



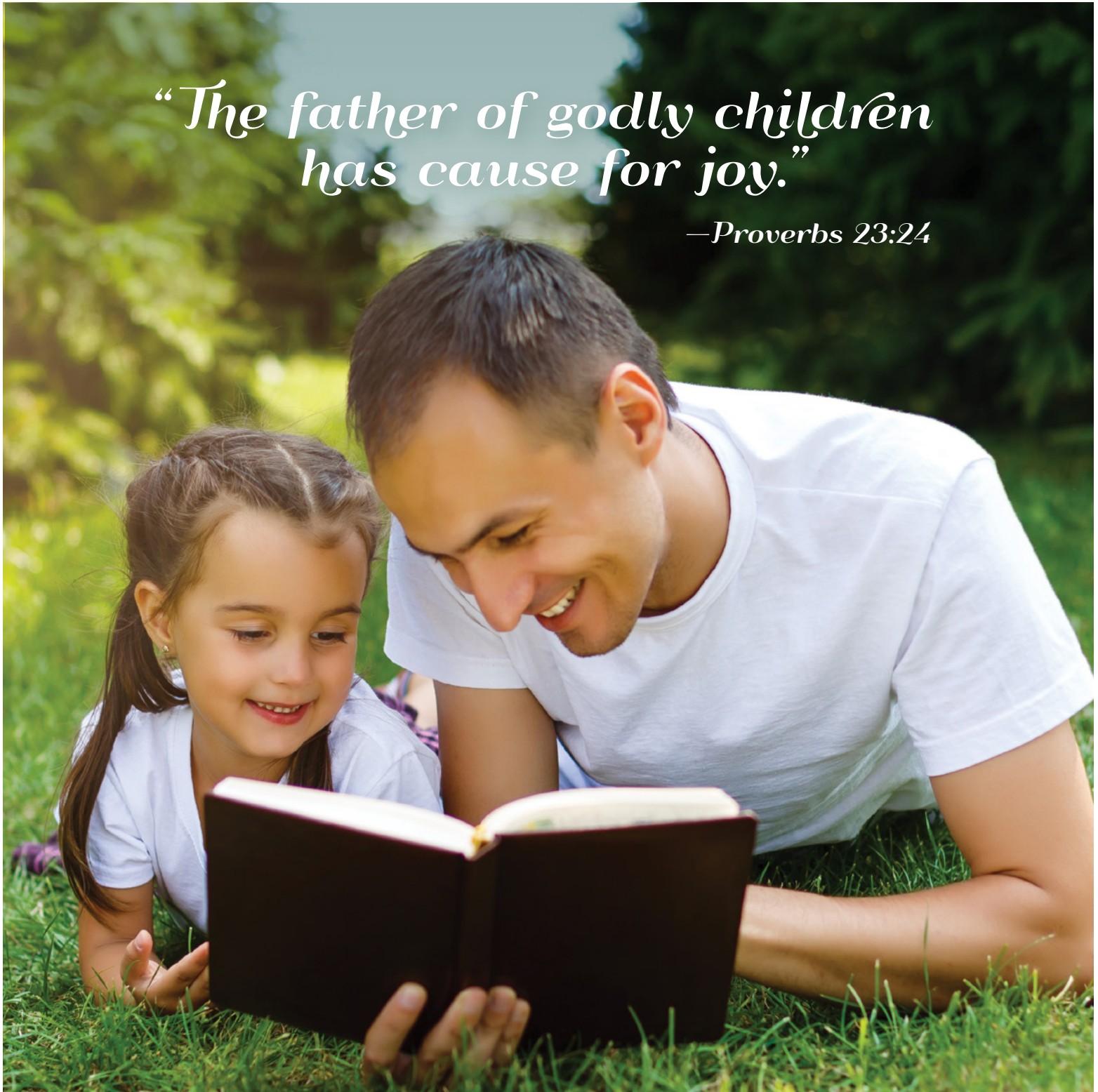
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*“The father of godly children
has cause for joy.”*

—Proverbs 23:24



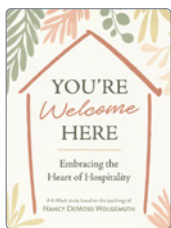
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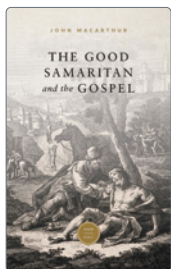


Save the date! Returning to Indianapolis, Revive Our Hearts hosts **True Woman 2025** (October 2-4) with the theme "The Word: Behold the Wonder." The focus coincides with development of a new Bible with commentary from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth.



And new from Revive Our Hearts is a six-week Bible study based on teaching from **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth** titled "You're Welcome Here: Embracing

the Heart of Hospitality." It's an encouraging reminder that things don't have to be perfect to extend the grace of God to others.



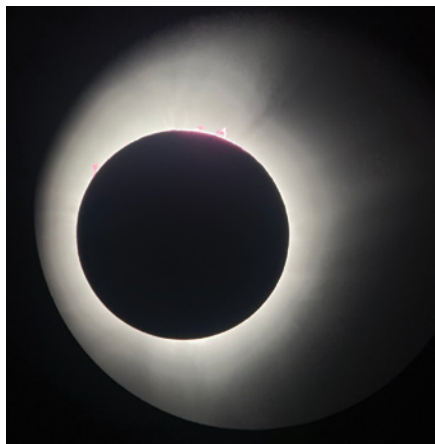
In his new booklet, "The Good Samaritan and the Gospel," **John MacArthur** shares fresh insight into one of our Lord's most poignant and powerful parables, reminding us

of the wonder of God's love for us—once enemies of the Father ourselves. It takes us straight to the heart of the gospel of grace.

“Sharing your faith is not optional for Christians. When Jesus said “Go ye,” there were no qualifiers. He didn’t limit His call to those who were gifted or trained or paid. He also didn’t say ‘Go ye into the world and pray, or read your Bible, or be a good person.’ Having your faith and sharing your faith are inseparable.”

— Barry Meguiar (Ignite)

THE LATEST FROM AMB-OS



Solar Eclipse: Twice Each Year?

You've probably seen a few eclipse stories from April 8, 2024. To be in the right spot at the right time with the right weather . . . that's a real treat. We won't experience another total eclipse in the US until August 23, 2044. And I'd like to see that. For quite a few reasons!

While a solar eclipse is rare, in the satellite world, it happens twice every year: Spring and Fall. The phenomenon is called a "Solar Transit Outage." It occurs when the sun, the satellite in question (ours is SES-2 at 87°W) and a station's receiver antenna are in

alignment. When that happens, the sun's energy overpowers the satellite's signal. The result is nothing but noise for 5 to 10 minutes each day, at approximately the same time, over a five to eight day period.

This is a real problem for live satellite broadcasters! Our solution comes from the fact that the solar outages are predictable down to the minute. So, historically, we pre-record programs and feed them to stations ahead of time. That's been our only way to work around the problem . . . until now!

We've been in development of our enhanced terrestrial transmission service, "SvI" (Satellite via Internet). It adds "fail-over" capability to the AMR-100 and AMR-200 receivers. The technology **allows us to eliminate live audio outages** by moving satellite receivers automatically to SvI. In fact, we did precisely this during the most recent spring sun transit period. Neither live nor pre-recorded program delivery is affected. And the best news is that our latency is almost non-existent when switching between SvI and satellite. If you'd like to know more, keep your propeller beanie handy and drop a note to Dick Becvar at **Dick@Amb-OS.com**.

— Jim Sanders

NEW TO AMB-OS

We're delighted to announce two new programs being delivered via Amb-OS.



MOVIEGUIDE® with **Dr. Ted Baehr** is a 1- and 2-minute daily radio feature that reviews movies and television programs from a Christian perspective. For nearly 50 years, **MOVIEGUIDE®** has been a powerful voice promoting family-friendly values to studios, stars, and executives in the heart of the entertainment industry. These daily radio features deliver impactful cultural commentary from a trusted voice.

For questions about the broadcast, contact Chris Wach at 805-383-2000 or chris@movieguide.org.



The **UNPACKIN' it Minute** with **Bryce Johnson** is a daily (M-F) 1-minute feature that connects the sporting world to life and faith. Each day sports fans are encouraged, challenged, and inspired to follow Jesus and become more like Him. Bryce unpacks how something from the sports world parallels biblical principles. It's fast-paced, unique, and thought-provoking as listeners will enjoy the connection between sports and faith.

For questions about the broadcast, contact Bryce Johnson at 704-810-1227 or email at bryce@unpackinit.com.

GROWING
IMPACT

A New Ship for the Fleet!

With a ground-breaking agreement, **Mercy Ships** now anticipates adding its second purpose-built ship to its outreach with support from Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) and the MSC Foundation.

The ship, designed similar to specifications for the *Global Mercy*, will allow Mercy Ships to increase its capacity to collaborate with host nations in training and advocacy efforts as it serves the poorest nations on earth.

Reflecting on this new partnership, **Don Stephens** said, “**The mission of Mercy Ships to bring hope and healing** is only possible by the generosity of our partners, volunteer crew and the provision of God. Today I am grateful to MSC for their support.”

That undergirding from MSC is viewed by the Foundation as a “game-changing commitment to accompany Mercy Ships into the coming decades.”

Please join us in thanking the Lord for this extraordinary avenue to expand impact for Mercy Ships in the years ahead!



The new ship will provide world-class surgeries as well as quality pre- and post-operative care with:

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OPERATING THEATERS	ICU/ISOLATION BEDS	ACUTE CARE BEDS	SELF CARE BEDS



It's expected that the new ship will require a crew of about 640 members, including a pre-K thru high school Academy for children of crew personnel.



93% of the population of sub-Saharan Africa cannot access safe, affordable and timely surgical care.



Over 40% of the world's population lives within 62 miles of a coast, making ships the most efficient platform to ensure surgery and medical training are accessible to a wide number of people.

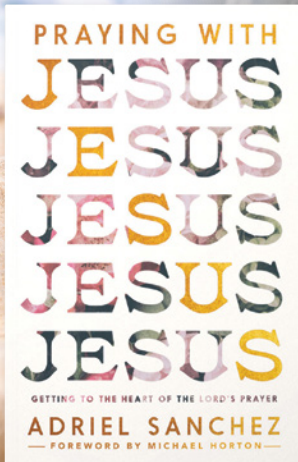
Great Summertime Reading!

Heard daily on the live interactive broadcast, *Core Christianity*, Pastor **Adriel Sanchez** reflects on one of the most prevalent areas of listener questions in his new book, *Praying with Jesus: Getting to the Heart of the Lord's Prayer*.

Using that familiar prayer as a framework, he unlocks the mystery of prayer, helping readers understand what it really is, how to navigate the challenges of prayer and form a habit of prayer.

Readers will learn that the daily practice of praying based on the Lord's Prayer is transformative—giving insight into God's purposes, bringing the presence of God into lives, and helping to unearth treasures of grace.

For more information on *Core Christianity*, check our website, or contact Charley@ambaa.com.



Haven's Continued Impact in Cuba

As the new leader at Haven Ministries, **David Wollen** recently headed to Cuba to see firsthand the impact of the ministry started six years ago, *El Faro de Redención*.

David notes, "As I stepped off the plane, I had one clear question on my mind—is *El Faro* making a difference in Cuba? It didn't take long for the answer to become abundantly clear."

One exciting endorsement of the investment Haven is making in that country is that the largest Christian denomination in Cuba is now sending every episode of the broadcast to the more than 1300 churches they serve.

Thanks for rejoicing as He continues to bless this distinctive effort!



The church is thriving in Cuba!



On his way to Cuba, David was able to visit with the team at Moody's WRMB (Boynton Beach FL) for a great send-off!

Let's Get Together!

Anyone for a round of golf? These folks certainly were (always are!).

VISITING
&
VISITORS



Playing in the Masters (University) Tournament: Brian Counsil, Steve Beals, **Chris Gould** (Salem) and Jim Sanders.



At the "finish line," Jim joins Grace to You's Paul Ackerman and **John MacArthur**.



This group of guys have enjoyed golf everywhere from Idaho to Ireland. Pictured on the first tee at Wolf Creek Golf Club in Mesquite, NV are: Craig Mader, **Jim Daly**, Chuck Bolte, Rick Ervin, Jim Sanders, Marty Rader, Mike Rader and Don Cason.

Dallas leads the way!



It was great to welcome **Matt Austin** and **Sharon Geiger** back to SoCal for fellowship—and reflection on how to enjoy Dallas next NRB!



The KCBI team also stopped at Grace to You headquarters for a visit with the ministry team—Jay Flowers, **John MacArthur** and Steve Ostini.



Then our own Jennifer Perez headed to Dallas herself (see page 6 for "why"!), making it possible to enjoy time with friends in that market including **Jeff Mitchell** (KWRD-Salem Media) and also **Ron Harris** and the MEDIA Alliance International team (Doug Price and Kyle Gilbert).

We're Celebrating at Ambassador!



Our Ben Bryggman (from promotions to Ambassador, Ben does it all here) and wife, Carolina, welcomed Amia Rose on March 19th. Amia joins big sister, Alina Mae—and family pup, Lila.



So proud of our two-time intern Rebecca Jackson (daughter of Lee Ann) who graduated in April from Pepperdine University. Despite our attempt to persuade her to join the AAA team 😊, Rebecca is headed for a career in elementary education.



We hope the photo serves also as a prayer reminder for Carson Perez (son of Jennifer and husband, Matt) who graduated from the Dallas Police Academy and is now serving as a police officer for the DPD. The Baylor grad is currently assigned to the Northwest division.



It's a big year for Jennifer's daughter, Jess—graduation from Dallas Baptist University then marriage to Justin Hamilton on September 21 (yes, that day for a reason!) in Texas. The couple then are on to Washington DC where the groom will pursue his grad degree at Georgetown. Both Jess and Justin served as interns at the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

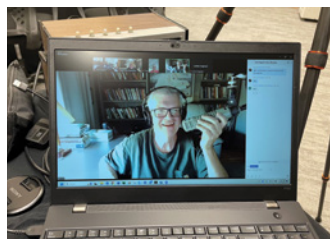
A Launch Pad for Indigenous Leaders

It was quite a celebration when **Hutchcraft Ministries®** formally dedicated the long-anticipated *On Eagles' Wings®* Leadership Center at the ministry's HQ in Harrison, Arkansas.

The new facility, dedicated in April, provides space to equip and empower young Native Americans to become messengers of hope and leaders for their people. The **22,000-square-foot facility** is outfitted with dorms, classrooms, commercial kitchen, dining hall, chapel and recreation space that will be called "home" by those who enroll in a yearlong leadership program.

Doug Hutchcraft, newly named president of Hutchcraft Ministries®, and other family members, joined ministry supporters, volunteers, community leaders and Christian broadcasting partners for **"A Word With You"** (Ron Hutchcraft's daily short feature heard on nearly 1,000 outlets nationwide) to celebrate God's faithfulness in seeing the building completed.

The Hutchcraft team would gladly welcome anyone interested in learning more about the Leadership Center to stop by for a tour! For more information, visit www.owlc.com.



It was a special delight for our own Charley Mefferd to attend the festivities during which Ron and Navajo team leader Weston Francis were interviewed by Chris Fabry on his national broadcast. OneCry's Ruth Kramer also attended and filed reports for Mission Network News. Bott Radio Network's Scott Howie and veteran Christian broadcaster and freelance producer Michelle Hill were on hand to lend support to the Hutchcraft team as well.



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Who doesn't love June!

There's bound to be a celebration of some sort for all of us—graduations, weddings, birthdays and much more. See below for a sample (and see page 6 for more of the "haps" recently). Enjoy!



June 3-7: **Joni and Friends** hosts Family Retreats this week in Michigan, Florida, and Louisiana. Check the ministry website for events all summer long—opportunities to serve as well as encourage families impacted by disability.



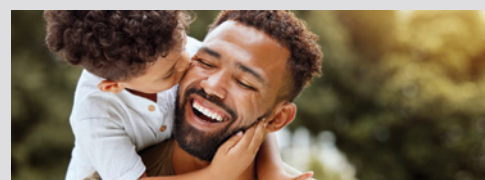
June 12: Focus station partners can hear the latest firsthand as all are invited to join **Jim Daly** and **John Fuller** for a special YouTube Live conversation at 11:30AM MT. Check "Focus Forward" for details or ask Jenn@ambaa.com



June 13: Our good friend and the founder of **Mercy Ships**, Don Stephens, is celebrating a birthday today and we're giving thanks for his life and model of showing Christ's love to "the least of these."



June 15: Participants include Benjamin Watson, Danny Gokey and others as **Focus on the Family** hosts its impactful annual pro-life gathering SeeLife 24 at the ministry HQ (Colorado Springs CO).



June 16: Saluting Dads today ... whether you are one or have one, **Father's Day** is the perfect time to reflect on the impact of the fathers we know and love. Check our website for a tool kit to help celebrate!



June 18: Wishing **Lisa Anderson** "unbounded joy" as she marks another birthday! So grateful for Lisa's leadership of Boundless for Focus on the Family and her commitment to the impact of discipleship in this context.



June 19: Sending heartiest best wishes to **John MacArthur**, speaker on Grace to You and pastor of Grace Community Church for more than 50 years, as another birthday is celebrated today!

Worth Considering

A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian—and most of all, his family ought to know.

– Dwight L. Moody