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THE STUDY OF GOD IS MORE THAN AN INTELLECTUAL HOBBY.

*It's a matter of life and death,
something that affects the way you think,
the decisions you make each day,
the way you relate to God and other people,
and the way you see yourself
and the world around you.*

— MICHAEL HORTON



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DID YOU KNOW?



Two new exhibits open this month at **Museum of the Bible—**

Noblewomen and the Bible: Seven Stories from the House of Stolberg features the story of seven women who ensured the House's permanence and who found comfort, support, motivation and hope in the Bible. A second is titled ***Sacred Drama***, featuring art from 15th century Florence. Time to visit!



A Cincinnati businessman, initially introduced to the ministry through a segment on *60 Minutes*, recently announced his intention to give the largest amount ever pledged to ***Mercy Ships***. A **\$50 million** endowment will be designated to the building of a second floating hospital, operating as does the current *Africa Mercy*, delivering medical help to the world's most impoverished.



True Woman 201 (Revive Our Hearts) has now

been translated into Portuguese as part of a remarkable growth in global outreach for the ministry. On the horizon (translation completed and soon to be published) is the same work in Farsi. More than 6000 women are expected to gather in Indianapolis (September 27-29) for a now **SOLD OUT *True Woman '18***.



Just released from ***Plugged In*** (Focus on the Family) is the Summer 2018 edition of "***Family Movie Nights Discussion Guide***" featuring insights on three films—*Coco*, *Wonder* and *Black Panther*. Check the PI website for downloading!

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Should You License Your Dish?

There's been quite a stir about the FCC's potential reallocation of the C-band spectrum (3.7GHz to 4.2GHz) for expanded and improved mobile broadband. No smartphone user wouldn't love better data rates and high caps. But this smartphone user wouldn't. The proposed change threatens every traditional satellite operator and their customers including Amb-OS and most of the Christian Radio Consortium members (Amb-OS, Salem, Moody, Northwestern, VCY, etc.).



JIM SANDERS

Radio station operators who installed a receive-only (RO) satellite antenna typically did not go to the effort of registering or licensing their site. It wasn't necessary. A satellite dish points to the sky while, terrestrial microwave signals traveled along the surface of the earth so there were few instances of Terrestrial Microwave Interference (TMI). Through the decades, common C-band terrestrial microwave carriers moved off the technology in favor of much more efficient and robust media like fiber.

So, in the absence of a real sense for how much C-band is used, the FCC started eyeing this chunk of spectrum for the ever-hungry cellular industry. Then, on April 19, 2018, the FCC issued a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) which established a 90-day window which allowed entities to register or license their antennas, providing a clear picture on the use of the spectrum. We think you should register your dish, just like we did!

This is not a requirement (as was the thinking of one station with whom I spoke). It's optional. But it will help protect and preserve this spectrum for broadcast purposes.

If you'd like to know more, there's a great series of conversations and threads on the Christian Radio Technical Forum (CRTech.org) and on the FCC's own site (FCC.Gov).

NEW TO THE AMB-OS FAMILY

A New Member of the Amb-OS Family

We're pleased to welcome to Amb-OS ***Creation Moments*** with **Paul Taylor**. *Creation Moments* is a two-minute daily broadcast featuring scientific facts of nature that point to God's deliberate design rather than evolutionary chance.



PAUL TAYLOR

Our world is bombarded by false messages about our origin. But each *Creation Moments* broadcast provides accurate, up-to-date information about new discoveries in God's creation and how they relate to the Bible. True science confirms the Bible!

Creation Moments is available on Amb-OS and Amb-OS FTP. Should you have any questions, please contact Justine Michaud at 800-422-4253 or justine@creationmoments.com.



**NEW
ON-AIR**

LAUNCHING SEPTEMBER 10

CORE CHRISTIANITY

For more than 25 years, Michael Horton has tackled some of our toughest theological questions as founder of the White Horse Inn broadcast. But what about those questions that non-theologians ask? The proverbial soccer mom and businessman, the neighbor to a Muslim, the student in a secular university—who is giving them biblical answers to the difficult questions of life?

Beginning September 10, that's just what Core Christianity will do daily—answering real-life questions from real-life listeners in a daily 25:00 broadcast airing nationwide.

Anchored by seminary professor and author Dr. Horton, who is joined by millennial pastor Adriel Sanchez, it's must-listen radio for today's audiences.

**For more information,
contact Charley@ambaa.com**

Delivered daily via Amb-OS and FTP



MEET MIKE HORTON: Author of over 30 books, Mike is Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics at Westminster Seminary California (Escondido). He and his wife, Lisa, have four children including triplets who are now fourteen. This theologian lives in the real world!

MEET ADRIEL SANCHEZ: Serving as pastor of North Park Presbyterian Church (San Diego), Adriel has also been a key content creator for the Core Christianity's robust website. Married to Ysabel, the couple have three young children.

Celebrating God's Faithfulness



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What a joy to gather to mark the 70th anniversary of Al & Margaret Sanders (June 25).

We know this is an extraordinary accomplishment (most recent records indicate that of all married couples in the USA, 39% hit 25 years; 7% mark 50 years ... 0.01 have been married 70 years!) and is a gift of grace from God. So celebrating God's faithfulness seems most appropriate!

Sailing on a ship named *Eternity*, friends and (1) family celebrated (2) the happy couple including (3) Patricia & John MacArthur (who gave a wonderful word of encouragement from Scripture); (4) Jay Flowers, Dennis Rainey, and John Fuller; (5) the Ambassador team; (6) Ken & Joni Tada who sang "Love & Marriage" and a few more tunes; (7) Rosemary & Jim Garlow (with Mefferds); (8) Lance & Angie Emma (KWVE) who loaned the keyboard so Margaret could masterfully play for us; (9) and Ed Atsinger, Phil Johnson, Jay & Stephanie Flowers (also marking an anniversary on 6/25), Carl Miller (Salem—and an AAA alum), and Bill Reitler of AAA.

It was a grand opportunity to thank the Lord for the lifetime of commitment to Him and each other!

You're invited to visit Sanders70.com to view a short video of the couple's story. As a man of the Word, Al recounts the seven decades he and Margaret have shared together including a brief devotional reflection on Hebrews 10:36—their long-ago chosen life verse. The video is actually a prelude to a compilation of tunes played by Margaret on the piano gifted to Azusa Pacific University in her honor on her 90th birthday. A CD of that music is available—if you'll just let us know you'd like one, we'd be happy to send!

To God Be the Glory



It was a celebration of legacy when staff and friends of FamilyLife gathered to acknowledge the remarkable years of impact under Dennis Rainey's leadership at the organization he and wife, Barbara, co-founded.

Hosted by Bob Lepine, in addition to words of recognition from Board members and close friends such as astronaut Barry Wilmore, Crawford Loritts and Bryan Carter (pastor of Concord Church-Dallas), a moving video tribute to Dennis and Barbara made clear the lifetime of effort that's been their investment. New President David Robbins expressed appreciation for the past as the team also looks forward to continued impact.

The evening culminated in gathering the entire Rainey family (minus a couple of grandkids too young to squirm in their seats 😊) for a dedicatory prayer. The Rainey "quiver" includes 24 grandchildren—and one on the way, they announced!

It was a privilege for Jim, Michelle & Peggy from AAA to be present. Snaps include (1) Praying over the Rainey family; (2) Dennis & Barbara responding to the evening and (3) the Board expressing appreciation; (4) Fellowship with the Rainey's and (5) Mike & Dana Clowers; (6) Opportunity to chat with FLT's Megan Martin and (7) Nicole Burns and Michelle Hill; (8) Riverside dining with Bob & Mary Ann Lepine and Emmitt & Jane Fowler; (9) Classic selfie—nice shot, David Robbins & Bob Lepine!



HERE & THERE



Top Row: It was a special visit to KBXL studios when GM **Beth Schafer** hosted dear friends visiting Boise ID—our own Evelyn Gibson and **Sheila Leech**. Meanwhile, back at the AAA studios, **Samy Tanagho** (*Glad News for Muslims*) was here to record new features.

Middle Row: One of the “Distinguished Visiting Faculty” for the new Center for Christian Leadership (Washington DC) was **Brad Mattes** (Life Issues Institute). When in Dallas, a steakhouse visit is requisite! That’s Charley Mefferd visiting with **Jim Stanley** (AFR). Here to join the 70th anniversary celebration (see Pg 4), **John Sorensen** (*Share Life Today*) and **Jeff Givens** had time to stop in at Ambassador.

Bottom Row: **Barry Meguiar** (*Ignite America!*), a past Grand Marshall of the event, participated in this year’s Balboa Island Parade which has welcomed summer’s arrival for 25 years. And ... HAPPY JULY 4th—how could it be better said than RED (Ev and her Corvette), BLUE (Jim’s Harley) and WHITE—well, somewhere!

You're invited

If your summer travels take you near our Orange County office, please stop by!

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

What book do you wish every Christian would read?

Ever since I got saved almost 40 years ago my favorite book about the Christian faith has always been *Know Why You Believe* by Paul Little. It's short, simple and a great refresher course for Christians who want to get restocked about "why they believe" and why the Christian faith is the only obvious choice.

Dave Drui | Program Director
KGNW | Seattle WA



I'm going to keep it simple and say the *Bible*. It is the only source we can *fully* rely on. It encourages, directs, strengthens, and corrects. It holds us accountable. Now, more than ever, I want to peel back the opinions and biases, and cling to His word.

Ashley Beach | National Sales Manager
WRBS | Baltimore MD

The first book to come to my mind is *The Great Divorce* by CS Lewis. It's a short book, but I often refer to its stories when I'm talking with people about faith or spirituality. Lewis had an incredible way of engaging our imagination to help us understand the complexities of human nature and divine things.

Steve Young | Station Manager
WNWC | Madison WI



Throughout the ages, corrupt individuals have ascended to absolute power by tricking the culture into thinking there is something better than what the Bible offers. *When a Nation Forgets God* by Erwin Lutzer looks at the rise of Nazi Germany, and points to circumstances taking place in America today that are dangerously similar. This should be a wake-up call to Christians to reclaim the culture for Christ.

Rick Forschner | General Manager
WAGP | Beaufort SC

DON'T MISS

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Anne Graham Lotz leads "A Prayer and Prophecy Tour of Israel" with special guest Ray Bentley, and in conjunction with Joel Rosenberg's Epicenter Prayer Summit in Jerusalem.

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At the Ark Encounter (Petersburg KY), **Dennis & Barbara Rainey** are speaking at the "Equipping Families" Conference, hosted by Ken Ham (President/Answers in Genesis).

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John Stonestreet continues to encourage parents at the *Great Homeschool Convention* (St. Charles MO). Also speaking is **Danny Huerta** (VP/ Parenting & Youth at Focus on the Family).

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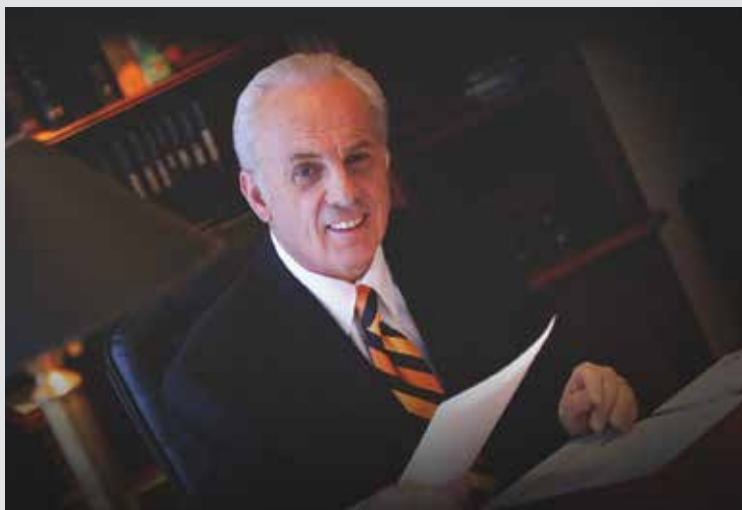
Just one of this summer's many *Family Retreats* hosted by **Joni and Friends** is being held at Lone Tree Ranch (Capitan NM). For a full schedule, check the ministry website—volunteers are always needed ... and never fail to be thoroughly uplifted serving families with disability.

QUOTEABLE

"How much sadness would evaporate if every person simply chose to believe this: I was made for God's glory and am being made into His image."

— MAX LUCADO
(Unshakable Hope)

TUNE IN



In his series *The Return and Reign of Jesus Christ* (airing July 9-27), **John MacArthur** leads a fascinating and hope-filled tour of Zechariah 9-14. It's another picture of God's grace, on *Grace to You*, that listeners may have never before considered!



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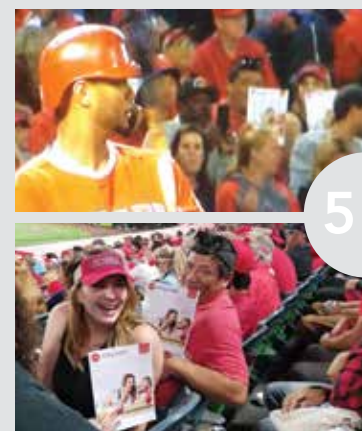
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UPDATE IN HAND

- 1 Taking a minute to enjoy fellowship in the midst of a tour of FamilyLife HQ (see also Page 5): [Marques Holt](#) (FL); [Rachael & Jeff Bean](#) (WCRH-Williamsport MD); [Ron Walters](#) (Salem); [Bob Lepine](#) (FL); [Jane Fowler](#) (FL).
- 2 From [Pat Ryan](#) and the [WEZE Team](#)—"We wanted to get the famous Boston landmark "Water tank" in the background, to illustrate the amazing REACH Ambassador has across the country!" Ah, thanks!
- 3 Caption this "Reading a Hot Magazine"—at least that's what [Earl Houtz](#) (Ministry Coordinator at Your Network of Praise) proposed when snapping this fabulous pix while on a Grand Canyon Rim Tour. The adventurers include: [Daniel Comfort](#) (EVP/Living Waters), [Frank Zitzman](#) (Founder/Troy's Creation Ministry & Ark Encounter Tour Guide), [Earl, Russ Miller](#) (Founder/Creation, Evolution & Science Ministries) and [Eric Hovind](#) (President/Founder of Creation Today). Imagine the conversation in the tent every evening!
- 4 We ran out of space last month so belatedly—thanks to the [WKES](#) (Tampa/St Pete) team ([Pierre Chestang](#)-GM at Left) for taking this shot with visiting [Charles Morris](#) (Haven).
- 5 Update made TV when [Jery](#) and [Selah](#), coached from home by Mark Conner watching the Angels v Royals game, positioned the publication "just right" to hit the screen! High 5s, [AAA] team!