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your favorite ministry speakers >>

## did you know?



**Seeking Him** is all-new this month with some production enhancements that will make the 1:00 feature even more impactful. Messages voiced by **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth**.



Following this year's event, it has been announced that **Anne Graham Lotz** will take on the role of Chairman of the **National Day of Prayer Task Force**, following in the footsteps of founder Vonette Bright and, most recently, Shirley Dobson.



Go to [carterconlon.com](http://carterconlon.com) for more resources from Times Square Church pastor **Carter Conlon**. In addition to the **It's Time to Pray** emphasis, the site includes his regular blogs and much more.

## tech updates [BY JIM SANDERS]

There's exciting news below for the Amb-OS team ... which means there isn't sufficient space to give you my annual report on the always fascinating NAB Convention. So, head to the Ambassador website where we've posted a rundown on our takeaway from this year's mega-event!



**Thru the Bible with Dr. J. Vernon McGee is now available on Amb-OS!**

*Thru the Bible*, featuring Dr. J. Vernon McGee's five-year study of the entire Bible, has been a cornerstone of Christian radio for decades. *Thru the Bible's* worldwide ministry airs on more than 800 stations in the U.S. and Canada. The mission is simple: *To take the whole Word to the whole world.* The continued success of *Thru the Bible*—even after the death of its founder and speaker—gives testimony to God's blessing.

The *Thru the Bible* daily 26-minute broadcast as well as the *Questions & Answers* and *Sunday Sermon* broadcasts are now available on Amb-OS.

To access the programs, please request Amb-OS permissions through the Amb-OS station portal. <http://www.amb-os.com/permissions>

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Thru the Bible Sunday Sermon - TTBM\_SUN1\_MM-DD-YY\_01-01.MP2

For any questions please contact Kemp and Company at (818) 865-0180 or via email at [info@kempandcompany.cc](mailto:info@kempandcompany.cc).

## inbox

Where are you heading this summer? If you'll tote a copy of *Update* along, and take a picture with it in hand, we promise to publish it in an upcoming edition—how's that for guaranteed coverage! In fact, we'd be happy if you did that in your station studio or at the front desk too!



How's this for loyalty?! Selah and Katie got Haley to pose at her wedding—then gave her a copy to take on her honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta! (See back page for more on the wedding!)



Good friend **Ray Hashley** (WGNR-Indianapolis IN) recently attended the **Weekend to Remember** event in town and grabbed a photo with FLT's **Dennis Rainey**. Well done!



**NEW RESOURCE | FAMILYLIFE**

In the midst of a culture that is increasingly antagonistic toward a biblical framework for gender identity, FamilyLife has just developed a “sequel” to its popular Passport curriculum with **Passport2Identity**. Created for parents to use over a weekend getaway, this outstanding new resource provides tools and talking points to help teens transition to independence through dependence on Christ. There could be no more timely message today. *Contact Jennifer@ambaa.com for some creative ways you can help listeners engage as well.*



**SPECIAL PROJECT | ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ**

As an outgrowth of her study of Hezekiah—when God’s people were transformed by the reading of God’s Word, Anne Graham Lotz is facilitating **888: God Speaking**, a very special project for August 1-8 when believers will be called to listen to God’s Word again. For eight historic days, thousands will be hearing the same portions of Scripture in a one-hour daily segment (available August 1-8 at the godspeaking.com website). Imagine the impact for us today if we will join together in hearing His Word. *Watch for more details in the July Update and via our A-List weekly email. Or check out the website for more details now.*



**THE BOOK**  
*Impacting the 2016  
Olympic Games*

**OLYMPIC CONTENT | MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE**

Every weekday “The Book” (from Museum of the Bible) focuses on the Bible’s influence and impact over the centuries. And now anticipating the Summer Olympic Games again capturing national attention, we’ve created a powerful half-hour special underscoring the influence of the Bible on the traditions of the Olympic Games as well as on the lives of its athletes. **“The Book: Impacting the 2016 Olympic Games”** is a creative 25:00 special that will remind and inspire listeners of the Bible’s impact in every sphere—including sports! *Contact Haley@ambaa.com to audition and confirm placement.*



Check our FTP site for **VOTING PSAs** voiced by many of the speakers Ambassador is privileged to serve. Not telling people how to vote—simply encouraging audiences to exercise that significant privilege in November.



## Working & doing life—together!

1. Someone mention golf? This time Jim joined the Grace to You crew (**Corey Williams, Eric Dodson, Greg Hauser**) for a great round in support of the newly-named Master's University.

2. Serendipities! A donor-funded trip to Israel afforded Holy Land fellowship for **Wayne & Willi Pederson** and **Jim Daly**.

3. Longtime friend **John Scaggs** (Harmonic) welcomed Jim to his home church, Grace Church of Frisco (Texas).

4. Lee Ann had the joy of welcoming new friends from Kiev — **Oles, Jessica and Elizabeth Skakalskiy** were in California raising support so stopped by AAA to visit. (They even skipped Disneyland for us!)

5. Breakfast at Ambassador—nice to fellowship with **Pam Hargis**, now with Bethany Christian Services.

6. It's always inspiring to hear the latest developments at Mercy Ships when Jim is in Tyler TX to record "The Mercy Minute" with **Don Stephens**—joined in photo by **Nancy Predaina** who is part of the production team.

7. Want to know how to reach Muslims for Christ? We met **Samy Tanagho** (Glad News for Muslims) and were thrilled to learn he's really an Orange County neighbor. Our team was tremendously encouraged when he spoke for staff devotions. (You can hear those at our website too!)

8. Also sharing his talent with us last month, Jery Lee's friend, musician **Mark Desmond** led the Ambassador choir as we enjoyed a worship service together.



9. On the road again, **Joni Eareckson Tada** was in Charlotte for meetings and had the delight of getting together with **Tom** (WHVN) and **Brenda Gentry**.

10. Hitting the Atlanta area, **Nancy & Robert Wolgemuth** enjoyed a session with the New Life team including L-R: **Ginger Gardiner** (Ministry Assistant), **Jim Stewart** (Operations Director), **Glenna Stewart** (Administrative Assistant), **Don Hughes** (Development & Promotions), **Robert, Nancy, Jenny Emert** (Business Manager), **Joe Emert** (President) and **Doug Doran** (Vice-President/General Manager).

11-12. It was a treat in every sense of the word when **John Sorensen** ("Share Life Today") came bearing North Carolina delectables when here for devotions and meeting. Our time together included an organ concert by Margaret on Jim's Hammond B3—before it is shipped off to Evangelism Explosion's HQ to be used in their studio!

13-14. Congratulations to these proud parents! New Haven EVP/COO **Andrew Canavan** and wife, **Rebekah**, welcomed **Asher Williams** on April 29 ... while **Corey Williams** (Grace to You) and wife, **Kylie**, greeted their first as well—**Wade Taylor**, born on April 12.

“ The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are. ”

— C. S. Lewis

# When Love Began

Over the many years of publishing our *Ambassador Update*, there's no question that the favorite issue was done 15 years ago when we featured the wedding picture of the speakers we're privileged to serve. We thought it was time to revisit the list as there have been some changes ☺! We hope you'll be as delighted as we were in seeing where the love story started for these wonderful couples in ministry. (By the way, we were tempted to leave off the names and let you guess but decided that might be too tough an assignment!)



**John & Dena Fuller**, *Focus on the Family*  
November 24, 1984 (Tyler, TX)



**Danny & Anne Lotz**, *AnGel Ministries*  
September 2, 1966 (Montreat, NC)



**Bob & Leesa Waliszewski**  
*Focus on the Family's Plugged In*  
March 17, 1979 (Colorado Springs, CO)



**Jim & Jean Daly**, *Focus on the Family*  
August 24, 1986 (Santa Ana, CA)



LEFT:  
**Brad & Ellen Mattes**  
*Life Issues*  
March 22, 1980  
Billings, MT

RIGHT:  
**Max & Denalyn Lucado**  
*UpWords*  
August 8, 1981  
Miami, FL



LEFT:  
**Dennis & Barbara Rainey**, *FamilyLife*  
September 2, 1972  
Baytown, TX

RIGHT:  
**Bob & Mary Ann Lepine**, *FamilyLife*  
May 9, 1979  
Tulsa, OK

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LEFT:  
**Ron & Nan Deal**  
*FamilyLife Blended*  
January 4, 1986  
Des Moines, IA

RIGHT:  
**Robert & Nancy Wolgemuth**  
*Revive Our Hearts*  
November 14, 2015  
Wheaton, IL

*“There is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage.” —Martin Luther*

*“A successful marriage requires falling in love many times,  
always with the same person.” —Mignon McLaughlin*

LEFT:

**Don & Nancy  
Green**

*The Truth Pulpit*  
August 25, 1984  
Coweta, OK



RIGHT:

**John & Patricia  
MacArthur**

*Grace to You*  
August 30, 1963  
Burbank, CA



LEFT:

**John & Sarah  
Stonestreet**

*The Colson Center*  
December 28, 2002  
Chattanooga, TN



RIGHT:

**Ed & Donna Stetzer**

*The Colson Center*  
August 15, 1987  
Rome, GA



LEFT:

**Charles & Janet  
Morris**

*Haven Ministries*  
March 17, 1982  
Seminole, OK



RIGHT:

**Ken & Joni Tada**

*Joni and Friends*  
July 3, 1982  
Panorama City, CA







**David & Marci Wollen, Haven Ministries**  
July 17, 2004 (Colorado Springs, CO)



**Don & Deyon Stephens, Mercy Ships**  
June 17, 1966 (Grand Junction, CO)



**Steve & Judy Douglass, Cru**  
June 8, 1975 (Arrowhead Springs, CA)



**Wayne & Willi Pederson, Reach Beyond**  
June 28, 2015 (Glen Eyrie, CO)

## We Still Do

It was June 25 in San Gabriel (California) when **Al & Margaret Sanders** began their wedded life. Over the course of these more than six decades, exemplified in the founding of Ambassador (1959), Al poured his creative gifts—and mellifluous voice—into Christian broadcasting. Beautifully, Margaret often came alongside in a variety of settings where her remarkable musicianship added to the impact. Today the family includes three kids (Peggy, Jim and Sharon), six grandchildren ... and four of the most adorable great-grandkids on the planet. Count us grateful—very grateful—as we celebrate their **68th** anniversary this month. (Yes, they were married in 1948!)





Looking for a few new summer reads? Keep watching this column as we continue to introduce you to a “Top 10” suggested reading list from each of our speakers. This month Focus on the Family President Jim Daly (pictured above with his wife, Jean) shares his picks. After saying, “Now, I am assuming the Bible as #1” he provided the following list:

1. **MERE CHRISTIANITY** (C.S. Lewis) — Because of the depth and meaning of faith it conveyed to me.
2. **HOW CHRISTIANITY CHANGED THE WORLD** (Alvin J. Schmidt) — It brought the “old” world into the “new” world for me...message, nothing new under the sun.
3. **HOW NOW SHALL WE LIVE?** (Chuck Colson) — Weighty, insightful,

full of grace.

4. **1776** (David McCullough) — Most powerful history book I ever read about America.
5. **DAVID AND GOLIATH** (Malcolm Gladwell) — Amazingly insightful about human behavior...also in the writing of the book Malcolm came back to faith.
6. **THE BOYS IN THE BOAT: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest For Gold at the 1936 Olympics** (Daniel James Brown) — I identified with the struggles of these boys, and I found myself weeping for them.
7. **UNBROKEN: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption** (Laura Hillenbrand) — This guy was super human ... wow!

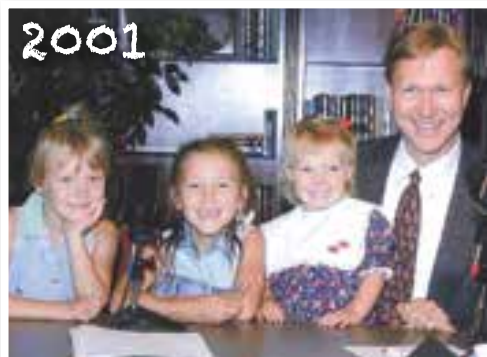
8. **LONE SURVIVOR: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and The Lost Heroes of Seal Team 10** (Marcus Luttrell) — provides a view into special forces and what they face. The man in me wants to be one. (Warning: bad language)

9. **INSTANT REPLAY: The Green Bay Packers Diary of Jerry Kramer** — The very first book I ever read. I think I was in fourth grade. I loved football even then.

10. **THE ALCHEMIST** (Paulo Coelho) — Liked the adventure of the story and the deeper meaning it holds.

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Be sure to check out Jim Daly’s new book releasing this month: *Marriage Done Right: One Man, One Woman*



## throw back

This month, **John Fuller** is marking his 15th year behind the mic as co-host for **Focus on the Family’s** daily broadcast. He recently re-created a photo from that first year with daughters Saige, Allie, and Tauvi.

## your wedding stories

We've set aside our usual "Question of the Month" to be able to share a few more wedding photos of some of our good friends in Christian broadcasting on the station side of life. Enjoy these as well—and if you like, send your wedding photo to [peg@ambaa.com](mailto:peg@ambaa.com) which we'll post at our website!



**Rick & Sherri Snavelly**  
*Family Life Network (Bath, NY)*  
February 5, 1977 (Roseville, MI)



**Tim & Alison Wildmon**  
*American Family Radio*  
July 28, 1984 (Tupelo, MS)



**Dave & Barbara Santrella**  
*Salem Communications*  
October 20, 1984 (Chicago, IL)



**Collin & Patti Lambert**  
*Moody Radio*  
March 7, 1987 (Austin, TX)



**Dick & Shirley Bott**  
*Bott Radio Network*  
June 21, 1952 (Minneapolis, MN)

## coming up

### JUNE 4

**Eric Metaxas** is in Colorado to speak at Cherry Hills Community Church

### JUNE 10

**Jim Daly** is with the team at WRFD (Columbus OH) for a special evening of Worship and the Word

### JUNE 24-JULY 1

**Pastor Carter Conlon** will be in Ireland for the annual Summer Fire Conference

### JUNE 25-JULY 2

Sailing away to Alaska will be **Max Lucado** with Steven Curtis Chapman and a boatload of friends

### JUNE 28-30

Speakers for the Amplify Conference (Wheaton IL), focused on "Multiplying Evangelism in the Local Church," include Luis Palau, Lee Strobel, Derwin Gray and BreakPoint's own **Ed Stetzer**

### JULY 13

**Jim Garlow** will be in Washington DC (prior to heading to ministry engagement in Cleveland during the GOP Convention) to speak at The Jefferson Gathering in the Capitol

## awarded

**Focus on the Family** was the recipient for several awards recently given by the Evangelical Press Association. With recognition for *Clubhouse*, *Clubhouse Jr.*, *Thriving Family* and *Plugged In*, it was *Boundless* with a 1st place award for its article *Where Have All the Beautiful Women Gone?* That's just the kind of content you can expect to hear from **Lisa Anderson** on **The Boundless Show**, a weekly 26:00 program. Boundless exists to help Christian young adults who want to grow up, own their faith, date with purpose and prepare for marriage and family. They're equipping the next generation of families committed to serving the Lord (like those seen on pages 6-9!).



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# Love Begins ...



Congratulations to our own **Haley Hook** who married **Brian Jessup** on April 24 at the beautiful San Juan Capistrano campus of Saddleback Church where Brian serves as Executive Assistant for Pastor Rick Warren. The couple both graduated from Azusa Pacific University (May '15) where they met. We're grateful this Wisconsin gal (who grew up in Stuart Briscoe's church) is good (for now at least) to remain in SoCal. She is a valued member of the AAA Marketing team!

We're also celebrating the wedding of **Lee Ann Jackson's daughter, Rachel**, to **Tanner Morrison** on the same day, April 24. Their "walk down the aisle" took place at the magnificent peacock-filled Los Angeles Arboretum. The couple (both APU grads as well—May '14) have already started their own company, Artifact Film Collective, and are gifted film-makers both. We're so happy for the Jackson family!