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“One flag, one land, one heart, one hand,  
One Nation, evermore!”

— Oliver Wendell Holmes

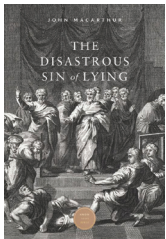
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## DID YOU KNOW?



Pointing little ones to Jesus, **Joni Eareckson Tada** joined Keith & Kristyn Getty, their daughters (Eliza, Charlotte, Grace and Tahlia) with Sandra McCracken to record “Jesus Calms the Storm.” Check out the powerful lyrics and sweet voices in this new Getty tune with the official YouTube video online.



In the continuing series of booklets that address key issues, **John MacArthur** has published *The Disastrous Sin of Lying*. It’s a timely reminder of the

biblical perspective on our deceitful culture and our calling as believers to be people of the Truth, who know and love the God of truth.

Share Life Today (John Sorensen)

continues to expand its coverage in Africa—the 1:00 daily feature is heard on over 50 stations across 15 countries with episodes translated into African English, French and Swahili. Much of this has been in partnership with broadcaster Roger Lonquist’s New Life Africa network.



“Thanks to hundreds of cherished, faithful radio partnerships, we are in the very air that surrounds a massive portion of the population. All [listeners] need to do is tune in.

— John MacArthur on the power of radio

## THE LATEST FROM AMB-OS

### A Picture Is Worth 10,000 PINs

Prepare to put on your propeller-beanie hat. We’re about to get wonky.

I found this fascinating graphic on the *InformationIsBeautiful.net* website. At first glance, not so “fascinating,” but the story it tells deserves our attention. The reason is, there’s a good chance **your PIN is more vulnerable to attack than you think.**

The dataset depicted in the graphic here came from

3.4 million records aggregated from several data breaches. This “heat map” represents each of the 10,000 pairs of numbers which comprise a four-number PIN. The vertical axis represents the first two numerals, the horizontal axis represents the second two.

**The brighter the spot, the more frequently the number was used.** Conversely, the least-used PINs are represented by darker colors or even a black dot. Here’s how to interpret the chart, with an eye to avoiding these pairs.

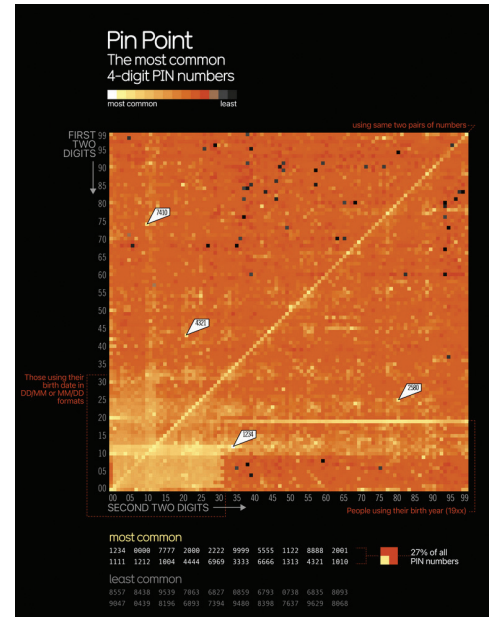
- The diagonal line represents number pairs like 1212 and 6363.
- The 20th line from the bottom represents PINs which start with the number “19,” presumably a birth year.
- There is a rectangle of frequent numbers which range from 01 to 12 vertically (likely months of the year) and 01 to 30 horizontally, presumably representing days of the month. Together, they’re likely birth months/year.
- There are several random spots which should also be avoided such as 1234 and 4321.

**Almost unbelievably, just 20 PIN numbers make up 27% of all the numbers used.** This means a hacker has a one-in-four chance of guessing your PIN if it’s one of the top 20:

0000 1111 2222 3333 4444 5555 6666 7777 8888 9999  
2000 1122 2001 1212 1004 6969 1313 4321 1010 1234

Dare I say, if you’re using any of these PINs anywhere, they should be changed post-haste.

— Jim Sanders



# A New Title for Focus on the Family's Flagship Program



## Sharing this News and More

In a packed half-hour of dialog and Q&A (and a bit of humor as well), Jim Daly and John Fuller shared more about the transition of show title in a Live YouTube event, which was recorded—ask [Jennifer@ambaa.com](mailto:Jennifer@ambaa.com) for the link if you weren't able to join us!

Announced to station partners recently, the daily Focus on the Family Broadcast has revised its official title to **Focus on the Family with Jim Daly**, increasing the ability to distinguish between the radio show and the ministry itself.

However, the ministry's signature content continues with the same mission it has had since the program's inception in the late 1970s—to encourage Christian families to navigate today's challenging culture with practical "family help" and time-tested advice rooted in biblical truth.

Joining Jim Daly each day, John Fuller and the team of Focus experts with special guests provide inspirational stories and fresh ideas to help strengthen marriages, increase parenting skills and grow deeper in faith.

### **Station Partners:**

**Thank you for your use of the graphics already provided to appropriately update website and other mentions of the daily show with its new title. If you missed that info, check Ambassador's website for a full tool kit of promotional resources including banners and photos.**

**Just a reminder that the "family" of Focus on the Family features includes all of the following—audition at our website if you don't currently air!**

#### **Focus on the Family with Jim Daly**

The hallmark half-hour daily (weekend edition also available)

#### **Adventures in Odyssey**

Iconic drama for kids in both daily and weekly half-hour formats

#### **Focus on the Family Radio Theatre**

A weekly dramatic presentation of classic content (half-hour)

#### **The Boundless Show**

Designed for young adults, hosted by Lisa Anderson (half-hour weekly)

#### **Plugged In**

Insights on popular culture from a team of experts (1:00 daily)

#### **Focus on the Family Minute**

Drawn from the daily Focus show, a power-packed minute

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

# We're Celebrating!



Hearty congratulations to **Charley Mefferd's**, daughter, Melanie, who has graduated from Baylor University. Taking just three years to complete her B.S. degree in Biology, Melanie graduated cum laude and is now working as a dietary aid at ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital in Flower Mound TX. Well done, Melanie!



As if graduations weren't sufficient cause to celebrate (see also the June *Update* for details), **Lee Ann Jackson** was thrilled to welcome Montgomery ("Monty") Steven into the world on May 16. Parents are Rachel & Tanner Morrison. From here on, you can ask for "LeeLee" and the new Grandma will be happy to assist!

## Please Welcome ...



Amplifying our ability to support the ministries we serve, we're delighted that **Lydia Webster** said yes to the invitation to join the AAA team as a graphic designer.

Her love of art began in childhood and grew into flourishing status with her studies at alma mater, Biola University where she received a BFA in Art (emphasis in design) in 2012 and was inspired by seeing the ways that the arts and faith intersect and inform each other.

Since graduation, Lydia has served in a wide spectrum of fields of endeavor, providing creative strategy and execution within the full scope of graphic design expertise.

Bilingual, Lydia is proficient in American Sign Language, taught by her Deaf parents. She loves cooking and doing nail art in her spare time, as well as keeping aquarium fish and being involved in her online parenting groups where she is a moderator.

Most importantly, Lydia has been married to husband, Chris, for nearly a decade, she is also mom to Isabelle and Ezra.



A serendipitous reality for Ambassador is our proximity to several fine Christian higher ed institutions including Vanguard University where **Kira Anderson** graduated in May with a degree in Business Administration.

It wasn't proximity, however, that connected us to Kira. Gratefully, her aunt Becky Schlack was a member of the AAA crew nearly two decades ago and encouraged Kira to reach out to us. We're so glad she did!

While interning, Kira will wear the multiple hats typical to that assignment. Don't be surprised if you hear from her about program placement, a missing invoice, or your station ID for customizing programs. Good thing she loves working with others and being part of a Christian professional community!

Growing up in Castro Valley CA, Kira is now putting deeper roots down in Irvine which means she can continue involvement at Bayside Church (Costa Mesa).

On the list of things she loves, Kira lists baking, the color pink, iced coffee and all things "Snoopy"! (Good for her, Knott's Berry Farm is also just up the road!)

# Let's Get Together!

PARTNERS  
IN  
MINISTRY

*We love our SNA proximity because it means serendipitous connecting with friends coming in and out of Orange County! We'd love to roll out the red carpet when you come West—just let us know!*



Speaker for "Share Life Today," **John Sorensen** is a veteran traveler, serving the global outreach of Evangelism Explosion. And we're also pleased that John contributed to our new social series asking friends to share a favorite verse of Scripture. Watch for it on our Facebook and Instagram streams!



Delightful to welcome fellow NRB Executive Committee member, **Lauren Libby**, to Ambassador. Along with leading TWR, Lauren is also speaker for one of the several TWR productions delivered via Amb-OS. Along for the trip, were Steve Trippe (TWR) and Tom Addington (Givington's).

## Lighting the Way

As many may know, **Anne Graham Lotz** grew up with the classic devotional "Daily Light" close at hand. So, when the Lord led Anne into a radio outreach, it was a natural connection to title the 1:00 daily feature "Daily Light for Daily Living." Resonating with the devotional's emphasis on Scripture, the program highlights a verse of Scripture with insight on how to apply it to daily living.



Some years later, the 1:00 was joined by an extended format for Anne's teaching ministry with a weekly half-hour broadcast ("Living in the Light") intended to draw listeners to the life-changing relationship with God made possible in the study of His Word.

*For more information on these outstanding features, check out our website or contact Lee Ann Jackson at AAA.*

**IT'S  
HERE!**

# Summertime!

*While it isn't quite the same once we put school days behind us ... summertime remains synonymous with time to refresh. Knowing that leaders need that as well, we asked a couple of our friends how they view summer days ... maybe you'll resonate with these responses too!*



**Brad Mattes** serves as President of Life Issues Institute and delivers daily commentary on the pro-life movement in the 1:00 "Life Issues" with more in-depth examination of current issues in the half-hour weekly "Straight Talk on Life Issues."



Veteran broadcaster **Ron Hutchcraft** continues to share daily encouragement in his 1:00 feature "A Word With You" and has just passed the RHM ministry leadership baton to son, Doug.

### **What do you most enjoy about summer days?**

Until recently, we had no children in close proximity to our home. I love seeing the neighborhood kids revel in their summer escape from books. Riding their bikes, splashing in the pool with considerable vocalizing, viewing chalk art on sidewalk, and buying their glasses of lemonade. Takes me back to my childhood.

### **What would you name as the best summer vacation you ever had?**

As a child, we lived within driving distance to Yellowstone Park. So frequently Dad and Mom would pack that green metal cooler with pop, grapes and other special food items to eat at roadside picnic tables, our parents keeping a watchful eye out for bears that were plentiful back then. They'd stand next to our car with those massive paws on the glass — very intimidating for a young boy! My favorite trip through the Park was when we stayed in accommodations at Old Faithful Lodge and then later at a hotel that beautifully framed the Grand Teton Mountains in enormous picture windows. I'll never forget that view!

### **Where would you like to spend vacation time that you haven't already been to?**

Without a doubt, New Zealand. I want to take in its natural beauty, interact with the locals, enjoying their marvelous accent.

### **While on vacation ... what's your favorite relaxation activity?**

Sleeping in, not having an agenda to meet. Work is a constant source of being and doing on a schedule. I revel in the rare opportunity to enjoy fun activities or just read a book on the beach, making snap decisions about our next activity.

### **What do you most enjoy about summer days?**

The dramatic slowdown of emails and texts! Apparently, Wi-Fi is iffy on a beach or in a campground. What a shame.

### **What is one thing you love about summer days?**

I can finally READ some of those books I've been buying and stacking the rest of the year.

### **What is your favorite vacation memory?**

You might very well get the same answer from all five members of our family — the camping vacation in Acadia National Park near Bar Harbor, Maine. Mom's Swedish pancakes with the blueberries we just picked . . . the beauty of mountains and ocean meeting . . . the gulls, the sea creatures, the shells, the lighthouses — every day, discoveries. We all have stories to tell.

### **Where is a place you would like to go on vacation?**

One would be Israel, if it settled down. Another would be camping in Alaska.

### **What is your favorite activity while on vacation?**

Vacation's different since our children have families of their own — and especially since my Karen has been promoted to heaven. Since my year is so stuffed with activity, I enjoy simple pleasures like unhurried Jesus-times, reading, writing and scenic walks.

### **How are your summers a little different than most?**

From late June to early August, I have the privilege of traveling with our On Eagles' Wings team of Native Americans as they go to several reservations to reach their people for Christ. So my vacation-time summer is pretty limited — but much needed and enjoyed!

Since we first created our Ambassador Family Cookbook (just on the cusp of the pandemic—perfect timing!), we've enjoyed sharing some of the favorite recipes that appear in the book—and beyond! Want a copy? Just share your favorite recipe with us and the cookbook will be on its way to you!

FROM  
OUR  
KITCHEN

# Erin's Famous Chocolate Chip Cookies



## Meet The Chef

You may know **Erin Davis** as one of the hosts of the *Grounded* podcast, one of the multiple outreaches of *Revive Our Hearts*. But (shhhh!) Erin tells us she's actually more at home in the kitchen than behind the microphone.

So, we're delighted she'd let us share a recipe she says she spent ten years (yes, ten years!) perfecting—who can resist a chocolate chip cookie, especially hers!

In fact, we suggest you whip up a batch and invite some neighbors over to watch Erin's latest *Revive Our Hearts* video series, *You're Welcome Here*—a wonderful six-episode event that encourages women to embrace the heart of hospitality. It's terrific!

## Ingredients

1 and 1/2 cup butter  
(room temperature)  
1 and 1/4 cup white sugar  
1 and 1/4 cup brown sugar  
Vanilla (I never measure. You  
can never have too much!)  
2 eggs (room temperature)  
4 cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
4 cups chocolate chips or  
chocolate chunks

## Directions

1. Heat oven to 350°F.
2. Place parchment paper on cookie sheets. (Do not skip this step!)
3. Beat butter and sugar until very fluffy and light in color (5–10 minutes).
4. Slowly add vanilla and eggs.
5. Mix dry ingredients in a separate bowl and add to the sugar/butter mixture 1/4 cup at a time.
6. Once well mixed, add the chocolate chips by stirring in with a wooden spoon
7. Drop cookies a tablespoon at a time onto a lined cookie sheet.
8. Bake 9 minutes, or until they just start to brown. (Trust me.)
9. Leave them on the cookie sheet to cool.



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## Who knew!

The month begins with an American favorite—celebrating July 4th in so many ways—but continues with some very special wedding anniversaries and birthdays. So, don't miss wishing these friends the best (and enjoying the rest!).



**July 3:** And you thought the fireworks were for Independence Day! Join us in celebrating with **Ken and Joni Eareckson Tada** who were married 42 years ago at Grace Community Church!



**July 5-13:** Ready to roll? Then consider joining a "Wheels for the World" (**Joni and Friends**) team as they head this week to Lima, Peru. (Next week it's Ghana—check the ministry website for the complete list of ministry trips in '24!)



**July 15:** The celebrating continues as **Ann & John Sorensen** ("Share Life Today") also mark another anniversary this month.



**July 17:** With transition of leadership at Haven Ministries well-accomplished, we're also wishing **Marci and David Wollen** a wonderful anniversary celebration!



**July 17:** Are you a member of **NRB**? We certainly hope so ... because you can take advantage of insight from Phil Cooke on "When a Crisis Happens" in a free members only webinar (2PM).



**July 22:** Ah, more than anniversaries fill the calendar in July. Today we're wishing "Happy Birthday" to **Jim Daly** (Focus on the Family)!



**July 24:** And today it's **Barry Meguiar** (Ignite) who's blowing out the candles on the cake! Hope this is a great day, Barry!

## Worth Considering

*"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."*

*– Peter Marshall, Chaplain U.S. Senate (1946-47)*