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## Shar-A-Thon Nov. 16-17-18-19 Don't Miss The Excitement



Shown are Doug Hamilton and Burl Updyke during last year's Shar-A-Thon.

A four day Shar-A-Thon is planned this year as WRGN strives to reach its goal of \$148,000, on November 16 through the 19th. There are a number of changes being put into effect, which will help to streamline the operation and allow more listeners to participate. One of these changes is the acceptance of credit cards when making a pledge. For some time, this method of payment has been requested. It will also be possible for Shar-A-Thon participants to arrange to have their monthly payment check sent automatically. Those taking part in Shar-A-Thon will have the option to choose their method of payment.

"God has been gracious in supplying the station's needs through WRGN listeners the past 26 years,"

said station manger, Burl Updyke. The new method of payment is for listeners' convenience, he said, as he emphasized the need for all listeners to give to keep WRGN strong in 2011.



Sparty, WRGN Radio Dog, made a visit to last year's Shar-A-Thon. He's shown here with Jonathan Broscius.

## Perfect Gift For WRGN Listeners



Shirley Updyke, is shown presenting one of her books to Carol and Mike Skamanich, of Throop.

The book, "Vision To Reality," tells the untold story of the founding of WRGN-FM and WIVH-FM. The book chronicles twenty-five years of Christian radio broadcasting over WRGN and WIVH "There are so many hundreds of listeners who have expressed their love for the station and they would deeply enjoy reading the

book," said Shirley Updyke, author. With Christmas quickly approaching this would be the ideal gift for those who, down through the years, have become faithful listeners. It's available to purchase at WRGN studios or it may be mailed. Call 800-245-3688.

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### "Merry Christmas" Button

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A "Christmas Button Project" was recently taken on personally by WRGN station manager, Burl Updyke, who purchased a number of pins to be distributed free to WRGN listeners. Believing the greeting "Merry Christmas" could become long forgotten, the pin reads, "Merry Christmas, God With Us." "If a person wearing the pin, forgets to say "Merry Christmas," the pin says it for him," said Burl. He believes the button will help those who wish to promote the true meaning of Christmas. They will be sent free to anyone requesting them. Call 800-245-3688



# Please pray with us

PRAY: for WRGN's Shar-A-Thon, November 16, 17, 18 and 19 and for the staff that will be working many, long hours.

PRAISE: Four trainees have enlisted to help conduct Shar-A-Thon this year. Thank God for their willingness to volunteer for this.

PRAISE: Prayer partners are many this year as they realize the importance of asking for God's blessings upon Shar-A-Thon.

PRAY: that the goal of \$148,000, only a portion of what is needed to operate WRGN for the upcoming year, may be pledged during Shar-A-Thon.

PRAY: It is imperative that everyone do their part in keeping listener-supported WRGN on the air. Pray for wisdom for the staff in helping listeners realize their participation is essential. Pray, too, for the energy required to work the long hours of Shar-A-Thon.

PRAISE: The staff of Shar-A-Thon workers share a passion for Christian radio and desire to please God, while encouraging others to express their love of WRGN by helping to make possible its continuance.

PRAY: For the Good News Library, that more people will take advantage of the opportunity to borrow the most current Christian books available today. These books offer help to those facing today's threatening issues.

PRAISE: New books and DVD's are being added daily to the library shelves and also to the shelves of the Book Store and these books may be purchased.

PRAISE: A young man preparing

for ministry recently found ideal books for his pastoral library.

PRAY: Shirl Updyke's book, "Vision To Reality" is ideal for gift giving and is available for purchase at the studios.. While reading of God's faithfulness in the radio ministry, readers say it has helped to build their trust and faith in Him.

PRAY: An Open House celebration is being conducted, November 13 at WIVH studios. Pray as Tiffany and Jonathan Bowman, WIVH operators, work at the project. Pray, too, that volunteers will offer assistance.

PRAISE: An answer to the need to set up relay equipment at an ideal location may have been found as an individual in St. Croix has offered to allow the placing of equipment on his property for testing. This is an answer to prayer for WIVH

PRAISE: WIVH's new location has improved the outreach of the station, much to listeners delight in the West Indies. God be praised.

PRAISE: "May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."-Ps. 20:4.

## In Memory

SCHOTT, North America Inc., employer of Randy and Tom Parry, gave a contribution to WIVH in memory of Mrs. Elsie Parry, their mother, who passed away recently.

Mrs. Esther Hopkins contributed to WRGN in memory of her husband, Bill Hopkins, who passed away, September 1, 2010. Bill loved Sweet Valley.

## Seen At The Library



Amy Fugate, of Forty Fort, brought teens with her to enjoy a visit to the Good News Library. They are Nathan Scheureman, Sarah Fugate, and Joel Francis.



Joe Quatrone, Jr. of Dallas, sought books for his library when he serves a youth pastor in Missouri. Accompanying him is Scott Walters, also of Dallas.



## Family Experiences 'Live Radio'



Heather Shaw and her two daughters, Joanna,6, and Kaylee,4, of Swoyersville, visited WRGN during the "Shirl And You," show. They are pictured here with Shirley Updyke, host.

## WIVH Workers Visit Here



Jerry and Pauline Blatt, of Richland, PA were among recent volunteer workers at WIVH, St. Croix with a team from Aetna Bible Church. They are shown visiting WRGN, along with their daughter Machell Smith, of Muncy. Burl Updyke showed them through the studios.

## ***Here at the studios...***

It's been an exciting month at the studios and much of it comes from listeners calling the "Shirl and You" program. One of those listeners was Loris Penn, Tortola, in the West Indies. She lives on the west end of the island and was receiving a good radio signal over WIVH. She described Tortola as having lots of mountains, beautiful beaches, and is the yachting capital of the world.

Bringing us closer to home, was a call from Nancy Kreidler, Lake Silkworth, She told of some of the hardships she faces every day as a widow raising a fifteen year old son, whose grandfather, his best friend, died recently.

Ken Farver, Huntington Mills, is a mechanic who works on equipment on-site and while doing that he is able to listen to WRGN. He and his wife, Denise, were born and raised in New Columbus and are now raising four sons in Huntington Mills.

A new caller, Tiffany Gordon, of Scranton, said her husband, Desmond, found WRGN first and now they both listen. She likes to sing, especially in the car and the shower.

Priscilla Mazer, Nanticoke, lives in an apartment complex there and finds the residents friendly and enjoys planned events. "I love WRGN with all of its programs," she said.

Stephanie Mukerjee, Glen Lyon, has listened to WRGN off-and-on through the years. She said when she needs to be reminded of God's love for her, she tunes to WRGN and the broadcasting gives her assurance of this, builds her up and encourages her.

WRGN's Famous Giveaway this

month was a set of scripture memorization cards. Mary Ann Meeker, Plymouth resident, took hers to a meeting of eight women where they chose cards at random and shared them with each other. An ideal way to witness.

Solomon Williams, Plymouth, is originally from India. Now in retirement, he finds his whole family in ministry, and desiring to do the Lord's work.

Although, we had no way of knowing it, Susan Vannetti, of Forty Fort, has listened since WRGN started broadcasting 26 years ago. She told how she's found that in times of trouble, trusting the Lord lightens burdens.

Heather Shaw, Swoyersville, brought her two young daughters to visit the studios and the library. "Since I started to listen to WRGN, it helps bring my stress level down," she said. She's not only a mother, but a Misericordia student. She is preparing to be a high school biology teacher.

Debbie Wilkes, Hanover Township, says WRGN is an absolute blessing and Vivian Wickisser, Wilkes Barre, had us in tears as she related how she had recently lost her daughter, Kathy Malys. "Our faith in God helps the family walk through our grief," she said.

Join us on-air for "Shirl and You, and visit us at the WRGN studios.

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From us  
to you ...



November 2010

Dear Ones:

It has been very encouraging to see listeners responding to our call for prayer partners for Shar-A-Thon. Our goal each year has been to have people praying during each hour of the event. Since we have added an additional day to the Shar-A-Thon schedule, there will be a whooping 60 hours of the event. That means at least 60 partners are needed, plus there are always many more praying all day and before and after each day's Shar-A-Thon begins and ends. Already we have nearly filled our prayer sheets. This is most encouraging to us.

We know how vital prayer is to the success of Shar-A-Thon and obviously many of our listeners do, too. God's Word says, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5: 16B. The hundreds of you that will be praying, are placing your trust in what God's says. And so are we!

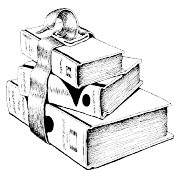
We have been through some difficult Shar-A-Thons and because of a lack of regular helpers, this year's could well be another one of those. This brings to mind the scripture that says, "the righteous will live by his faith." Hb. 2: 4. Therefore we trust that God is directing all things according to His purposes, including Shar-A-Thon.

Joy awaits those who live an openhanded life, who adopt the attitude of a generous giver. It's our prayer that many will experience this joy as they contribute to Shar-A-Thon, to be held November 16, 17, 18 and 19. We believe that one of the things to remember is that giving is motivated by love. Because God loved us, He gave. Because we love Him we give. Our prayer is that WRGN listeners will give out of a love for God and His work which is being conducted here daily.

Faithfully Serving Him With You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Burl &amp; Shirley Updyke". The ink is dark and the writing is fluid and personal.

Burl and Shirley Updyke



# New at the Library



People need to spread the word that WRGN is doing more than broadcasting the Good News. It is also providing a library that is unique, in that it offers great benefit to those seeking advise and information on the issues threatening this generation. All its items help build a reader's faith in God. It's open to the public.

The book, "Finding the Hero In Your Husband," The author helps readers discover that though men

may seem insensitive and apathetic, each of them is a hero.

"Maximize," is a book for pastors and church leaders who long for their churches to be fully resourced and able to carry out ministry initiative without financial strain.

The DVD, "Abraham" tells the story of the humble shepherd who heard from God and embarked on an epic journey to the Promised Land.

In the DVD entitled, "Tony Dungy On Winning With Quiet Strength," coach Dungy reveals the principles, practices and priorities of a winning life that stays focused on God during life's struggles and disappointments.

"The Middle Sheep," is the title of a book for young readers. The heroines of this story must learn how to value teamwork ( while getting a sheep out of a tree) before its too late.

A book on pornography is entitled, "Closing the Window." It gives steps to living porn free. The author says far too many Christians regularly use and are addicted to it, warping their perception of sexuality and relationships, destroying marriages and ministries.

In "Lifetime of Wisdom, quadriplegic, Joni Eareckson Tada, tells how in unexpected ways God has given her rubies of His wisdom about an unbending faith and an experience of His mercy.

The Good News Library is opened 9:00 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and is located at WRGN.

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