

NRB Award Winners on Your Good News Network



Focus on the Family daily broadcast was named Radio Program of the Year in an awards ceremony at the recent National Religious Broadcasters Convention.

NRB's criteria for Radio Program of the Year is a show "that impacts the listener by being compelling, relevant, informative, personable, and entertaining, while demonstrating an authentic Christian faith." *Focus on the Family* President Jim Daly said "We pray we live up to that high standard. Our goal is to give the audience practical, biblical insights they can live out in their day-to-day lives. We want to educate them, and inspire them, motivate them to be the best spouses, parents and citizens they can be." ***Focus on The Family* is aired twice daily 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday on WRGN.**

Also honored was Joni Eareckson Tada who was given the Hall of Fame Award. *Joni and Friends* is a ministry to help families as well as equip churches to embrace disabled people. Joni is passionate about helping other people with disabilities, and their families, grasp what the Bible has to say about suffering and the sovereignty of God.

In 1982, Joni began recording *Joni and Friends*, her daily five-minute feature which provides inspiration and encouragement to hurting people.

Through radio, Joni has been able to raise a new awareness concerning God's purpose in physical hardships. ***Joni and Friends* can be heard Monday through Friday on WRGN at 8:40 a.m.**



Sixteen Cities live in the studio



Jonathan Broscius, Chad McCutchen - Drums, Joel Warneking - Bass Guitar, Vocals, Tim Madeira, Josiah Warneking - Lead Vocals, Piano, Josh Miller – Guitar, Vocals

Recording artists **Sixteen Cities** stopped by WRGN studios in February, coinciding with the release of their latest album titled *Love Is Making A Way*. The Portland, Oregon based band was in town for several weeks of WinterBlast at Camp Orchard Hill, as well as a free concert at Fellowship Church in Dallas.

Noontime Music host Jonathan Broscius interviewed the group, and they performed an acoustic version of *Sing Along* live in the WRGN studios.

Lead singer Josiah was suffering the effects of a cold, so his brother, Joel, can be seen in our video filling in on the vocals. The video can be seen at WRGN’s website, wrng.com.

Sixteen Cities also must have heard we like to eat at WRGN, and brought us snacks from Starbucks. They also stayed around afterwards to tour the Good News Library and took the time to pray for us and the ministry of WRGN.

Please pray with us

PRAISE: for the wonderful turnout for the Courageous movie event at Misericordia University

PRAY: for the upcoming Mission Possible for WIVH

PRAISE: for God’s provision for the ministry of WRGN through his people

PRAY: for area pastors as they faithfully bring God’s Word to the Body of Christ

PRAISE: for WRGN listener Amy Belles getting relief from pressure after eye surgery

PRAY: for the many needs called in daily to WRGN’s Prayer Wall



Here at the studios



Our listeners on the West Side of the Susquehanna were happy and relieved in early February when a power failure issue was resolved at our Wilkes-Barre translator. They had been without a signal for close to a week, but now the signal is strong and clear! Thank you for your prayers, and your patience!

Reports were also heard from several listeners in the Tunkhannock area that our signal was scratchy. On a cold Friday afternoon, Jonathan and Tim ventured to Mehoopany to fix a loose cable.

With so much technical equipment around the radio station there is always something that needs to be worked on and updated. The production room computer was the one selected to be updated for this year. Jonathan was kept busy moving computers around and keeping all the files where they should be!

Our Courageous movie event was a success as nearly 250 people came out to Misericordia University in Dallas to watch the movie. “So many emotions,” was how Tammy commented on Facebook, she added that it was “a rollercoaster of emotions.” Another attendee agreed commenting she was “crying one minute and laughing the next.”

We were also thrilled to hear the student worker at the theater

comment that “everyone needs to see this movie.” He was, of course, right. It is an inspiring movie for not just fathers, but everyone. If you missed the movie showing, other churches in our area are sponsoring it. You can find more information on the Area Events section of the WRGN website at wrgn.com.

On February 20, skaters of all ages attended the 21st Annual WRGN President's Day Skate. Music was hosted by our own Tim Madeira and Jonathan Broschious. Devotions were shared by Chris Hamilton, Youth Pastor at Baptist Tabernacle in Wilkes Barre. It was a fun evening and great to meet so many of our WRGN listeners.

As you are starting your spring cleaning, remember WRGN's Yard Sale on June 2. Set aside a box (or two!) and begin filling it with items that are in good condition but have outlived their usefulness at your home. If they are electronic, please make sure they are still in working condition. Stay tuned to WRGN for more information concerning drop-off details.

We are also working on plans for our Big Book Sale which will be held May 22-24. Many books will be removed from the shelves of the Good News Library so we can make space for new ones that arrive weekly!

WRGN President's Day Skate



Melissa Hamilton, Pastor Chris Hamilton and Tim Madeira. Chris, a Phillies fan, used a sports theme to make a point in his devotions.



Jerry and Becky Tomasacci with grandson Zach and Heather Madeira



New at the Library



Our Good News Librarian, volunteer Mary Bodek, was kept busy last month as she prepared new items to add to the collection. Each week, she re-shelves the books and DVDs that are returned to the library and then she covers the new books and sets them on the New Releases display for the current month. We are so appreciative of all the time Mary devotes to the Library making it such a wonderful addition to the ministry of WRGN. Be sure to watch for information for our Big Book Sale in May!

Defending Inerrancy – Affirming the Accuracy of Scripture for a New Generation by Norman Geisler and William Roach present a defense of the traditional understanding of inerrancy for a new generation of Christians who are being assaulted with challenges to the nature of God, truth, and language.

In Ann Spangler's book ***The Peace God Promises*** the author offers tangible help in fighting fears and worries. If God promises the "peace that passes understanding," why then do so many often feel so anxious and afraid? Through the stories of the author, she shares the answers that may even transform the reader, enable you to experience the peace God wants you to have.

With almost 66% of working women who are also mothers, ***Work, Love, Pray*** by Diane Paddison includes stories from businesswomen in all seasons of life. Paddison draws from her own experiences as a high-level executive, wife, and mother/stepmom of four to help the read make sense of their own life. She shares how to climb the corporate ladder without sacrificing your personal life and your faith, be successful without being Superwoman, establish healthy boundaries, find

mentors in the workplace and be part of a church family even when the church doesn't value your professional status. ***Work, Love, Pray*** provides guidance that is biblically sound and professionally reliable.

For fiction readers, Beth Webb Hart's new book ***Sunrise on the Battery*** is the story of highly successful Charleston South Caroline couple who have reached the pinnacle of worldly success. And yet, it remains – an emptiness that no shopping trip, European vacation or social calendar can fill. After Mary Lynn's surprise encounter leads her to a newfound faith, she longs to share it with her husband. On Christmas Eve, her husband has a Damascus Road experience and begins to take the implications of the Gospel literally. The couple wonders if their marriage can survive or is there really an abundant life richer than any they ever dreamed of.

The first book in the Guardians of Justice series is ***Fatal Judgment*** by Irene Hannon. The book follows US Marshall Jake Taylor who would rather go back to Iraq than face his next assignment of protecting a federal judge, the wife of his late best friend. As the danger mounts and Jake gets to know the judge better, he's forced to revise his opinion and when it's clear that someone wants her dead, the stakes are higher because now both her life and his heart are in danger. Full of suspense and romance ***Fatal Judgment*** is a thrilling story that will keep you turning the pages late into the night.

Visit the Good News Library as we celebrate its 10th Anniversary this year! Hours for the library are Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Check out the online library catalog at www.wrgn.com.



Rich Fassett of Northeast Gutter Pro

Over the years, our listeners have donated many services to WRGN. Companies like Enviro-Trol Systems Inc., who takes care of our HVAC system; CST Installations, who installed and monitors our security system; and

most recently Northeast Gutter Pro, who came and repaired some gutters that separated from the building due to ice. If you would like to use your business or service to help the ministry of WRGN, call us at 1-800-245-3688!



WRGN will air an Easter special by Moody Radio called *Celebration of the Risen King*. You know the story of Easter....but what about the songs of Easter? In *Celebration of the Risen King*, you'll visit with Bill and Gloria Gaither and get the "story behind the story" of *Because He Lives*.

Join in on conversations with Michael Card, Steve Green and Larnelle Harris as they share how their travels through Israel inspired

their thoughts about Easter.

Also featured in this one-hour special will be an interview with modern hymn writers Keith and Kristyn Getty as they take you inside their music making. It's the story of Easter...through the music of Easter.

This special will air twice during the Easter weekend. **Tune in Saturday, April 7 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. or Easter Sunday, April 8 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

From us to you...



March 2012

To the WRGN listening family,

A news headline in a radio trade magazine proclaimed, "Radio Is Dead." The article described how iPods and online music was destroying over the air radio. So, **is radio going the way of the buggy whip**, or even the typewriter as Jonathan and I discussed recently on Connect Live?

I don't think so, and here's why. A survey taken this year showed that while secular radio is indeed losing listeners, Christian radio is actually gaining listeners! As our culture continues its downward spiral, **people are hungry for something that is encouraging, uplifting and family friendly.**

Just as car keys replaced the buggy whip and the computer replaced the typewriter, when people replace secular radio with Christian broadcasting, they see that **there is something better out there, something life changing!** In fact, a recent survey showed 77% of Christian radio listeners are 100% satisfied with their station. While we know WRGN can't satisfy every listener all the time, the testimonies we receive from our listeners show their lives are being touched.

Your giving is what makes this ministry able to continue to share the life changing news of the Gospel. As you finish up your taxes this spring, **you may find that you will be getting back something you did not expect. Would you consider using some of that unexpected blessing to bless the ministry of WRGN?** Your gift will help keep WRGN "alive" and spreading the Good News!

Tim + Heather

Tim & Heather Madeira

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WRGN Yard Sale
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The logo for 'Upcoming Events' features the word 'Upcoming' in a large, green, stylized font with a blue outline. The 'U' is significantly larger and contains a red star. Below 'Upcoming' is the word 'EVENTS' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background with a blue border.