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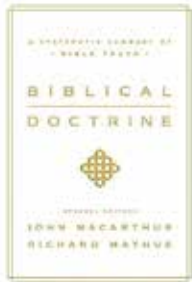
-Barry Meguiar

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DID YOU KNOW?

Hooray, it's a boy! Hunter Blair Stonestreet was welcomed to the **John & Sarah Stonestreet** family on May 8. He joins three very happy big sisters in filling the Stonestreet quiver. That's the best "Point" possible!



The latest volume with **John MacArthur's** name on it is the substantive **Biblical Doctrine: A Systematic Summary of Bible Truth**. Sharing the General Editor work with Richard Mayhue, the full scope of theology is covered in the more than 1,000 page publication.



The grand total? It's **155,000 Spanish Bibles** to Cuba, thanks to the most recent Haven project. Friends of the ministry funded the effort, with all donations going to the distribution of God's Word. **Charles Morris** has now been to the island three times, developing key church relationships that will ensure every Bible finds a ready heart to read it.

It's the best! That is . . . the **Best Devotional for 2017** as designated by the Evangelical Christian Press Association. Congratulations to **Joni Eareckson Tada** on the award for her beautiful devotional, **A Spectacle of Glory**.



Do you read the weekly email from Life Issues? In addition to news about life matters, a **"Quote of the Week"** is featured for radio station partners to use on-air and in social media—like this one: *"A baby's life is at stake regardless of the circumstances. There's no problem that can't be handled with love and support, and abortion shouldn't be an option."* —**Brad Mattes**, host of Life Issues.



TECH UPDATE WITH JIM SANDERS

Hour 3 of Financial Issues Now Available on Amb-OS!

The Financial Issues radio and television program, led by financial expert and nationally syndicated host **Dan Celia**, has added a third hour, now airing from 9 a.m. to noon ET, Monday through Friday.

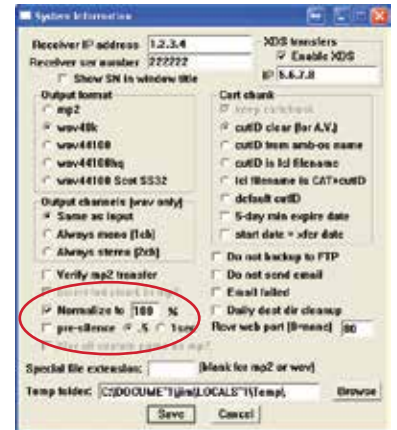


In his ministry, Financial Issues Stewardship Ministries (FISM, www.financialissues.org), Celia hones in on biblical investing and advises Christians how they can honor God by choosing investments that are not associated with immoral or anti-biblical issues, such as abortion, pornography, same-sex marriage or other matters of concern to Christians. Celia educates investors by researching organizations that corporations support, and encourages biblically responsible, God-honoring investing.

For more information, contact Hamilton Strategies at (610) 584-1096.

Amb-OS Tip

We often receive questions about increasing the volume of files from Amb-OS since our files are all normalized to a maximum peak of -6dbfs. However, our User Interface can help you! On the main screen, click on the "System Info" tab on the far left. Look in the bottom left section of the panel and click on "Normalize to" and input the value 100. This will transfer all files at 0dbfs!



NEW FOR THE SUMMER

***Please welcome** with us our summer intern, **Dominique Paredes**, who will enter her senior year at Vanguard University in the Fall. A Communications Studies major from Victorville CA, Dominique has a commitment to diversity, serving previously as president of *El Puente* ("The Bridge"), Vanguard's Hispanic Club, and next year working as the Multicultural Senator for the university's Student Government Association. A Master's degree is in her future but, for now, we're glad she chose Ambassador for her internship assignment! ***Dominique@ambaa.com** ©!



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You are Invited to *IgniteAmerica!*

As an outgrowth of serving station partners with a 1:00 feature for just 3 years, **Barry Meguiar** became convinced that a nationwide effort to encourage Christian station *listeners* to engage in sharing their faith could result in something truly *explosive*. Following focus group input with station management from across the country, Barry and the team at Revival Outside the Walls began to develop not only the on-air tools but, even more importantly, an infrastructure of support that would become a highly effective “connecting point” for those motivated to get involved.

Already launched on pilot outlets, stations can sign up *now* to *immediately* receive :30s and :15s *daily prompts* (new every day—five days a week) that simply invite listeners to share their faith. Station partners can be further involved by participating in a secure software system (IgniteAmerica Community) that listeners can access to sign up, share their story, and find resources to be a witness for Christ.

Participating stations will be able to monitor activity ... while listeners will be able to connect with *other* listeners in other

areas to encourage each other in the process. Data will be uniquely available to each participating station to help measure impact of the effort.

Already airing on premier stations such as Bott Radio Network, Life Changing Radio, and Faith Radio Network, the *IgniteAmerica* prompts have no “call to action” other than to visit a website with additional resources on how to engage in sharing your faith as a believer—that site accessible to partner stations for monitoring activity specific to their station’s audience.

INVITATION: Will you join other launching stations for what we believe will be one of the most impactful and effective national efforts on behalf of evangelism?

CONNECT: Contact Selah@ambaa.com for more information and details; visit the website (www.igniteamerica.com) to read more; #IgniteAmerica.

NOTE: The prompts are completely independent of the *Ignite with Barry Meguiar* 1:00 features that continue to air daily.

SOBERING FACTS

59% of all Christians say they seldom or never share their faith with another person.

80% of unchurched people are open to the Gospel.

87% of people not in church have at least one close friend who is a Christian.



MEET BARRY MEGUIAR

Meet Barry Meguiar ... he may be known across the country as a “car guy” ... but his passion is to see every Christian sharing their faith, no matter the setting. The president of *Meguiar’s*—known for the finest car care products available—spends his time leading *Revival Outside the Walls*, an organization dedicated to helping believers lean fully into loving God and then sharing that love with everyone we encounter.

FACES & PLACES



JORDAN Carter Conlon was recently in Amman, Jordan, to encourage pastors and leaders from the Middle East including those serving in Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Egypt. Reflecting on the opposition these men and women face, Carter has noted the importance of praying for those whose struggle is far different than ours.



CARMEL Jim and Jim at "James House" ... it was a Focus/ Ambassador encounter again when **Jim Daly** and Focus on the Family hosted donors for a golf event at Pebble Beach recently.



AT OUR HOUSE It was a delight to welcome **Matt Austin** (GM) and **Sharon Geiger** (Assistant GM and Outreach Director) from KCBI (Dallas TX) to Ambassador for the first time—and not just because they brought us a genuine Texas-baked pecan pie!



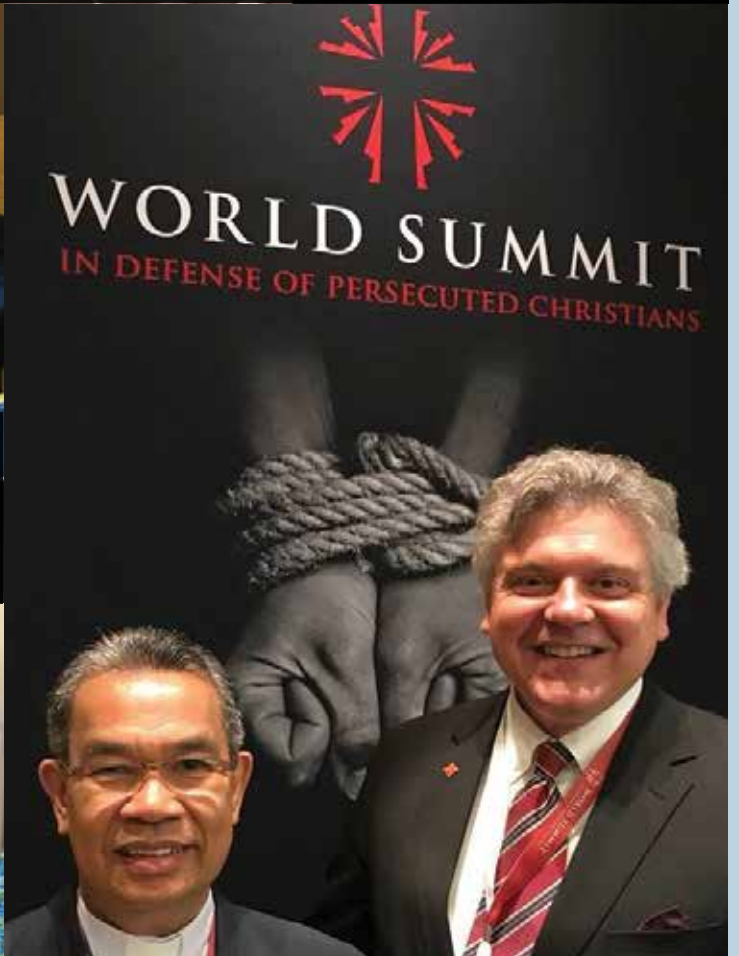
ORANGE COUNTY It was another “super gathering” of ministry/station/agency personnel when the Haven team visited KWVE facilities and AAA troops tagged along. Pictured (L-R): Lance Emma (GM), Charles Morris, Mark Shaffer (Community Relations Manager), Tamara Turner, Andrew Canavan, Troy Lamberth, Jim Sanders, Robert Baltodano (Assistant GM), Jerry Langford (KSDW Morning Show Host)



WASHINGTON D.C. While attending the World Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians, **Charles Morris** was able to interview BGEA’s Franklin Graham for a Haven broadcast. More than 130 countries were represented at the conference at which Vice President Mike Pence also spoke.



WENHAM An honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred in May on **Don Stephens** by Gordon College (Wenham MA). Recognized for his longstanding service and for the profound impact of the organization he founded, Mercy Ships, the degree was given just prior to Don’s address to the Class of ’17 graduates.



WASHINGTON D.C. Also at the WSDPC conference, convened by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, **John Sorensen** (Share Life Today) was able to meet with international representatives such as (pictured) Efraim Tendero, General Secretary and CEO for the World Evangelical Alliance and also Chair of the Board for Evangelism Explosion/Philippines.

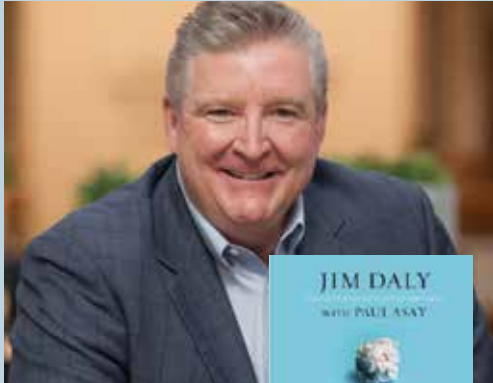
FLASH! Amb-OS is launching a program to upgrade all AMR-100 hard drives with a Solid State Flash drive, **free of charge**. This ambitious effort will take place over the next three years. But if you’re one of the first 30 stations to send an email to support@amb-os.com (subject line: “FLASH”), you’ll move to the top of the list.



MORE BOOKS

Got a BEACH CHAIR or HAMMOCK or A GOOD EASY CHAIR?

[Here's even MORE] Good Reading Recommendations for this Summer



When Parenting Isn't Perfect is new from **Jim Daly** (with Paul Asay) and is designed to help moms and dads

navigate the common goal of being that non-existent "perfect parent." Here's good advice shared through impacting personal stories and biblically-based encouragement for creating a home filled with love and laughter—how perfect is that!

Meet Jim Daly: For more than a decade, Jim has led the Focus on the Family ministry with all its various outreaches including the capstone daily half-hour program he anchors, now heard on nearly 2,000 station outlets in the USA in addition to global outreach. Though highly respected in this pivotal role, he continues to speak—and write—out of a "real world" knowledge as the son of a broken home and as dad to two sons, sharing the parenting with wife, Jean. The family resides in Colorado Springs.



English Lessons: The Crooked Path of Growing Toward Faith illustrates the

adage that "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree." Authored by **Andrea Lucado**, a popular blogger and, yes, daughter of Max (and Denalyn), the book is her first—a memoir on wrestling with faith, doubt and spiritual identity.

Meet Andrea Lucado: After graduating from Abilene Christian University and then studying at Oxford-Brookes (UK) for her masters, Andrea worked in PR/publishing in Nashville before making Austin TX her home. In addition to her popular blog, she is a freelance writer. And a self-proclaimed "question asker" who promises she doesn't plan to stop doing so. Visit her eponymous website at AndreaLucado.com to get even better acquainted!



One by One: Welcoming the Singles in Your Church explains that

there are now more single adults than married in the US—yet the evangelical church continues to focus primarily on serving couples and families. **Gina Dalfonzo** urges us to consider how we can also welcome those who are too often marginalized because they are single—whatever the cause.

Meet Gina Dalfonzo: In her spare time, she reads voraciously, plays the piano, gardens, dances, and makes jewelry. But spare time is sparse as Gina is editor of BreakPoint.org and a regular contributor to content for The Colson Center. Someone mention "A Christmas Carol?"—that's right up Gina's alley as she also edits "Dickensblog"—a site dedicated to all things Charles Dickens.

MOVIE TRIVIA

JONI . . . Starring Joni!

Remarkably, these are just a few of the treasures (except for the copy of Update!) that have been re-discovered in anticipation of marking the 50th anniversary this summer of **Joni Eareckson Tada's** accident diving into the Chesapeake Bay.

One part of the celebration will be a digitized re-release of the Joni film, originally released in 1979 at a "Red Carpet" event in Southern California on August 6.

So ... here's a bit of trivia—and the first ten to respond to Peg@ambaa.com with the correct answer will be sent a copy of Joni's story. Can you name Joni's beloved horse?



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What date on your July calendar are you most looking forward to?

I've circled Saturday, July 15 in bright red on my calendar. I'll be with family, [celebrating my dad's 92nd birthday and my mom's 85th](#) (they both have July birthdays). It'll be a sweet time with our very large extended family, homemade ice cream and maybe even a few leftover fireworks!



Sharon Geiger | Asst. General Manager/Outreach Dir.
KCBI-FM | Dallas-Fort Worth, TX



When you live in the dark, frozen tundra of Wisconsin, ANY July date is "pinch-me-I-must-be-dreaming-good!" We're all looking forward to the [Lifest music festival](#) in Oshkosh July 6-9. It's a great time to connect with our listeners, make new friends, and listen to live music from our favorite artists.

Heidi Prahl | Donor & Community Relations
WEMI-FM/WEMY-FM Radio | Appleton/Green Bay, WI

July 12th. That's the [due date of my first grandchild](#). Though as we who've been there before well know, that date could be give or take a few days (or weeks). But whenever he comes, my wife Jenny & I will be thrilled!



Scott Tsuleff | Manager For Programming
WBCL Radio Network | Fort Wayne, IN



I am looking forward to July because [my husband will be able to drive again](#). My Mark had a seizure back in December and they found he had a brain tumor. He had surgery on his birthday, Dec. 23, and we spent Christmas in the hospital. He has gone through the standard treatments and his last MRI was wonderful. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Jan Markowitz | Program/Music Dir./Afternoon "Host"
WNPQ-FM | Canton, OH



*What's on your July calendar?
Chime in at our blog: ambaa.com/news*

COMING UP THIS MONTH

JULY 15 In Des Moines, **Jim Garlow** speaks at the sixth annual [Family Leadership Summit 2017: Principle over Politics](#). Others speaking include The Benham Brothers, George Barna, and U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa).



JULY 16-24 More than 5000 Cru staff will be at Colorado State University (Fort Collins) for the [bi-annual summer training](#). Speakers for the conference include Eugene Cho, Andy Crouch, and Cru President **Steve Douglass** ("Making Your Life Count").



IT OPENS IN NOVEMBER

Excitement continues to build as the opening of **Museum of the Bible** draws closer. Here are a few facts to help you envision the work that's been underway!



- Crews have constructed over [6127 linear feet of scaffold platform](#)—that equals about 20.5 football fields.
- Almost [24,000 cubic yards of soil](#) have been excavated from the site—that's enough to fill 9.5 Olympic swimming pools.
- Providing the Museum's foundation, [7,072 linear feet of driven piles](#) have gone into the ground—that's 13 times the height of the Washington Memorial.
- Approximately [306,464 bricks](#) will help the museum take shape—that's 38.7 miles of bricks (20 times the length of the National Mall).

COMING SPRING 2018

New from **FamilyLife** next year will be a video series to encourage moms and dads in how we lead the next generation to walk closely with Jesus. Entitled "[FamilyLife's Art of Parenting](#)," the series is from the same creative team that helped to produce the ministry's "[Art of Marriage](#)" project. Watch for more details this Fall!





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TAKE US WITH YOU

Have to say, we're having a good bit of fun with this "Take Update with You" column. Thanks to a few good friends, we just never lack for content!

(Left) The way to **Ken Tada's** heart is definitely via deep sea fishing, especially in the Bahamas. Well, that and any time he spends with **Joni**, of course!

(Upper Left) We love the idea of investing in another generation. This time it was **Lee Ann's** turn to encourage students at her alma mater, UCLA, with wisdom. She's pictured with **Dr. Tama Hasson**, Assistant Vice Provost of Undergraduate Research.

(Above) **Jenny & Joe Emert** (WMVW-Atlanta) had the delight of stopping in to visit the folks at Revive Our Hearts (including **Martin Jones** and **Tom Mathis**) on the way to visit their their 13th grandchild!



Where are you? Send your photo with our Update newsletter to peg@ambaa.com.