

## Weekly Report 5-9-26



Dear {{ contact.SALUTATION }}, above from left to right: [Pat Hegarty](#), Ft. Collins, CO; [Heath Pucel](#), Green Bay, WI; [Steven Kendall](#), Brownsburg, IN; Isaiah, [Kevin Tallaksen](#), Houtzdale, PA; [Carol Long](#), Dawsonville, GA; [Matthew Cochran](#), Hadley, PA; [Stirling Long](#), Dawsonville, PA; [Ed Neimann](#), Pittsburgh, PA.

Not in the picture: Chris Gregory, Jason Harris, Phillip Huggins, Jeff Wuenschel, Dave Shields, David Schoedel.

You can see the evangelist bios and pictures from the NFL Draft at the bottom of this page: [NFL Draft](#).

The 2026 NFL Draft in Pittsburgh set a new all-time, three-day attendance record with **805,000 people** in attendance. The event, held from April 23-25, 2026, surpassed the previous record of 775,000 set in Detroit in 2024, featuring a record-breaking 320,000 fans on Thursday for the first round.

The NFL Experience which is an exhibition for all things NFL for the fans was held at [Point Stat Park](#) and the Draft stage was at the [Steelers' Stadium](#). This map shows these two location plus the Roberto Clemente Bridge: [Draft](#).

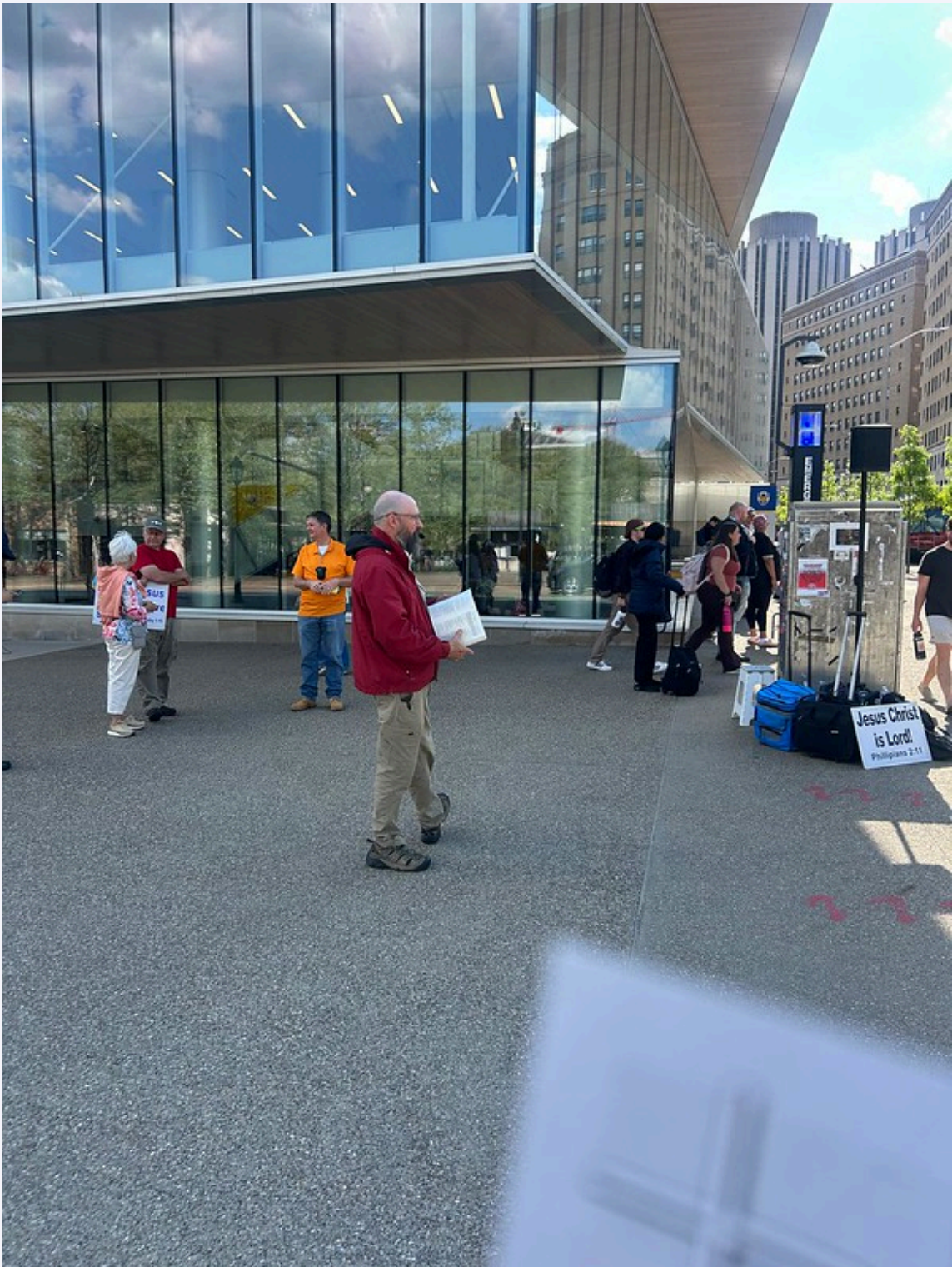
The normal walking bridge from Point State Park directly to the Stadium was blocked off. Thus fans walked to and from the Stadium and back to Point State Park on the Roberto Clemente Bridge. We set up at the Roberto Clemente Bridge and about a half a block away from the NFL experience gate at Point State Park

The Team began the week at the University of Pittsburgh on Wednesday. The ministry location was at the Hillman Library. Specifically the corner of [Forbes & Stanley / Bigelow](#). The next 5 pictures show the corner. Pat Hegarty in

the red jacket and Heath Pucel in the orange shirt are preaching.













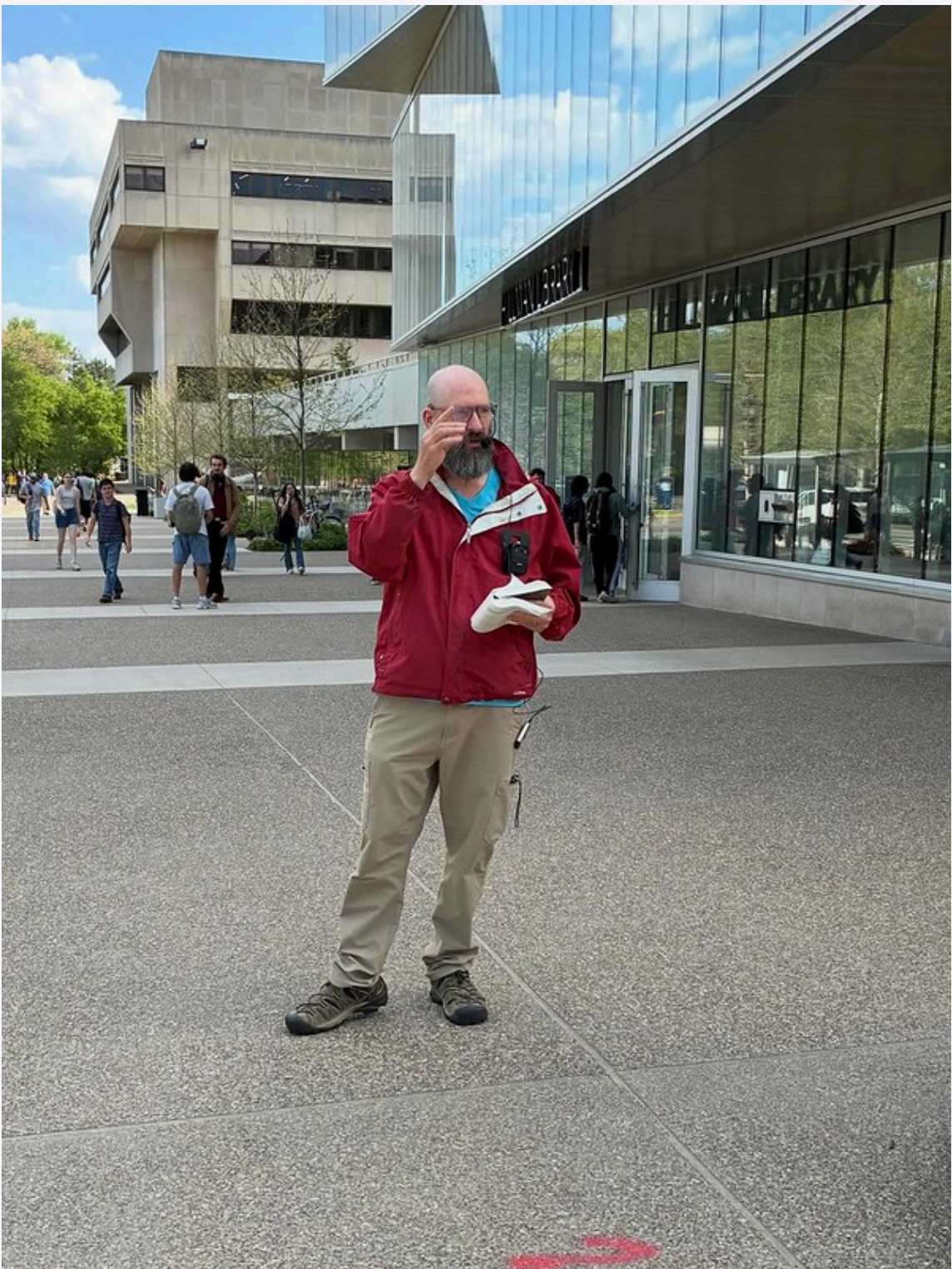
Stirling Long and Matthew Cochran outside the library.



Steven Kendall preaching at library and Matthew in conversation as a result of the preaching.



Stirling Long talking with a gentleman as a result of the preaching at Pitt.



Pat Hegarty preaching outside library.

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Thursday - Saturday was ministry at the NFL Draft.



Heath Pucel preaching on the Bridge! Steven Kendall providing an NFL Draft Day 1 Update from the Roberto Clemente Bridge. The Bridge how fans walked from downtown Pittsburgh to the NFL Experience.



Day 1 update. Great view of the fans walking across the Bridge and hearing Words of Life being preached by Pat Hegarty.



This young man, Isaiah, saw the guys preaching on the Bridge wanted to try it. He had never preached before and did a great job!



NFL Draft Day 1 outside the NFL Experience before the gates open.



Stirling praying with fan outside NFL Experience.



Stirling Long preaching as the fans were going into to the NFL Experience.



Another view of Stirling preaching to the NFL Draft crowd outside the NFL Experience.



Steven Kendall preaching as the fans entered the NFL Experience.



You can see the set up outside the Experience. Heath in green shirt with speaker and Stirling closer with sign.



Another view of ministry location outside experience. Fans coming and going. Heath in green shirt holding sign.



Matthew Cochran (far right with blue shirt and Bible) in conversation with fans outside NFL Experience



Stirling witnessing to fans around Point State Park.



Kevin Talaksen preaching outside the [Point State Park](#) gate.



Matthew Cochran in conversation at Point State Park.



Ed Neimann a local Pittsburgh evangelist with Open Air Campaigners is preaching on day 1 at Point State Park.

Hallelujah {{ contact.SALUTATION }} for the team at the Draft and for the Lord bring 800,000+ souls there to Lord willing hear Words of Life!

Truly amazing opportunity!

Grace & peace,

Bill

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