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Now may the God of **HOPE**
fill you with all **joy** and peace in
believing, that you may abound
in hope by the **POWER** of the
Holy Spirit.

~Romans 15:13 (NASB)

OUR VERSE FOR 2022 is a favorite of many—surprisingly, over the nearly 20 years we’ve enjoyed selecting an annual anchoring Scripture, this verse had never before been chosen. In days of continued disruption, we pray this will be as true for you as we trust it will be for us—overflowing with joy, peace and hope as a new year begins!

DID YOU KNOW?



Thanks to partnership with TWR, *A Word With You* (**Ron Hutchcraft**) is now available in Russian—which

means the feature is now heard in six of the ten most widely-spoken languages in the world!

Don't miss coverage of the 2022 Super Bowl Breakfast (February 12 before Super Bowl LVI the next day). Hosted by **Cru** (Athletes in Action) in partnership with sponsors such as Museum of the Bible, IJM and others, speakers include Anthony Munoz, Demario Davis, Carnell Lake and Frank Reich. Just Google "Super Bowl Breakfast" for more information.



Have you checked out "**The Focused Pastor**"—it's an online portal to access entire libraries of tools and resources to help pastors lead the families they shepherd—articles, videos, eBooks, and much more. Find more at the Focus website!

Producer of "Thrive With Purpose,"

Thrivent has included a great tip sheet in their current quarterly magazine—"5 Ways to Care for Caregivers" including, for instance, "help them feel included." Look for the article online or ask Katie@ambaa.com for a copy of the edition!



NOW AVAILABLE ON AMB-OS

We're so pleased to welcome these great programs to the Amb-OS line-up!



Mark Hancock (CEO of Trail Life USA) hosts a new one-minute daily feature on Amb-OS called **Saving Boys**. The feature offers practical tips and biblically-based principles to help parents and mentors guide, ground, appreciate, and inspire boys to become godly men. That's all in keeping with the organization's mission to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure. Questions? Contact Michael Hamilton at mhamilton@hamiltonstrategies.com or call (610) 584-1096.



the WISDOM JOURNEY

The Wisdom Journey with **Stephen Davey** (Pastor/Teacher of The Shepherds Church in Cary NC) is a new daily quarter-hour broadcast featuring a journey through all 66 books of the Bible over three years. Listeners will travel from Genesis through Revelation, gaining a comprehensive understanding of God's word. *The Wisdom Journey* is application-oriented and each lesson provides insight for everyday life. For more details, connect with Rob Lincoln at (866) 482-4253 or send an email to rlincoln@wisdomonline.org.



For **Chosen Generation Radio** there's no topic off limits since *everything* is filtered through the lens of Scripture. Designed to encourage Christians to take leadership roles in our world, the program is hosted by **Pastor Greg Young** and delivers compelling conversations with experts and newsmakers on topics that impact all our lives. Politics, national security, economic freedom and religious freedom—it's all included weekdays from 10-Noon ET. Learn more by contacting Pastor Young at pastorgreg@chosengenerationradio.com.

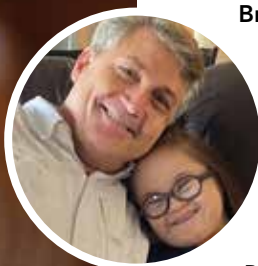


An extension of the Luis Palau Association's outreach, **Hope with God Radio** is a new one-minute feature (which replaces *Reaching Your World*) and was developed as a way to touch the hearts of people who are far from God. **Andrew and Wendy Palau** are carrying on the ministry of the Association through this new effort. Together they encourage the downhearted, challenge the complacent believer, and offer the message of salvation to the lost. Get in touch with Joy Bongiorno at joy.bongiorno@palau.org or (503) 614-1500 to add to your line-up!



SAY 'YES' TO LIFE!

There's still time to schedule this half-hour special as we mark Sanctity of Life Sunday this month.



Brad Mattes (President of Life Issues Institute and speaker for the daily 1:00 feature "Life Issues") hosts three guests with very unique but consistent perspective on the value of every human life. It's an upbeat and very personal reflection from Dr. Daniel Wechter (a Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialist), Jenny Foster ("Natty's Pond—A Memoir") and Courtney & Matt Baker (parents of a baby doctors urged be aborted — *pictured with Brad is that baby!*).

Go to our website for full information, list of resources, and access information (already delivered to Amb-OS receivers). Lee@ambaa.com is your contact for the special—and the daily 1:00 feature, "Life Issues"!

Stay PLUGGED IN ...

What's happening in the world of movies, entertainment and technology? Everything your listeners want to know about these significant cultural influences is delivered in a daily bite-sized commentary/review.

They'll hear reviews from the Plugged In team of contributors that includes Plugged In editors **Adam Holz**, **Paul Asay**, and **Jonathan McKee**.

Topics covered in a regular rotation:

Monday: DVD/Streaming Movies

Tuesday: Pop Culture Remix
(*Music and MORE now!*)

Wednesday: Screen in Your
Teen's Pocket

Thursday: TV Reviews

Friday: Movie Reviews

If you aren't already airing this timely feature, contact Rebecca@ambaa.com for clearance and promotional resources!



Adam Holz



Paul Asay



Jonathan McKee



GIVING HONOR



Dr. Barry Corey



John & Patricia MacArthur, Margaret Sanders



Peggy Campbell, Dennis & Barbara Rainey



Peggy Campbell, Margaret Sanders, Jim Sanders, Joni & Ken Tada, Sharon Kurolenko



The Grace to You team: Phil Johnson, Jessica Sum, Darlene Johnson, Jeremiah & Tiffany Johnson, Bill & Kerry Fickett, Stephanie & Jay Flowers, Kristi Goree, Julie & Jacob Trotter, Jay Morrisette.



Troy Miller, Jim Daly, Rich Bott



Brad Mattes, Evelyn Gibson



Peggy Campbell, Mary Jean & Ed Cannon,
Robert & Nancy Wolgemuth



John Fuller, Jennifer Perez



Rich Bott, Frank Wright, Ed Atsinger, Roger Kemp,
David Riley



Dan Craig, Jennifer Perez, Jon Fugler



Lance & Angie Emma, Sharon Geiger, Dan Craig



Chuck Bolte, Jim Daly, Carl Miller, Rich Bott

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Al Sanders

It was such a privilege to share fellowship with many friends as we celebrated at the memorial service for Al Sanders. It was a celebration of faithfulness in so many dimensions.

We joined voices in singing hymns of rejoicing and heard words of encouragement from **Dr. Barry Corey** (President of Biola University, which was such a big part of Al's life), **Dennis Rainey** (founder of FamilyLife) and **Joni Eareckson Tada**. It was a glorious reunion—but nothing like the one we look forward to in eternity!

Our deep thanks to these friends, many who travelled great distances, whose presence was a gift to the Sanders and Ambassador families!

“NOW ... MAY THE THOUGHT OF A DYING SAVIOR'S LOVE, A RISEN SAVIOR'S POWER, A LIVING SAVIOR'S GRACE AND A COMING SAVIOR'S GLORY ... BE WITH YOU UNTIL WE SEE HIM AND ALL THESE HUMAN SHADOWS FLEE AWAY!”



SEEN AROUND



We're so happy for the FamilyLife Today team as they've settled into the studio at their new HQ in Orlando FL—it was worth the wait! Pictured: David Robbins (President/FamilyLife), Dave & Ann Wilson who now anchor the daily broadcast, and Jim Mitchell (Executive Producer of the program). The studio will be used for recording with guests and allow for a small audience gallery as well. And that guitar just might be heard on an upcoming program too!



Although both Grace to You and AAA are in the same general vicinity, it can be a long trek either direction. So it was a special treat for our Michelle Blood to stop by and fellowship with the GTY crew (Bill Fickett, Jay Flowers, Julie Trotter, and Kristi Goree) while in the Valencia area.



Hey, thanks for keeping a copy of *Update* on hand, Brian Krause (Focus on the Family)—pictured with guest Matt Elkins from Family Life Radio (Tucson) who was visiting his daughter (an assistant producer at Focus) just before her marriage.



This group is happy because we had time with Don Green (The Truth Pulpit), visiting SoCal from Ohio. The rest pictured include Bill Reitler who, tho retired from AAA, continues to host the broadcast, Charley Mefferd and Mark Conner who both work closely with Don.



We dare you to try this! Travel cross-country on a Harley (!) while visiting donors—and Ambassador! Pictured with Jim is Mark Green, the extraordinary "hog-riding" CEO of Sola Media (formerly White Horse Inc), producers of *Core Christianity* with Adriel Sanchez & Bill Maier.

It's winter! And that's the perfect time of year to let a hearty soup provide sustenance. Here's an ideal recommendation out of our Ambassador cookbook, contributed by **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth** who knows all about chilly winters in Niles, Michigan! Need any other ideas? Just email peg@ambaa.com to request your own copy of "The Ambassador Family Cookbook"!

FROM OUR KITCHEN



Meet the Chef

It's been 20 years since the launch of "Revive Our Hearts" featuring speaker Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. Originally filling a 15-minute slot, the broadcast quickly moved to a full half hour, and added a 1:00 short feature, "Seeking Him." In the last year, the ministry's audio outreach expanded to a weekend edition. International versions also impact women globally. And that's not all—conferences, podcasts, video material and other resources are a robust part of the organization's impact today.

SEGUES

Taco Soup

NANCY DEMOSS WOLGEMUTH



- 1 pound hamburger
- ½ cup onion, diced
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 can (16 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1 can corn
- 1 can kidney beans (don't drain liquid)



My normal schedule doesn't allow for lots of prep time in the kitchen, so I stay on the lookout for quick, simple, tasty meals. This is the one I've made more than any other over the years. It was first shared with me by a young woman who served at Revive Our Hearts years ago. I invited her and her husband to come live with me when they were newlyweds. The plan was for them to stay for several months. Three and a half years and two kids later, they moved into their own home nearby. They (and their now six kids, and their taco soup recipe) continue to be a special part of my life.

This meal works well for company (kids love it, too) especially in cold Michigan winters. I usually double or triple the recipe to serve more people, or to keep in the fridge or freezer for leftovers—it's just as yum-my reheated.

Brown hamburger with onion; add taco seasoning, mixing well. Add diced tomatoes, corn and kidney beans. Bring to a boil; simmer for 15 minutes or longer.

Serve with options for toppings such as tortilla chips, grated cheese, avocado and sour cream. Cornbread makes a nice side.

Be sure to serve with a large helping of love and joy!





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Looking ahead!

In addition to a couple special milestones this month, here's a look at what's on the horizon for the New Year. Watch this space each month to stay updated through the year on ministry activities!



Jan 11: Happy Birthday, dear **Max Lucado**! Grateful for every "UpWord" you've shared with listeners and readers!



Jan 29: In cooperation with local Christian stations, **John Sorensen** and the Evangelism Explosion team host another multi-city "Equip America" event (Orlando FL, Albany GA and San Juan PR).



Feb 6-13: **FamilyLife** and friends set sail on the Love Like You Mean It cruise in the Caribbean. On board will be Ron Deal, Dennis & Barbara Rainey, Sandi Patty & Don Pelsis, Juli Slattery and many more!



Mar 8-11: It's "back to Opryland" (Nashville TN) for another impactful **NRB Convention** ... hope to see many friends again there!



Apr 27-29: At the beautiful Cove (Billy Graham Training Center), **Ron Hutchcraft** shares out of his life experience on "Hope When Your Heart is Breaking."



May 3-13: How could Mother's Day be more special than this? Join **Anne Graham Lotz** and daughter, Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright, on a tour of Israel!



May 14: Focus on the Family's **See Life 2022** heads to Atlanta (Ameris Bank Amphitheatre in Alpharetta) for this year's annual pro-life event.

A wise man (Charles Richards) has said "Don't be fooled by the calendar. There are only as many days in the year as you make use of." May yours be filled with the joy of the Lord in His service!