

Happy New Year!



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In the past year WRGN has been so blessed to work together with churches and ministries though NEPA.

Tim Madeira, General Manager of WRGN, has had the privilege of sharing how God is working within the body of Christ through the ministry of WRGN.

We are scheduling dates for area churches this spring. If you would like Tim & Heather to come to your church or event, please contact us. Tim is willing to share a message on a Sunday morning or during another service...or talk about how the ministry of WRGN is touching lives.

We recently had the joy of speaking at a church in Wilkes-

Barre which then collected a special offering for the station after Tim presented the impact of the station over the past year. The impromptu offering of that local church resulted in nearly \$1,000 toward the sharing of Good News!

It is very exciting to us and important to the ministry of WRGN to be able to partner with the local church. Call WRGN today to schedule a visit at 1-800-245-3688.

In Memoriam

A donation has been made to WRGN in memory of Edward Bednarski by Nancy Barrett

From us to you...



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To the WRGN listening family,

Happy New Year!

Can I make a prediction for 2014? Why not, everyone else is!

Okay...drum roll please. **No matter what happens in 2014, GOD IS IN CONTROL.** That's right, *NO MATTER WHAT!* That phrase is also the title of a song by Kerrie Roberts we often play on WRGN - it's a good reminder to us, because we tend to worry.

Don't get me wrong, I expect a lot of bad things to happen in 2014. I expect a lot of good things will happen too! The good, the bad, and the ugly; it doesn't change the fact that God's purpose will be done. **Elections, natural disasters, technological advances, persecution, schemes of the devil, nothing will take God by surprise.** Neither will it change what God is doing. Proverbs 19:21 says "*Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.*"

I don't know about you, but I need to hear that, I need to know that, **I need to LIVE that!**

As we enter the New Year, we will undoubtedly face challenges in our world, our country, our churches, our families and our personal lives. **Can we remember, through it all, that GOD IS FOR US?** (Romans 8:31)

Trusting Him,

Tim & Heather Madeira



Here at the Studios



Happy New Year from all of us at the WRGN studios! We trust you had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends celebrating the birth of our Savior!

Looking back, December now seems to have gone by in a blur! We began the month by celebrating with many of our WRGN listeners at the annual Christmas banquet. As Pastor Kevin Straka opened with prayer, he commented, "Now, the Christmas season has begun!" The wonderful singing talent of Dámaris Carbaugh blessed everyone. Those of us who were able to enjoy her company at dinner found out she is also quite the comedian. We enjoyed our time with her and her heart for those who need to know Christ as their Savior.

Like you, we also did some decorating around the WRGN studios. Our operations manager, Dan Close, loves to decorate and he made the control room studios appear festive with garlands, lights and ornaments made out of old CD's (what else?!?!). Our listeners' Christmas cards helped decorate as well and we enjoyed hearing from so many of you and the kind words expressed for your appreciation of the ministry of WRGN. After the cards were read over the air, we used them to decorate the lobby area. The studios are going to look quite bare when we take down all the decorations this week!

The Good News Library was quite active during the month of December as children checked out

some wonderful Christmas themed books and families borrowed many of the Christmas DVDs for family movie nights. We also know that some people actually received the gift of a library membership or had their current memberships renewed as part of their Christmas gift! While the holidays may be over, it's obvious that the cold weather is not. You have plenty of time to get in some winter reading and plan your own family movie nights with resources from the Good News Library.

During Share-A-Thon you may have heard us mention that we have new WRGN car window stickers available. These were recently mailed to all those who participated in our recent Share-A-Thon along with their Acknowledgment Letters of their faith promises. We hope to see many WRGN stickers on vehicles throughout Northeastern PA and the Lehigh Valley. Stay tuned to WRGN to learn how you might be a winner if your car is spotted with one of these stickers. If you did not receive a sticker and you would like one to show your support of the Good News Network, just call us at 1-800-245-3688 or email us at wrgn@wrgn.com and we would be thrilled to mail one to you!

As we begin this New Year, remember 2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Christmas Banquet and



Concert with Dámaris!





...to Jesus!

Listeners to Refresh & Renew are invited to submit a Love Letter to Jesus. Host Dan Longmore will share excerpts from these letters on the afternoon music show from Monday, February 10 through Friday, February 14.

Letters must be 100 words or less and may be emailed to Dan.L@wrgn.com or through the mail to WRGN c/o Refresh & Renew, 2457 State Route 118, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621. All entries must be received no later than Wednesday, February 12.

All letters received will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. Two additional winning letters will be selected and will receive a box of chocolates. Please include your full name, contact phone number, and mailing address. If you have questions or need additional information, call 1-800-245-3688.



Dan Close with Joshua Culley, Drums, and his children, Garrett and Iris while visiting the WRGN studios shortly after Share-A-Thon.



President's Day Skate

The Friends of WRGN will host its 23rd Annual President's Day Skate on Monday, February 17. The event will be held at Skateaway, Blackman Street, Wilkes-Barre from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for each attendee. Skates are available for an additional \$2.00 if you need to rent them.

Skaters will enjoy the uplifting Christian music and be inspired by a devotional throughout the evening. For more information or for group tickets, call 1-800-245-3688 or email us at wrgn@wrgn.com.



Heather displays the pumpkin roll delivered by Janice and Paul Kreider from New Providence, PA. The Kreiders listen to WRGN online in the Lancaster area.



New at the Library



Happy New Year from the Good News Library! Our shelves are filled with books for all ages, for all reading interests and include some of the most recently published items.

Renee Swope of Proverbs 31 Ministries, heard daily on WRGN weekdays at 3:15, has a new book, *A Confident Heart Devotional*. Whether you are tired of feeling like you are not good enough, smart enough, or gifted enough, you already have something special to offer the world! Renee offers you a daily thought-map to help exchange your doubts for God's transforming truth.

Mothers of sons will want to borrow the book, *Praying for Boys*, by Brooke McGlothlin. This encouraging book helps you target your prayers on what your son needs most, from patience and self-control to having a pure heart and making wise decisions. While this book is written for moms, it is also a great book for dad and grandparents too! This book is filled with uplifting stories and biblical wisdom that will equip you on your journey to raising a godly man.

American families are extremely busy and one of your New Year's resolutions might be to have more family meal times. *Whit's End Meal Time Devotions - The Second Helping* will help your family turn mealtimes into opportunities to teach your children about the Biblical fundamentals.

Odyssey's favorite mentor, John Avery Whittaker, dishes up more well-balanced mealtime discussion starters that parents can use to nourish their children's spiritual health.

Cold winter nights are the perfect time to catch up on some fictional reading. *The Vicar's Wife* shares the story of Jane, a New Yorker to the core, city-based and career-driven. Following a move to a small village on the coast of Britain, Jane comes to live in a vast and crumbling former vicarage. When she finds a scrap of an old shopping list, she becomes fascinated with the woman who lived in the vicarage decades earlier. *The Vicar's Wife* takes readers on an emotional journey as two very different women learn the desires of their hearts - and confront their deepest fears.

99 Stories from the Bible is a beautifully illustrated storybook for children. The book contains a great selection of the best-loved stories in Scripture - from Creation, Adam, and Noah, to Jesus' birth, miracles and the first Easter. Children will love the full-page colorful illustrations that go along with each story.

Start the New Year off by planning a visit to the Good News Library located at the WRGN studios. Hours are weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Annual memberships are available for just a \$5.00 donation.

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