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# Mission ~~In~~ Possible



**Join us for a day of making the Mission Possible on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 a.m.**

Over 20 years ago, Burl Updyke had a vision for missionary radio, somewhere, anywhere, *as long as they had no existing Christian station.*

He felt God was calling him to establish a missionary station and began searching for a location. Maps like the one above led Burl to a spot that would reach out to over 100,000 people. People in need after the devastation of Hurricane Hugo.

The island of St. Croix took the worst beating of all of the Virgin Islands when Hugo's eyewall struck it in 1989, bringing Category 4 winds, sustained at 140 mph. Two people were killed on St.

Croix, 80 injured, and 90% of the buildings were damaged or destroyed.

A hurricane damaged home was purchased and repaired to house the station, as well as its missionary operators. While we have had several different operators over the years, our most recent missionaries, Jon and Tiffany Bowman, feel called to make St. Croix their home.

On Thursday, May 9th, beginning at 7:00 a.m., WRGN's listeners will have the opportunity to help that ministry continue. WRGN will pre-empt our regular programming to give our listeners the opportunity to help the ministry of WIVH continue.

*From us to you...*



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To the WRGN listening family,

The cover story of this month's RadioGram brought back a flood of memories for me. **Every year as we prepare for Mission Possible, I recall the step of faith it took to start missionary radio WIVH.**

I remember the day Burl Updyke came out of his office here at the station and exclaimed, "I found it!" What did he find? He found a mountain in the West Indies that would allow Christian broadcasting to an area not currently hearing the Gospel over the airwaves. **His excitement for the project was infectious and I quickly caught the vision!** We poured over the maps together and followed up with many trips to St. Croix to find the ideal location for the station. Then began preparation to broadcast God's Word to the area that included practical things like replacing the building's roof, which had been ripped off by Hurricane Hugo.

You may not have been listening to WRGN when the vision of WIVH began, but you are a listener to WRGN now. **I am asking that you prayerfully consider joining this missionary effort. Will you catch the vision?**

Will you help families like the Lloyds (pictured at the right) continue to be ministered to by WIVH? **Your gift during Mission Possible will help make a difference!**



*"We love WIVH. We are always listening!" ~ The Lloyd Family*

Sharing the vision,

*Tim + Heather*

Tim & Heather Madeira

# More Than A Yard Sale!

**It's coming up on that time of year again!**

What can **you** do?

**GIVE:** Good new or used, saleable items for the sale.

**VOLUNTEER:** to setup, tear down, price items, sort items and sell items! We could use your help for all of that!

**GROW:** Houseplants, annuals and perennials, and vegetable plants and

then donate them to our plant stand.

**BAKE:** Cupcakes and brownies, cookies and cakes, for the Baked Goods stand

**SHOP!!!** Saturday, June 1 starting at 8:00 a.m. for household items, books, children's toys, craft items and holiday decorations

**EAT:** Breakfast and lunch, and don't forget homemade ice cream for dessert! Information: 570-864-

## Comedian Brad Stine Brings Extra Dose of Humor to *Wake Up Right*



**Tim Madeira, Brad Stine and Jerry Major after the YFC Banquet**

Every year, WRGN teams up with NEPA Youth For Christ for "See You At The Pole" and also for their annual fundraiser at Fiorelli's in Peckville. This year, Tim and Doug had the pleasure of interviewing YFC's guest speaker, comedian Brad Stine on *Wake Up Right*. Keeping up with Brad's rapid fire delivery

proved to be a challenge, but Tim and Doug kept the pace!

Stay tuned for information on this year's "See You At The Pole" rally at Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit featuring the band Sidewalk Prophets on Sunday, September 15 as students prepare to pray at their school flagpoles!

# Camp Orchard Hill Featured



Jim Payne, Executive Director of Camp Orchard Hill, Dallas, joined Tim and Doug on *Wake Up Right* to share about the growing ministry of the camp.

It was not hard to get excited as Jim shared stories of the thousands of kids ministered to each year at the camp. Half the year

is programmed by the camp, and the other half is available for churches and various ministries to book their own events.

For more information on how you can help, or to book the camp for your church event, call Jim at (570) 333-4098 or go to [camporchardhill.com](http://camporchardhill.com).

## You Never Know What You Might Win!

Listener Michael Mayne was the winner of two concert tickets to a sold out 10th Avenue North concert.

The impromptu give away happened when one of our listeners stopped by the station with tickets to the concert he was not able to use. He wanted one of our listeners to be

able to benefit from the tickets.

Michael was very grateful for the tickets since he was out of work, and the concert was near family in Milton. He took the opportunity to enjoy the concert and visit family. Stay tuned to WRGN because you never know what we will be giving away next...or when!





## *Here at the Studios*



We think spring has finally arrived here in Northeastern PA! With the increase in temperatures, it seems more people visited the WRGN studios this month. It was also National Library Month. Perhaps that accounts for the increased foot traffic in the library. Whatever the reason, we are always thrilled when listeners stop by the studios!

We have had the opportunity to meet many WRGN listeners at various events around the area. The month began with *The Redeemed Tour* concert co-sponsored by Cross Creek Community Church and WRGN. What a wonderful concert with Big Daddy Weave, Mikes Chair and Citizen Way. They not only performed but also ministered to all of those in attendance. Tim and Doug had the opportunity to have dinner with Ben & Josh Calhoun, the two brothers who are part of Citizen Way. They were also guests on *Wake Up Right* following the concert and gave the history of the band and spoke about their latest release, *Love Is The Evidence*.

Two weeks later the staff of WRGN was present at the Youth for Christ banquet in Peckville. In addition, Doug and Tim had the opportunity to set up the WRGN booth at the *Taste of the Valley*, a fundraiser for The Geneva School in Olyphant, where they met even more listeners.

Please continue to be in prayer for us here at the station as we pray and seek God's direction in finding someone who can tackle the technical aspects. Our Operations Manager, Jonathan Broschious, recently moved to Illinois to help his wife care for her mother who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Everyone here has picked up some of Jonathan's technical responsibilities but we still have a need for a part-time "techie."

Judie and Heather have begun to sort books for our Big Book Sale. It will definitely be a sale you do not want to miss! Mark your calendars for May 21 – 23 and be sure to visit and pick up some great bargains with all proceeds benefitting WRGN. Most of the books are Christian in content. There are books with general information on the Bible and various books of the Bible; biographies, devotionals, books on marriage, parenting, and in addition, there are also cookbooks, home improvement books and many books for kids. Our first day of the sale is also Election Day so make sure you vote and then visit the Book Sale. We will be open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21.

Plans are well underway for WRGN's upcoming Yard Sale on Saturday, June 1. While you are spring cleaning, set aside some boxes of household items, books, children's toys, or holiday items that have outlived their usefulness at your home and consider donating them to the WRGN Yard Sale. This is our second largest fundraiser after Share-A-Thon. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase as well as Randy Parry's famous homemade ice cream.

There will be an artist on site creating caricatures of visitors for a donation. Artist Sue Hand will have a tent with artwork available for a donation to WRGN. The plant stand will be stocked with perennials, annuals, and even vegetable plants as you plan your summer gardens. Listen to our resident gardener, Ruth Moase on *Wake up Right* every Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. as she shares her garden tips with WRGN listeners.

There are many exciting things happening here at WRGN! We hope you'll join us as we continue to broadcast to Northeastern PA, the Lehigh Valley and around the world at [www.wrgn.com](http://www.wrgn.com)!

## Library Visitors



**Dave Boyer and his children: Kylan, Kaiti and Kurtis visited the library for the first time!**

Good News Library

Annual

**Book**  
Sale



**Tuesday, May 21**  
9:00 - 7:00

**Wednesday, May 22**  
9:00 - 4:30

**Thursday, May 23**  
9:00 - 4:30



All proceeds from the Book Sale will benefit WRGN



## *New at the Library*



May is the month that we celebrate our mothers! *No More Perfect Moms* by Jill Savage is a new addition to the Good News Library. In her latest book, the author gets very honest and reveals that all mothers struggle. Women fall short of their own standard of excellence, which causes them to feel insecure about being the perfect woman with the perfect kids, perfect husband, perfect home, perfect friends, perfect marriage and perfect body. *No More Perfect Moms* will help moms change their unrealistic expectations to realistic hopes.

John Piper has released a short read, *Risk is Right*. Piper shares that all of us have to choose to either waste our lives or to live with risk. Life was no cakewalk for Jesus, and he did not promise it would be any easier for his followers. Resistance and persecution should not surprise us. Many of us play it safe. We pursue comfort. We spend ourselves to get more stuff or be entertained. *Risk is Right* will help you see the joys of a faith-filled and rewarding life of Jesus-dependent abandon!

Travis Thrasher's novelization of the original movie *Home Run* shares the story of baseball star Cory Brand. He knows how to win. Off the field, he is spiraling out of control. Haunted by old wounds and regrets, his future seems as helpless as his past. Until one moment—one mistake—changes everything. To save his career, Cory must go back to the town where it all

began. His plan is simple: coach the local Little League team, complete a recovery program, and get out as fast as possible. Instead, he runs headfirst into memories he cannot escape...and the love he left behind. Face with a second chance he never expected, Cory discovers a powerful truth: no one is beyond the healing of God. *Home Run* is an inspirational story of the hope God offers each of us.

In *Choosing Gratitude – Your Journey to Joy*, Nancy Leigh DeMoss shares that true gratitude is not an incidental ingredient in the Christian's life. It is a crucial one. It is a grace-infused commitment each of us chooses...and it is totally worth it! When we respond to God's grace and acknowledge His goodness we discover something deep and profound that none of us should miss. Nancy Leigh DeMoss explores the biblical and practical aspects of what makes gratitude truly Christian—and discover how it makes life, even with all of its bumps and bruises, a joy to behold.

It's that time of year and a new book by Mindy Starns Clark titled *The House That Cleans Itself*, will help if you've struggled with clutter and chaos to keep your house twice as clean in half the time by following eight simple steps outlined in the book. The book is filled with plenty of creative suggestions, specific how-tos and loads of encouragement to change your home from "messed" to "blessed" for good.

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