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Share-A-Thon
November 2-3-4

life

The Bible is full of verses talking about our life in Christ, and Share-A-Thon is going to highlight many of those messages this year! It is a powerful, positive message in a world filled with negativity. Those negative messages can bombard us constantly in the news and on social media.

Do the messages you receive build you up or tear you down? Do they encourage you or add stress to your day? Do they fill you with joy or cause anxiety?

Our goal at WRGN is to *Speak Life* to you and your family. On the good days, we'll be right there with you, bringing you joy and encouragement. On the bad days, we're here as well, lifting you up and sharing truth.

As we plan for 2017, we hope you will join us for Share-A-Thon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 2 - 4. These three days will be filled with stories of life... and lives changed by the message of the gospel.

We are asking you to take part with a one-word testimony of how WRGN speaks life to you! Snap a picture and post it on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and use #WRGNSpeaksLife and let's flood social media with a POSITIVE message!

Then call WRGN and make your Faith Promise for this year's Share-A-Thon at 1-800-245-3688 or donate online at wrgn.com.

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind..."

John 1:4

From us to you...



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To the WRGN listening family,

We've heard it, said it, maybe even told it to our kids..."sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." The fact is though, the words we speak DO have consequences. The book of Proverbs says "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." The words we speak or hear can encourage or discourage. They can ignite love or hate. They can build up or tear down. They can make or break our day.

WRGN helps bring words of LIFE to you everyday. As we move through the month of October, you will hear us talking about our upcoming Share-A-Thon. Because we are a non-commercial, listener supported station, it is only because of your support that we can continue to speak life into our listening area.

During this time, you will also be hearing testimonies of how WRGN has spoken life to our listeners. In fact, you can share how WRGN speaks life to you by calling the studios at 1-800-245-3688 or by posting a "cardboard testimony" to your Facebook page or other social media using the hashtag #WRGNSpeaksLife.



Those words of life will not only encourage others, they are an easy way to share WRGN with those around you!

At the same time, please pray about how God would have you support WRGN in the coming year, then call 1-800-245-3688 or go online to wrgn.com and make your Faith Promise today.

Speaking life,

Tim + Heather

Tim & Heather Madeira

Seminar at Clarks Summit University



Jerry Major, Executive Director of Northeastern PA Youth for Christ, Wayne Morgan of National Network of Youth Ministries, and Mel Walker from Clarks Summit University joined Tim Madeira on *Wake Up Right* to discuss an upcoming seminar for parents of teens and youth ministry workers (see page 4).

Connect Live Winners



***Connect Live* co-host Dan Close presented Lori and Mike Tupper with their gift book, *Family Worship*, that they won. Mike & Lori were visiting the area from Michigan. They were excited to learn that *Connect Live* is heard in St. Croix. They will be visiting the island over the winter and plan on visiting the WIVH studios!**



Here at the Studios



It was a busy September here at the WRGN studios and we know that October will be even busier as we gear up for Share-A-Thon 2016. Please pray as to how God will lead you to participate in this year's Share-A-Thon. Make plans to visit the WRGN studios November 2-4 for Share-A-Thon and keep us in your prayers as we continue to work to bring you Christian messages and music that bring you hope, encouragement and inspiration!

The WRGN studios were busy for *See You at the Pole Live!* as we took phone calls from students at their school flagpoles. The students enthusiastically shared how they were praying at their schools. We heard from over 500 students and know there were many more who participated that we didn't hear from! Our prayer is that the students who participated will continue their Christian testimony to their fellow students and teachers throughout this school year.

We're excited for our upcoming Columbus Day Skate at Skateaway in Wilkes-Barre from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.. This is a great time for families to fellowship both on and off the skating floor. Pastor Chris McNaney from Back Mountain Harvest Assembly will share our devotions for the evening.

Wake Up Right co-hosts Tim Madeira and Doug Hamilton were busy last month with many interviews for local ministries including Angel Tree, Pathways Unplanned Pregnancy Help Center, and the Hazleton Pregnancy Resource Center. Pastor Dan Nichols from Restored Church shared about Restored University which exists to train Christian leaders for effective ministry in local churches throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

If you missed any of these interviews, many of them can be found

on WRGN's Facebook page at facebook.com/wrgnfm. Check out Tim's interview with Tim Keller, pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City. Christianity Today called his church "one of Manhattan's most vital congregations." Keller shared about his most recent book release, *Making Sense of God* which can also be found in the Good News Library!

Parents and anyone who works with youth will want to attend a one-day training seminar, Tackling the Tough Stuff, at Clarks Summit University on Saturday, October 22 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This seminar will equip you to help the children and teens you know and love navigate some of the most pervasive and difficult problems thrown at them by the world today. Youth specialists Walt Mueller and Marv Penner will help you unpack and respond to the tough stuff in kids' lives, including the push to focus on one's self, the growing problem of self-injury, the pervasiveness of pornography, and depression and suicide. For more information contact NEPA Youth For Christ at 570-343-4323.

Gregg & Erin Smalley from Focus on the Family will be at the Bethany Wesleyan Church in Cherryville, PA for a marriage conference on Saturday, October 15. The event is from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and includes three sessions, dinner, and an evening with comedian Jeff Allen. Tickets are still available for \$100/couple and can be purchased at the church or [iTickets.com](https://www.itickets.com). This would make a great gift for you and your spouse or for your pastor and his wife for a Clergy Appreciation Month gift!

We're hoping to see YOU this fall at one of these events!

Thankful for Volunteers



We are so thankful for our WRGN volunteers who helped prepare our pre-Share-A-Thon mailing. Good fellowship was shared over homemade zucchini casserole made by Jessica, WRGN's secretary, and pizza from one of our nearby restaurants!

Ministry Fair at Misericordia University



WRGN was invited to participate in a Student Ministry Fair at Misericordia University in Dallas, to help inform students of Christian churches and ministries that are available to them while they are away at college. If your church or ministry would like WRGN to be represented at your event, or you would like our general manager, Tim Madeira, to share about the ministry of WRGN, please call the WRGN studios at 1-800-245-3688.



New at the Library



Cool fall days and crisp autumn evenings are perfect for curling up with a good book or DVD from the Good News Library. The Library's author of the month is Wanda Brunstetter. We are also celebrating our teen readers this month with the theme "Teens Read" highlighting teen fiction and non-fiction. Stop by the Good News Library and check out the thousands of resources the Library has to offer.

Cindy Beall's new book is *Rebuilding a Marriage Better Than New* and she shares from her redeemed-marriage journey to help you trust completely in God's ability and grace, heal deeply by restoring faith in a future, build wisely from the foundation up, live fully by embracing your renewed relationship, and invest generously in your marriage and in other people.

Wake Up Right co-host Tim Madeira interviewed Timothy Keller last month about his latest book, *Making Sense of God: An Invitation to the Skeptical*. Our society places such faith in empirical reason, historical progress, and heartfelt emotion that it's easy to wonder: What role can faith and religion play in our modern lives? Pastor and author Timothy Keller invites skeptics to consider that Christianity is more relevant now than ever.

Readers of Amish fiction will want to check out *Mattie's Pledge* by Jan Drexler. Mattie Schrock is no stranger to uprooting her life. Even as her father relocated her family from one Amish community to the next, she always managed to find a footing in their new homes. As her family plans to move west, she looks forward to connecting with Jacob Yoder, who has always held a special place in her heart. When a handsome Englisher tempts her to leave the Amish behind to search for adventure in the West, will her pledge to Jacob be the anchor that holds her

secure?

Preschool and early readers will enjoy the book *Roxy the Ritzy Camel* by Anthony Destefano, demonstrating the familiar Bible verse: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Readers will learn that possessions are only things and definitely NOT the most important things. With bright illustrations and engaging, funny rhyme, this storybook follows Roxy's journey from her waterless home in the desert to a great city of beauty she's heard about but has never seen. Along the way she learns that the only way to attain true happiness is to share—or even give away—what she possesses.

From the college classroom of the movie, *God's Not Dead*, to the public square in the sequel *God's Not Dead 2*, the name of Jesus is welcomed less and less with each passing day. If Christians don't take a stand today, will we even have a choice tomorrow? Welcome back to Hope Springs where beloved teacher Grace Wesley helps students understand and enjoy history. Her love of teaching, her love for her students, and her love of life all come from the same place: her love of Christ. When Brooke, a hurting student grieving the loss of her brother, reaches out to Grace, their coffee-shop conversation naturally leads to Grace sharing the hope she finds in Christ. When Brooke later asks an honest question about Jesus in the classroom, Grace's response lands her in big trouble. Grace faces an epic court case that could not only cost her the career she loves but expel God from the classroom—and the public square—once and for all!

The Good News Library celebrates its 14th anniversary this October. Make plans to visit and check out the monthly features!

Library Card Sign-up Month



Hunlock Creek listener Naomi Brubaker and her daughter Ellie visited the Good News Library. Her friend, and fellow library member, Peggy Marvin, suggested she sign up for a library card during the month of September for Library Card Sign Up month.



Katrina Wise, Esther Shingler and Brenda Titus along with their children visited the Good News Library and WRGN studios in September. An annual membership to the Good News is just a \$5.00 donation. Books may be borrowed for 30 days and DVDs and CDs may be borrowed for 14 days.

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