



## March is Bible Appreciation Month



According to Guinness World Records, the Bible is the best-selling book of all time with over 5 billion copies sold and distributed. Organizations like Gideons International have worked for over 100 years to distribute the Good News of the Bible in over 200 countries in over 100 languages. In spite of all of this, the Bible seems to be read less and less.

2 Timothy 3:16 says "*All Scripture is breathed out by God...*" and Hebrews 12:2 says "*For the word of God is living and active...*" and yet some believers seem to live as though

it has no direct impact on their lives.

WRGN broadcasts the Good News of God's Word not because it's popular but because it is essential for "...*life and godliness*" (2 Peter 1:3). It holds God's promises to those who believe, our instruction manual for living.

This Bible appreciation month, share what God has taught you through His Word with someone you know, and encourage them to tune in to the Good News on WRGN either online or over the airwaves!

**From us to you...**



March 2017

To the WRGN listening family,

**Are you listening?** Really listening? Sometimes when we are busy, we can listen without really hearing. I have tried to make it a habit of looking at my wife when she is talking to me because I have found that if I don't, what she says can pass in one ear and out the other...but when she has engaged my eyes, I'm actually hearing!

The same can happen in our relationship with God. We can get so busy, even in our work for the Lord, that we are not hearing what He is saying to us. In 1 Kings 19, Elijah went through this very thing after a major victory over the prophets of Baal. You would think he would have been on cloud nine because of what the Lord had done, but instead, he was running in fear for his life, thinking it was him against the world. **It was at his point of despair that he finally heard the "still small voice" of the Lord speaking to him.**

Sometimes we need to take a break from the busyness of our work, even our work for the Lord, to hear that voice. **The Word of the Lord goes out in message and music every day on WRGN, and in the words of a recent note from a listener, "the station helps me every day!"**

We are encouraged each day through phone calls, notes, or even meeting listeners as we travel about our listening area. **You remind us we are not alone in our desire to see the Lord working.** Your support of the ministry is often just what we need to remind us that God is at work. We are thankful for you!

Listening for His voice,

Tim & Heather Madeira

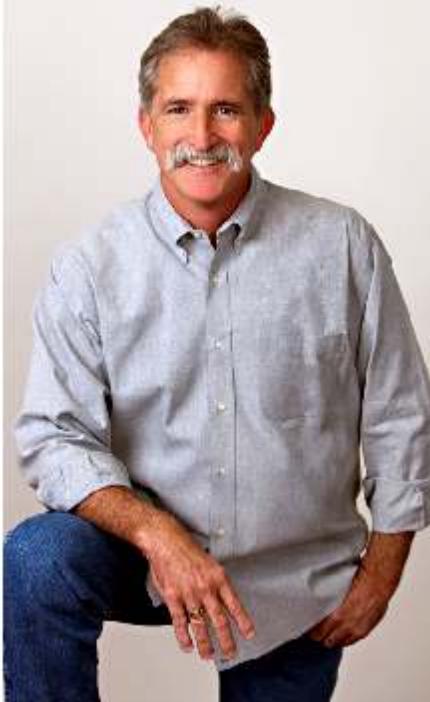
*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"*    Psalm 46:10 (ESV)



SATURDAYS  
 8:30 AM

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MY DESIRE IS TO UNPACK FOR PARENTS WHAT I HAVE LEARNED DURING THE YEARS I HAVE WORKED WITH TROUBLED TEENS AND THEIR FAMILIES. I WANT TO SHOW THEM HOW TO DEAL WITH TEENS AND GIVE HOPE, DIRECTION, AND INSIGHT—WHETHER THEY ARE IN A CRISIS SITUATION TODAY, OR WANT TO PREVENT SUCH A DAY IN THE FUTURE.



CIRCLE THE  
SQUARE  
WITH PRAYER

SAVE THE DATE  
MAY 4, 2017

FOR YOUR GREAT NAME'S SAKE!  
HEAR US... FORGIVE US... HEAL US!

DANIEL 9:19





## Here at the Studios



Over 250 people attended our President's Day Skate at Skateaway on Blackman Street in Wilkes-Barre. Youth groups, families, and individuals enjoyed skating to great Christian music hosted by WRGN's *Wake Up Right* host Tim Madeira and *Connect Live* host Dan Close. We always enjoy connecting with our listeners at events! Thanks to everyone who came out to support the ministry of WRGN; we had a great evening with you!

On Thursday, May 4, in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, believers across the region will gather on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre for Circle the Square with Prayer. This annual event is focused on praying together for Wilkes-Barre, Northeastern PA, our country, and our world. This year's national theme is "For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us!" taken from Daniel 9:19. Circle the Square with Prayer will continue this theme in its emphasis and focus. The event will feature guided Prayer Walks at 12 pm and 5 pm, a Prayer Service at 6 pm, and Prayer Walls that will be open throughout the day.

We here at WRGN are thrilled to be part of the planning committee for this great event as the Body of Christ gathers together unified with one purpose—to pray for the needs of our region

and our world. WRGN will also broadcast live from the Prayer Service at 6 pm on May 4 for those who are unable to attend. For more information on Circle the Square with Prayer, to join a Prayer Walk, or to get involved, visit [circlethesquarewithprayer.com](http://circlethesquarewithprayer.com).

Lent began on Wednesday, March 1. As a means of focusing our thoughts leading up to Easter, WRGN will be sharing a series of thoughts on "A Pleasing Sacrifice." Lent may be a tradition shrouded in mystery for some, but we think that Lent can be a great tool to point you toward Jesus when observed the right way. Micah Fries, Vice President of LifeWay Research says, "*If your observance of Lent is intended to garner you favor with God, you should abandon your observance of Lent. Saving grace isn't imparted through exercise or practice. There's nothing you can do—at any point—which will cause God to love you any more. He's been abundantly clear on this point*" in an exceptionally helpful article on the observance of Lent ("Should You And Your Family Observe Lent?" on [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com)). Find this series of 10 thoughts on "A Pleasing Sacrifice" between Ash Wednesday, March 1 and Resurrection Sunday, April 16 on [facebook.com/wrgnfm](http://facebook.com/wrgnfm) and Instagram (@wrgnfm), then share it on your own social media so others can learn as well!

# Youth Groups Attend WRGN Skate



Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, Trucksville



Central United Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre



## New at the Library



While the days will be getting longer, there's still time to curl up on cool spring nights with a good book from the Good News Library. This month's featured author is Lori Copeland. Although she started in mainstream romantic fiction, she decided to switch her focus to the sub genre of Christian romance. Some of her more popular series at The Good News Library are the *Brides of the West*, *The Dakota Diaries*, and *Men of the Saddle*.

The best marriages are not necessarily the most perfect and picturesque. Marriage is about walking together through all of life's ups and downs, its challenges and triumphs. And no relationship offers more chances for personal and spiritual growth, love and support, and just plain fun. Collecting true stories from some of today's best writers, Dawn Camp offers readers a chance to sit back and reflect on the heart of marriage in her latest book *The Heart of Marriage: Stories That Celebrate the Adventure of Life Together*.

Does the idea of evangelism scare you? According to Mark Teasdale, the very word makes palms sweat and images spin: knocking on neighborhood doors, being conscripted into evangelistic campaigns, to say nothing of that annoying religious neighbor or coworker. *In Evangelism for Non-Evangelists: Sharing the Gospel Authentically* he sympathizes with the perceptions and discomfort we bring to evangelism. He helps us navigate our way toward expressing the gospel in a manner true to what we believe, authentic to who we are, and attractive and even compelling to others.

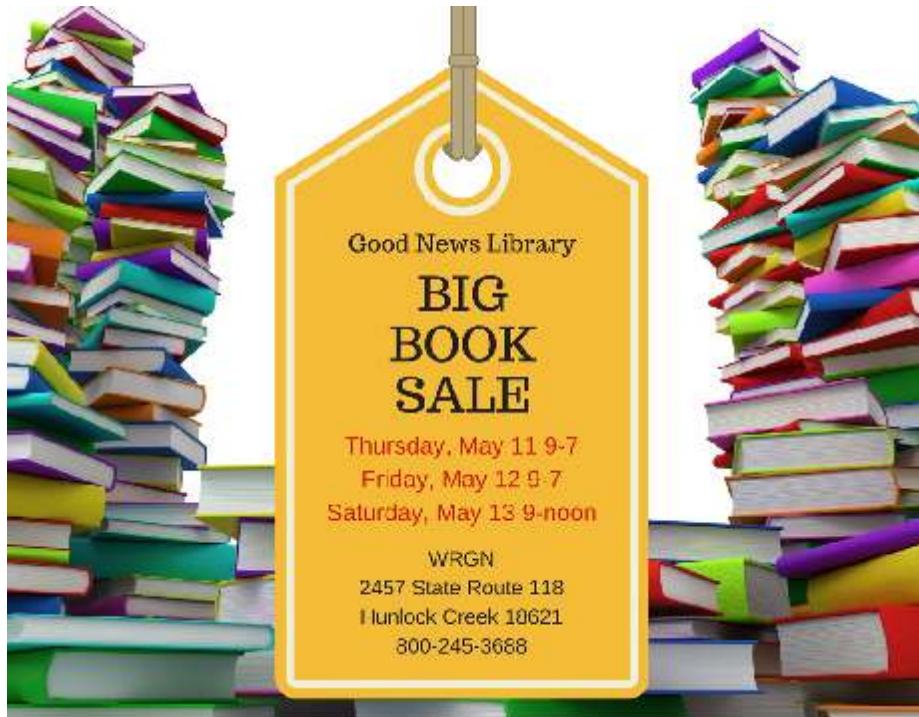
From the beloved author of

*The Frontiersman's Daughter* and *Courting Morrow Little* comes a new Kentucky novel from author Laura Frantz, *A Moonbow Night*. On the vast, uncharted Kentucky frontier of the 1770s, Temperance Tucker has learned to be fleet of foot, accurate with her rifle, and silent about the past. But her family secrets complicate her growing attraction to a handsome Virginia land surveyor with a harsh history of his own. With her signature sweeping style and ability to bring the distant past to vivid life, Laura Frantz beckons readers to join her in a land of Indian ambushes, conflicting loyalties, and a tentative love that meanders like a cool mountain stream.

Jill Eileen Smith's latest book in her *Daughters of the Promised Land* series is *Ruth's Story*. Combining meticulous research with her endless imagination, Smith gorgeously renders one of the most beautiful stories in Scripture. When famine visits Bethlehem, Boaz holds out hope for rain while his relative Elimelech moves his wife Naomi and their sons to Moab. When news reaches Naomi that the famine in Bethlehem has lifted, only Ruth will hazard the journey to her mother-in-law's homeland. Destitute and downhearted, Naomi resigns herself to a life of bitter poverty, but Ruth holds out hope for a better future. And Boaz may be the one God has chosen to provide it.

The Good News Library's Big Book Sale is set for May 11-13. If you have any gently used Christian books that you would like to donate for our sale, please call us at 800-245-3688 and schedule a time for drop-off.

The Library is open weekdays 9-4:30 and the first Saturday of each month from 9-1.





## Mark Your **Calendar**

Circle The Square with Prayer - May 4  
Good News Library Book Sale - May 11 - 13  
More Than A Yard Sale - June 3  
Ride for Radio - June 24

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