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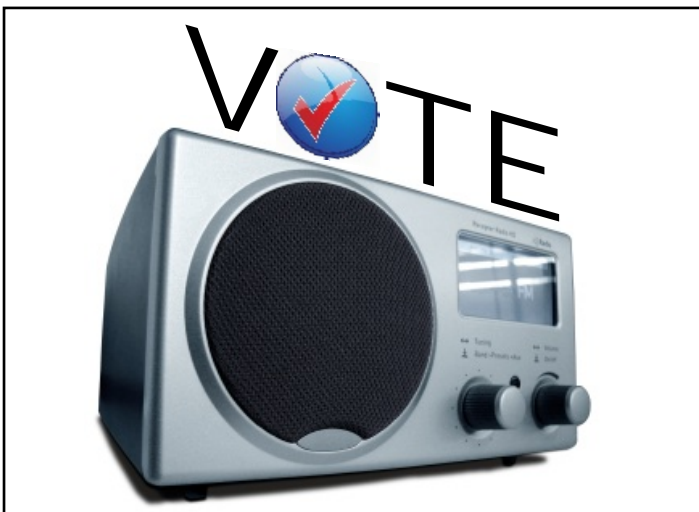
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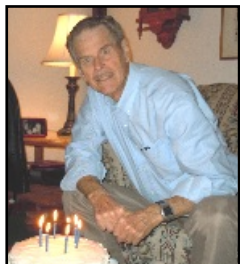
Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day, and we're asking you to vote twice! Go to the polls and vote for the candidates that best represent Godly values, then call us here at WRGN and cast your vote for Christian Radio with a Faith Promise. You can call WRGN at 1-800-245-3688 and let us know you will stand with us in the upcoming year.

This year's goal is \$150,000 and while we have four days set aside to get there, Tuesday, November 8 to Friday, November 11, 2011; you don't have to wait until Tuesday to call us, you can do it now! The sooner we get to the goal, the sooner we get back to the programs you love to hear on WRGN. If you want to be a Day Sponsor, it's especially important that you get your call in early so that the day of your choosing is still available. Day Sponsors contribute \$40.00 a month for one year to sponsor a day of broadcasting on WRGN. We will announce throughout the day that you are sponsoring that day's broadcasting on WRGN. It makes a great birthday, anniversary, or Christmas present!

Please pray for God's blessings as we share with our listeners the needs of WRGN and how the station has impacted lives for the Kingdom of God. Pray also for strength and endurance for our staff and volunteers during Share-A-Thon!



WRGN's Share-A-Thon, Tuesday, November 8 to Friday, November 11, 2011



Friends of WRGN Celebrate Burl Updyke's 80th Birthday

The Friends of WRGN had a surprise birthday party for Burl Updyke founder of WRGN at their October meeting. Those present shared personal comments of how they had been blessed by Burl over the years. One woman shared how Burl and his wife, Shirley, had taken her to her first summer Bible camp. Another woman told how Burl had provided her with a job when he had owned a local newspaper. Everyone was thankful for his vision for Christian radio. Burl's technical expertise has grown the WRGN ministry from a single transmitter in Sweet Valley to the Good News Network with six translators.

Christmas Music



Country Stream Switches to Christmas Stream for the Holidays

Our WRGN Country/Southern Gospel stream will be taking a vacation for the holiday season. It will be replaced with a music stream of continuous Christmas music. Our *Home for Christmas* stream will provide listeners 24 hours of Christmas music with some special Christmas programs interspersed among the music. This online stream can be found at our website, www.wrgn.com.



Therese Romano, host of *AllWorship*, joins WRGN's Saturday night line-up.

AllWorship is a new addition which began airing in October on Saturday nights from 9:00 – midnight. The three hour program features the best mix of the top worship songs on the CCLI and Christian radio charts. WRGN's General Manager, Tim Madeira says, "It's a great way to help our listeners prepare for worship on Sunday."

Therese Romano, the host of *AllWorship*, has worked in radio for more than 20 years on the air and as a promoter for artists such as Michael W. Smith and Third Day.



November giveaway: Christmas Music!

Listeners to *Connect Live!* enjoy the music and conversation that takes place during the program. They also like the giveaways! Winners of WRGN's famous giveaway for November will hear the wonderful harmonies of Downhere's Christmas CD *How Many Kings*. Listen to *Connect Live!* weekday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Answer the Bible question correctly and you could win. Jonathan Broscious and Tim Madeira always enjoy talking to our listeners on the phone or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wrgnfm.

Please pray with us

PRAY: for our upcoming Share-A-Thon, November 8-11, as we seek to raise \$150,000 for the operating costs over the next year.

PRAISE: for the many volunteers for Share-A-Thon who will be praying for the 4-day event, preparing meals for our hosts and volunteers, and for those answering the phones.

PRAY: the many listeners who are hurting either physically or financially. Pray that God will give them grace during this time.

PRAISE: for the many listeners who responded to the pre Share-A-Thon letter and have begun to let us know that they will stand with the ministry of WRGN over the next year as we bring uplifting music and encouraging messages to the our listening area.

PRAY: for Corey, a senior at Dallas High School, who has been suffering with Rhabdomyosarcoma (see article below). Pray for healing!

PRAISE: for the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to remodel the kitchen at WRGN in time for our upcoming Share-A-Thon.

PRAY: for General Manager Tim Madeira who has to go to Johns Hopkins for a procedure at the end of the month.

PRAISE: for Judie May our wonderful secretary here at WRGN who cheerfully greets all of our callers and takes care of so many of the details around the WRGN studios.

PRAY: for those who are lonely and struggle during the holiday season for the *"...peace of God, which surpasses all understanding..."* Philipians 4:7



WRGN partners with “Day of Prayer for Corey: 11-11-11”

Corey is a senior at Dallas High School who has a rare form of cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma. WRGN listener Sue Prater and Diane Thompson have organized a 24 hour day of prayer on 11-11-11 and are looking for a minimum of 288 people to sign up for five-minute slots anytime during the day.

We urge WRGN listeners to pray for Corey during the day. You may call the station to sign up or stop by the station to receive a “Pray for Corey”

bracelet and a bookmark with encouraging Scriptures as a reminder to pray for this young man.

The family's church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas, will also be open from 8:00 – 4:30 p.m. if people would like to go there to pray. *Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* I Thessalonians 5:16-18

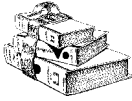
For more information or to sign up, call us at the station at 800-245-3688.



WRGN's Good News Library celebrated it's 9th Anniversary on Thursday, October 27th with a visit from library regulars, Grace, Nancy, and Micah Kinney, along with Sandi and Joel Francis. Memberships to the Good News Library will make great Christmas presents!



John Peterson stopped by recently to pick up his Sue Hand prints from last year's Share-A-Thon. Stay tuned during this year's Share-A-Thon November 8-11 to hear what Sue has created for this year's event! Pictured are John Peterson, Tim Madeira, and Jack Perry.



New at the Library



It was great to meet many of you who visited the Good News Library during the month of October and especially on our 9th Anniversary on Thursday, October 27.

The Good News Library is a hidden jewel here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. With over 14,000 items there are so many wonderful resources for parents, couples, singles and children. We love to hear one mom as she tells her children upon entering the library, "Two books, two audio CDs, and one movie!" Then the children eagerly run into the Library to select their books and movies. What a great reassurance for parents to know that their children are reading books that have a Christian influence and watching movies that are going to teach them Bible lessons. We have materials from Focus on The Family like *Adventures in Odyssey* and great audio series such as *Jonathan Park* from Vision Forum.

Share the news with your friends about the wonderful resources that the Good News Library has to offer. Memberships are only \$5.00 a year and with the holidays just around the corner, it just might be a great gift idea for that special someone!

With football season upon us, the book, *Playing Hurt* by Brian Goins, might be a great one for husbands who want their marriage to succeed. Ken Walter, NFL player for nine seasons, says of the book, "You can't help your team when you're on the bench. The same is true in marriage. Brian coaches you on how to get back in the game and start winning again." *Playing Hurt* is a biblical playbook for

marriage that will challenge you to push forward. Author Brian Goins inspires husbands to live out Ephesians 5:25 and "love your wife, as Christ loved the church.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas almost upon us, there will be a lot of calories consumed! Chantel Hobbs is the author of *Walk Strong, Look Up*. Hobbs struggled with weight issues for years and one day vowed to lose weight and keep it off for good. She shares with readers the power of combining the world's most natural exercise - walking - with prayer and praise directed toward the One who made our bodies. The book shows how walking and praying at the same time intensifies the workout and adds a spiritual component to exercising that helps maintaining energy and enthusiasm.

For reading fans of bestselling author Karen Kingsbury, a new book in the Good News Library is the latest in the Bailey Flanigan series, *Learning*. While Bailey Flanigan pursues her dream of becoming an actress, Cody Coleman coaches a small high school football team. Both characters find themselves learning significant life lessons in this poignant love story.

Thank you to volunteer Mary Bodek for her faithfulness in shelving the returned books and covering the new additions to the Library!

The Good News Library is open weekdays from 9:00 – 4:30. Check out the library at www.wrgn.com, find the books or DVDs you would like, give us a call at 800-245-3688, and we'll reserve them for you!



Here at the studios



Many things have been happening here at the WRGN studios since we last wrote to you in early October.

First, we want to say thank you to our many volunteers who give of their time to prepare the monthly Radiogram for our listeners to receive. The front steps of our studios are beautifully decorated with fall mums compliments of Myrtle Chamberlain at Lehman Nursery. Thank you for brightening our day!

Our Connect Live! Facebook page had a lot of interaction when the question was posed, "What is your least favorite household chore?" Some of the comments included washing dishes (Tim Madeira), mowing the lawn, laundry, vacuuming, and going through the junk mail!

We also asked our listeners one morning if they were smiling. We heard from new caller Catherine Phillips from Kingshill, St Croix who said she tries to always smile and observed that people notice it. Remember it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile!

We love when the mailman delivers notes from our listeners. We received the following from Rita in Old Forge, "Your broadcasts have helped me to know and understand our Lord so well, and I look forward to the messages every day!"

We heard from Emma Fink, Leighton, on National Chocolate Cupcake Day. She was sending sunshine north for Tim who had ridden his motorcycle to work that day. The staff was wondering if he would have a wet ride home since we had very gray skies! Emma's warm wishes must have worked because by late afternoon the skies were blue and sunny!

One morning the staff arrived at work to the smell of delicious cinnamon rolls. Our very own operations manager, Jonathan Broschious, had baked them fresh that morning and we have to say they were the best cinnamon rolls we'd ever tasted. Another morning, a car pulled up outside, beeped the horn, and we discovered WRGN listener Ellen Belles with a tray full of coffees for the staff. Judie and Heather really enjoyed the pumpkin coffee. Ellen was also the one who informed Jonathan of pumpkin pie Pop Tarts when Jonathan was asking listeners what their favorite flavor was. We're still looking for them at the local grocery stores so we can give them a taste test!

October brought two very special celebrations for WRGN. The first was on October 19 when we celebrated our 27th birthday. Birthday cards arrived in the mail and many callers shared their appreciation. We talked to Maryanne Lipinski, Iva Killian, Patricia, Norie Crinion, Jackie Bylsma, Leon Walls, Violet Kanarr, and Judy Russell. They were timed to see how close to 27 seconds they could get in their messages. The closest was Maryanne Lipinski and she received a copy of Shirley Updyke's book *Vision to Reality*, which tells the history of WRGN that she and her husband, Burl, founded.

The second celebration was the 9th anniversary of the Good News Library. We frequently talk to listeners who don't know about the Library. If you have never visited, be sure to stop by and we'd be happy to give you a tour!

Visit WRGN during Share-A-Thon November 8 - 11th, and see what's happening here at the studios!

From us to you...



November 2011

To the WRGN listening family,

We have many exciting projects to share with you over the next couple of months, and many opportunities for you to be involved in the ministry of WRGN. Have you ever wondered “What could I do to help WRGN?” We are setting up a volunteer page on WRGN’s website where you can help share in the ministry. Go to www.wrgn.com, click on the “Contact Us” tab and then select “Volunteer.” There are many things you can do to enable us to share the Good News over the airwaves, and a few suggestions can be found there.

The book of 1 Corinthians 12 refers to believers as the body of Christ, and reminds us that each person has a function in the body. At WRGN, we are reminded of this on almost a daily basis as we get letters of support and encouragement from you, our listeners. We are so grateful for the “...many parts, yet one body,” that Paul refers to in verse 20 of this passage.

We are looking forward to this month at WRGN. It’s a time of Thanksgiving, as well as a time when we meet many of our listeners during Share-A-Thon which will be held November 8 – 11. If you have never stopped by the WRGN studios during this time, please join us for the excitement as we see how God is going to work at WRGN over the next year!

We are thankful for the volunteers who have already signed up to help out during Share-A-Thon, and thankful for those who have already told us they will be supporting WRGN through their pre-Share-A-Thon giving. Won’t you join us by calling 1-800-245-3688 and let us know you will stand with us?

At the start of this letter, I mentioned some of the projects that have been going on here at the station. In next month’s Radiogram, you will get to see some of the fruits of the labors of our volunteers. If you prefer, you can get a sneak peek by stopping by the WRGN studios to see for yourself. If you do, make sure you pop your head in our office and say hello.

We would love to meet you!

Tim & Heather Madeira

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WRGN Christmas Banquet

Friday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.
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