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Merry Christmas!



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It's the most wonderful time of the year...at least we think so! As we remember the birth of our Savior and the reason He came to earth, WRGN tries to refocus away from the commercialism. We want to bring things back to simplicity of the Babe in the manger, Emmanuel, God with us!

The Sonflowerz brought this message to us at our annual Christmas Banquet on Saturday, December 1. We were thrilled as many listeners from across the area joined us at the Ramada Inn

in Wilkes-Barre for an evening of food, fellowship and inspiration. We love to get together with you!

We were so encouraged by our listeners too, as we heard from many of you about the impact WRGN has had on lives through difficult times. It was great to see many familiar faces as well as meet some of you for the first time. What a blessing your kind words are as we continue in the ministry of WRGN.

The staff of WRGN wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Radio Specials



December Live!

Friday, December 7, 9:00 p.m. & Saturday December 8, 2:00 p.m.

Original Christmas Stories, music, storytelling and candy cane comedy...all in front of a live audience. Create unforgettable reflections of the holidays.

Trail of Two Kings

Sunday, December 9, 12:00 p.m.

With Herod as a narrator, audiences are invited to share in the paths of two kings. One king will experience a rise of power on earth that is fleeting, while the other embodies the very essence of power and life in the Father.

December Live!

Friday, December 14, 9:00 p.m. & Saturday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.

All new edition for 2012!

Wheaton College Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 16, 12:00 p.m.

Journey to the Light including the Wheaton College Woman's Chorale, Concert Choir and Men's Glee to create an astounding array of sounds celebrating the spirit and true meaning of the season.

Candlelight Carols: The Spirit of Christmas

Sunday, December 16, 1:00 p.m. and Christmas Eve, 9:00 p.m.

Recorded at historic Moody Church, voices will include Moody Bible Institute's Moody Chorale, Men's Collegiate Choir, Symphonic Band and Women's Concert Choir and Bell Ensemble.

A Marriage Carol

Friday, December 21, 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 22, 2:00 p.m.

Radio drama follows Marlee and Jacob, a couple on their way to sign divorce papers. But when a snow storm spins their car across the ice, the collision that follows puts everything on hold.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sunday, December 23, 12:00 p.m.

Journey to Bethlehem and listen to the rich sounds of the real-life hustle and bustle of marketplace sites, neighborhoods, and other areas, depicting Bethlehem both today and yesterday.

Christmas Day Music

Tuesday, December 25, 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

24 hours of Christmas music! Hosted by Tim Madeira, Jonathan Broschious, Dan Longmore, Denise Warner, and Doug Hamilton.



Here at the studios



It was a busy month here at WRGN as we prepared for Share-A-Thon, conducted Share-A-Thon, and then caught up after Share-A-Thon! It was a great time as we heard from many of our listeners who wanted to support the ministry of WRGN in the coming year. The week before we began our annual Share-A-Thon, Hurricane Sandy made her appearance in the area. Along with many of our listeners, we were affected with the loss of power and as a result, were off the air for about 9 hours. Special thanks to Josh Griego and Bud Austin, who loaned us two generators, one we placed at the transmitter at the WRGN tower in Sweet Valley, and one at our studios in Hunlock Creek. Power was off longer at our Scranton and Allentown translators, finally coming back on the weekend before Share-A-Thon. It made for stressful times!

During Share-A-Thon, we had four wonderful days of testimonies of God's faithfulness as you, our listeners, called in to support the station. Pastors opened each day of Share-A-Thon with a devotional and prayer. Thank you to Pastors Dave Martin, Kevin Straka, Mark Whitmer, and Dave Elick who took time out of their busy schedules to come and share with us.

We wouldn't survive Share-A-Thon without sustenance and we were kept well fed by volunteers who supplied us with meals each day including: Irene Yeager, Darlene Pearson, Sharon Cease, Bev Sorber, Janet Carver, Caroline Ciak, Lucille Madeira, and Randy & Maureen Parry. We were also blessed with LOTS of baked goods from Doris Stout, a faithful listener from Berwick, who delivered about 5 different types of cookies, two cakes and blueberry muffins! Joe Martin, otherwise known as "Cookie Joe" dropped by with homemade oatmeal and chocolate chip

cookies that he had baked at 2:00 a.m. that morning! Doug Yeager stopped by one afternoon and surprised us with pizza, and the women of Maple Grove United Methodist Church supplied us with muffins, brownies, cake and a vegetable tray! A local restaurant, O-Live, surprised us with burgers, New England clam chowder, and Grilled Salmon Salads! Thank you, Wendy Fritz!

We were blessed to have many volunteers who helped to answer telephones, wrap gifts, help out wherever they were needed! Many thanks to Janet Carver, Darlene Pearson, Kathy Smith, Bev Sorber, Irene Yeager, Helena Fleming, Debbie Kalinoski, Pat Guduz, Katrina Kottler, and Parryville resident Cathy Hawk who drove 1 ½ hours to volunteer! Extra special thanks goes to Barb Saxe and Sharon Cease who oversee "Phone Central" during Share-A-Thon and are here at the studios from 7am – 9 or 10pm each day!

Tim and Jonathan were joined at the microphones throughout the 4 days by some great voices including: Michael Warner, David DeCosmo, Pastor Andy Jerome, Mike Bodek, Pastor Dennis Madeira, Doug Hamilton, Dan Longmore, Denise Warner, Pastor Wayne Morgan, Michael Madeira, and Sue Hand who visited the studios to offer prints of her artwork to listeners.

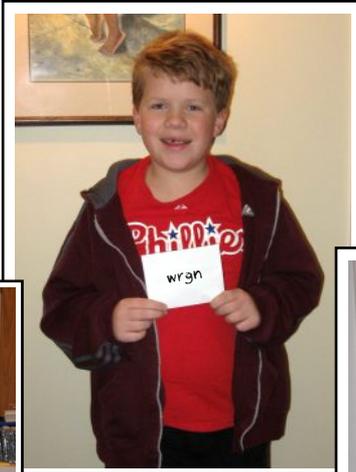
Jonathan had to leave Share-A-Thon early to attend the wedding of his brother – in TEXAS! We are so appreciative of the many hosts who volunteered to help cover the many hours of Share-A-Thon! Burl & Shirley Updyke, founders of the WRGN ministry, stopped by the studios on Thursday to help and share God's miracle of the airwaves over which we are able to broadcast the Good News!

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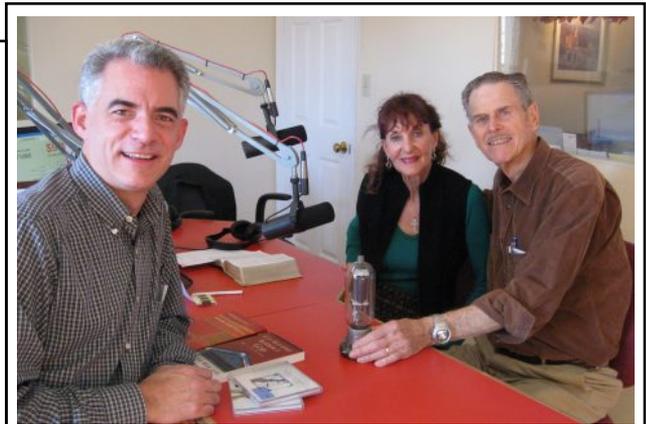
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let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father in heaven.

matthew 5:16





New at the Library



“It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” and the Good News Library has plenty of items to help with your Christmas season. When you visit the Library, check out the Christmas display of books for all ages, audio CDs and DVDs.

One of the newest books in the Library is *52 Little Lessons from It's a Wonderful Life*. The movie wasn't a box office hit when it was released but it has since found its way into the public's hearts and has become a timeless holiday classic that has woven itself into family traditions. This Christmas, instead of simply watching the film, borrow the book from the Library and learn 52 Little Lessons that go along with the movie.

Readers of Amish fiction will enjoy *Amish White Christmas Pie* by Wanda E. Brunstetter. Abandoned by his father 16 years ago, Will was left in the care of an Amish couple. He has since joined the Amish church and is about to marry. As he contemplates marriage and future fatherhood, he wonders if he will destroy his family as his father did. Will an old recipe for White Christmas Pie contain the truth that sets him free?

In *The Christmas Star*, Robert Reed gave his life for his

country in the early days of World War II. His sacrifice was honored when his widow and son were presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor. To his son, the medal serves as symbol of loss, pain and suffering. A Christmas miracle turns a final bit of holiday sadness into a joy that the boy has never known.

In Amanda Cabot's latest book, *Christmas Roses*, Celia Anderson doesn't have a husband on her Christmas wish list; however she admits that she might remarry if she found the right man - the kind of man who would bring her roses for Christmas. It would take a miracle, though, to find roses during a harsh Wyoming winter. But Christmas, after all, is the time for miracles.

Two new books for toddlers include *The Nativity Story*, an adorable board book which tells the story of Christmas in very simple words and colorful images. *Christmas Bible Friends* is another board book where children can peek behind each easy-to-lift flap to discover what's hiding underneath.

Make sure to plan some time with your family in front of the Christmas tree and enjoy a movie or book from the Good News Library.

From us to you...



December 2012

To the WRGN listening family,

Let me start this month's letter with a big THANK YOU! Because of your Faith Promises, we are just \$7,839 away from our Share-A-Thon goal of \$150,000! **If you haven't already told us you will be standing with us financially in 2013, it's not too late to help us reach that goal by the end of the year.** Last year, we actually reached the goal in the final days of December.

December? Yes, the end of one whirlwind month and the beginning of another. Everyone will be talking as we wind up the year about how quickly time has gone, and then will likely move on to what they resolve to do differently in the coming year. Well, we resolve that you won't hear that from us here at WRGN. Hmm, I think by saying that, I have broken that resolution already!

Actually, the scripture tells us that time is short, and reminds us in Ephesians 5:16 we should **"...make the most of our time, because the days are evil."** THAT is what we seek to do daily here at WRGN. We hear regularly from individuals who have had a life changing experience because of something they have heard on WRGN.

While you are together with family and friends this Christmas season, encourage them to listen to the life changing broadcasts on WRGN.

Redeeming the time,

Tim & Heather Madeira

P.S. Check out the list of Christmas specials on page 2 of the RadioGram!

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