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### **DID YOU KNOW?**



Mercy Ships (producers of "The Mercy Minute") has recently announced the appointment of Dr. Michelle White as its new CEO. Serving with the

organization for more than 20 years, from volunteer to board member, and as a trained physician herself, Dr. White brings a broad expertise to the role, leading the ministry in its mission to bring hope and healing to the poorest of our world.



We're pleased to share that *Joni* and *Friends* recently received a PRism Award (hosted by the Public Relations Society of America/L.A. Chapter) for the disability awareness PSA that was produced by their team for KWVE (Santa Ana CA). Congratulations on the great work!



Continuing to generate helpful resources based on the teaching of **John MacArthur**, *Grace to You* has newly published "Totally Transformed"—a

booklet based on the exhortation from Paul found in Ephesians 4:17-24. Ask Charley@ambaa.com for a copy!

Because of Bethlehem, I have a Savior in heaven. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The child in the cradle became the King on the cross. And because He did, there are no marks on my record. Just grace."

- Max Lucado

### THE LATEST FROM AMB-OS





### Joining the Amb-OS Line-UP

Meet Carrie Abbott whose wit and wisdom is combined with a biblical perspective on hot-button issues and trending topics in her daily 28-minute show. Offering a dynamic perspective, paired with thought-provoking

conversations, *The Carrie Abbott Show* covers everything from faith and family to finance and business—and beyond. To request permission to air the broadcast, visit our permissions portal at https://amb-os.com/permissions or contact Carrie@ TheLegacyInstitute.com.

### **Serving Station Partners**

It was a joy for our team to help facilitate national distribution of Harvest America's special event at Utah Valley University last month. Responding to a plea from state pastors, **Greg Laurie** brought a timely and powerful message to the packed arena as well as those listening over stations nationwide.



### It is a Wonderful Life!

Only makes sense—playing the role of announcer (as well as Uncle Billy), our own **Jim Sanders** participated in a production of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Christmas Radio Play" as part of an outreach at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church where KWVE's **Deloy Sterns** also attends and serves in ministry. Merry Christmas!







Ring in the joy of Christmas with heartwarming radio specials that lift the spirit and inspire hope. From timeless classics to fresh programs, these broadcasts share music, stories, and the message of Christ's birth, offering listeners moments of reflection, encouragement, and the true meaning of this blessed season.

### The Spirit of Christmas

**Joni Eareckson Tada** Joni and Friends

Joni Eareckson Tada, with her husband Ken and co-host Shauna Amick, shares a 24:55 special that reflects the true spirit of Christmas. Through Scripture, hymns, and heartfelt stories, Joni helps us focus on Jesus during this season.

### **One Perfect Life**

John MacArthur

Grace to You

A powerful retelling by **John MacArthur** of Christ's birth, ministry, and resurrection, blending the Gospels into two 24:55 episodes or a 50:00 special. Perfect for Christmas reflection and celebration.

### **A Christmas Carol**

### **Radio Theatre**

Focus on the Family

This classic tale of redemption comes to life in a 1 hour 39 min 3-part special. Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol is a timeless reminder of compassion, perfectly suited for the holiday season.

## Christmas by Injunction & Shoemaker Martin

### **Radio Theatre**

Focus on the Family

Enjoy two Christmas classics in one block! O. Henry's *Christmas by Injunction* and Leo Tolstoy's *Shoemaker Martin* are brought to life in these 28-minute radio dramas.

### Adventures in Odyssey Christmas Marathon

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Focus on the Family

6 x 30:00 heartwarming Christmas episodes of Adventures in Odyssey, including *A Lamb's Tale* and *Silent Night*, make for the perfect marathon of festive fun!

### A Child is Born

#### Ambassador

A beautiful collection of 18 x :30 features, with children reciting Christmas Scriptures. A perfect way to add a sweet, childlike perspective to your programming.

### **Christmas Moments**

### Ron Hutchcraft

**Hutchcraft Ministries** 

A series of 25 x 1:00 features, each sharing a brief, gospel-centered Christmas message from **Ron Hutchcraft** and his family. Short and impactful.

### The Christ of Christmas

### John Sorensen

Evangelism Explosion

A collection of  $25 \times 1:00$  daily features for December by **John Sorensen**, focused on sharing the Gospel during the holiday season. Each day offers a Scripture and an invitation to know Christ.

### **Christmas Toolkit**

Find festive social graphics, PSA's and resources to help your station share the hope and joy of the season on our website!

### **GOOD TIDINGS**

# Counting Christmas Blessings

As we celebrate this Christmas, we pause to reflect on the year behind us—its joys, challenges, and unexpected blessings and give thanks for God's faithfulness in every moment.

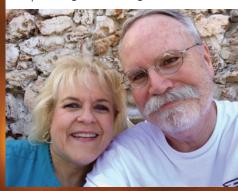


### Jennifer Perez

An unexpected blessing for me this year is having my daughter Jess working in Christian radio as she serves with Salem Media as Regional Promotions Director in both Washington DC and Philadelphia. She grew up around the ministries and people and now has the benefit of working with them all. It's been a true joy getting to work together!



This has been a very challenging year for my husband and we are most grateful to the Lord for excellent doctors and medical staff who have helped to get us through.



### Mark Conner

I have been truly blessed with God's gracious gifts throughout this year of 2025. But right at the very top is my grandson Isaiah (my daughter Sarah's child.) He is now 3 years old and has become the "centerpiece" of our family.



### Rebecca Richardson

This year, I'm especially thankful for my group of childhood friends who've stayed close even into adulthood. I'm grateful that we still make the effort to plan trips together—often nearly a year in the making! This time, it was such a joy to experience Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks with them.



### Lee Ann Jackson

One of my greatest blessings of 2025 was celebrating my youngest daughter, Rebecca's marriage to the man I'd prayed God would bring her. Their Christcentered ceremony beautifully reflected faith and love . . . a reminder that there's no greater joy for a parent than seeing her children walk with the Lord.





### Lydia Webster

Reflecting on this past year, my heart overflows with thankfulness—10 years of marriage with Chris, and the daily adventure of raising Isabelle (5) and Ezra (3). Parenting two little ones is a mix of chaos and joy, but it's also where I see God's faithfulness most clearly.

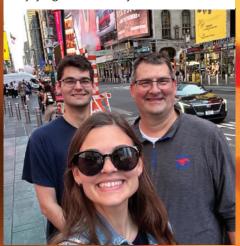


### **Tom Bedson**

The year 2025 has been filled with a multitude of blessings not the least of which is the addition of my 7th grandchild. In March little Wyatt Thomas entered the world and has filled it with pure joy and happiness. He has a calm and gentle spirit and is always smiling. A true blessing.

### **Charley Mefferd**

Enjoying NYC with my two oldest kids!





### Ben Bryggman

I've been blessed on many fronts. None of which I deserve. But most of all, of course, are these two girls. Almost 2 (Amia) and 4 (Alina) in March. Happy, Healthy Ladies is all a poppa could ask for.



#### Charlie McLemore

Grateful for lifelong friends! We've been classmates and partners in mischief since 3rd grade and graduated high school together. Now grandmothers and great-grandmothers, we still chat weekly and meet at least once a year, even across four states. People say friendships this long are rare—but we think we're just getting started!

### Jery Lee

This year has been an interesting year for us. We are thankful for my son Jeffrey's graduation at UCLA. He will continue to attend Law school next year, and at the same time we are thankful for our mom's passing. She has been suffering with pain and dementia for 5 years and now has finally been called home to be with Jesus.





### **Dick Becvar**

This year has overflowed with blessings for Amb-OS. Love and support from family increases our joy!

### **Jim Sanders**

I'm blessed to watch my mother navigate her 100th year while she prays for, blesses and encourages others.





### Peggy Campbell

Even tho I celebrated my own "milestone" BD in '25, what could compare to marking my Mom's 99th birthday! In good health (body and mind), her faithful life continues to encourage me and so many others. So grateful!



## Fellowship Is Always Sweet



Welcoming **Jeff Givens** and **John Sorensen** (*Evangelism Explosion*) when in SoCal to participate in the PrayVoteStand event.



Great to be at *Focus on the Family* recently and enjoy fellowship with **Jim Daly** as well as sit in on a recording session and the Focus YouTube Live Station Event.



Also in Orange County, it was lovely to greet Stephanie and **Jay Flowers** (*Grace to You*) on a visit to AAA.



It was a joy to meet with some of the PR team at Focus including **Deana Thayer** and **Bob Stephens**. We all say thanks for interview requests!



Serendipitous to welcome Laura (daughter of former Biola President Clyde Cook) & Ken Botka with son, Bryan and wife Ashly, for a recent recording session with **Joni**. Always glad to get **Ken Tada**'s pix in Update—with **Sarah Amick** as well!



Watch for that little white box that **Lisa Anderson** is holding when you head to NRB. Grateful for Lisa as well as **John Fuller**'s on-air anchor work.



N early 6,000 women from across the world filled the Indiana Convention Center in October to lift high God's Word at the **True Woman '25** conference.

Themed as "The Word: Behold the Wonder" (based on Psalm 119:18), speakers included **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth**, Jackie Hill Perry, Kevin DeYoung, Dannah Gresh and others. Response from those attending (and viewing via livestream) was so encouraging as women flooded the altar, knelt with friends in prayer, and responded to personal conviction with a simple, wholehearted, "Yes, Lord!"

Fifty-three countries were represented on-site and online with registrations including women from every state in the United States (and including more than 360 teen girls).

Livestream viewers watched from living rooms, college dorms, and church buildings all over the world as sessions were broadcast simultaneously in English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish.

"God truly revived in me a wonder at His Word," one attendee remarked. "I had been lukewarm in my love for it and kept pushing it to the side in favor of other things. The conviction of the Holy Spirit was real! I am excited that I have a renewed desire to seek God through His Word and develop a deeper relationship with Him."

For more information on the daily half-hour with Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth (and the companion 1:00 "Seeking Him" feature), contact Jennifer@ambaa.com.









Join women around the world as the ministry leads an initiative to "Read Through the Bible in 2026"; ask Jennifer about details!



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### Coming Up ...

Here it is! We made it to the end of 2025 faster than any prior year, don't you think? But before we plunge full speed into what we already know is ahead for 2026 (including NRB '26 in Nashville!), don't miss these other important celebrations of the month!



**December 13:** Happy Birthday, dear **Ken Tada!** We always love having a reason to put your photo in *Update*—and what could be better than this! Thanks for all you mean to Joni and to all who know you!



**December 17:** Also celebrating a wedding anniversary this year ... best wishes to Teresa and **Carter Conlon** ("It's Time to Pray" and "A Call to the Nation").



**December 7-9:** Yes, this reads correctly. The Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast group convenes in Taipei (Taiwan)—Rosemary and **Jim Garlow** attending. (The JPB in Israel is scheduled for May 26-28, 2026.)



**December 14-20:** Talk about making merry—that's what will happen in Cuba when **Joni and Friends** hosts an International Family Retreat, encouraging families challenged by disability.



**December 24-26:** Ambassador's team will be enjoying time with our families ... we'll be back on duty Monday, December 29, for a few days before the New Year's Celebration. Merry Christmas to all!



December 12: Warm wishes to Karen & Barry Meguiar (Ignite America), celebrating another wedding anniversary today. The love that was ignited ③ sixty one years ago and remains fresh (just check Barry's Facebook page for evidence!)



**December 17:** A "close friend" to nearly everyone in Christian broadcasting, we join the throng wishing **Ron Hutchcraft** a very Happy Birthday today! Grateful for your perpetual good word for audiences!

### Worth Considering

"Sing hosannas, hymns & hallelujahs,
As to him we bow.
Make the music mighty as the
heav'ns allow.
And have yourself a blessed little
Christmas now."
– Hugh Martin