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America! America!

God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!

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DID YOU KNOW?



Congratulations to **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth** who was a recipient of an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Taylor

University, conferred at the May commencement ceremony this year.



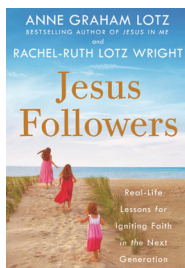
Money Canvas is a one-on-one coaching program offered by **Thrivent** (Thrive with Purpose) intended to help people build healthier budgeting, spending and saving habits. Three virtual sessions with a Money Guide offer practical actions to take with finances. Check the Thrivent website for more details.



During the month of July, *Core Christianity's* **Adriel Sanchez** will guest host on the White Horse Inn, featuring a series on prayer. The CC series of Bible study

booklets will expand this month with a new edition on the book of Hebrews.

An online study of Jesus Followers (**Anne Graham Lotz**) is available without cost now through August. The study is based on Anne's book (co-authored



with daughter Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright) subtitled "Real-Life Lessons for Igniting Faith in the Next Generation."

WHAT'S NEW ON AMB-OS

We're always grateful to share news of additions or changes for Amb-OS. We hope you'll read with interest the latest from the satellite team!

It was a sad day for us, as friends of Dan Celia, when he passed into glory. His longtime and stable voice heard every day on *Financial Issues* was always filled with financial insight and spiritual blessing.



Now, continuing the legacy that Dan began, longtime friend and contributor to the ministry, **Shana Burt** has been named as the new host of *Financial Issues*. Growing up in Southeast Texas, Shana attended college at Lamar University, graduating Cum Laude with a B.A. in Finance. She serves clients across the country as an Independent Financial Advisor using a uniquely holistic approach to financial planning. The program is heard weekdays at 9:00AM-10:00AM ET, providing encouraging instruction to call-in listeners, helping people make godly financial decisions with their resources.



The broadcast is currently heard on more than 660 radio stations and several television networks nationwide.

The Tide® Global Update with **Don Shenk** creatively tells powerful stories of villagers who respond to the Good News of Jesus even from the uttermost parts of the world—and respond having heard the Gospel in their own language via broadcast audio—radio and media players. For over 75 years, multitudes have come to know Christ as **The Tide®** works with local pastors.



Don Shenk is the Director of **The Tide® Global Radio Ministry** and was born to missionary parents in what was then known as Rhodesia. He's been a missionary, teaching at a Bible school in Zimbabwe, Africa, serving that country for more than 28 years. That rich background in international/cross-cultural ministry experience is the platform for a deep passion to reach people for Jesus Christ and to bring them into the Church.



For more information on both of the above programs, email Michael Hamilton at mhamilton@hamiltonstrategies.com.

Celebrating our Heritage

LET
FREEDOM
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Adventures in Odyssey Independence Day Special

Join Focus on the Family this July 4th with special classic episodes from Adventures in Odyssey! "The Day Independence Came" and "The Midnight Ride" are presented together for an exciting journey back to the American Revolution. Invite your listening family into a revolutionary adventure through American history!

*Available for airing separately (25:29 each) or together for a one-hour presentation.

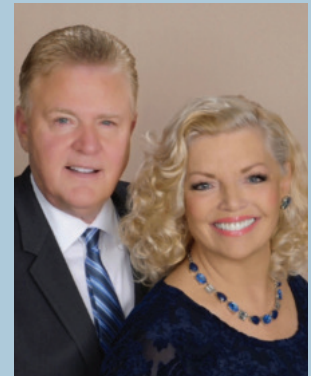
Contact Jennifer@ambaa.com for details.

Well Versed Future Conference (July 20-22)

Hosted by the Well Versed ministry, Rosemary & Jim Garlow anchor a line-up of more than 40 speakers who will underscore how to respond biblically in an era when our biblical convictions are being cancelled and marginalized.

That's in addition to offered tours of Washington DC, Museum of the Bible, Mount Vernon and much more.

It's a robust learning opportunity in the context of our national heritage of freedom and faith. Check out more information at the ministry website: wellversedworld.org.



July 4th Station Tool Kit



As with every holiday on the annual calendar, we've curated audio and visual resources that you can use on-air, socially, or however you wish. You'll always find the most current one at the top of our listing at the Ambassador website. Something missing? Let Rebecca@ambaa.com know and we'll be glad to see what we can do to help!



Cover Story | "America the Beautiful"

A professor at Wellesley, poet Katharine Lee Bates had traveled west to teach a summer course in Colorado Springs in 1893. At its conclusion, Bates and other professors decided to "celebrate the close of the session by a merry expedition to the top of Pike's Peak." That vista was the inspiration for what would become one of the best-loved songs in American history.

So—just how high up was that view? For the first ten responding ... we would love to share with you the magnificent interpretation of this song by master paper engineer, Robert Sabuda. From the Golden Gate Bridge to Mount Rushmore to the Statue of Liberty, America has never looked more spectacular! Send the answer to Peg@ambaa.com.

Gathering at the Ark

More than 2,000 gathered in May for Grace to You's *Truth Matters* conference with **John MacArthur** and a line-up of guest speakers including **Don Green** (see below), Phil Johnson and Ken Ham (Founder/CEO of Answers in Genesis), whose organization provided the "first time out of California" setting for the event.



Because the event was sold out (in less than 30 minutes after registration opened), a special "Evening with John MacArthur" was facilitated by **Don Green**, speaker for "The Truth Pulpit" and longtime friend of John's and the GTY team, where he served as Executive Director for some years. Don currently pastors Truth Community Church (Cincinnati OH). The setting of Truist Arena afforded a unique opportunity for Don to interview John before hearing John's message the evening before the conference began.

Among those attending were a number of station leaders (see photos) as well as our own **Jim Sanders, Charley Mefferd** and **Michelle Blood** who attended as part of the baton-passing of her long years of service at Ambassador and on behalf of GTY.



A) (L-R) Floyd & Susan Turner (Thy Word Network) with Dan & Vickie Craig (Moody Radio). **B)** Charley & Janet Mefferd with Karen & Tom Steigleman (KATB—who should have a “came from the farthest” award! ☺). **C)** Bob McIntyre (GTY board member), Steve Ostini (GTY), Brett and Kim Larson (WDCX), David Cotnoir (GTY-Canada) and Paul and Diana Mitchell (GTY-Europe).



D) Host Jay Flowers (GTY), Chris & Linda MacCourtney (WLOV), Carolyn Cassidy (WRFD), Tom & Sharon Moyer (WAVA). **E)** Marsha & Troy Miller (NRB) with Janet & Charley Mefferd. **F)** Michelle Blood with husband, Steve, and Troy Miles (WFIA).

Also at the Ark ...



Coincidentally, as the Conference was ending, (Left) **Jim & Rosemary Garlow** were also at the Ark Encounter, hosting a visit with their tribe of grandchildren. It was great to visit with longtime friend, (Right) **Mark Looy** (Co-Founder/COO at Answers in Genesis/Ark Encounter) while at the amazing facility.

GLOBAL FOCUS



(Left) As part of its mission to reach the world for Christ, the work of **Evangelism Explosion** is now in 76 countries. Recently John Sorensen traveled to the Far East for planning the Congress of Nations (August 2023). While there, the EE Korea team got as close as possible to North Korea to be able to pray for that closed country.

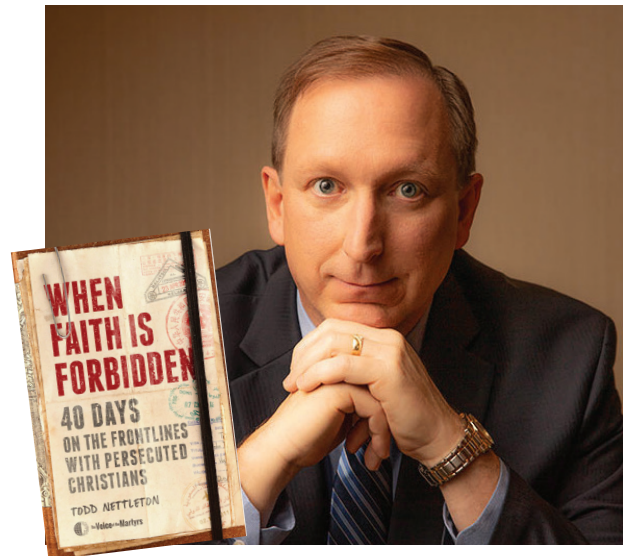
(Right) Meanwhile, Scot Love (Communications Manager for EE International) was in Uganda to meet with station leaders working to create the *Share Life Africa* radio feature (English, French & Swahili). The New Life Africa satellite network is undergirded by the team, led by Roger Lonquist, at Your Network of Praise.

John Sorensen's inspiring encouragement to believers to be witnesses for faith is heard in the daily 1:00 "Share Life Today."



Our friends at **WTGN-FM** (Lima OH) think globally as well. Partnering with Trans World Radio to raise funds to send wind-up radios to Africa, more than 400 radios have been purchased, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ on TWR in Africa!

Pictured bottom row (L-R) Andy Napier and Kelly Gilbert (TWR) with Libby Oswald (Office Assistant) Top Row (L-R) Jered Slusher (Office Manager/Announcer); Linda Yeager (Rise & Shine Co-Host/Music Director); Peter Citerin (Afternoon Praise Host); John Summerville (TWR); Scott Young (General Manager/Rise & Shine Co-Host/Country Faith Host).



May we suggest for reading this summer ... *When Faith is Forbidden: 40 Days on the Frontlines with Persecuted Christians* is a hallmark publication from **Todd Nettleton**, host of "Voice of the Martyrs" radio.

With more than two decades in such work, Todd shares the impactful stories of those whose faith will inspire a deeper walk with Christ.

One of our favorite people on the planet—Ken Tada graciously contributed his own recipe to our Ambassador cookbook. (See Joni's recipe for Crab Cakes in the June edition of Update.) The best part of any meal with Ken, however, is his wonderful sense of humor—serve up the rice with a dose of laughter and you can't miss creating a delightful meal experience!



Meet the Chef

Serving as Director of Ministry Development for "Joni and Friends," **Ken Tada** began his career as a much-loved high school teacher and football coach. Marriage to Joni Eareckson (July 1982) eventually shifted his life course as he ultimately retired from teaching to serve in the ministry. An avid fly fisherman, Ken also uses that activity as a conduit for ministry with men.

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Poor Man's Fried Rice

KEN TADA



- 2 cups rice
- 3 strips Nueske's Applewood-Smoked bacon, diced
- 4 hefty squirts of Heinz ketchup
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 1 egg
- Salt & Pepper

Fried rice is a staple in any Asian family, but when you're a bachelor, working your first job, getting home late from coaching football, and making-do with a tiny stove in an apartment, your father's fried rice recipe tends to evolve. However, some things about that recipe never change. Takeo Tada's fried rice always starts with Botan Brand U.S. No. 1 Extra Fancy Calrose Rice. My dad was unyielding in his choice of rice. Certain things Asian you don't compromise. So, here goes ...

Wash and rinse 12 times and let sit for 15 minutes in 2 cups water.

Bring rice and water to a soft boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes, or until moisture is absorbed. Remove from heat and let stand covered for 10 minutes. Fluff and let sit in fridge overnight.

Get your favorite frying pan, put the heat on medium and toss in all the diced bacon. In my bachelor days, it was Oscar Meyer or something cheap. But there's nothing like Nueske's for smoked flavor. Fry bacon until it sizzles like a campfire. Lower the heat. Break the rice up with a spatula and toss it in the pan with the bacon. Add the ketchup and a beaten egg. Stir in the onions, and keep everything moving so the egg, onion and ketchup become friends. Add salt and pepper to taste. You know you're done when it's crusty, brown, greasy and tastes great!





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Looking ahead!

It's another month filled with celebrations including, of course, marking our own country's birth. Whether it's a parade, a picnic and fireworks, or simply a backyard BBQ, Happy Independence Day on July 4th! Here's what else is being celebrated in July 2022!



July 3: Happy 40th Anniversary to **Joni & Ken Tada!** Congratulations to you two – what a great day to celebrate!



July 12: Blessings on the birthday, **Steve Douglass.** We're grateful for your lifetime of Kingdom work in leading and serving Cru.



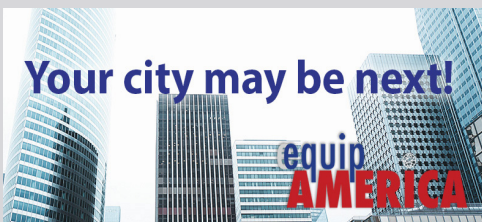
July 15: Best wishes to **John & Ann Sorensen** also celebrating a July anniversary. Wishing you joy today as you celebrate!



July 22: We're not counting the candles, **Jim Daly** – just counting the extraordinary impact of Focus on the Family over the years. Happy Birthday!



July 14-22: For the first time, **Cru** will host its National Staff conference in a city (Milwaukee WI) rather than on a college campus.



July 23: Partnering exclusively with Your Network of Praise, **Equip America** (John Sorensen) comes to listeners throughout Montana.



July 24: Ignite the candles again . . . today it's all for **Barry Meguiar** whose passion to share Christ is always infectious!

You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence ... with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism." – Erma Bombeck