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Share-A-Thon!



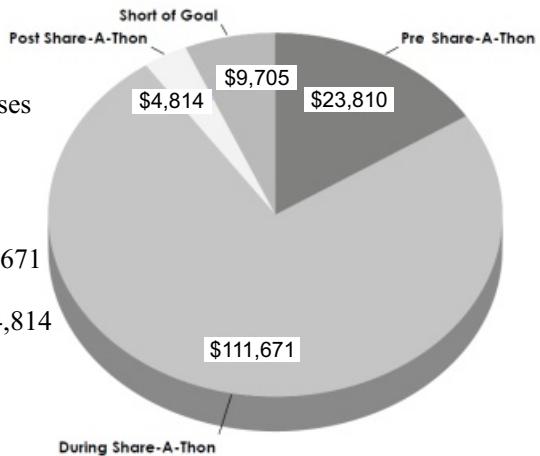
Tim and Heather Madeira talk with Burl and Shirley Updyke on the final day of Share-A-Thon about the excitement of using radio to share the gospel.

A lot of work, a lot of fun, a lot of talking, a lot of food, a lot of fellowship, a lot of numbers, a lot of volunteers, and a lot of giving! That's the best way to describe Share-A-Thon. Below is a snapshot of what happened numbers wise during Share-A-Thon November 8-11, and inside are lots of pictures (they're worth a thousand words you know!) for those of you who could not make it to the studios.

Share-A-Thon at a glance:

- ~ 52 New Contributors
- ~ 137 Day Sponsors
- ~ 124 Pre Share-A-Thon Faith Promises
- ~ 374 Share-A-Thon Faith Promises

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- ~ Pre Share Contributions: \$ 23,810
- ~ Faith Promises during Share: \$111,671
- ~ Total at close on Friday: \$135,481
- ~ Total Post Share Faith Promises: \$4,814
- ~ Current total: \$140,295
- ~ Short of Goal: \$9,705

Christmas Specials

Many special Christmas programs will be heard on WRGN throughout the month of December. We hope you will listen to these as you're preparing your Christmas cards, baking cookies, wrapping presents, or even by setting aside some special family time to listen.

December Live! is a blend of great music, original Christmas stories and candy cane comedy...all taped in front of a live audience. These 3 different specials will air on *December 3 at 6:00 p.m., December 9 at 9:00 p.m. and December 10 at 6:00 p.m.*

Wheaton College Christmas Festival: *O Holy Night* will air on *Sunday December 4 at 12:00 p.m. and December 25 at 12:00 a.m.* and will feature Wheaton's Woman's Chorale, Concert Choir, and Men's Glee combine to create an astounding array of sounds celebrating the spirit and true meaning of the season.

Denver and the Mile High Orchestra will broadcast their unique big-band style on the *Timeless Christmas Tour*. In addition to classic carols and some fun Christmas tunes, Denver will share his faith and the importance of the real reason for the season as they celebrate the birthday of King Jesus. This special will air on *Saturday, December 17 from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.*

A Marriage Carol is a new drama from Moody Radio and is adapted from the Moody Publishers book by Chris Fabry and Gary Chapman, *A Marriage Carol*. The story follows "Marlee and Jacob," a couple on their way to sign divorce papers. When a snow storm spins their car across the ice, the collision that follows puts everything on hold. This special will air three times throughout December: *Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. and Christmas Eve at 2:00 p.m.*

Candlelight Carols will inspire all to reflect on the significance of the "Mission of the Magi." Recorded at the historical Moody Church, voices of this performance will include Moody Bible Institute's very own Moody Chorale, Men's Collegiate Choir, Symphonic Band and Women's Concert Choir and Bell Ensemble. This special will air on *Sunday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. and also on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m.*

Handel's Messiah is an annual production that encompasses both the lyrical art of music and God's word. Join Moody Bible Institute's students and faculty as they unite as one melodious body and celebrate the awesome power of God and the gift of his Son. This special will air on *Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m.*

O Little Town of Bethlehem by Moody Radio, takes listeners on a journey into Bethlehem. Listen in to the rich sounds of the real-life hustle and bustle of marketplace sites, neighborhoods, and other areas depicting both Bethlehem today and yesterday. This program can be heard on *Tuesday, December 20 at 8:00 p.m.*

Trail of Two Kings, also by Moody Radio, uses Herod as a narrator as audiences are invited to share in the paths of two kings. In the end, one king will experience a rise of power on earth that is fleeting, while the other embodies the very essence of power and life in the Father. This one-hour special will air on *Thursday evening, December 22 at 8:00 p.m.*

On Christmas Day, we will preempt our regular Sunday programming to bring you continuous Christmas music. Gather your family in front of the Christmas tree and turn on WRGN for some quality family time!



New at the Library



The holidays are upon us and for many a time of rushing around trying to get all of the necessary items checked off our to-do lists.

Putting God Back in the Holidays by Bill and Penny Thrasher is just the book you may want to read. Have you wondered if something (or Someone) is missing from these holiday celebrations? Have you wondered how your family could honor God during the holidays? The authors share how to celebrate Christmas and fourteen various holidays with a spiritual emphasis. You'll find practical helps in every chapter to help you plan and personalize your next holiday celebration with God in mind.

A new book ***A Marriage Carol*** by Chris Fabry and Gary Chapman will also be featured as a Moody Broadcasting Christmas special on Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. and Christmas Eve at 2:00 p.m. on WRGN. With a nod towards Dickens, this short story follows the path of Marlee and Jacob as they choose to end their marriage. A shortcut over an icy mountain pass puts the couple on a different path. This story will bring warmth and hope to those who read it and it is short enough for you to fit in a good read during the business of the holidays. Make a cup of tea, grab a Christmas cookie and enjoy.

A Not-So-Silent Night by Verlyn Verbrugge uncovers the dark side of Christmas, a side that exposes pain, humiliation, fear and danger. These elements reveal the true meaning of Christmas where the shadow of the cross is inseparable from the manger. Verbrugge maintains that until we see the dark side of Christmas, until we shed tears with Mary and Joseph, until we experience the fear that war is on the horizon, we will never truly understand the awesomeness of what happened in that little town of Bethlehem. This book will stir you past the holiday commercialization and drive you to the real reason for the season.

Baby Jesus Story is a board book that has just been added to the Good News Library's collection. Introduce your toddler to the greatest story of all as they follow Joseph and Mary on their way to Bethlehem. For readers, ages 6-8, we have another new book in the *Circle C Beginnings* series: ***Andi's Circle C Christmas***, by Susan K. Marlow. Andi loves Christmas but feels frustrated because she can't catch spiders or wear her favorite overalls. During an afternoon buggy ride, Andi discovers she can help an unwelcome guest in a way she never imagined.

Get your holiday reading at the Good News Library. Hours are weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 4:30. The Library will close early on December 9 at 12:30 p.m.

Share-A-Thon 2011



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Always With You!

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Prayer



Goals



Guests



Much to be thankful for!



Here at the studios



November is probably one of the busiest months here at WRGN, especially with Share-A-Thon. We started off the month with our wonderful team of volunteers preparing last month's Radiogram for mailing so it would reach our listeners in time for Share-A-Thon.

Then it was time to set up the studios to receive our on-air guests, prepare "Phone Central" for our volunteers who would take care of the pledges from our faithful listeners. Days prior to Share-A-Thon, Jonathan had worked on almost every computer at the WRGN studios to make sure it was functioning properly so we wouldn't have any glitches during the biggest event of the year! It was certainly busy and exciting.

In between all of that, of course, the normal day-to-day operations were still taking place! During Connect Live! we continued to hear from new callers who recently discovered the WRGN signal or had listened for years, but had never called in before. One morning we heard from Keith and Dorthea Erickson from Anderson, South Carolina, as they were driving through our area and were traveling to upstate New York, almost to the Canadian border. They were thrilled to find a Christian radio station and called in to answer the Bible Question.

We received an encouraging note from Kurt at SCI – Dallas who shared how grateful he is for the radio ministry of WRGN while he is incarcerated.

We hope you heard April's testimony as she called in to Share-A-Thon on our second day. She shared how much WRGN had helped her while she was in prison and how she would rush back to her cell when she knew a certain program was going to be on the air so she could take notes.

We're excited about our upcoming Christmas banquet. We have over 100 reservations as of this publication date and we're looking forward to seeing all of you for a great evening of delicious food, warm fellowship, and melodious Christmas music with AWE Band.

We're getting ready to decorate the WRGN studios and hope that you will play a part. Will you add WRGN to your Christmas card list? We will use the cards to decorate our studios. If you are able, include a Christmas gift to WRGN which we will use to help put us closer to our Share-A-Thon goal!

During this time of thanksgiving, we are thankful for YOU, our listeners. We are blessed with a wonderful team of volunteers who help at various times throughout the year; we're blessed with faithful listeners who support the station on a monthly basis and with one-time gifts throughout the year; and we're blessed by those who may not be able to contribute due to financial restraints, but call or write to let us know how much the ministry of WRGN blesses their lives. *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! Psalm 100:4*

From us to you...



December 2011

To the WRGN listening family,

"Always With You" was the theme of this year's Share-A-Thon, and WOW, what a powerful Share-A-Thon it was. Testimony after testimony of **God's faithfulness using the ministry of WRGN over the last year.**

As we continue to serve the Lord in 2012, **we look for new ways to use every tools at our disposal to make the ministry of WRGN more effective.** Our webcam during Share-A-Thon was one of those tools, and we found there was much more interest than we thought! We heard from many of you that you were unable to use it at times because we had reached capacity, so next year we will make sure we have more bandwidth available!

Both our online listening and online giving are up this year, so make sure you check out both at our website, www.wrgn.com. Speaking of online listening, don't forget our **Home for Christmas** stream will provide listeners with 24 hours of Christmas music with some special Christmas programs interspersed among the music. It will replace our Southern Gospel stream for the month of December.

As many of you know, we came up about \$10,000 short of our Share-A-Thon goal this year. If you have not yet made a Faith Promise, **won't you consider a year end gift to help us close the gap?** Your gift to WRGN is tax deductible, and more importantly, will help us further the work of the gospel.

You may use the enclosed envelope to make your donation, or **go to our website, www.wrgn.com and click on the red "donate online" button** for credit card or bank account transfer donations.

Don't forget to add us to your Christmas card list. We will use those cards to decorate the studios and remind us of all who are praying for us!

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Tim + Heather

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Matthew 1:23