

Volunteer Spotlight



Steve Thompson is the coordinator of our Freeway Ministry security team. We are so grateful for these men who have volunteered to keep us all safe.

Steve has a very interesting connection to John Stroup, pre-salvation days for both men. Steve was on the law-enforcement Mustang Task Force. Running from the law, John Stroup was located and had barricaded himself in a closet. John considered pretending to have a gun and coming out for death by law-enforcement suicide. Steve was the task force officer who talked him into surrendering peacefully. John went to prison as a result where he found Christ.

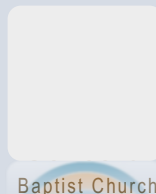
Fast forward to 2018. Steve and Nikki and kids had been visiting our church. Steve noticed that John Stroup would be speaking. He thought to himself “that can’t be the guy I know.” When he came out he thought, “that’s him.” When John began to speak, he thought, “that’s not him,” because of his dramatic salvation transformation. Through John’s testimony, Steve realized he needed what John Stroup had and gave his life to Jesus. Steve had come to realize he had been a bad guy chasing a bad guy. Glory to God for His saving power!



A scar is a wound that
was healed.
We need to bring our
wounds to Jesus,
let Him heal them,
and use our scars for
Jesus.
Our scars may be our
greatest ministry.

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John MacArthur



Freeway Ministries

Reaching the hard-to-reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, one broken life at a time.



Freeway Director's Corner

My heart is overflowing with praises to our Heavenly Father and with thanksgiving for all our volunteers who made our Freeway Ministries launch a success on January 3rd. We had 257 in attendance and three people who received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We fed over 200 people a delicious meal. I want to give a big shout out to Lee's Chicken for donating the chicken, also to our amazing volunteers who made all the sides to go with it and put it all together. Thank you, Joe Dickerson and Caleb McGennis for your expert technical help. I want to thank Lucas Winkleman as well, for his technical support and for getting word out on our social media. We also appreciate the children's workers who made sure the kids had a fun time. Then there's our great transportation team who gave rides to those who would not have been able to come otherwise. If I have missed anyone, please know I appreciate each one of you. I am so proud of all our volunteers.

John Stroup brought a powerful message from Luke 7:36-50. I am still thinking about his message. "Little sinner; Big Sinner; Savior." John brought out there is no such thing as a "little sinner." The Pharisee, a religious leader, looked down on a woman whom he considered a big sinner. The woman, however, was the one who understood who Jesus really was. She knew she was a sinner in need of forgiveness. She came to Jesus and worshiped Him. The Pharisee falsely thought he was okay.

I was reminded it takes as much grace to save a religious person who was raised in church as it does to save one who comes out of addiction and criminality. This passage of Scripture teaches us that the one who has been forgiven most will love the most.

John MacArthur said, "Christ picks up the broken. He picks up the bruised: The very kind of people that the Pharisees and the Scribes totally ignored."

It has been my dream for five years to start Freeway Ministries in Jefferson City. I was born and raised here as was John Stroup. We both have a burden to reach the hard to reach with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I know the Lord has put Freeway Ministries and Concord Baptist Church together for such a time as this.

Men throw broken things away, but God never uses anything until He first breaks it.

Adrian Rogers

If you would like to get involved in this ministry let me know. There is a place for everyone. We want you and need you. We meet every Friday evening at 6:00 for dinner and will begin our service at 6:30. All are welcome!

God Bless,
Mike Quinn Director

Never give the devil a ride! He will always want to drive!

Adrian Rogers