

# 2022: Year in Review

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## Church Ministries, Preaching and Teaching

### Speaking opportunities (by messages)

**Total – 173**

Sunday services – 77

Midweek services – 16

Good Friday – 1

Christmas Eve – 1

Funeral – 2

Men's breakfast – 1

Church board meeting – 1

Church promo video – 1

Prophecy Up Close – 3

Conference report – 3

Campus ministry – 1

Bible study groups – 43

Pastors' video call – 2

Radio interviews – 12

FOI chapel – 3

SermonAudio.com Daily United Prayer – 6

### Ministries in church services (by days)

**Total – 62**

Sundays – 44

Midweek – 15

Holidays – 2

Funeral – 1

**Churches in which we ministered (by states)**

**Total – 47**

Wisconsin – 31

Texas – 6

Iowa – 4

Minnesota – 2

Illinois – 1

Indiana – 1

North Carolina – 1

Oklahoma – 1

I did 13 presentations on **Passover** for eight churches.

I did 16 presentations on **Hanukkah** for eight churches and two Bible study groups.

I exhibited at 10 **conferences** –

Chafer Theological Seminary Pastors' Conference (Houston, TX)

Conference on the Church for God's Glory (Rockford, IL)

IFCA International Annual Convention (Albuquerque, NM)

IFCA Wisconsin Regionals (Fond du Lac and Mazomanie, WI)

The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry Prophecy Up Close Conference  
(El Reno, OK)

Refresh Conference—Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary  
(Ankeny, IA)

Shepherds 360 Church Leaders Conference—Shepherds Theological Seminary  
(Cary, NC)

Wisconsin Fellowship of Baptist Churches (Greendale, WI)

Wisconsin State Youth Conference (Watertown, WI)

## Media Outreach

I wrote three **blog articles** for FOI.org.

I wrote 40 additional **columns**.

In total, 42 articles (all 40 columns and two of my FOI blogs) ran on SharperIron.org. Thirty columns ran on RaptureReady.com, which began featuring my contributions in June. Columns are also posted on SermonAudio.com in both written and audio formats.

I wrote an article that was published in the May-June issue of the *Voice Magazine*.

I wrote an article that was published in the January-February (2023) issue of *Israel My Glory*.

I had 15,522 downloads on **SermonAudio.com/pscharf**. These reached all 50 states and 105 foreign countries.

SermonAudio's ChurchOne App offers another means by which people can access all of our latest content on their phones and other mobile devices. We began promoting this powerful tool this past year.

It was also a joy to join the rotation of speakers for SermonAudio.com's online Daily United Prayer meetings.

I am grateful to Dr. Jimmy DeYoung, Jr., for adding me as a broadcast partner at ProphecyToday.com in 2022—playing my sermons on the Live Streaming Radio Station, and interviewing me for the “Prophecy Today Weekend” and “Prophecy Today Daily” programs.

I did four radio interviews on the KHCB Christian Radio Network in Houston, and one on VCY America. I was also on the “Listen for the Joy” radio program in Dallas, and recorded 12 one-minute radio spots for the holidays (see below).

## Communication

I sent out three **prayer/newsletters**. The final one, in December, went to 71 individuals (in 10 states), to 11 supporting churches (in three states) and to 139 additional churches with which we have a direct connection (in 18 states)—for a total of 221 year-end letters.

I sent 44 letters to churches to thank them for ministry opportunities.

With the help of a faithful volunteer, we sent 45 regular editions, and 10 special editions, of our “**Weekly News Update.**” At the end of December, we were sending this **weekly e-newsletter** to 814 subscribers.

I produce a “**Weekly Prayer Update**” each Wednesday morning, which I currently send to 11 churches and two families, as well as posting it on Facebook and SermonAudio.

### **Final Thoughts and Future Goals**

Our total downloads on SermonAudio.com showed a slight decrease from the previous year. The second half of 2022, however, showed a marked increase over both the first half of 2022, as well as the second half of 2021.

This is a very good trend, and one that we desire to build on very purposely—by uploading Biblically rich content on a regular basis, and especially by improving and upgrading the technical quality of the audios we record and post.

I believe very strongly that outreach through media and technology will become more and more important, in light of numerous factors that will surely confront us in the future.

Along that line, this Christmas season, I was privileged to record 12 one-minute devotional spots that were used on radio stations throughout the country (counted as one radio interview, and one speaking opportunity, in the statistics listed above). This was done at the request of a major Christian radio network—KHCB in Houston, which ran them on its 43 stations. The spots were offered to many other stations, as well. I hope to continue to build on this effort by recording radio spots throughout the year, particularly at holiday times, and offering them for use on various networks and stations.

As always, our goal remains finding ways to multiply the effectiveness of our ministry by building further upon the foundation we have established.

But we also want to persist in going deeper. My desire is still to continue my education by enrolling in a doctoral program that will allow me to produce a dissertation that will help to define my ministry for years to come.

God has blessed us so richly, and we desire to use this wonderful opportunity that He has given to us faithfully and effectively, for His glory.

***Thanks to everyone who supported our ministry  
through prayer and financial giving in 2022.  
You truly make all of these efforts possible.  
May the Lord bless you richly in return!***

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