## WTJP Birmingham Report for August 2016

## **WTJP Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration**

Throughout 2016 WTJP has been celebrating its 30th anniversary. In June 16, 1986, WTJP made its on-air presence known to the greater Birmingham, Alabama region and burst on to the TV broadcast arena preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thousands have been saved and many lives touched in a myriad of ways since that day. During the month of June 2016, the Gadsden/Etowah County Chamber of Commerce led a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the front steps of the Gadsden Studio building. The Mayor of Gadsden, Sherman Guyton, cut the memorial ribbon and the open house celebration was "on."



Featured speakers in addition to Mayor Guyton were WTJP *Praise the Lord* hosts Pastor Steve Green from More Than Conquerors Church of Birmingham; Pastor George Matthews of New Life International Ministries in Birmingham; and Pastor Mark Gidley from Faith Worship Center in Glencoe, Alabama. Pastor Steve Green prayed a very moving prayer of dedication, consecration, and prophecy (pictured below) while other guests joined in.



Pastor Green regularly appears on the TBN's National *Praise the Lord* program produced from TBN's Atlanta studios. Annually, WTJP provides a co-sponsorship for Pastor Green's annual R.E.S.P.E.C.T. back-to-school rally held in downtown Birmingham, which has witnessed over 20,000 in attendance. TBN/WTJP receives front and center recognition at the rally with a large TBN Networks banner as the stage backdrop. Pastor Green and his ministry has been a partner with WTJP over 27 years.

The Gadsden Job Corp culinary school designed, prepared, and served a brunch (pictured below) composed of their own original recipes. Their meal was a huge hit, and all who attended were impressed with this group's culinary skills and professionalism.



Love Your Neighbor Initiative

WTJP partnered with the Love Your Neighbor (LYN) community action team as it readied for the first demonstration of love and care from the Gadsden/Etowah County area. Cleaning, cutting grass, painting, and pastors loving on residents capsulizes the thrust of LYN. WTJP has played a leading role in reaching out to those in need.

## Praise the Lord

WTJP's outstanding local *Praise the Lord* program this month spotlighted two very unusual guests. One was an 85-year-old minister who was miraculously healed at 35 years of age. Defying doctors' prognosis, the preacher rose up from his bed and went back to work and speaking the power of his Savior.

The other guest was a pastor and wife who testified about how God has poured into the life of their Down syndrome child. The mother and father began speaking the Word of God and praying over their child even before birth, continuing at birth and forward. To the amazement of doctors and therapists, the little girl is not only walking, but bouncing around, quoting scriptures, and at the age of five is now performing chores along with the other family

members. Her progress is "unbelievable" says all who know her case. This was an anointed and powerful program!

## Joy in Our Town

Guest Amanda Jackson, Director of the Gadsden/Etowah County Library, blew us all away with her presentation on the role a cutting-edge library plays in education in this city and county. Under Ms. Jackson's direction, the Gadsden Library has integrated into a county-wide network of educational systems and organizations.