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UPDATE



The LORD gives *strength*
to his people;
the LORD blesses
his people with *peace*.

Psalms 29:11

OUR VERSE FOR 2021 seems a most appropriate one considering the extraordinary days He has ordained for us to serve together. Despite upheaval on nearly every front, we have peace because He rules. And we have work yet to be done for which we lean on His strength—thanks be to God for that promise as well!

NEW RELEASES



Anne Graham Lotz has authored a Bible study to companion her book *Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion*. The study will also be offered online beginning in March.

Joni Eareckson Tada has written the foreword to *The One Year Pray for Life Bible: A Daily Call to Pray Defending the Dignity of Life*. Joni and husband, Ken, annually invite listeners to participate with them in a "read the Bible this year" project.

Max Lucado has a new book called *Begin Again: Your Hope and Renewal Starts Today* (how's that for a good January selection!). An online reading club will be launched late January over social media.

John MacArthur has announced a *new Bible translation* using the NASB as a base text. It will be produced by Master's University faculty with Psalms, Proverbs, and New Testament to be completed by the next Shepherd's Conference.

Bob Lepine hosts a new video series based on his *Love Like You Mean It* book with lessons from I Corinthians. Each of the ten sessions include a group "kickstarter" with a 20-minute video highlighting expert teaching with real stories from a diverse selection of relatable couples. It's all about creating a marriage that honors God—and each other.

TECH UPDATE FROM JIM SANDERS

Amb-OS UI Tip: Manage Your File Checker

The power of the Amb-OS User Interface (UI) is the breadth and depth of the utilities it contains. Most of them we've never even discussed. However, that changes today!

Frankly, the UI is so feature-rich, we could fill this column for a couple years just describing all that you can do with Amb-OS. But one of the handiest tools is called "FILE CHECKER." **It works like this: You set a time for all files (or file-by-file) whereby if a file is missing by a specific time, the UI will send an email to you or a list of email addresses.**

Many stations assign someone to go through their daily playlist to make sure all the files the station needs is on their receiver or in their automation system. FILE CHECKER minimizes that process by proactively letting you know the answer to the question, "What am I missing?"

To use the "FILE CHECKER," start by opening the "TOOLS" tab and then click on "MANAGE FILE CHECKER." The FILE CHECKER accesses information from your receiver's program permissions. Once you've set up a specific time (or times) to check for a file, you can designate an email to one or more recipients when a file is missing. Ignore files by placing them in the "IGNORE LIST" column.

In the left-hand column you'll find a list of all programs for which you have permission and the LOCAL TIME at which the file queues. These are the specific times that each program file "pushes" to receivers (both satellite and Internet-only). Our server operates in UTC, but this screen shows the transfer time(s) based on your local time zone. (A full list of stations and their push times is here: <http://www.amb-os.com/programs>.)

You can designate a time to check for ALL programs ("MAIN FILE CHECK TIME IS...") or indicate file-by-file—or both. Select one or more files from the "PROGRAMS & LOCAL QUEUE TIMES" window. Click on "IGNORE" to add them to the "IGNORE LIST." Or, enter a time and click on "SPECIAL TIME" to add them to the "SPECIAL TIMES LIST." (All times are 24-hour, so please use military time.) To change any preexisting value, simply double-click the entry. Also, the "MAIN FILE CHECK TIME" defaults to 1:00 (which would be 1:00AM) local time if you leave that blank. Be sure to click on "SAVE NEW TIME" if you change the time.

Finally, enter one or more email address, one per line, and check the "SEND EMAIL IF FILES ARE MISSING" box. Then click "SAVE ADDRS" whenever you make changes to the email addresses. You can send a test email with "SEND AN EMAIL NOW." (Note that if "DO NOT SEND EMAIL" is checked in the "SYSTEM INFO" menu, emails will not be sent.)

Give it a try!





NEW
PRO-LIFE
SPECIAL

WE WILL BE THEIR VOICE

The New Pro-Life Generation



"I believe the pro-life movement will prevail through political adversity and turmoil because we have an army of young people infusing our ranks who are bold, tech savvy, passionate, and determined to end legal abortion in America. Find out what makes them tick and learn how this phenomenon came to be. Discover why I'm so optimistic that LIFE is winning!"

As we begin the new year with hope for the future, **Brad Mattes** hosts an all-new special from Life Issues Institute that gives an inside view of one of the pro-life movement's greatest assets—students who are passionate about the sanctity of life!

With guests from across the country, the reminder is that there are thousands of high schoolers and collegiates who are deeply committed to the pro-life message. In a day where we might think otherwise, Brad interviews students who provide assurance that there are young people who are not afraid to counter the popular cultural message that denies the sanctity of every human life.

Three of the voices included are: Lila Rose (founder of Live Action), Ella Witt (National Student Coordinator at Susan B. Anthony List), and Rebecca Jackson (freshman at Pepperdine who started her public high school's "Students for Life Club").

"If you're a pro-life advocate, you have to be a pro-love advocate . . . the need to be nice to all – even those with opposing views." ~Rebecca Jackson, student and pro-life advocate

The special will not only bring inspiration to listeners—it can be a catalyst for mobilizing local student efforts on behalf of life issues, assured that the future of the pro-life movement is secure!

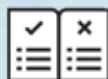
The special is being delivered to all Amb-OS receivers, simply contact Lee@ambaa.com for full details and promotional support.

SANCTITY OF
LIFE SUNDAY
JANUARY 17

Don't miss checking out the station tool kit for Sanctity of Life which you can find at our website. As always, you'll find audio, digital and print options for joining in recognition of this important milestone.

FOR THE
NEW YEAR

TAKE *(these)* FIVE FOR 2021



on discerning truth from error

1. Does it have a high view of Scripture, God, Christ?
2. Does it represent the Gospel faithfully?
3. Is it God-centered or man-centered?
4. Does it minimize, trivialize or redefine sin?
5. Is the lifestyle of the teacher consistent or contrary with Scripture?

From 12 Questions to Help You Discern Truth from Error (Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth)



on finance tactics for a new year

1. Set or evaluate financial goals.
2. Automate savings.
3. Revisit risk temperament.
4. Review insurance coverage.
5. Get legal documents in place.

From Financial Management Tactics to Consider as seen in Thrivent Magazine (Winter 2020)



on making a big decision as a couple

1. "Lord, what should we do about this big decision?"
2. When honest, what do each of us (at gut-level) want?
3. What do Scripture and wise, spiritually mature advisers who know us say?
4. Are we seeing God's honor, or our own?
5. Are there alternatives or creative decisions to consider?

From 6+ Questions to Ask When You're Making a Big Decision Together (FamilyLife)



on sharing salvation with one hand

1. *(Thumb)* Eternal life is a free gift. It is not earned or deserved. (Romans 6:23)
2. *(Index)* Man is a sinner. He cannot save himself. (Romans 3:23)
3. *(Middle)* God is merciful. He doesn't want to punish us. (1 John 4:8; Exodus 34:7)
4. *(Ring)* Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and rose from the grave to purchase a place in Heaven for us. (Isaiah 53:6)
5. *(Pinky)* Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our eternal life. (Acts 16:31)

From the Evangelism Explosion Gospel Hand Presentation

ANOTHER *kind of* LIST



Before long, **Mercy Ships** will be operating two floating hospital ships—the *Africa Mercy* which went into service in 2007 and new just-being-completed *Global Mercy* which will exponentially increase impact in Africa. Here's a nearly "A to Z" sample of the *human resources* that will be needed to show mercy to those in the poorest area of the world. *Thanks for sharing the need* with anyone you think might be interested in a life-changing experience!

Accounts Payable Clerk
Baker
Chef
Deckhand
Electrician

Fourth Engineer
Galley Staff
Hair Stylist
IT Professional
Kindergarten Teacher

Maintenance Crew
Nurse
Otolaryngology
Surgeon
Pharmacist

Receptionist
Supply Manager
Transport Manager
Videographer
Writer

NEW
EDITIONS



CORE CHRISTIANITY

Live



Pastor Adriel Sanchez



Bill Maier

Core Christianity Goes *Live*

There is nothing like LIVE radio! Timely, spontaneous and unpredictable, it's the format that allows the hosts and listeners to connect instantly and an entire audience to listen in. Beginning Monday, January 18, **Pastor Adriel Sanchez** and co-host **Bill Maier** will be taking *live* calls each day at 2:30PM (ET) on the *Core Christianity* national release.

Broadcasting from San Diego, California, the men will respond to questions about the core truths of Scripture and the Christian faith. In addition to live calls, listeners will be encouraged to continue to send their questions via social media and email. Interacting in real time has always been a powerful opportunity for Christian radio ... we're so thrilled about adding this new dynamic to an already impacting broadcast!



NOTE: Current affiliates not able to clear LIVE time will continue to be provided content on a delayed basis.



For further info contact
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Another Transition in *January*

Since its launch in 2015, the daily 1:00 *Anchor Today* has encouraged audiences with timely inspiration that resonates with the much-loved print devotional from *Haven Today*. As current host David Wollen moves into full-time affiliation with the good folks at FEBC, **Charles Morris** will take the lead on *Anchor Today*. The change occurs January 4.



Adam Holz



He may be “plugged in” to movies, TV, music and games but Adam Holz still knows how to read—a lot! This contributor to the daily short feature from *Focus on the Family*, is also the author of the NavPress Bible study “Beating Busyness.” Married to Jennifer, the couple have three children (good reason to keep up with culture!) ... and when he’s not reading a book, Adam enjoys playing electric guitar. Who knew!

1. *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* (J.R.R. Tolkien)

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, by J.R.R. Tolkien: J.R.R. Tolkien has said he didn’t intend his epic story of Frodo’s journey to destroy the One Ring of Power as a Christian allegory. Maybe it’s not. That said, it is a story of fragile good facing overwhelming evil. Sure, some members of the Fellowship of the Ring are almost superhuman (Aragorn, Gandalf, Legolas, Gimli.) But Frodo and his hobbit friends are the epitome of ordinary. They stand in for us! Frodo’s painful quest to destroy the Ring is fraught with peril, even as those trying to help him seem on the brink of being overrun by wickedness. So it seems with us at times—especially in our perilous pandemic age.

2. *Dune* (Frank Herbert) *Dune* is to sci-fi in some ways what *Lord of the Rings* is to fantasy. Here, Frank Herbert creates a multifaceted universe where a precious substance known as spice, produced by huge subterranean worms, enables certain pilots to bend the universe: the sci-fi equivalent of gasoline. It is found on one planet alone: Arrakis. *Dune*. The desert planet. As the story unfolds, two families fight for its control of *Dune* in this galaxy spanning story of war, struggle, religion, economics and psychology.

3. *The End of the Affair* (Graham Greene) This novel tells the story of a woman who realizes that she must end an illicit affair. Greene, a Catholic, dives deep into the spiritual conviction the woman undergoes as she faces her sin. This 1951 novel plumbs the depths of our insistence, at times, upon choosing that which we know will destroy us—and

what it takes to turn from those impulses before that finally occurs.

4. *The Disciplined Heart: Love, Destiny & Imagination* (Caroline Simon)

In this nonfiction book, author Caroline Simon proposes that there are two ways we do life. Using *imagination*, which she defines as thinking realistically about our life’s possibilities; and *fiction-making*, succumbing to fantasy about who we are. She illustrates her ideas by looking at stories of friendship and love from literature, illustrating what living imaginatively and what submitting to fiction-making look like in fiction.

5. *Ruthless Trust* (Brennan Manning)

Many contemporary Christian writers have explored the subject of God’s grace. For me, few have done so in a way that touched me as deeply as Brennan Manning’s works. Manning speaks openly of his struggles with addiction, yet he clings tenaciously to God amid those failings. And he reminds us how God clings even more tenaciously to us.

6. *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (Henri Nouwen)

Henri Nouwen was a Catholic contemplative given to deep internal struggle and depression. Here, Nouwen tenderly unpacks the message we so desperately need about a father who waits and yearns for his lost son to return. Nouwen frames his writing with rich description of Rembrandt’s painting of the same name, a picture that now hangs in the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia.

7. *The Message* (Eugene Peterson) Eugene Peterson’s often profound Bible

paraphrase takes verses we know well and gives them fresh inspiration. Take Psalm 51:12: “Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails.” Have you ever felt like you were in exile, wandering in a far country? Peterson’s interpretation of Scriptures often meets me in that place of “gray exile,” giving me new eyes to see life from God’s perspective.

8. *The Hunt for Red October* (Tom Clancy)

In the early 1980s, the threat of nuclear annihilation hung over civilization like the reaper’s blade. As the Cold War raged, an unknown author with a gift for ferreting out technical military details spun a gripping story of a rogue Russian submarine captain defecting to America.

9. *The Sword of Shannara* (Terry Brooks)

Terry Brooks’ 1977 debut is, arguably, a beat for beat *Lord of the Rings* rip-off. But it’s a good rip-off, a yarn that invites us into a realm where evil plots to overthrow everything, a powerful druid stands guard over the land, and young, hobbit-like characters hold the key to staving off that evil.

10. *Come Be My Light* (by Mother Teresa)

When you think of the word *saint*, Mother Teresa likely comes to mind first. But did you know that she harbored a deep spiritual emptiness for some 50 years? Until her journal was published (against her stated will) after her death, only a handful of people knew of that struggle. But for those who’ve ever wondered where God was at amid spiritual isolation, her confessions feel profound.

Hard to believe it’s been one year since radio veteran Bob Waliszewski stepped into retirement and passed the “Plugged In” baton to not one, but three capable voices. Each day, Adam Holz, Kristin Smith, and Jonathan McKee dive into the world of music, video games & apps, TV shows, and movies. Listen to demos and request clearance at ambaa.com/plugged-in.





**NEW
IN OUR
KITCHEN**

After 30 years of thinking it'd be a terrific idea, we actually made it happen! Our first **Ambassador Family Cookbook** was published in December. We're people who enjoy fellowship—especially if it is accompanied by good food (which we think we do well, if we do say so ourselves!). Better yet, the book includes recipes from the ministry leaders we're privileged to serve, one of those below.

Think you have a great recipe that deserves to be shared? Send it to us—and we'll send you a copy of Volume 1. If this one is a hit, you can be sure Volume 2 isn't far behind!



Sift together in large bowl:

1½ cups flour

3 tablespoons sugar

½ teaspoon salt

Beat in a separate bowl until thick and piled softly:

3 eggs

Beat into eggs until blended:

2 cups milk (almond milk also works)

2 tablespoons melted butter

Add this to dry ingredients and beat until smooth.

MORNING DRIVE

Swedish Pancakes

STEVE & JUDY DOUGLASS



Steve is from a Swedish background. He puts up with a vast amount of Texas decor and food all the time. But every Christmas morning, I give a nod to his heritage (I've done this since we were dating) and I serve Swedish pancakes. Oh, so good! My children and their children love them, too.

The traditional accompaniment for Swedish pancakes is lingonberries with sour cream. Steve and my grandkids prefer whipped cream (who wouldn't!). Lingonberries are increasingly available at grocery stores outside of Swedish enclaves, or at IKEA or via Amazon. Cranberries are similar enough to be acceptable. I serve sausage links or bacon with the pancakes.

Heat medium or large frying pan over medium heat. Lightly grease with butter for each pancake. (You can spray instead, but it is not as good.)

Using a $\frac{1}{3}$ cup measuring cup of batter for each pancake, pour into pan and swirl to spread over bottom of pan. When lightly brown on bottom (won't take long), turn over and lightly brown other side. (I usually have two frying pans going.) Typically, they will then slide out of the pan and on to the plate. (I put waxed paper or parchment between each pancake so they don't stick together if I am serving later. When ready to serve, remove the waxed paper, fold each pancake in quarters, arrange in a circle on a plate and warm in the microwave.)

Serve with lingonberries and sour cream or whipped cream.



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MEET THE CHEFS: After nearly 20 years in leadership, **Steve Douglass** stepped down from his role as president of Cru last year. However, his passion for motivating believers to share their faith continues to be heard in the daily 1:00 "Making Your Life Count." Wife, Judy, is an author as well—her book, *When You Love a Prodigal*, is a moving and transparent account of walking that road.



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Wait! Isn't that ...

The pictured host of "This Week at School" was just 13 when he went on-the-air at WAFT (Valdosta GA). Actually, **Bill Tidwell** started in radio even earlier, paid to rewind the reels of broadcasts that had to be mailed back each week.

Bill was 11 years old when his parents, Jack and Frankie Tidwell, began operations at WAFT on Thanksgiving 1971. (They also earlier assisted in launching WAYR.) As a little kid, Bill set up his own "in house" radio station from a Radio Shack kit. He also spent a summer in Bonaire with TWR between college semesters.

Today, 50 years later, Bill is CEO and engineer of WAFT and WKWJ in Key West FL. He's also on the board at WAYR (Orange Park FL) and does technical work for the station as well. And, he jumps at any opportunity to work in missionary radio like TWR and 4VEH in Haiti.

Congratulations on the milestone, Bill ... we're grateful to have been a partner for all those 50 years!



**WAY
BACK
WHEN**



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