

Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.(from NIV)

## Some recap events

The big highlight: We had a GREAT time at the DEFC AWANA Gran Prix. First, thank you to Don Wickstrum for bring over the car. It looks good and the kids loved sitting in it and learning about it. There were over 40 cars competing and a really good time by all. I want to again thank DEFC for allowing me to share a devotional before racing started.

**Sportsmen's Expo**: Thanks Mike Markin for going down to Fox River Christian Church. We made a few contacts. Mike and I had a good theological discussion most of the afternoon.

It's here, we're racing: What a difference a year makes. The weather is great and racing started with a weekend at Rockford Spring Classic. Great fields of Big 8 and Mid American Stock Car Series (MASCS) kicked off the season. Saturday was spent praying with guys for the season to go well and their safety. Sunday we opened with chapel, praying in the drivers meetings and the invocation while hanging out with the teams in the pits. It is always good to get things started. I want to thank Doug and Julie Strasburg and Gregg McKarns. Doug for allowing me to hang out with the MASCS, Julie for playing the key board and Gregg for allowing me to hang out with the Big 8 teams and having a chapel at The Spring Classic. Rockford is a great place to get the season started with.

The following weekend we went to the **Forest Lakes District Conference**. Our purpose was to share the ministry and see if there were recruits out there someone might connect us with. We spoke with a good number of pastors and now will wait to see if there are any that will contact us back with member that might want to be involved in the race ministry.



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## **Upcoming events**

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Practice at MIS

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: That is the date for opening racing at Madison International Speedway (MIS) with ASA Midwest Tour, Sportsmen and Truck Series. Pray that plans will come together for us to be able to share the truth.

**May 15**<sup>th</sup>: May go to the Dells for the ASA Sportsmen event.

May 21st: Grundy, IL with MASCS

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: MIS five division opener! Hopefully a chapel. May 28<sup>th</sup>: MIS regular five division Friday night opener.

May 29<sup>th</sup>: MASCS at the Dell Raceway Park.

May 30th: ASA North at Grundy, IL

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Big 8 and WCS at Golden Sands (Plover, WI)

## Things to pray about

Please start with praying for the salvation of drivers, crews, owners, staff, and fans. We are able to touch 1,000's of people in the coming month. Pray that God opens hearts and His Word is received. Pray for safety for the family as we travel and for the racing. Pray for open doors for chapel and devotional times. **Pray** for the correct use of funds and praise the Lord for the giving in the last month! Also praise God for AWANA Grand Prix and Rockford ministry opportunities! **Praise** the Lord that He has worked out my work schedule to be able to make the events so far and pray that this continues. Pray for health of the family in particular Rayna. Thank the Lord for the helpers Mike for tagging along and helping so much. Rick for editing and maintaining the Web site and Cindy and the kids putting up with me and helping so MUCH. And thanks for all of you that are praying for Team Jesus Racing Ministry!