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We all have people who have impacted our lives in many ways. One preacher who has touched my life and my family through the years was Dr. J. Harold Smith. In my opinion, Dr. Smith was one of the greatest evangelists that has been in America over the past century. When my mother was 13 years old, she was saved at a crusade at the old WNOX station in Knoxville, TN, where Dr. Smith was preaching. As a boy growing up on my grandparents' farm in Rutledge, TN, at dinner (in the middle of the day, not at night) my grandmother would have the radio turned to the Radio Bible Hour with Dr. Smith preaching. When I began to pastor churches, I always wanted to have Dr. Smith preach a revival in the church where I pastored. So, at the First Baptist Church of Milan, TN, I had Dr. Smith come to lead two meetings for us, two of my sons were saved at these meetings. Then, for the next 20 years I had a close friendship with Dr. Smith. When he died at age 92, I had the honor to preach his funeral along with Dr. James Merritt. I share all of this with you to say that Dr. Smith had a big influence on me and my family. Also, I have tried to model my ministry after that of Dr. Smith.

The preaching of Dr. Smith was the strongest, most fervent Bible preaching I have ever heard. But, out of the pulpit, he had the most gentle spirit of any one you would ever meet. He also had a sense of humor that was refreshing. In his book "Smith Sayings", we are given many of his sayings that reflect his wit and wisdom. I want to share some of these with you and I hope they will be a blessing to you.

- "I have never known it to fail, the one who is born of God always resembles his Heavenly Father".
- "Did you hear about the minister who said to his Sunday morning congregation, "before I preach, I want to say something".
- "The only exercise some Christians get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, sidestepping responsibilities, dodging issues, passing the buck and pushing the preacher around".
- "The difference between "he's good looking" and "he's looking good" is around 20 years and 40 pounds".
- "Bumper sticker seen recently "If you are a real Christian, witness – anybody can honk".
- "A sharp tongue and a dull mind are almost always wrapped up in the same head".

Oh, may God raise up a new generation of preachers like Dr. Smith. I am convinced that America could be brought back to God if preachers called of God would just preach "**Thus Saith the Lord**".

FIRST 3 MONTHS OF 2009

January, February and March have been the greatest in the five years in full-time evangelism. I have seen more people saved over these past three months than in the past years. Please pray that the good hand of God will continue to be on me and this ministry.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement. I love you all!!!

PREACHING SCHEDULE

March			April		
Mar. 1-4	Blue Springs Baptist	Rutledge, TN	April 3-4	Evangelism Conference	Decatur, AL
Mar. 7-8	Sandford Baptist	Henderson, TN	April 5-8	Forsythe Baptist Church	Forsythe, IL
Mar. 15	Potters Clay Church		April 19	Chapel Hill Baptist Church	
	Harvest Day	Greenville, SC		Harvest Day	Milan, TN
Mar. 22-25	First Baptist Church	Winnie, TX	April 20-24	Morning Star Baptist Church	Humboldt, TN
Mar. 28-29	Victory Baptist Church	Mt. Juliet, TN	April 26-29	Gethsemane Baptist Church	Danville, KY
			May		
			May 3-6	First Baptist Church	Trenton, TN
			May 10-15	Raft Swamp Baptist Church	Lumberton, NC

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