



## THE FISHERMEN MINISTRY

MATTHEW 4:19 - AND HE SAITH UNTO THEM,  
"FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

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# Welcome


## October 2022

Welcome to our second edition of The Fishermen Ministry newsletter. We will be putting out a monthly newsletter in order to keep you up to date on what's happening. We will post everything from featured messages, announcements, travelers corner, birthdays and much more.


If you want to be added to our email list, [click here](#).

## FEATURED MESSAGE


The Feedback Loop (By: Rick Eutsler)



TFM TX Sunday 2022-05-15 - Rick Eutsler  
TheFishermenMinistry



### THE FEEDBACK LOOP



It's been a big year for me personally. With a multitude of struggles comes manifold opportunities for the hand of the Lord to show His goodness, grace, mercy and Love. The reality of the Gospel and my daily, desperate need for the Lord has been a key focus. This is something that the Lord has been working out of many of us in the fellowship.

This message hits several key points that are critical to the walk of Faith. One of the most critical is to "Embrace the Feedback Loop." The feedback loop can be found throughout our daily lives and it often goes unnoticed. But, if we seek the Lord and make a point to

come to the light of His Word, through prayer and Godly counsel, then the feedback loop can produce the results in our lives that bring us into the center of the walk of Faith. I pray this message is a blessing.

[Click Here To Listen](#)

## 2022 Minister's Conference

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th to FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2022**

You are invited to join us for our annual ministers' conference. We will broadcast our live seminars & services daily.

Early services will start at 1:30pm EST and will be broadcast LIVE on Facebook. Evening seminars will start at 7:00pm EST and will be held on Zoom. A link and password to Zoom meetings will be sent in advance, please check your email. If you would like access to the recording after the fact, please contact us. We look forward to seeing you online.

If you would like more information or would like to join us please [contact us](#) via our website.

## NEWS

### TFM Website 2023

The screenshot displays the website for The Fishermen Ministry. The header includes contact information for PO Box 3673, Fabens, TX 79818 and PO Box 360, Northfield Falls, VT 05664, along with phone numbers. Social media links for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn are also present. The main content area features the ministry's logo, a mission statement, and a list of featured messages. The footer contains a section for featured messages with three images: a sunset, a close-up of a flower, and a man speaking into a microphone.

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**Our mission, like that of the Apostle Paul's, is to:**

- Minister, in power, the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost.
- Edify the body of Christ through the propagation of Biblically sound teachings.
- Raise up and equip ministers of the gospel through the scriptural means of discipleship.
- Establish local churches where believers fellowship, worship, and minister one to another in faith, love and power.
- Perfect the saints in the faith.

Much like the Apostle Paul, the cornerstone of our inter-denominational message is faith in God's Word, backed by the power of God's Holy Spirit. As Paul well understood, Jesus Christ is our common Lord and Savior and His Word our final authority. And like believers of all generations, it brings us no greater joy than to fellowship and join forces with those of like precious faith.

Please browse around our website. Our hope is that you will find it easy to navigate, but contact us with your questions, comments or suggestions so that we can make it better for all.

#### ESFTP

Elijah School for the Prophets: we honor that which the Prophets Elijah and Elisha set up in ancient Israel....

#### Ministry Materials

All of our Audio, Video and Writings from our ministry are available here....

#### Featured Messages

You can listen to our featured messages from all of our services here....

#### Featured Messages

We look forward to introducing you to our new ministry websites soon. Recognizing that the online ministry is critical to our mission of edifying the Body of Christ

worldwide we are in the process of completely overhauling our main ministry website and separating the Elijah School for the Prophets into an online school, complete with certificate programs, discipleship opportunities and more.

## South Carolina News



### INFORMATION

The South Carolina part of the ministry is currently expanding and yet shrinking at the same time. Expanding in reach, vision, participation, and geographical locations; shrinking in numbers as various families move further afield than the local Body.

With the vision for the fellowship as a whole being one in which each person takes their place in the Body of Christ, offering that which is in their heart to bring and share with others and so make a whole of various parts, TFM-SC is certainly stepping into that call. TFM is focused on training people to walk by faith through discipleship, but also through hands on experience and cross training so that we have the flexibility to learn, grow, and move as the Lord leads with many able to accomplish various tasks.

Carter is called to be an evangelist (which is over a pastor in authority). In preparation for him walking out that calling he has taken the helm, pastoring the fellowship while also doing local deliveries in an 18-wheeler. Watch for him on the highways in his red shirt, bald head, and big smile. He is reachable at:

[\(303\) 257-5470](tel:3032575470) or [Email Carter](mailto:Carter)

Phil, in his calling as an evangelist and having spent some time in a pastoral role, is stepping more fully into his evangelist role while overseeing the local fellowship that Carter is pastoring. He is ready to preach while also furthering the reach of the Gospel as he goes about his week building cabinets, serving customers, his boss, and others as unto the Lord. You can contact him at:

[\(843\) 217-2644](tel:8432172644) or [Email Phillip](mailto:Phillip)

Most of the children in the local ministry are homeschooled, so there are often events going on that are open for others in the community to participate in, some regular ones, some for a season.

Weekly children's Bible studies in which the children learn to lead a Bible study for other children with adult oversight and intervention, a role that Maggie recently took over from Angie who formerly ran it, take place on Fridays from 10:45-11:45 a.m.

The purpose of the children's Bible study is to help young people learn the Word, how to study it, and then how to share those findings with others. Contact Maggie for more info at:

[\(915\) 246-6136](tel:(915)246-6136) or [Email Maggie](#)

Children's PE is also on Fridays and is led by Angie. This opportunity for physical activity takes place directly after Bible study from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. It allows for exercise of the body as well as the mind, and the children are helped to see how to live out the lessons they learned in Bible study in the midst of team activities like kickball and soccer or individual ones like shooting hoops or races. For more info, you can contact her at:

[\(843\) 860-8824](tel:(843)860-8824) or [Email Angie](#)

James is walking his calling as an evangelist and recently moved his family to Lynchburg, SC, about 1 ½ hours north of the local fellowship with the hope that they will reach out into the community and begin a new fellowship nearer to them in the future. James teaches and tests students getting their Commercial Drivers' License (CDL). If you're interested in finding out more about what's going on in Lynchburg, contact him at:

[\(706\) 283-2688](tel:(706)283-2688) or [Email James](#)

James' wife Rose is continuing her development as a music leader by heading, for the meantime, the local fellowship in Cottageville's music team. Those coming to service can join in live praise and worship in preparation for hearing the Word. The music team is comprised of musicians, singers, and of course, the sound team. If you'd like to know more about the praise team, get in touch with Rose at:

[\(803\) 387-9910](tel:(803)387-9910) or [Email Rose](#)

Various of the youngsters in the local ministry are spreading their wings into the work force as their high school journey ends. They're working at a public water company, at a local petting zoo, in cabinet making, and part-time while studying at the technical college. One highschooler decided to try public school and has found a place in the high school band.

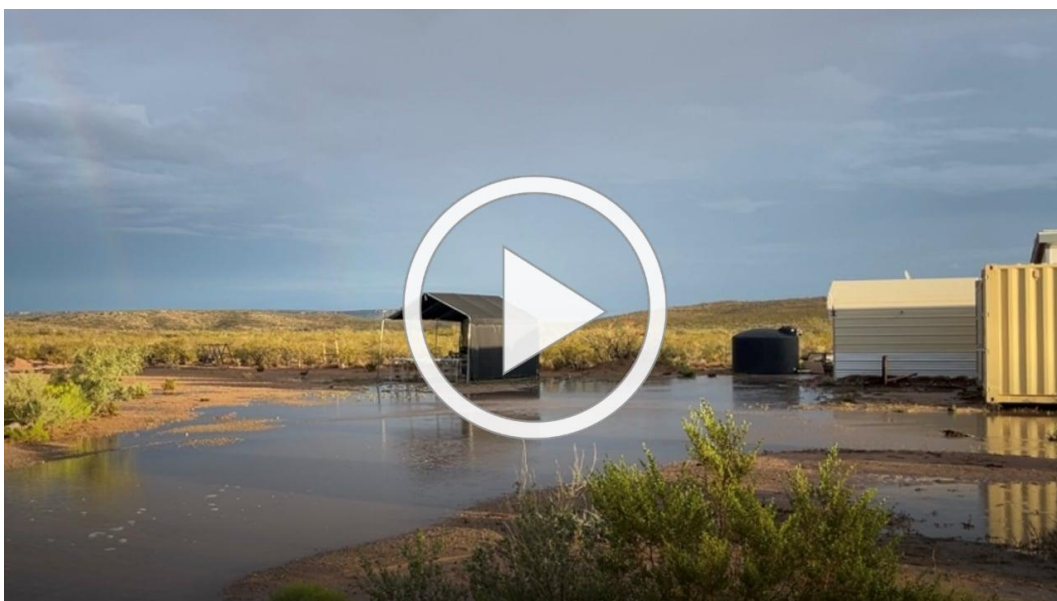
The Atherton family is going to South Africa until May, with Megan going ahead to get a place for the family to stay and spend time with people before Steve and the children arrive in time for Thanksgiving. While they will see various parts of the countries they visit and many people, this is first and foremost a ministry trip. Please keep them in prayer and feel free to contact them in their absence. The free app WhatsApp ([iOS version](#) or [Android version](#)) is the most widely used means to text people in Africa or Europe. Like iMessage it has voice and video call options.

Steve: [\(802\) 371-8220](tel:(802)371-8220) or [Email Steve](#)

Megan: [\(802\) 485-8624](tel:(802)485-8624) or [Email Megan](#)

## Grace Ranch - Texas News





### DURING THE FLOODING

The problem with living in West Texas is when it rains, it pours. The road down to Cheryl's would often flood and stay that way for days or even weeks during the rainy season. Last year we were considering options to rent equipment and try to address the problem, but the Lord in His grace and provision had another option. A contractor contacted us about the need for material to repair some of the southernmost pipeline road. In short, we gave them access to our small stock pond for fill material which saved them thousands of dollars. In exchange, they made massive improvements to our roads and installed two culvert pipes down near the driveway to my range to manage overflow from the small stock pond. The main road was raised by several inches and has all but eliminated the flooding and standing water, at least for the normal rains that we get.

In late August we had our first real test of these new improvements. We were hit with the worst flooding that I've seen since I've been here, and it overwhelmed the stock ponds and all our water management efforts. Within a couple of hours, we had a river going past the orchard as well as the spillway east of the new small stock pond by Sue's office. It was dumping a torrent of water into the driveway to the range that was about 18" deep. The rain came in surges and eventually the water rose to the point of coming into the range building. While all this sounds pretty bad, there was a huge silver lining.

While we had a massive amount of water come through, the work that had been done meant that it shed off very quickly. By midafternoon, the range was clear and

by evening the road was clear. There was minimal damage to my range building, everything is up off the ground in the range building just on case of such an event, and there was no real damage or loss anywhere on the property.

The photos and videos that I took were pretty dramatic. I plan to finish editing the video at some point and will share them with you all. Sue's included a few photos here for you all to see. It was a pretty amazing day.

Now that we've had all this rain, the entire desert has come alive. This is the greenest that I've seen and it's absolutely beautiful. Here are a couple of really nice photos we hope you all enjoy.

### AFTER THE FLOODING



## Africa News



As many of you know, our Ghanaian Brother Lawrence Tsimese is the head of our African outreach. For the past 13 years he has been faithfully ministering daily from his base in Tema, Ghana. Manifesting the truth of the Gospel through his life that is wholly dedicated to the Lord, Brother Lawrence ministers through a combination of business engagement, discipleship of ministers, children trained up in the way they should go as well as regular preaching and teaching engagements.

Over the years, Brother Charles Hocker and Brother Steve Atherton have visited with him in Ghana in demonstration of our support for his ministry. Brother Lawrence has also traveled to Sierra Leone and Kenya in connection with his outreach to local African churches throughout the continent.

Following close on the heels of Brother Steve's 9-week trip to Ghana in 2021, the Lord has been further expanding opportunities for Brother Lawrence. Recently, two long-time Ghanaian Ministers and a third from Uganda have entered into discipleship with Brother Lawrence. Such developments align perfectly with our goal of strengthening ministers of the Gospel throughout Africa rather than establishing churches ourselves.

When a Ghanaian University President suggested to Brother Steve that he establish a church in Ghana, Brother Steve asked him: "Why would I do that? Have not you received something of the Lord from me?"

"Well yes" replied the startled President.

"If you will simply share that which you have received from the Lord with everyone you know, then what need is there for me to establish a church here?" asked Brother Steve. "Everyone you know can receive the same thing from the Lord that you did. They do not need me."

Coming up shortly, Brother Steve, Sister Megan and their four children will be leaving for Sister Megan's native country of South Africa, where they plan to reside until the middle of May 2023. This will be our fellowship's third trip to South Africa, building upon a previous visit by Brother Steve and Sister Megan as well as the more recent visit paid by Sister Robin to our South African Sister Joan Clinning. With great anticipation, we look forward to seeing what the Lord does in South Africa.

Please keep Brother Lawrence, Brother Steve, Sister Megan and their families, friends and fellow laborers in prayer. The hope is that Brother Lawrence will be able to join them in South Africa for at least a brief time. If you want to stay abreast of developments, sign up on our email list and keep an eye on Facebook where Brother Steve and Megan are sure to post photos.

## TRAVEL



### South Africa & Europe

Steve, Megan & their 4 children will be leaving in November 2022 heading to South Africa and Europe. They expect to return in June 2023.

If you would like them to visit you or your church during their travels, please get in touch with them using the free app **WhatsApp** or via email.

Steve: +1 (802) 371-8220  
Megan: +1 (802) 485-8624

### USA - Heading East

Charles and Karen Hocker left TX at the beginning of September, on their annual trip north.

While they love to travel, they especially love meeting people and getting to spend time with friends along the way. Give them a call if you'd





like to meet up while they travel.

Charles: (802) 777-7529 Karen: (802) 829-8874

## MESSAGES TO REMEMBER

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## THE GREAT COMMISSION

Everyone knows the “Great Commission”. It was succinctly set forth by Christ and recorded in Mark Chapter 16:

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Sadly, most people see it as unattainable because they believe they have to travel the world and speak the name of Jesus or quote the Word of God to people in order to fulfill it. In truth, the command is for us to “preach the Gospel” (when necessary using words as Brother Davy repeatedly said) as we operate in the world, rather than having to travel around the world. In other words, Christ is talking about those other 6 days of the week when you are “in the world” but not “of the world.”

Over the years I have learned that the key to fulfilling the Great Commission is to simply walk in the “love of God” towards all people in your everyday life. In my experience, this generally does not involve speaking the name of Jesus, inviting folks to church or asking them if they are saved. Instead, if you prayerfully seek the Lord for others, He will move through you in accordance with your prayers to minister “the oracles of God” (as Peter described it in I Peter 4:11) unto them. It is through that fitly spoken word or action, coupled with a peculiar life testifying of God’s workmanship (not man’s), that the victory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is made manifest in the world. As you walk that out, the Lord working with you by His



power to confirm His Word, you will evidently set forth the truth of the Gospel amongst those you interact with in your daily life, whether that be at work, at home or while out and about. Then, when people ask a reason for the hope that is in you, you will be able to speak the Gospel in a credible manner that moves people to embrace Christ's salvation for themselves.

## UPCOMING TFM DATES

October

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**MEGAN ATHERTON FLIES TO SOUTH AFRICA**

Please keep the Atherton family in prayer

October

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**Labor Day**

No School or Events. Offices Will Be Closed.

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**Ministers Conference**

We will hold our annual ministers conference online. Watch our website for more information.

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**ROSEMARY EUTSLER BIRTHDAY**

October

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**MEGAN ATHERTON BIRTHDAY**

October

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**JENNA SWEET BIRTHDAY**

October

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**SAMUEL ATHERTON BIRTHDAY**

November

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**STEVE ATHERTON & CHILDREN FLY TO SOUTH AFRICA**

Please keep them in prayer as they minister in SA

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