

Staff Ministers at SCI Dallas



You may not be aware, but there is a thriving Christian community at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas. Every year for a long time, the believers at SCI Dallas have sponsored a day of broadcasting on WRGN.

At the request of Carlton Houch, one of the chaplains at the prison, Tim Madeira and Doug Hamilton have visited the prison for the past several years to fellowship with the men and share a message.

Many of the men are regular listeners to *Wake Up Right*. They love to chat with Tim and Doug on the way in and out about the show and how much the other programs on WRGN mean to them.

The scripture says in Hebrews 13:3 to “Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them...” and Tim and Doug enjoy the opportunity not only to minister, but to be ministered to! The men called Tim and Doug to the front and laid hands on them to pray for the ministry of WRGN and Tim’s dad, who has been battling acute necrotizing pancreatitis. Please remember to pray for our brothers at SCI Dallas, as they pray for us and you.

The men took an offering for WRGN the following Sunday and had more than enough to sponsor a day again this year! WRGN is blessed to have such a faithful and active group of listeners.

From us to you...



December 2016

To the WRGN listening family,

Advent ~ “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.”

We are in the midst of what is known as the Advent season, and certainly no event is more notable than when God came to earth, and no person more notable and miraculous than the infant form of His Son, Jesus. Time is measured by that event...BC (before Christ) and AD (anno Domini or in the year of the Lord.) The world recognizes the impact of that event on history.

It is also a time when those around us tend to be more open to hearing the Good News that Advent represents - salvation available to all who will receive. One of our goals this Christmas season is to give you tools to share that Good News with those around you. Whether it is one of our Christmas specials (see the center of this RadioGram) or the Christmas music we play all day on Christmas Day, we hope you will share the gift of WRGN to those you are with this year.

We also have our regular programs, like ***Share Life Today*** with John Sorensen from Evangelism Explosion. This ministry trains people how to share their faith in Christ and how to bring people from unbelief to belief. This short program is heard daily during ***Wake Up Right***. **Take advantage of the resources WRGN offers!**

The harvest (even in winter!) is plenteous; will you be one of the laborers?

Laboring with you,

Tim + Heather

Tim & Heather Madeira



Here at the Studios



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Yes, our garlands are hung, the lights and wreaths are on the outside of the WRGN studios (Thanks, Dan!) and we are enjoying the sounds of Christmas music!

We hope you are too, and that you will make WRGN your "home for Christmas." There are Christmas specials that will be aired during the month of December, many of which can be found in the center spread of this Radiogram. For a complete list, visit our website at wrgn.com!

Christmas cards have begun arriving in our mail and

we hope you will remember us when writing out your Christmas cards. Tim and Dan will share them on the air during *Connect Live!* and then we will

use your cards to decorate the WRGN studios! Since we still have to reach our Share-A-Thon goal, maybe you would like to include a Christmas donation to the ministry of WRGN. We trust that God will provide through you, our listeners! It

would be a great encouragement to us if we reach our goal by the end of the year!

From our WRGN family of staff and volunteers, we wish you and yours a very blessed Christmas!



24 HOURS OF
CHRISTMAS MUSIC

DECEMBER 25



YOUR HOME

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. - *Joy - An Irish Christmas:* Join Ireland's own Keith and Kristyn Getty, writers of modern hymns and carols, for their annual tour of Joy – An Irish Christmas - a lively celebration of the birth of Christ! The Gettys are joined by their band of virtuoso instrumentalists fusing Celtic, Bluegrass, Americana, and classical music as well as cultural dance and the choral sounds of the holiday. Sing along with Keith and Kristyn and their special guest friends for an evening that unites tradition and innovation in a vibrant celebration of the season!

Thursday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m. - *The Lesser Characters of Christmas:* We know all about Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus. But what of the lesser characters of Christmas? There's Elizabeth, the mother of John, and Elizabeth's doubting husband, Zechariah. There's also Anna, the prophetess, and Simeon—both of whom were supernaturally appointed to meet the infant King at the temple. We'll meet them up close in this documentary with provocative drama vignettes and interviews from Israel.

Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. - *Candlelight Carols:* This special program will inspire everyone to reflect upon the joys of the holidays through dramatic and musical expression. This year, explore ideas about long-standing faith using a Christmas parable set in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood. A struggling poet searching for meaning. An elderly landlord with boundless hope. New parents in the midst of big changes. A young man searching for love. A faithful widow who holds them all together. Get to know these unique characters—join us for Candlelight Carols: Just As They Had Been Told.

Thursday, December 22 at 8:00 p.m. - *Because Of Bethlehem with Max Lucado:* In his new special, Max, the master storyteller, tells stories from his childhood, his family, his life—stories to draw the listener to the Christ of Christmas. This narrative drama will take you to the biblical scenes of Mary and Joseph, as the innkeeper turns them away, to the temple court when Herod



FOR CHRISTMAS

demands a search for the baby Jesus, and as Simeon makes his way through the crowds of Jerusalem to see Jesus!

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. - *Christmas - Hope For The Lonely*: For many people, Christmas is the loneliest time of the year. But even still, there's reason to rejoice because hope for the lonely was born in Bethlehem. Charles Morris reflects on the loneliness of the first Christmas and how, even then, joy was found in a surprising way. You'll be encouraged by this journey through Scripture - interspersed with classic carols, and of course all about Jesus—He is our Christmas hope!

Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. - *Joy - An Irish Christmas*: with Keith and Kristyn Getty (see page 4 for description)

Saturday, December 24 at 9:00 p.m. - *Christmas Eve Music*: Join Denise Warner for a special Christmas Eve 'In Your Presence' as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

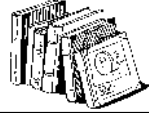
Sunday, December 25 - *Christmas Day Music*: WRGN will feature continuous Christmas music all day (6am to midnight) hosted by Tim Madeira, Doug Hamilton, Dan Longmore, Denise Warner, and Dan Close.

Thursday, December 29 at 8:00 p.m. - *The Hope of Hanukkah*: To understand the origin of Hanukkah is to understand there is hope in Jesus Christ. Listeners are guided on a step-by-step odyssey filled with musical arrangements and relevant interviews concerning the pivotal events leading to the creation of this celebration.

Sunday, January 1 at 5:00 p.m. - *Year In Review 2016*: SRN News reviews the top news stories of what was - politically and culturally - a remarkable year. This will keep you abreast of what happened in the past year as we reflect on God's grace and expect His faithfulness for another year.



New at the Library



December is a busy month, but we hope you will carve out time to enjoy some books or DVDs from the Good News Library this Christmas season.

Melody Carlson's new Christmas book, *The Christmas Angel Project*, is perfect for readers who want a heartwarming and hopeful Christmas story. It follows five women from different walks of life who have become close friends through their book club. When the leader of the book club unexpectedly passes away, the four remaining friends are stunned. She was the glue that held them together, and they're sure that without her the group can't continue. When the group gathers "one last time" to open a bag Abby's husband gives them, they find Abby had made each of them an angel ornament for Christmas, crafted especially for each woman and accompanied by a sweet and personal note. Inspired by their beloved friend, the remaining members decide to commit themselves to becoming Christmas Angels to others in need. Each woman will use her life situation and talents to reach out and help others in her own unique way--little knowing that her own life and her relationships will be changed forever.

A new audio book recently added to the Library's collection is *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* by Francis & Lisa Chan. Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives. In his latest book, Francis Chan joins together with his wife Lisa to address the question many couples wonder at

the altar: "How do I have a healthy marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls.

The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden by Kevin DeYoung and Don Clark is a new DVD for children. In *The Biggest Story*, Kevin DeYoung leads kids and parents alike on an exciting journey through the Bible, connecting the dots from the garden of Eden, to Christ's death on the cross, to the new heaven and new earth. With powerful illustrations by award-winning artist Don Clark, this imaginative retelling of the Bible's core message—how the Snake Crusher brings us back to the garden—will draw children into the biblical story, teaching them that God's promises are even bigger and better than we think.

Visit the Good News Library this month for our Christmas theme, Angels We Have Heard on High. There are hundreds of titles focused on the Christmas season including books (nonfiction, fiction, and children's) and DVDs for adults and children alike.

A great stocking stuffer is a Good News Library annual membership. For just \$5.00, you can bless a friend or family member with a membership to the Good News Library. Library hours are weekdays from 9:00 - 4:30 and the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 - 1:00. The next Saturday hours will be January 7!

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Holiday Reading at the Library



Lauren Hodne and her two children, Ben and Gabby, visited the Good News Library. They checked out books for the kids as well as some for mom! Make plans to visit and check out the display of Christmas movies and books!

Area Teens Gather for Worship



Pastor Chris McNaney, from Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, joined Doug and Tim on *Wake Up Right* to share about a multi-church worship night for teens. Teens from six churches gathered at the Student Ministries Center at BMHA for a night of praise and a challenge from God's Word around the acrostic PRAY.

Merry Christmas

FROM ALL OF US AT WRGN

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