



Kidding Chronicle

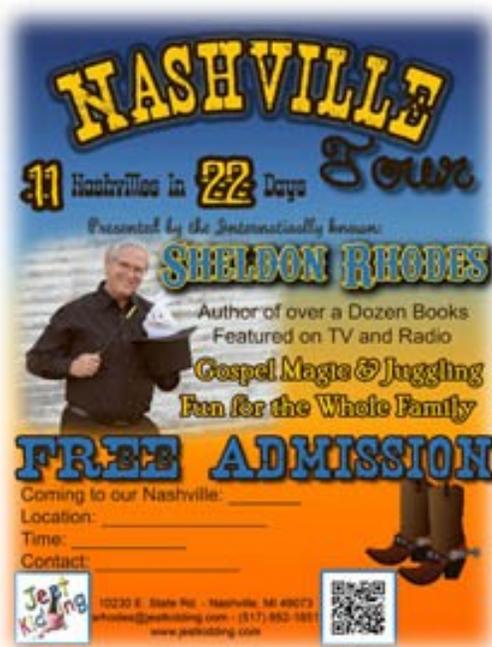


10230 E. State Rd.

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Nashville, MI 49073

NASHVILLE TOUR



Vicky and I have lived in Nashville, MI for 30 years now. There are a lot of people who live in MI that have never heard of Nashville. At times I think there are people who live in Nashville that don't know about it too. Our town isn't very big and the truth is, they don't let us live in town. We are actually two miles north of town but they let us use Nashville as our address.

Right out of high school in 1967, Sheldon was heading to Nashville, TN when he stopped to visit his folks in MI. The short version of the story is, he never made it to TN but ended up in the Air Force instead. When we were looking at the property where we are now it was not clear if it had a Nashville address or a Vermontville address. When we found out that it was Nashville we were more convinced than ever that this was the place the Lord wanted us.

The truth is, there are 11 Nashville's and just about the time you receive this we will be doing a [Nashville tour](#). We will be traveling driving over 4,000 miles in 22 days setting up and tearing down and doing 22 programs in 22 churches in 22 towns including all 11 Nashville's. The goal is to share Christ with 4,500 people during that time. ([Watch the video.](#))

Nashville, MI doesn't have any stop lights or even a stop sign on main street. It prides itself in the fact that we have around 1,600 people now. The truth is, some of the other Nashvill's are smaller than ours. As you might imagine, the selection of churches isn't very large either but God has opened up the door and we are excited to be able to proclaim Christ every place we go.

We need your help. First of all, pray. Be asking God to use us to bring many to a saving knowledge of His Son, Jesus. Pray for safety as we have lots of miles to

travel each day, programs each night and back on the road again the next day. Pray for the cost of this mission trip. In order to get as many unsaved people to come as possible and to not be a burden to the hosting churches, we are NOT asking anything from them. We are NOT asking for travel expense, meals or housing. With the price of gas close to \$4.00 a gallon we estimate that it is going to cost \$5,000 in all. We really need your help. All of the churches are excited about the "Country" flare I have put to my program with the strongest gospel message. Some are using it to promote their up coming VBS as well as an outreach to the lost while we are there.

Would you consider joining us and follow us along in prayer day by day? You can find a list of the churches and schedule at www.jestkidding.com/nashville Would you consider sending a special gift beyond your regular support to go toward the cost? One supporter sent us a pre-paid gas card to use on the trip. What a blessing. He used the loose change he had been saving to buy it and wanted me to suggest that to you as well. Thanks Dave. Tax time is almost here and Jest Kidding is a non-profit, 501-c3 and your donations are tax deductible.

- 18 mpg = 253 gal
- Gas \$4.00 = \$1,000
- 18 Hotels = \$1,800
- Meals = \$1,200
- Ferry = \$300
- Promotion = \$700
- Total \$5,000**



Blessings

From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. [John 1:16](#)

As time passes we recognize more opportunities to be thankful for the many blessings God bestows on us.

This summer we will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. We recognize that it is only God's grace that allows a couple to stay together for that amount of time.

We are blessed to love each other more today than the day we were married.

We are blessed to have parents who modeled Godly marriages to us.

We are blessed to still have parents living and modeling Godly lives every day.

We are blessed to have strength enough to continue to serve the God who gives us each breath.

We are blessed to have children who, along with their spouses, love the Lord, serve Him, and seek to raise their families with Godly values.

We are blessed to have nine grandchildren and another on the way.

We are blessed to be able to attend a church that stands firm on God's Holy Word.

We are blessed to have many friends like you who pray for us regularly, who believe as we do in how important it is to reach children for Christ, and who give so generously toward reaching these precious little ones.

We know and are blessed by "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." ([James 1:17](#) NASB)

I Can Do Five

I recently told a young man how he could help support our ministry while he is in college. I told him about the Jest Kidding toolbar and just the fact that it is on his computer gives us a penny every time he searches for something. He called me the next day to tell me how much he had earned for us already. He figures he can get us \$5.00 a week by himself. I told him I wish we had 100 people like him. It doesn't get any easier than that to support us. The toolbar is free. <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/jest-kidding>

Summer Dates



This Summer we will once again be heading west as far as WA. If you are along the route between MI and WA and would like something special for a VBS day, let us know as soon as possible so that we can schedule it. We need to be in WA the last week of July but can be with you on the way out.

40th Anniversary

Sheldon and Victoria

1973-2013

Aug. 18

