in places where people are already looking for something to read.

"We believe that this is an excellent indirect ministry that anyone can do."

Bibles for $1.50

At first, stocking numerous libraries with new Bibles might sound expensive. But the family discovered an inexpensive source while traveling.

Dollar Tree stores in the areas they visited carried complete KJV Bibles for about $1.50 each. A box of 14 costs only around $20. Bulk Bibles can also be purchased inexpensively from other sources.

That makes it possible for an individual, family, Sunday school class, or church to adopt several Little Free Libraries in their community and regularly check them.

The missionaries tuck a gospel tract inside Bibles, but you can also leave several tracts on their own. Churches can leave tracts and include an address or contact information, giving the reader somewhere to turn with questions.

"Many people may be curious about

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today's young people, however, he wasn't unfamiliar with Christianity. He knew the terminology. He knew what Christians believed. He had spent years sitting in church. But as he discovered, knowing *about* Jesus was not the same as understanding why he personally needed a Saviour.

James believes that distinction is vital for today's young people. "The invitation [to receive Jesus] is not the whole of the Gospel," he stated. "The Gospel includes the reason the invitation exists in the first place" — that we are sinners in need of a savior.

Many young people may never walk into a church looking for the answers they seek. Others may darken the doors but may never hear the full gospel message.

So, let's give it to them.

Young People Everywhere

Young people are in our neighborhoods, behind the counters where we shop, sitting in classrooms with our children and grandchildren, and delivering our groceries. We have a unique opportunity to reach these people with the gospel.

We may not know who is already wondering whether God is real. We may not be able to determine which person is struggling to answer why they are here or whether anyone cares about them. But God knows, and he'll make sure the gospel reaches the people who are ready for it if we are faithful to give it.

Keep some Chick tracts with you and pass them out. Give one to the teenager at the drive-through window. Leave one with a tip. Offer one to the young person who bags your groceries or delivers your order. Give them to every young person you meet.

Research shows they are asking questions. Let's make sure the whole gospel is the answer they find.

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reading a Bible, but will never go to church or buy one at a store," the missionaries pointed out. "This may be their chance to grab one and read it."

Find the Libraries Near You

Littlefreelibrary.org maintains an online map and smartphone app showing registered locations. Not every neighborhood library is officially registered, however. Once you start keeping an eye out for them, you may discover some while driving around town, walking through a neighborhood, or visiting another community.

If there isn't one nearby, you can start your own! The missionary family plans to build one when they return to Japan, where they said Little Free Libraries are much less common.

Someone May Pick It Up

There is no way to know who will open that little wooden door next. It could be a teenager looking for something to read. It could be a parent walking with a child, a retiree from the neighborhood, or someone who would never think of walking into a Christian bookstore.

But there among the novels, children's books, and cookbooks could be a Bible—with a gospel tract waiting at John 3:16.

"We never know what kind of impact that we can have," the missionaries said.

A Little Free Library may not look like a traditional mission field. But leaving a Bible and a tract might reach someone who would never be exposed to the gospel.

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he said.

He went on to make clear what he now believed. "Jesus Christ is my Lord and Saviour," Guan said. Further elaborating, he shared what had changed: "At some point you have to make a decision."

He then spoke directly to his followers about Christ and the gospel: "Are you going to believe that Jesus Christ is real, and died for your sins on the cross? Three days later he rose again—that's my God, bro."

The man who had begun the challenge unsure whether God even existed was now publicly telling his followers that Jesus Christ had died for their sins and risen from the dead.

Guan changed the description of his online challenge from "pretending" God was real to "believing God is real."

"I'm not pretending anymore," he said. His Bible reading continues. Now, he shares this time with his girlfriend. They've already finished reading the Gospel of John together and are moving on to Acts.

He also noted changes in his behavior since trusting Christ. "[Within] eight days, I was being kinder to strangers," and his nicotine addiction had "quietly faded away."

Someone May Already Be Searching

Guan's unusual experiment played out publicly before thousands of people. Most searches for God aren't nearly so visible.

People at your work, waiting tables in a restaurant, behind the counter where you shop, or living next door might be asking the same questions as Guan. As Bible-believing Christians, we have the only answer that makes sense of life and eternity.

That is why giving out a simple Gospel tract can matter so much. The person who receives it may be encountering the message for the first time or the fifteenth time—but all need the answer it contains.

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consider prison as their place of ministry, and they are leading many people to Christ," Iran Alive founder Hormoz Shariat said.

Christian radio also continues despite efforts to stop it. In July, Iran officially banned Christian broadcasts and made listening to them a crime. In obedience to God rather than man, Iran Alive continues broadcasting, and people continue listening.

The Global Underground Church Persists

In China, Christians continue meeting in private homes and through online gatherings despite extensive government monitoring.

In India and Pakistan, underground Christian networks report continued conversions and discipleship. Believers gather quietly in private homes, remote villages, and online fellowships. "… amid repression, faith continues to grow," ICC researchers wrote.

Perhaps nowhere are Christians forced further underground than in North Korea. ICC describes small church networks operating "entirely in darkness." Believers risk severe punishment for practicing Christianity, yet secret churches continue meeting, Christian radio broadcasts continue, and discipleship materials are smuggled across the border.

The Cost Can Be High

In Myanmar, Baptist pastor Rev. William served his congregation for more than 25 years. His church in Chin state had already faced persecution in 2021 when it was looted and burned.

Then, in May 2026, William and another Christian were arrested. William was put to death on June 4 while in military custody. He left behind a wife and five children. Around the same time, Christian churches and facilities throughout Myanmar were raided, looted, burned, and destroyed in repeated attacks.

Perhaps against all odds, "…the clandestine church persists," the ICC reports.

Hostility Reaches Europe

Even Europe has seen a continuing pattern of attacks against churches, Christian symbols, and worshipers.

The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians (OIDAC) in Europe documented 40 anti-Christian hate crimes during July 2026 alone, including 18 cases of vandalism, eight arson-related attacks, and seven desecrations.

Fifteen of those incidents were attributed to Germany and France had 10. In one French church, vandals scattered communion wafers across the floor and left excrement near the entrance. At another church, someone left a threatening message declaring, "The only church that illuminates is the one that burns."

OIDAC said the incidents demonstrate a "persistent pattern of attacks" against Christian places of worship, communities, and expressions of the Christian faith.

Still Growing

Church buildings can be destroyed, Christian broadcasts outlawed, and Christians imprisoned, yet these things cannot stop the spread of the gospel. Throughout history, persecution has proven to be a fan that fires the flame of the gospel.

Where persecution rises, the church grows. When governments and persecutors try to stamp Christianity out, new believers keep coming to Christ.

While many of us live in relative safety and security, thousands of Christians around the world risk everything to share the gospel. It's up to us to stand with them and share the gospel as far and wide as we can, while we still have freedom to do so.

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Missions Fund Report

Thanks to your giving, missionaries all over the world are continuing to be equipped with powerful Chick tracts that are changing lives! We encourage you to subscribe to the Chick email newsletter, so you can receive weekly updates on Mission Fund projects. Meanwhile, here is a brief review of what has happened since the last printed Battle Cry.

Korea

10,000 Korean tracts have been shipped and delivered to a veteran missionary (name withheld), who will be distributing them in limited-access areas of Asia.

Philippines

The container project continues to progress slowly. As we receive the funds, we will continue to push forward in the project. These ministries are running very low on their supply of Chick tracts and need more for their ongoing street preaching and distribution. Many of the individuals who receive the tracts tell us that Chick tracts are crucial to their ministry. Let's get them more!

India

A veteran missionary (name withheld) has received 2,000 Oriya Chick tracts out of the 10,000 printed. We are sending these tracts in increments of 1,000 because Indian customs officials have been making shipments difficult. So far, they are getting through.



Mexico

130,000 Spanish Chick tracts for Missionary Paul Buskager have been shipped and delivered to a church in Lemon Grove, where Bro. Buskager has picked them up and will use them in a big November Tijuana outreach. He writes, "50-70 people, from 8 different states, will be in the streets daily with preaching every night during our Tijuana outreach."

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Filipino men, women, boys, and girls eagerly read Chick tracts

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UNITED KINGDOM
VENEZUELA
ZAMBIA

More tracts are now being shipped for additional projects, with more requests coming in from missionaries!

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United Kingdom

Missionary Kristina Kim received 22,400 Chick tracts for the street ministry in West Ewell. England is in desperate spiritual shape and needs to have the Gospel re-introduced!

Czech Republic

A veteran missionary (name withheld) has received 10,000 Czech tracts to distribute during his trip throughout the Czech Republic.

New Zealand

Missionary Paul Brinkman has just approved the Tongan tracts, and we will be printing 10,000 Tongan "This Was Your Life" for him to use with the large Tongan population in New Zealand.

Latvia

The 20,000 Latvian tracts for a veteran missionary (name withheld) have been paid for by a generous Chick donor. These tracts will be used during the missionary's trip throughout Latvia.





Guatemala

Missionary Carlos Donate has used 990,000 of the original 1,000,000 Chick tracts sent to him in Mixco (the Guatemala City area) and only has 10,000 left. He needs another 10,000 Spanish "This Was Your Life" for his street preaching ministry and is wanting even more Chick tracts after that. These tracts have been shipped to Miami to be

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Missionary Carlos Donate preaching on the streets of Guatemala.

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forwarded to Bro. Donate. See page 12 bottom for his prayer card and a photo of his street preaching activities.

Argentina

Missionary Lacy Wheeler has his Argentina container ready to go, and it is just waiting for Chick tracts. With so many missionary requests for over 6 million Chick tracts, we have printed the first 500,000 for him now and trust the Lord to provide so we can do another 500,000 for him next year for another container. We have all waited so long for Argentina to open, so we do not want to hold up the container. We will do what we can immediately and more tracts later. **With all the changes in Argentina, this is a huge opportunity to share the Gospel, and with your help, we will get him these tracts.** All the other literature he will be sending in the container is ready and waiting. Let's get this done!

Netherlands

Missionary Erik Kreh, in Hilversum, received 34,000 tracts and writes, "Thank you for the tract shipment. We started the distribution of them today during our weekly Saturday evangelism in Amsterdam. People were very receptive, and we got out a good number of tracts within a short time. God is sure good. The Lord only knows how many souls will be saved through them."



A woman in the Netherlands finds out that the gospel gives life!

Costa Rica

Unity Outreach is holding their annual January outreaches and has received 10,000 Chick tracts for their ministry. The tracts are now being prepared for use.



Chick tracts being prepared for distribution in Costa Rica

Thailand

10,000 Burmese tracts were shipped to a veteran missionary who will witness to the many Burmese refugees who are fleeing their country. Their own military is bombing civilian villages, and these people escape with absolutely nothing. They are met by Christians who feed them, educate their children, and share the Gospel with them using Chick tracts.

Eastern Europe

Missionary Nico Verhoef has just returned from his trip to the Balkans, where he and a team of 15 men were street preaching and passing out Chick tracts. He writes, "We particularly would like to thank Chick Publications for the tracts in Slovenian, English, and

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Serbo-Croatian, of which we were able to pass out thousands. All together we saw during this tour over eight dozen souls saved!"

Panama

In May of this year, we sent 1,000,000 Chick tracts to Appalachian Bible and Tract Distribution to be placed in a container for Missionary Cristobal Yanez in Panama for the country's "Month of the Bible" (September). We just received an update and pictures from their outreaches in schools across Panama during this time. They travel throughout Panama and visit schools in rural and indigenous areas distributing the Chick tracts you provided. Below are some pictures from their outreach during Panama's "Month of the Bible." Many children, and their parents, read these tracts.



Panamanian students love Chick tracts!

Upcoming Missions Fund Needs

- **Philippines** – The Philippine container is a huge project, and we need your help! We can only move as fast as the funds come in, and over 100 ministries need more Chick tracts. The door in the Philippines remains wide open for the Gospel and we want to take advantage of this opportunity. Let's make this happen!
- **Mexico** – Missionary Lacy Wheeler, who has a special burden to get good Bibles and tracts into people's hands, is planning another container for his team in Mexico. He has requested 500,000 Spanish Chick tracts for this project. These missionaries are in desperate need of more tracts as they continue to build churches and conduct regular outreach.
- **Mauritius** – Missionary James Herringson needs 10,000 French "Greatest Story Ever Told" for his Christmas season outreaches. With your help, we will meet this need. He reports that the tracts you have been providing are the main reason new visitors are coming to the church!

Letter From David W. Daniels

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The killing of Christians is a tragedy. Amazingly, singer Nicki Minaj has been a major spokeswoman for targeted, displaced, burned-out, and murdered Christians in Nigeria. It is refreshing that ***someone*** has started to speak publicly about the Christian persecution in the world.

But as you will read in this Battle Cry, so many Christians are being persecuted around the world, that there needs to be more people speaking out against this one seemingly "permitted" persecution of fellow human beings.

They meet in secret, even in darkness, to worship their Saviour and try not to be discovered. Are we praying for them? The risks of arrest, torture, and being killed are great. And yet the church not only persists, it ***grows***.

What are we doing back home? They risk their lives to go to church. We treat a drizzle as a sign from God not to go! We have got to get a better perspective.

As you read about these people far away, realize that many times their country was overcome because ***they didn't get the gospel out when they had the chance.***

Brothers and Sisters, ***we have that chance***. We need to get gospel tracts out to everyone we can, and be willing to take a stand for Christ, while we are able. The world wants to destroy us. Let's not make it easier for them by not getting gospel tracts out to the lost.

Let's flood this country with tracts, planting those seeds and leaving the results to God.

We don't want the persecution that Christians face in other countries today to become our future.

In Christ Jesus, and for His service,

David Daniels

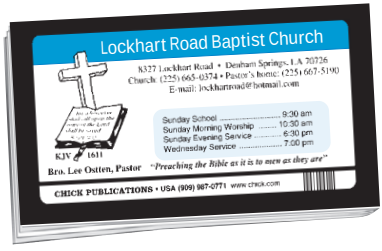
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