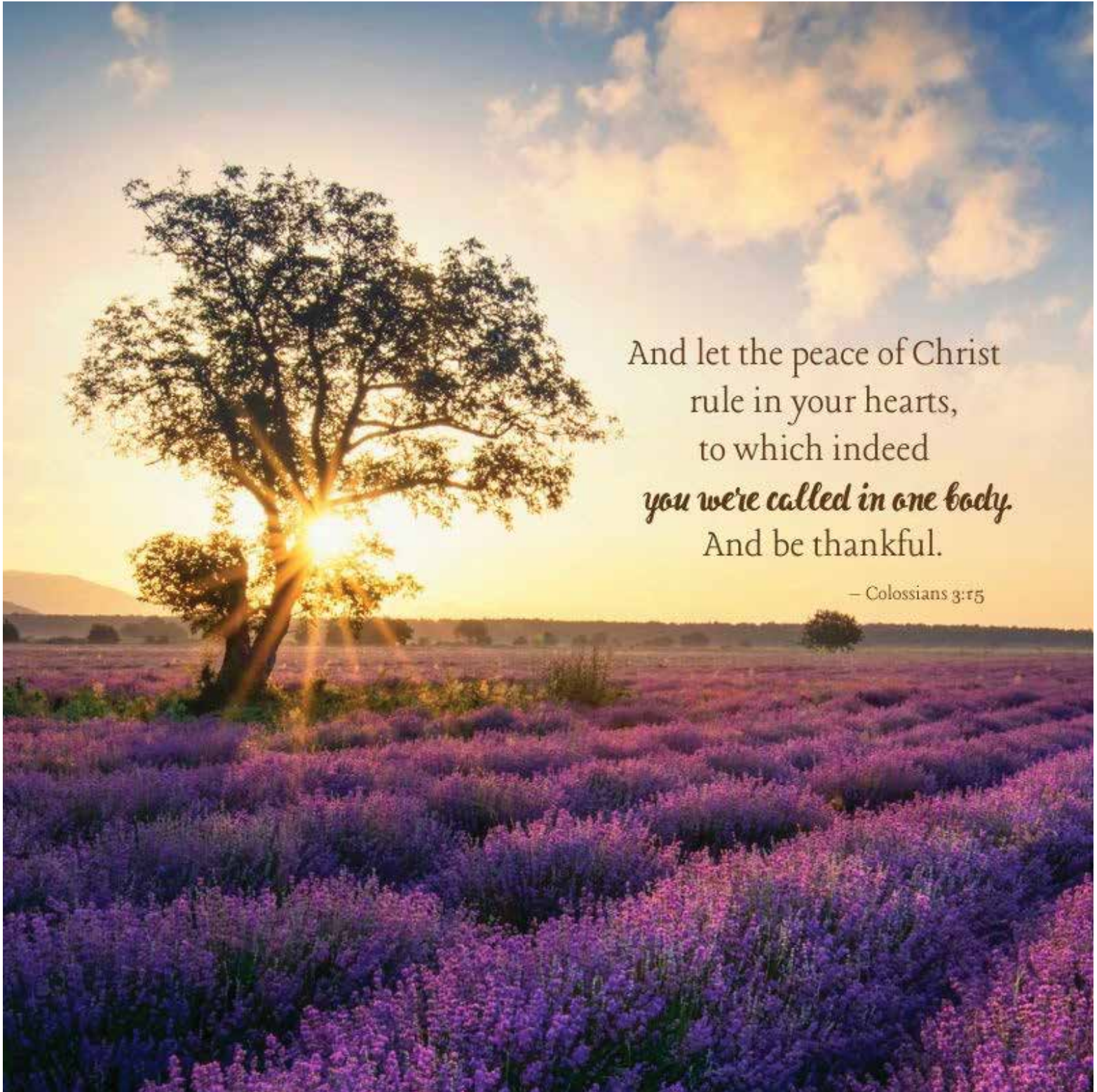




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UPDATE



And let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts,
to which indeed
you were called in one body.
And be thankful.

— Colossians 3:15

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NEW RELEASES

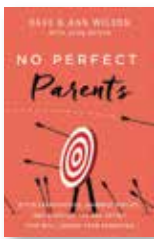


New from FamilyLife: It's a "mini Weekend to Remember" in a box. **Dates to Remember** provides a series of DIY dates to help couples connect with each other at a deeper level.

New from Joni: She's still singing praises. Joni Eareckson Tada has a new CD titled **Never Alone** with a dozen of her favorite hymns and worship songs.



New from Revive Our Hearts: Based on teaching from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, **Ruth: Experiencing a Life Restored** is a six-week verse-by-verse study of the book of Ruth.



New from Dave & Ann Wilson: Following the popular *Vertical Marriage*, Dave & Ann have just released **No Perfect Parents**, "diving headlong

into the monumental task of parenting in the 21st century."

TECH UPDATE FROM JIM SANDERS

Sometimes much to our own amazement, the list of programming available via Amb-OS continues to grow! We're so grateful for the opportunity to deliver outstanding content to your Amb-OS receiver daily. Here are **three new additions** you'll want to consider!

Reset with Bonnie Sala is a new daily 2:00 feature that provides practical, biblical truth for an intentional life of faith. As President of Guidelines International Ministries (you may be familiar with **Bonnie Sala's** father, Harold), it's Bonnie's joy to now lead the organization in its second generation of transforming lives with the message of Jesus. Bonnie is passionate about sharing Guidelines devotionals around the world with those who are unreached, new to Christianity, or living with persecution. Contact: Luisa Collopy at 949-582-5001 or luisa@guidelines.org.



Joytime is an upbeat 1:00 national radio program hosted by **Dr. Joy Greene** ("Dr. Joy") that gives a dose of godly encouragement for women. Down to earth and grounded in God's Word, Dr. Joy knows how to connect with listeners as she uses biblical teaching to tackle real-life issues that Christian women deal with every day. *Joytime* brightens every listener's day with the hope and encouragement of Jesus! Contact: Westar Media at (864) 605-7766.



Dr. James Tour was born into a Jewish family and became a born-again Christian in his first year at Syracuse University. As a Messianic Jew who believes that Jesus is the Messiah, Dr. Tour hosts **Faith of a Scientist** — a 2:00 daily radio program that's purpose is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. As Dr. Tour says, "I cannot let a week go by without seeing at least one person accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior." Contact: Westar Media at (864) 605-7766.



LOOKING AHEAD



This year's **Blended & Blessed** conference will be a one-day virtual event delivered on April 24. With the theme, *Walk in Love*, the livestream includes content for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids and those who care about blended families. Speakers will include Ron & Nan Deal, David & Meg Robbins, Ray & Robyn McKelvy and others with panel discussion and Q&A sessions as well. Go to the *Blended & Blessed* website for full details.

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NEW
FOR
RADIO

THE RESURRECTED BODY OF CHRIST

AN EASTER SPECIAL
WITH
CARTER CONLON



Celebrating Easter

“The Resurrected Body of Christ”

In a new special from **Carter Conlon**, he takes a unique look at the impact of Easter and speaks to the need of the Body of Christ—the Church—to unite and work together as Christ called us to do. How can we truly impact our culture for good? By living out the reality that we are many members of one body.

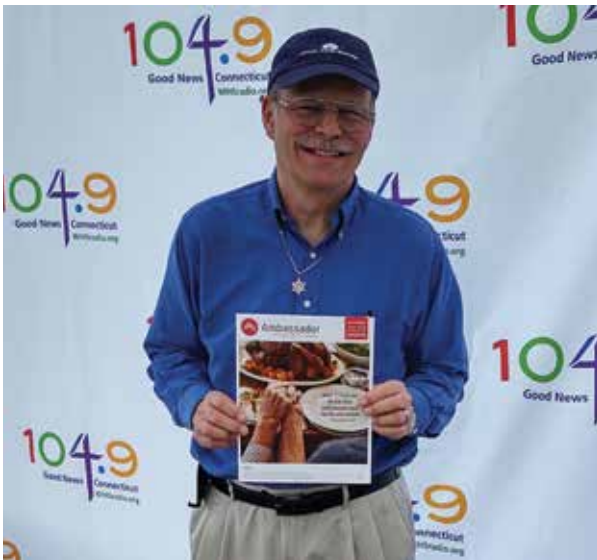
“This is Easter. This is the lesson of God. May we learn it. May we love it. May we live it.” —Carter Conlon

Seen in the Wild

We’re always delighted to see folks reading *Update!*

We’d love to see your faces (masks or no masks!). Send in your photos to peg@ambaa.com for future publication!

UPDATE
IN HAND



Steve Tuzeneu is back in New England, now manager and chief engineer for WIHS-FM (Middletown CT) where he worked 1985-1991. Welcome back, Steve ... and thanks for reading our mail!



Bob Lepine was recently in Cincinnati for a staff gathering at *Truth for Life*—here’s the crew graciously perusing a recent edition: (L-R) Caleb Hauser, Ryan Loague, Nancy Curtiss, Carolyn Reding, Bob Lepine, Amy Casselberry, and Bob Butts.

MEET THE FAMILY...

We hope you already know

all of these gifted communicators—and air the outstanding content they create daily.

However, you might not know

everything there is to know—here's an insider revelation for each of the speakers in the "Ambassador family album."

The shortest distance between two people is a story.

—PATTI DIGH

You know about the family heritage for **ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ** but you probably don't know this.

Her husband, Danny, was on the undefeated University of North Carolina basketball team that beat Wilt Chamberlain and the University of Kansas in triple overtime to win the NCAA National Championship in 1957. Ultimately, Danny graduated from UNC dental school and decided on a practice in North Carolina over one on Fifth Avenue in NYC—to be close to the one who would become his wife!



Daily Light for Daily Living (1:00)
Living in the Light (25:00/Weekly)

If you listen to *Core Christianity*, you might have heard **ADRIEL SANCHEZ** mention—

his dad drives a monster truck in a Mexican circus. Dad and his brothers own one of the more famous circuses in the country—*Circo Hermanos Vasquez*, renown for the *Texas Armadillo* monster truck.



Core Christianity (25:00/LIVE)

He's passionate about the sanctity of human life ... and Christmas too!

BRAD MATTES loves that holiday so much, he's a "Leon Day" celebrant—that's June 25, the halfway point to Christmas. ("Leon" is "Noel" spelled backwards.) Need a gift idea for Brad? Try an item from his favorite store—Bronner's Christmas Wonderlands in Michigan.



Life Issues (1:00)
Seasonal Specials

As a young man, a pastor prophesied that **JIM DALY** would soon meet his wife and he would eventually preach the Gospel around the world. Both came true.

(Don't think it had anything to do with Jim's taking future wife, Jean, to an Amy Grant concert for their first date.)



Bonus: Did you know Jim Daly was a model in Japan? As an exchange student in Tokyo, he once sat for a photo shoot as a drummer. He speaks Japanese.

"Starred in a Super Bowl commercial."

He may be better known for radio but **JOHN FULLER**



can include TV appearance on his resume. In NYC to record for Focus, the production team landed tix to a taping of *The Late Show* with Stephen Colbert on a night when the audience ended up in a promo, slated to run during the Super Bowl the following Sunday, for a special post-game edition of *The Late Show*. John reports: As the camera panned audience members in the ad, my earth green rain jacket stood out, and for all of .085 seconds I was seen on national television by millions—long enough for a couple of my kids to see me on the TV screen. (Oh, yeah, we remember that!)

Focus on the Family (28:00)
Focus on the Family Weekend (27:30/55:00)
Focus on the Family Minute (1:00)

Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn, and you will.

—VERNON HOWARD

Ah, this is—*that was*—the life for **LISA ANDERSON** who found herself living with a family in Paraguay during college. Though there under auspices of a mission agency, she lived with the wealthiest family in the country, owners of Paraguay's largest newspaper, TV network, hotels and much more. On the home front, she had her own chauffeur and maid (plus indoor and outdoor swimming pools)—not exactly like life in the Springs today ☺!



The Boundless Show (26:00/Weekly)

The things that make me different are the things that make me, me.

—PIGLET

While most know his father was also a pastor, **JOHN MACARTHUR** also comes from a railroad family. His grandfather, Harry MacArthur, was chief telegrapher for the Canadian Pacific Railroad in Calgary, Alberta. Harry's family had come from Prince Edward Island (of *Anne of Green Gables* fame) where his father drove the first locomotive on PEI. They came over from Scotland. Hoot Man, who knew!



Grace to You (25:00)
Bible Q&A (2:00)
Portraits of Grace (1:00)
Grace to You Weekend (25:00)

Ever wonder about the “roots” of FamilyLife’s famous NRB “Name that Tune” event? Probably started way back when **BOB LEPINE**



was earning money for college, playing guitar and singing at Crystal’s Pizza and Spaghetti in Tulsa OK. Of course, he’s always had the inside track—he once worked security for a George Harrison concert and spent most of the evening visiting with George’s dad. (Already cultivating interview skills!)

Apparently a musical background is requisite for on-air duty at FamilyLife. We’ve learned that **DAVE WILSON** once played bass for Grand Funk Railroad. When we say “once,” we mean ... one gig ☺! Props to you, Dave!



Meanwhile, as a talented youngster, **ANN WILSON** turned down an invitation to train for the Olympics as a gymnast.



FamilyLife Today (25:00)
FamilyLife This Week (28:00)

RON DEAL can juggle. No, not work and family demands ... *real* objects like juggling bags, scarves, pins, and apples in the grocery store. He describes himself as a “semi-professional amateur juggler” which means he’s good enough to do a few tricks and entertain his wife’s kindergarten class culminating in a standing ovation. And he entertains the employees at Kroger every now and then.



FamilyLife Blended (1:00)

Whatever you are, be a good one.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Forced by his parents to learn a musical instrument, **CHARLES MORRIS** was at the piano bench for years.



Ultimately bored with the keyboard, the folks urged choosing an instrument then joining the orchestra. Asking the high school music teacher, “What is the weirdest instrument I can learn to play,” he ended up with the bassoon (!) which he learned to play very well, making his own reeds. Concert at NRB, Charles?

Haven Today (26:00)
Haven on the Weekend (26:00)
Anchor Today (1:00)
Haven Now (1:00)

Long before Revive Our Hearts launched (9/1/01), **NANCY DEMOSS WOLGEMUTH** headed West for her college



years at the University of Southern California where she earned a degree in piano performance. In one of those interesting dynamics of body life, during those years, Nancy was actively engaged at Lake Avenue Church where future Haven teacher, Ray Ortlund, served as the pastor. He and his wife, Anne, touched Nancy’s life in a significant way.

Revive Our Hearts (25:00)
Revive Our Hearts Weekend (25:00)
Seeking Him (1:00)

Meet more of the family!

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...MEET THE FAMILY

Born and raised in Quebec, **CARTER CONLON** would later serve a thriving congregation (Times Square Church) in the middle of Manhattan. But that was after serving over a decade as a police officer in Ottawa. Our own Dudley Do-Right! (By the way, Carter was tending a flock long before becoming a pastor—he was also a sheep farmer in Canada!)



It's Time to Pray (1:00)
A Call to the Nation (25:00/Weekly)
Seasonal Specials

The only thing that should surprise us is that there are still some things that can surprise us.

—FRANCOIS DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

Everyone knows **BARRY MEGUIAR**'s history with the eponymous Meguiar car products company. But you probably don't know that Barry's dad, Malcolm, was a dedicated civic servant as well as a lifelong part of the company headquartered in Pasadena (until the Foothill Freeway wiped out the factory and sent them to Irvine). During those Pasadena years, Malcolm served on the Tournament of Roses Committee (the tunnel under the press box is named for him and Barry's mom) and also was part of the committee that brought the Dodgers West to Los Angeles!



Ignite with Barry Meguiar (1:00)

Wait long enough and people will surprise and impress you.

—RANDY PAUSCH

Her life story is well-known to millions but **JONI EARECKSON TADA**'s heritage is impressive as well. Her dad, Johnny, was an Olympic wrestler (inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1996). Her mom, Lindy, helped carve the nose of Thomas Jefferson on Mount Rushmore.



Joni and Friends (4:00)
Diamonds in the Dust (1:00)

The career path for **STEVE DOUGLASS** took a sharp turn when he headed to Cru after obtaining an MBA from Harvard. You might say he's spent a lifetime coaching others in how to lead people to Christ. But you might not know that Steve spent more than a decade coaching soccer, and teaching others to coach soccer ... even though he never played the sport himself! Go, team!



Making Your Life Count (1:00)

Once a missionary in Brazil and now the author of nearly 100 books, can you guess what was one of **MAX LUCADO**'s largest audiences? How about an appearance on Chip & Joanna Gaines' show *Fixer Upper*. (Daughter, Sara, and her husband were being encouraged with a home re-do by the Gaines duo. In fact, a quote from Max has a prominent spot in the redone home!)



UpWords (1:00)

Before he was so thoroughly well-versed ☺, **JIM GARLOW** was quite the musician—a member of several music groups and producing three LPs and a 45 (some will know what that is!). He provided vocals but also played guitar and piano. With a group including brothers and a cousin, voices blended well, creating nice harmonies. BTW—if you come across a recording of *The Astronotes* or *The Sonics*, let us know!



The Garlow Perspective (1:00)

Speaking on the radio was nothing new to **JOHN SORENSEN** when *Share Life Today* launched—earlier in his career, he was a “jock” for “Z92, the home of rock and roll” and sister station, 59WOW (Omaha NE), “playing the stacks of wacks at the house of WOW.” No wonder he loves the Hammond B3 organ!



Share Life Today (1:00)

During college, **CALLIE BRIESE** worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a public affairs officer which meant occasional 14-day assignments, 16-hour work days, and sleeping in a tent, while getting the most up-to-date communication out to media and others. Longest assignment? Spending the month of July 2004 in Alaska during their largest fire season on record—6.6 million acres burned (that's nearly the size of the state of Massachusetts).



Thrive with Purpose (1:00)

But wait—there's more!

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What better way to get to know people than at the table! This year, each month, we're sharing one of the AAA family's favorite recipes and we want to encourage you to try your hand at them too! If you'll make the dish and post a pix—just like Kenneth Chan (Family Research Council) recently did—we'll send you your own copy of the **cookbook** with all the recipes inside! *Bon appetit!*

PRIME TIME

Thai Green Chicken Curry

DON & DEYON STEPHENS



Serves 4

400ml can coconut milk

2 tablespoons green Thai curry paste

1 large red pepper, deseeded and thinly sliced

1 onion, thinly sliced

450g chicken breast, cut into 3cm chunks

1 tablespoon soft brown sugar

1 tablespoon nam pla (fish sauce)

250g tomatoes, chopped

Handful of fresh basil, thinly sliced

Juice of 1 lime

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Fresh cilantro leaves

Steamed rice, to serve

This recipe is a favorite! It's easy to make—we usually double or even triple the quantities to have later in the week and for lunch. Remember to simmer the curry paste in a little bit of the coconut milk before adding the rest of the ingredients in order to release its fragrance. It's especially tasty served over jasmine rice.

Pour 100ml of the coconut milk into a large frying pan over a medium heat. Stir in the curry paste and bring to a boil, stirring continuously.

Add the red pepper and onion and cook for 5 minutes, or until tender. Add the chicken with remaining coconut milk, and add the sugar and fish sauce. Simmer for about 10 minutes or until the chicken is completely cooked and there is no pink meat.

Add the tomatoes, basil leaves and lime juice, and simmer 10 minutes or until piping hot. Season, scatter over the cilantro leaves, and serve over steamed rice.



MEET THE CHEFS:

For more than 40 years, **Don and Deyon Stephens** have shared a commitment to serving "the least of these" globally through the work of *Mercy Ships* which they founded in 1978. Within the next 12 months, the brand new, fully-funded *Global Mercy* will set sail for its first assignment in Liberia. (Volunteers for serving are most welcome!) Don's voice is heard daily on *The Mercy Minute*.





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*Wait!
Isn't that ...*

**WAY
BACK
WHEN**

From the earliest age, **Jim Sanders** had an interest in anything “technical”—even a Dictaphone! (Just helping dad, Al Sanders, write copy for “The Biola Hour” perhaps!) One of the family’s favorite memories is, long ago, hearing his toddler say “Daddy fix” when there seemed to be a problem with some toy.



His radio career actually began at KDAR (Oxnard CA), not too many years after Ed Atsinger signed on the station. But as Ambassador’s growth was significant in the late 70s, privileged to launch and serve a number of flourishing ministries, Jim moved back to SoCal to serve as a part of the team.

The Biola University grad eventually drank the Trojan Kool-Aid, getting his MBA from Marshall School of Business.

Over his 40 years at Ambassador, Jim has not only led the development and management of Amb-OS, our satellite service, but is recognized as a talented writer and producer—and occasional voice talent too! That’s, of course, in addition to hitting the golf course whenever he can!

Simply said, we wouldn’t be Ambassador without him!



We’ve had a lot of fun looking back on this page, sharing some amazing lifetime commitments to Christian radio. With no further contributions forthcoming, we thought it’d be fitting to conclude our series with one of our own.