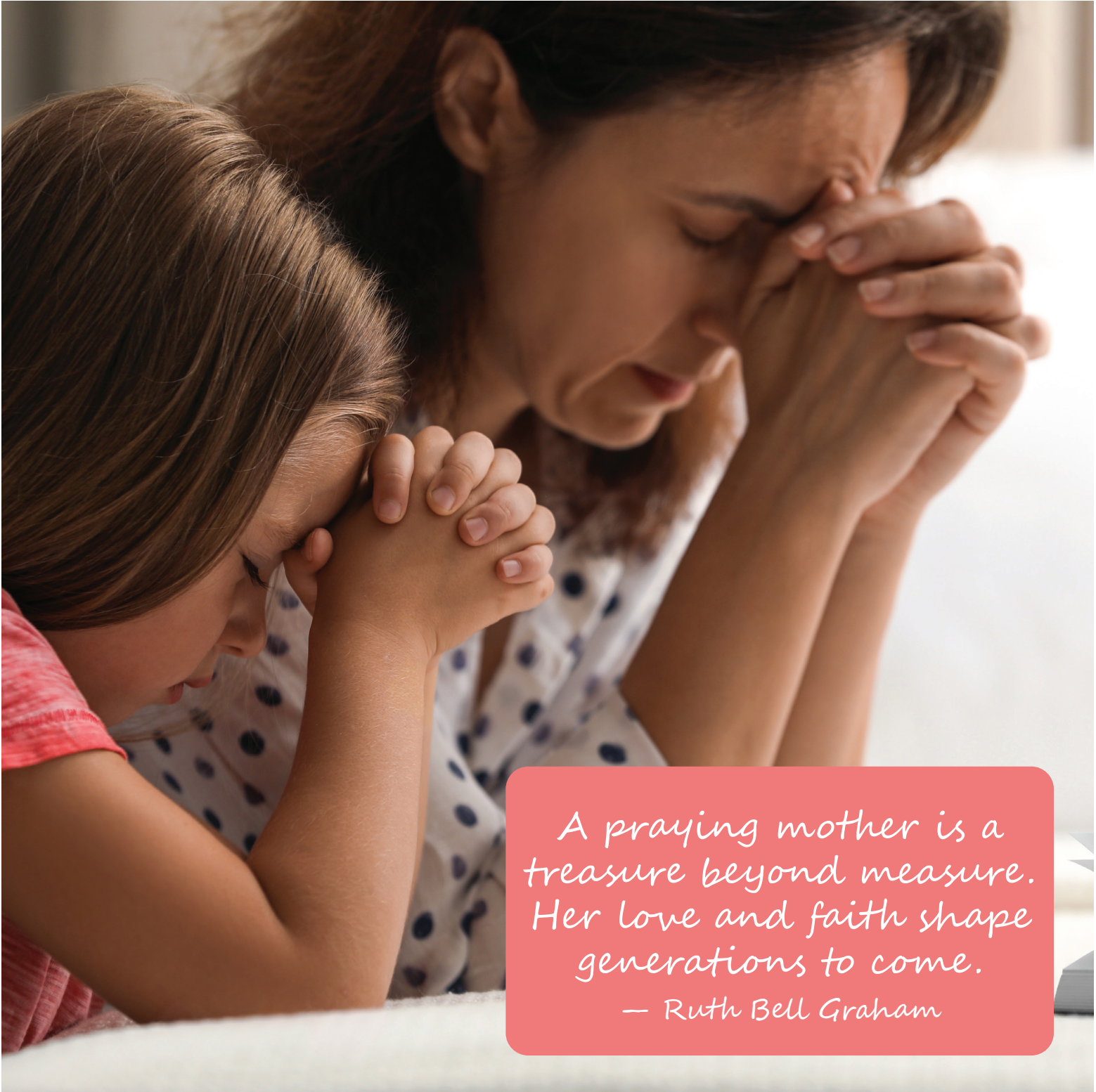




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A praying mother is a treasure beyond measure. Her love and faith shape generations to come.
— Ruth Bell Graham

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DID YOU KNOW?



Talk about **"Making Your Life Count"**! Cru offers over **100** opportunities for summer missions trips for high school and collegiate young adults. From Anchorage (Alaska) to Zambia, short term or weeks-long, you'll find a comprehensive list at the cru.org website—just look for summer missions information and share the invitation to a life-changing experience!



Summarizing some of the impact of **Focus on the Family** last year, their Research & Insights team has tallied that the ministry's resources and outreach efforts helped more than 193,000 people make a decision for Christ in the last year and have undergirded more than 580,000 couples to build stronger marriages. Ask Jennifer@ambaa.com for a "Talking Points" sheet with all the details.



You can download a full 2023 Annual Ministry Report from Evangelism Explosion ("**Share Life Today**") at their website. Some of the thrilling reflections include training over 9,700 children in sharing their faith through "Hope for Kids" and holding over 2,100 EE events globally under the leadership of **John Sorensen** and a dedicated team.

THE LATEST FROM AMB-OS



I'm a list guy.

The reason is this: my memory fails me far too often. So, most times, the only way I can get something done is by making a "to-do" list. I have notepads and scratch paper within reach everywhere I go, just in case something bubbles up from the recesses of my mind that needs attention.

My friend and college mentor, former Biola University President Clyde Cook, used to quote the old Chinese proverb when he gave me an assignment: He'd say, "**The shortest pencil is worth more than the longest memory.**" Jim, if you want to remember something, write it down!" He was right! And so began a lifelong habit.

Now, if I may be candid, after all these years, **I find the list-making process satisfying.** Even enjoyable. So much so, I confess there are times when I've written something down only to immediately scratch it off the list just for the fleeting joy of accomplishing one more task. Nothing more satisfying than a page full of crossed-off completed responsibilities.

Lists are so powerful it's no surprise that God gives us a list for right living. That first list—the Decalogue—had a little something to do with establishing civil conduct and remains the basis for Western civilization to this day. That's an impressive achievement for a simple list. But then, even better than the 10 Commandments is that "...God sent a Savior to fulfill it completely (Matt. 5:17-20)!"

You may use some of these same lists, but here are a few of my favorites:

- *Prayer requests and answers* with the date started and completed. It's wonderful to look back on the Lord's faithful answers to prayer. (I admit that, at times, there are prayers **not** answered for which I'm equally grateful!)
- *Groceries.* You know about that: a grocery list is that thing you make at home, leave on the kitchen counter and then try to remember what's on it.
- *Errands,* running in the most efficient order to reduce the mileage between stops.
- *Household chores* from simple to complex (I like to get the easiest things done first).
- And then there's the proverbial *bucket list.* So many places to go, so little time and money to get there!

I was pleased to run across a piece by author J.D. Meier about the many benefits of making lists. In his article listed below, he highlights at least three:

1. Lists help you to **Clear Your Mind.** Creating lists makes it easier to clear your mind. Instead of trying to remember things, you can simply look at your list.
2. Lists give you the **Bird's-Eye View.** A list can help you step back and see the full picture. When you jot down all the plates you're spinning in your mind, it's easier to see the scope of what's burning neurons in your brain.
3. **Think On Paper.** When you write things down, you give yourself another chance to be more objective. There's a concreteness to your tasks ahead. When things swirl around in your head, it's easy for them to get distorted, but writing things down provides precision (sourcesofinsight.com/the-power-of-lists/).

So here's to list-making. May your "shortest pencil" help your "longest memory!"

— Jim Sanders

Are You Sick of Powerless Prayer?

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A *National Day of Prayer* Special
from Pastor Carter Conlon

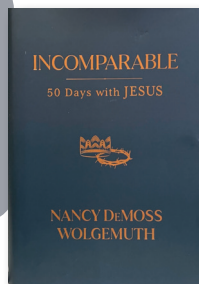


National Day of Prayer | May 2

Again this year, Pastor **Carter Conlon** provides a timely new message on the theme of his ministry. As speaker for the daily 1:00 feature, "It's Time to Pray," Carter's passion is to infuse believers with the confidence in the power of their prayers. The 25:00 special for 2024 is titled *Are You Sick of Powerless Prayer?* and can be downloaded via FTP or Amb-OS. Contact Rebecca@ambaa.com for more details.

Don't miss our Tool Kit for stations for May 2 but also the array of resources as we celebrate Mother's Day (May 12) this month as well!

New On The Bookshelf!

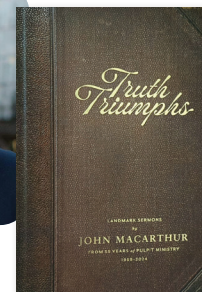


Incomparable: 50 Days with Jesus

In the latest publication from Revive Our Hearts speaker **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth**, readers are treated to daily reminders of the many ways that our Savior is simply ... *incomparable*. Each day's reading is accompanied with thoughtful questions and a prayerful meditation in addition to being replete with Scripture references. *If you would like a copy, please contact Jennifer@ambaa.com.*

"Jesus is not
merely good;
He is perfect.
Jesus is not
merely enough;
He is everything.
He is the
**Incomparable
Christ."**

— Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth



Truth Triumphs

In conjunction with this year's Shepherd's Conference, the latest tribute book contains 14 landmark sermons from **John MacArthur's** 55 years of pulpit ministry on timely topics that answer questions about how believers ought to live and serve Christ in a spiritually decaying culture. For those who want to remain steadfast in the midst of turbulent days, this book is for you! *To receive your own copy, send peg@ambaa.com a note!*

"... because we are the children of God,
we **know** the truth,
we **hear** the truth,
we **believe** the truth,
we **love** the truth,
we **live** the truth,
we **fight** for the truth, and
we **proclaim** the truth."

— John MacArthur

A Complete Listing of Programs on Amb-OS

We've made it simple, just zip these pages out of Update and post in in your tech room for easy access to the list of all programs aired on Amb-OS. Check amb-os.com for more instruction on obtaining clearance from agencies and producers who create these fine features! (Programs in bold indicate representation by Ambassador.)

- A -

Abide Minute

A Call to the Nation

Adventures in Odyssey

Allen Jackson Ministries

A Moment with Joni

American Family News

American Family News's Middle East Report

Anchor Today

A New Beginning

Answers with Ken Ham

A Word With You

- B -

Back to Genesis

Becoming An Orphan

Bible Principles

Bible Q & A

Billy Graham Minute

Bold Steps

BreakPoint & The Point

Brinkman Adventures

- C -

Christ in Prophecy

The Christian Working Woman

Chosen People Ministries

Classic State of Mind

Core Christianity

Creation Moments

- D -

Daily Light for Daily Living

Destined for Victory

Difference Maker Moments

Discover The Word

- E -

Encounter the Truth

Encouragement Live

Encouraging Words

End of Day Report

Equipping the Saints Radio

Everyday Matters

Every Man a Warrior

- F -

Faith and Freedom

Faith and Finance

FamilyLife Today

Family Health Checkup

FEBC Today

Financial Issues

First Person

Focal Point

Focus on the Family (Daily, Minute, Weekend)

Footsteps

Freedom's Call

Free Indeed

Friends of Israel Today

Fresh From His Heart

- G -

Gateways to Better Education

Genesis Science Minute

Get Hope

Get In Touch

GFA Minute

Glad News for Muslims

Global Perspective

God Centered Life

God's Great Outdoors

Good News for Today

Got Teens? Get Answers

The Grace Message

Grace to You (Daily, Weekend)

Guidelines for Living

- H -

Harvest America

Haven (Daily, Weekend)

Haven Now

Holding All Things Together

Holy Land Moments

Hope in the Night

Hope Minute

Hope with God

- I -

Ignite with Barry Meguiar

In Touch

Insight for Living

Insights

It's Time to Pray

iWork4Him

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Joni Eareckson Tada: Sharing Hope

Joy Bringer

Joytime

- K -

Key Life

Keys for Kids

Knowing God

Know the Truth

- L -

Lamplighter Theatre
Laugh Again
Leading The Way
Learn the Bible in a Year

Life Issues

Lighthouses
Line of Fire
Listen to the Bible

Living in the Light

Living on the Edge
Love Worth Finding

- M -

Making Your Life Count

Minute with McGee
Mission Network News
Missions Today
Moments of Destiny
Moments that Motivate
Moody Church Hour
Moving Forward
My MoneyLife

- N -

New Beginnings
NewLife Live
Nightsounds

- O -

OneCry
Open the Bible
Our Daily Bread

- P -

Parenting Today's Teens
Parent Minute
Pathway to Victory
Pause to Pray
Paws and Tales
Plugged In
Point of View

Portraits of Grace

Pray First
Pro-Life Perspective
Prophecy Today
Psalm 95

- R -

Radio Theatre

Raising Godly Boys
Raising Godly Girls
Real FamilyLife
Real Hope Minute
Real Life Loading
Real Life Radio
Refresh
Regaining Lost Ground
Renewing Your Mind
Reset with Bonnie Sala

Revive Our Hearts (Daily, Weekend)

Route 66
Running to Win

- S -

Seeking Him

Share Life Today

Science, Scripture & Salvation
Songs in the Night
Stand in the Gap
Stand in the Gap Minute
Stand on the Word
Steve Brown, Etc.

Straight Talk on Life Issues

- T -

The Alternative
The Boundless Show
The Christian Car Guy
The Christian Heart
The Christian Worldview & Minute
The Endtime Show
The Garlow Perspective
The Mercy Minute

The Narrow Path
The Public Square
The Storyteller
The Tide Global Update
The Voice of the Martyrs
The Word
Thru the Bible
Timeless Truth
Today in the Holy Land
Today's Walk Radio
Treasures from the Word
Truth For Life
Truth Itself
Truth Talk Live
Turning Point
Two Minutes with Tony
- U -
Unapologetic
Understanding the Times
Unshackled
Unshackled Daily Devotions
UpWords
- V -
Viewpoints Commentary
Vision Beyond Borders
Voice of Truth Wakeup Call
- W -
Washington Watch
Watchmen on the Wall
The Winning Walk
Wisconsin Family Connection
Wisconsin Family Minute
Wisdom for the Heart
The Wisdom Journey
Wise Women Managing Money
Word to the Wise
Words from the Heart
Worship and The Word
- Y -
You Think About That

SEEN ABOUT

The Connecting Continues!

Whether in person or even online, it's always great to be with fellow broadcasters!



This year's annual Shepherd's Conference (**John MacArthur**) hosted more than 5000 pastors and ministry leaders including Matt Austin (KCBI-Dallas), Rich Bott (Bott Radio Network), Troy Miller (NRB), astronaut Jeff Williams (Grace to You) and Jay Flowers (**Grace to You**).



One of his favorite assignments is interfacing with collegiate—exactly what **Brad Mattes** ("Life Issues" and "Straight Talk on Life Issues") was doing recently with Students for Life leaders at North Carolina State University.



It was wonderful for several of us to join **Joni Eareckson Tada** and Ken with Joni and Friends radio team members Catherine Cobb and Rainey Floreen when Joni spoke in Chapel at Azusa Pacific University. It also provided an opportunity for Joni to meet APU students who have been recipients of the scholarship in her name at the University!



It's been a privilege to produce the messages of **Tom Pennington**, former Director of Grace to You and now pastor at Countryside Church in Dallas, for release on "The Word Unleashed"—great to visit with the team that makes that possible including David Sparks and Lance Burroughs with Mark Conner and Bill Reitler.



Our Charley Mefferd enjoyed hometown fellowship with **Jeff Mitchell** (GM) and **Shane Moore** (Ministry Director) from KWRD (Dallas TX). And we can tell you these folks can't wait to host everyone for NRB '25!

It's been awhile since we've featured a recipe from the Ambassador Family Cookbook but this is too good to miss adding to the collection. By the way, if you've got one you ought to share, let us know! We'll send you our recipe book in exchange for that!



Meet the Chef

Recently **Raeanne Newquist** stepped into the speaker's role for *The Mercy Minute*, a production from Mercy Ships. Her ability to share the passion for showing mercy in every aspect of life is evident with each day's 1:00 feature. (She writes the scripts as well as voices each feature!) If you didn't read the introduction to Raeanne in the October '23 edition of *Update*, check it out online at our website. With a degree from Pepperdine and further studies at Fuller Seminary, Raeanne has a rich ministry background ... and, apparently, is a great cook too!

Newquist Family Ginger Cookies



Many people say that you don't just marry a person, you marry a family. Well in my case, I also married the family recipes! When I married my husband 20 years ago (this September), I quickly learned that *The Newquist Family Ginger Cookies* would be something I'd need to learn to make right away! These soft, cake-like, dark brown cookies with white frosting are filled with warm spices that usher in the holidays. Of course they can be made anytime of the year, but for us, they are a Christmas tradition. In fact, my husband would say it's not Christmas until the first batch of Ginger Cookies comes out!

My father-in-law had three aunts — Halloween, Boots and Kitty. Yes, those were their real names! Kitty was the one who made the Ginger Cookies and sometimes my father-in-law actually refers to them as "Kitty Cookies." As much as I could eat them year-round, there is something special about waiting for Christmas to make these delicious cookies. For what they lack in appearance, they more than make up for in flavor and comfort.

Ingredients

¼ c Crisco
½ c sugar
1 egg
½ c "Green Label" molasses (This is what the family recipe says! But any dark molasses will work)

Mix the above 4 ingredients and beat well

Add all following ingredients and beat well:

2 c sifted all-purpose flour
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ginger
½ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. ground cloves
½ tsp. cinnamon

**Here's a little tip: When measuring out the spices, measure a second batch into a small zip lock bag. Then when you want to make your second batch the next week (or next day!) you'll already have the spices measured out!*

After the dry ingredients are combined with the wet, slowly add ½ cup of hot water, a tablespoon at a time, until a smoother consistency is reached. You will **not** add the whole ½ cup! The dough should be like chocolate chip cookie dough consistency.

Drop by the tablespoon on a lightly greased cookie sheet about 2 inches apart.

Bake 6-8 minutes in a 400 degree oven. (Baking time will vary according to your oven and the size of your dough drops.) Cookies should be slightly soft to the touch when they come out of the oven. Let cool on the cookie sheet for about 5 minutes.

Great Aunt Kitty made homemade frosting. However, once I came into this recipe, the family was using canned frosting! Pillsbury **white** frosting is preferred. **not** vanilla frosting – there is a difference!

Aunt Kitty's Homemade Frosting:

1 c powdered sugar
½ to 2 Tablespoons cream or milk
½ tsp. vanilla

Frost warm cookies and enjoy!



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Everyone has some reason ...

... to celebrate in May! In addition to the national holidays, there are birthdays (a few noted below), graduations (yes, in May for many higher ed institutions) and some who beat the June wedding rush. Enjoy what you celebrate in May!



LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31
THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



May 2: Marking this year's **National Day of Prayer**—Lift up the Word/Light Up the world (2 Samuel 22:29-31) [See Page 3 inside for more]



joni&friends

May 3-12: Thanks for praying as a team of staff and volunteers from **Joni and Friends** heads to Argentina for another life-changing "Wheels for the World" delivery.



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

May 12: Whether you are celebrating your own mom, or being celebrated as a mom ... blessings on this special day that recognizes the extraordinary Moms we know and love!



May 17: Wishing a very happy birthday to (newlywed) **Victor Nieves**, co-host of "Straight Talk on Life Issues," and Communications Associate at Life Issues Institute.



May 21: An example of the legacy of a godly mother—and being one herself—celebrating the birthday of **Anne Graham Lotz** heard on "Daily Light for Daily Living."



May 25: Urging that leaders be well-versed in the biblical principles of government and more, wherever you are in the world today, **Jim Garlow** ... Happy Birthday!



May 27: Check out the Ambassador Tool Kit for resources to help celebrate **Memorial Day** (and every other holiday) this year!

Worth Considering

"To be a mother is by no means second class. Men may have the authority in the home, but the women have the influence. The mother, more than the father, is the one who molds and shapes those little lives from day one."

— John MacArthur