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Fight the Summer Slide



Location, location, location! Here at WRGN we love to give you local information, local events, and local perspectives. We love sharing about local ministries and opportunities to serve our communities! You can't get that on internet radio!

In June, July, and August Tim & Doug are talking with local experts about the idea of the "summer slide" on *Wake Up Right*. It's sometimes also referred to as the "summer slump" or "summer setback." Kids and teens often lose ground developmentally, academically, socially, and even spiritually during the summer break when they are out of their school-year routine. This is especially true among low-income and single-

parent families. How can we combat this phenomenon? Tim Madeira, General Manager and morning show host, is discussing this with educators, youth pastors, and other specialists.

Jim Payne, executive director of Camp Orchard Hill, shared how summer camp helps kids and teens continue to make social, developmental, and spiritual progress during the months off school. Harlan Tabron, youth pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, also shared practical strategies for preventing a spiritual slide among students during the summer months. Keep listening for more advice and ideas for preventing the summer slide with your kids or grandkids!

From us to you...



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To the WRGN listening family,

The unexpected. It happens to all of us and it takes us by surprise; catches us off guard, unprepared...that's why we call it unexpected! Sometimes it can be good, but more often than not, we view the unexpected as something bad. **If we understand—and even expect—the unexpected, why do we often react to it so poorly?**

I pondered this recently after a conversation with Doug Hamilton on *Wake Up Right*, when he relayed his travel trials after being stuck in an airport for nearly 24 hours after a recent trip to Minnesota for a conference. He described the experience in humourous detail, right down to his one hour of sleep on the airport floor using his stinky shoes as a pillow! **He said people around him were even being removed by security as they caused disturbances in their frustration over the situation.**

He also told me he and the two men from the conference had determined they were going to make the best of a bad situation. They complimented the harried customer service representatives from the airline on the work they were doing. They used humor (Doug—humor—hard to believe, right?) to try to diffuse tense situations, and ultimately came home exhausted, but not overwhelmed by the situation.

Jesus led by example, and 1 Peter 2:23 describes it this way: ***When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.*** One of our goals at WRGN is to encourage you to trust in God—for salvation, and for the day to day! Tune in and share the ministry of WRGN with those you come in contact with!

Trusting God,

Tim & Heather Madeira

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32, ESV).

Our Phones Were Ringing!



Workers changed out a transformer in front of the WRGN studios.

Big thanks to the linemen for their quick work in replacing a transformer in front of the WRGN studios. As often happens, what started as a simple repair turned into a bit more when they discovered there was more to the problem than met the eye.

We borrowed a generator in preparation for the work, which we had been notified about in advance. Critical systems had already been switched over to the

generator, but as the work went on longer than anticipated, some of the battery dependent equipment began to shut down.

The phones began to ring almost immediately after we went off the air. Our receptionist Jessica Harvey was kept pretty busy for a while on the phones explaining the situation, and we were back on the air in just over an hour. Thank you all for your phone calls of concern and encouragement!

CHILL OUT! on Refresh & Renew
with Dan Longmore

Listen from 2-4:30 weekdays July 9-13
for your chance to win a DQ gift card!

HERE AT THE STUDIOS



Nearly one hundred volunteers worked to make WRGN's MORE Than A Yard Sale a success this year, and we celebrated with a volunteer picnic at the WRGN studios in June. While the event takes hundreds of hours to prepare for, volunteers always enjoy their time working together and meeting new people. If you are interested in volunteering for any of our events or mailings, call 800-245-3688 and let us know, or email jessica@wrgn.com!

Rain washed out our 7th annual Ride for Radio, but registrants still received this year's great t-shirt and incredible giveaways including gift cards, movie tickets, Norwex car cloths, CDs, and more! Many thanks to our sponsors and for everyone who supported WRGN through this event!

One of our favorite summer giveaways is tickets to the Kutztown Folk Festival! Many people enjoyed the festival this year thanks to our partnership with the festival. We are working on many events, concerts, and giveaways for the coming months. Follow our Facebook page and keep listening for many opportunities to learn about upcoming events and win great prizes, including tickets to hear **Casting Crowns** at the Bloomsburg Fair!

We enjoyed having many guests join us during *Wake Up Right* in June to share about a variety of topics, events, and issues important to YOU! **Aaron Edelheit**, author of *The Hard Break*, explained the need for Sabbath—mentally, physically, and spiritually. This interview

offered great tips for better balance and priorities!

Brad Iverson and Bill Hess visited the WRGN studios to share about the North Mountain Bible Conference reunion coming up on August 4 and 5. **Susan Selby** joined us in the studio to share about the many opportunities for education, development, and outreach in Hazleton through the ministry of Immanuel Christian School. Author and speaker **Erica Wiggenhorn** joined Denise Warner on *Wake Up Right* to talk about her women's Bible study books. Erica's books, *The Unexplainable Life* and *The Unexplainable Church*, take readers verse-by-verse through the book of Acts, offering theological and historical comments in each lesson while remaining practical and relational. **Dr. Kathy Koch**, author, speaker, and founder of Celebrate Kids, Inc., told *Wake Up Right* listeners about the newly-released movie *Kirk Cameron: CONNECT*, which is Cameron's plea to parents to protect and educate their kids about the negative effects of social media and technology. Kathy is a notable guest in the movie, and Kathy and Kirk, along with other experts, provide both stats and solutions related to the adverse effects of social media.

Visit soundcloud.com/wrgnfm to hear audio archives from these and other shows. We hope you enjoy listening in on these great conversations on *Wake Up Right*. If there are other topics you'd like to hear discussed, we'd love to hear from you!

Bring Us Your Shoes!



It's not what you think! We are not going around shoeless at WRGN, although in the summertime, you may see a pair of sandals or flip-flops! Kelly Cox, a parent at River of Life Christian Academy, shared on *Wake Up Right* that their school is partnering with Funds2Orgs to collect shoes to benefit both developing nations and their school. WRGN has become a collection point for those shoes, so clean out your closet and bring your gently used shoes to the WRGN studios by August 3. All donated shoes will then be redistributed to a network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain, and grow businesses selling and repairing shoes in countries such as Haiti, Honduras, and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe, and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school!



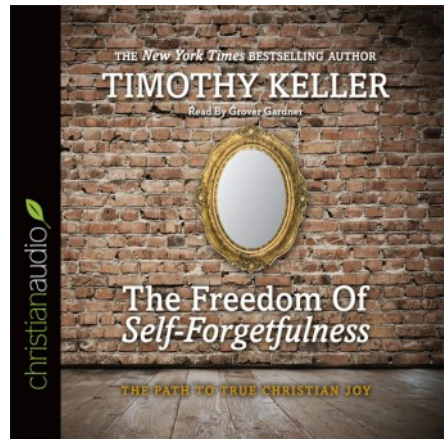
New at the Library



The Good News Library's featured authors this month are regular contributors for The Gospel Coalition, and include Nancy Guthrie, J.D. Greear, Melissa Kruger, Russell Moore, and Kevin DeYoung. Their works include books on a variety of Christian living topics including women's issues, Christianity and culture, practical theology, family and adoption, Bible study, devotionals, and much more.

Our monthly theme is **Saying Thank You** as we highlight books that help us cultivate a spirit of gratitude. Be sure to check out the weekly Librarian's Pick at [facebook.com/wrgnfm](https://www.facebook.com/wrgnfm) each Thursday as Terry shares about one of her latest reads! You can now hear her tell you about the Librarian's Pick on WRGN as well!

Just in time for summer road trips or even a weekend day trip, this audiobook of Tim Keller's *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* can be listened to in just under an hour! In this short and punchy book, Keller shows that gospel-humility means we can stop connecting every experience and conversation with ourselves and can thus be free from self-condemnation. A truly gospel-humble person is not a self-hating person nor a self-loving person, but a self-forgetful person—not thinking more or less myself, but thinking of myself less. We know you will find this short book to be truly transformative and liberating!



We are thrilled to have acquired *The Biggest Story* for the Good News Library! The Bible is full of exciting stories that fill children with awe and wonder, and kids need to know how all those classic stories connect to Scripture's overarching message about God's glorious plan to redeem his rebellious people. In *The Biggest Story*, Kevin DeYoung connects the dots from the garden of Eden to Christ's death on the cross to the new heaven and new earth. With powerful yet whimsical illustrations, this imaginative retelling of the Bible's core message—how the Snake Crusher brings us back to the garden—will draw children into the biblical story, teaching them that God's promises are even bigger and better than we think.

Be sure to stop by the Good News Library to pick up some great summer reading material for the whole family! (Reading is a great way to prevent the summer slide!) The Good News Library is open weekdays 9 am - 4:30 pm and the first Saturday of each month from 9 am - 1 pm.



Does God still love motorcyclists? Of course He does! Is He in control? Absolutely! Do we need to understand why something does—or doesn't—happen? Nope, because God knows what He's doing and we are to trust Him.

Yes, it's true that for the first time in SEVEN years, the *Ride for Radio* was cancelled due to the weather. After much prayer and research, and many phone calls, Tim made the very difficult decision to cancel this year's ride. As it turned out, we may have been able to hold it as planned; it wouldn't have been the beautiful day we've become accustomed to, but it would have been free of the predicted dangerous thunderstorms.

Some of those registered asked about still getting together for a "fun run" before the end of the summer, so a spontaneous ride may still happen before the summer is out. If you would like to be in on that, send an email to Tim with your number at tim@wrgn.com.

Thanks to our generous donors, our pre-registered riders still enjoyed winning door prizes, which were mailed to them with their t-shirts. Since we had less cost from not having the cookout afterwards,

more of the donations went directly to WRGN. So, while this year's ride didn't go quite as we had planned, it still went exactly as God had planned. He always knows what He's doing—we just have to remember to follow His lead.

A sincere thanks goes to the following ride sponsors:

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(formerly Corner Pocket Pizza)
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Also, many thanks to our very faithful volunteers who are always willing and ready to help with endless food prep—Sharon Cease, Heather Madeira, Barb Saxe, Wendy Saxe, Bev Sorber, and Sharon Sutliff. An extraordinary thank you goes to Ellen Belles, who again did an exceptional job securing sponsors.

Vacation?



Take us with you

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