

# **Clergy Appreciation Month!**



Tony & Gail will be sharing words of encouragement for ministry leaders.

## How Can I Honor My Pastor?

If that is a question you find yourself asking, we can help! This year, WRGN is sponsoring a Leadership Appreciation Dinner to lift up and encourage those who serve in our churches.

On a daily basis, our pastors are giving out, and many times don't get the opportunity to just be fed...both physically and spiritually. We'll do both at our upcoming Leadership Appreciation Dinner, and **you can sponsor your Pastor as a way of saying THANK YOU!** 

Tony and Gail McWilliams, from Dallas, Texas will be our special speakers for the evening. Tony & Gail have been in ministry for over 30 years. Tony is a pastor and Gail is a motivational and inspiring speaker who encourages us each day with her radio program, *Seeing Beyond*, broadcast daily on WRGN. They bring a message of joy and life to our leaders!

The delicious catered dinner will be served at the New Life Fellowship Hall, 301 Delaney Street, Wilkes-Barre PA.

Register your pastor or other ministry leaders today for this time of refreshment and fellowship with other area leaders. Call 1-800-245-3688.

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. 1 Timothy 5:17



October 2013

To the WRGN listening family,

As many of you know, I (Tim) was raised as a PK (Pastor's Kid). Put aside your preconceived notions...I was neither a rebel nor a perfect child. I struggled with the same things you did growing up, but I did it in the fish bowl of a pastor's household!

That unique experience, as well as God's call to minister here at WRGN, has made me aware of the needs and challenges pastors face. It is our desire to come alongside those who minister to the local body in our listening area.

To that end, we are hosting a Leadership Appreciation Dinner for local pastors and leaders. This will be a relaxing time for them to be inspired and encouraged in their ministry and personal life. **Will you sponsor your Pastor, Youth Pastor, Worship Leader or other church leader?** 

Burnout is not uncommon among those in the ministry, especially those who feel the need to be available 24/7. Fortunately, the ministry of WRGN can be there to support your pastor in his work, even when he cannot be available. Many pastors have told me how much they appreciate the ministry of WRGN and how it helps them as they minister to the community.

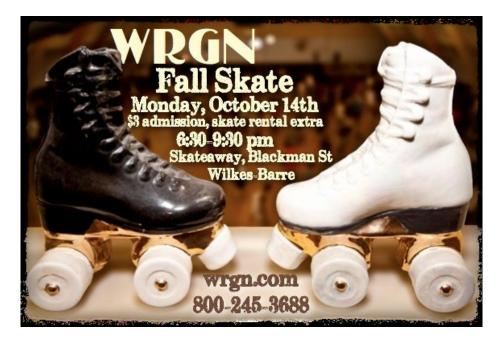
Join us as we pray for those who lead us,

Tim + Fleather

Tim & Heather Madeira

...I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for...all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

# **Upcoming Events and Specials**



## Radio Special, Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 p.m.

# WAITING ROOM

You'll Get Through This: *The Series* 



Joni Eareckson Tada



Max Lucado



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**Goal Set For Share** 



Every year, WRGN goes through the challenge of budgeting and planning for the upcoming year. This year, 2014, will mark our 30<sup>th</sup> year of broadcasting.

As we look back and see what God has done through the broadcasts of WRGN, we are reminded of those who call and thank us for the Words of Life. We also look forward to seeing how God will use the Good News Network in the coming year. **Pray for us, and help us reach our goal of \$155,000 during Share-A-Thon, November 5-8.** 

## **Kids Caring for Kids**



Madelyn Frey, Stillwater, stopped by the WRGN studios and shared how she is making jewelry to raise funds to pack ten boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Madelyn is 8 years old and hopes that children overseas will be blessed by the shoeboxes. Our program director, Heather Madeira, could not resist purchasing a new pair of earrings!

## **Recording Artist Holly Starr Visits the Studios**



Heather Madeira with Matt Kirkegaard (keyboard), Nicole Hickman (guitar and percussion), Holly Starr, and Tim Madeira

#### Here at the Studios

The fall days are just beautiful with the bright blue skies and the complimentary orange leaves. God's beautiful creation is all around us for us to However, God's greatest enjoy. creation is the people that WRGN gets to minister to on a daily basis. We enjoy hearing from listeners to WRGN as they call in and encourage us, or drop us a note in the mail or through email, or better yet, when they stop by the studios to say hello. Bill from Moosic recently called to say that he really enjoys some of the programs during WRGN's Saturday line-up, The Land and the Book, and Science, Scripture and Salvation.

Fall seems to be the time of year to get back into a regular schedule and we here at WRGN are definitely on schedule to accomplish many things this fall!

Tim enjoyed meeting many high school students as plans were made for this year's **See You At The Pole** event. Tim was present at the pre-rally sponsored by Youth for Christ at Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit as students met to organize each of their respective schools' events. They were also encouraged by the band, *Sidewalk Prophets* through music.

On the day of the event, students called in to WRGN from their school flagpoles and spoke to Tim Madeira and Doug Hamilton. It was encouraging to hear from students who met at Wyoming Area even though they did not have school that day due to a teachers' strike. We were able to simulcast our program to the US Virgin Islands just as we do with our morning show, Connect Live. A call came from students who were meeting at the Education Complex there.

Fellowship Church sponsored their annual **See You AFTER the Pole** event with a free concert by Holly Starr. Tim interviewed Holly on the radio the morning of the concert and the next day. She visited the WRGN studios and performed in the studios for an interview that we featured on our morning show, *Wake Up Right*. If you missed the special interview, you may listen to it on WRGN's F a c e b o o k p a g e a t www.facebook.com/wrgnfm.

Afternoon Music with Dan Longmore received a name transformation during September. The new name of the show is Refresh & Renew or R&R. Connie Richendrfer-Whitmire of Bloomsburg was the recipient of the gift basket that we gave away in conjunction with the name change contest. Thank you to all of you who participated in the contest to give the afternoon music show a new name. Be sure to listen to Refresh & Renew during Tuesday afternoons in October as Dan interviews several leaders in ministry for their perspectives during Clergy Appreciation Month.

We are so excited about our upcoming **Leadership Appreciation Dinner.** We hope you will give a gift of appreciation to your pastor and his wife or other ministry leaders in your church by sponsoring them for the dinner. Cost is just \$15.00 per person. See our cover story for all of the details!

WRGN has the best volunteers, and we are so appreciative of those who have helped us prepare the upcoming mailing of our Share-A-Thon letters. Please pray as those 3,000 letters are mailed that listeners would be encouraged to make a faith promise during our upcoming **Share-A-Thon November 5** -**8**. WRGN is a non-commercial, listener supported radio station relying solely on the gifts of those who listen to support the station.

Yes, the fall will be busy, but that means we will be in contact with many of our WRGN listeners, and that is just the way we like it! See you soon!





#### New at the Library



With so many fall activities going on at school, church, work, and sports, it is hard for husbands and wives to find time to connect. When was the last you had a good talk about your faith or did a devotional together? To help jump-start deeper connections, four marriage experts have come up with ten creative date ideas, each centered on a spiritual theme. With the planning taken care of in the book *10 Great Dates*, you and your spouse can simply enjoy the time sharing what is important in life.

Pastor and Bible teacher, Matt Chandler invites readers to walk with him through the short book of Philippians in his new book *To Live is Christ To Die is Gain*. If the gospel can transform the world and holds in its powerful reach the promise of eternal life, certainly, it can transform you this very day, and day by day, until that ultimate day you join with the saints to receive the supply of all your needs according to God's riches in glory with Christ Jesus.

If you want to brush up on your knowledge of the Hobbit before the next movie comes out in December, you will want to read the new book, *The Spiritual World of the Hobbit* by James Stuart Bell. This book will be your guide as you discover hidden truths in J.R.R. Tolkein's epic adventure. As you take a closer look at the timeless tale of good vs. evil, you will be filled with wonder once again. You will see that at the heart of *The Hobbit*, Tolkien embedded images of faith and spiritual longing that are sure to inspire all of us.

The Good News Library has a new fun and fascinating Bible reference for kids ages 8 to 12, Big Bible Guide: Kids' Bible Dictionary and Handbook. This is a Bible reference book that kids will actually want to read. Kids will find 1,000 interesting, ageappropriate, often fun definitions for Bible words and names. This book is packed with illustrations and bright design, which is perfect for Sunday School, home schooling, and personal reading.

Another new addition to the Library that is great for young children and their parents to enjoy together is the book *Storytime*. This book goes beyond a typical Bible storybook; it begins with a classic Bible story, follows with a modern story, and finishes with a family devotion – all tied together with a Christian theme.

The Good News Library celebrates its 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month on October 19. If you have never visited the WRGN studios or the Good News Library, make plans to visit this fall and discover the thousands of resources the Library has to offer. **Memberships are just a \$5.00 donation. For directions or more information, call 1-800-245-3688.** 



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#### **Upcoming Events**

Mon, Oct. 14 - WRGN Fall Family Skate
Fri, Oct. 18 - Leadership Appreciation Dinner
Tue - Fri, Nov. 5 - 8 - Share-A-Thon 2013
Sat, Dec. 7 - WRGN Christmas Banquet featuring Damaris Carbaugh