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90.9 Escanaba	97.3 Kalamazoo
91.3 Ironwood	97.9 Newberry
91.3 Decatur	102.7 Alpena
91.9 Cadillac	104.7 Lansing
91.9 Battle Creek	1540 Okemos

*Where God's Character is Proclaimed*

## Christian Education: It's Time for a Change

I was barely a teenager, but I still remember the day my mother shook my world. We were enjoying a mini-vacation of sorts at my aunt and uncle's house. She invited me outside where she delivered a truckload of bad news: I was going to a Seventh-day Adventist Christian school in a few weeks. I went from anger to despair anticipating new rounds of rejection and mockery over my ignorance of the Bible. My mother, however, was undeterred.



**Pastor Ron Kelly**

Change is hard, and I hate to imagine what would have happened if my mother had relented in her determination to place me in a Christian school. Seventh-day Adventist educators pointed me to Jesus and I found eternal life at school! I discovered I had a gift for communication, and this, coupled with my new love for Jesus, was the beginning of training for life as a minister.

The last main pillar in my life came at a Seventh-day Adventist college where I met my wife. Christian education has been God's delivery system for joy, purpose, and belonging in my life. Which one of these could I imagine living without? Which one should your child be without?

For many years public school has operated as a mainstay of America culture. The absence of God in its curriculum seemed to make minimal impact. However, as our society is more self-

indulgent and meaningless, it appears that the public school system is actually the instrumentality for our descent into darkness.

Parents today are called to make some very serious decisions that require courage, commitment, and a new set of priorities. Our children belong to God, and He has given them to us as a sacred stewardship. Jesus said it would be better to have a millstone tied around your neck and be thrown into the sea, than to make one of these little ones stumble (Luke 17:2).

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David Bolduc

# President’s Perspective “Education”

On May 24, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse sent the first public telegraph message quoting Numbers 23:23, “What hath God wrought?” Modern

telecommunications were built on the principles he used to communicate that message. Soon telegraph lines spanned the breadth and width of this country. Then an underwater cable was laid under the Atlantic Ocean to connect Great Britain and the rest of the world. Today we don't even think about what it takes to send a message to the next room or around the world.



Around the same time, Charles Darwin began publishing articles ‘On the Origin of Species’ which became the foundation for his work on Evolution. He felt that all animal life had common origins. Many will say modern science has its foundation built on his theories. The original title of his book hints at the accepted values held at that time, “On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life.”

Both men are credited for their contributions that changed the course of history forever. How ironic that Morse's invention with such simple beginnings has pervaded so many aspects of our society; yet, Darwin's theories, which are commonly held in most of the "educated" world, have reduced the value of human life to a mere accident of nature.

Christ centered education, elevates humanity, and helps them to bless others. Through the Three Angels Message found in Rev. 14, God is giving a loud warning that educates us to the principles of those that would undermine His authority as Creator. The end result of undermining God's authority will lead to ruin. Sharing the message of God's authority will bless and elevate others. Strong Tower Radio strives to communicate God's true character with a loud voice!



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**Look for the QR codes on page 6.**



# Changed Lives!

We were asked this year to share live testimonies during Michigan Conference's 2021 Camp Meeting, Soul Winning Hour, about those who had begun attending churches because of listening to Strong Tower Radio (STR). Those whom we contacted had scheduling conflicts. We didn't know what we were going to do, but the Holy Spirit provided what we could not! (a daily reality if we acknowledge it.)

Gary Emmelander, from Ionia, had called us a few months ago about a young couple, Jeff and Katie Hearth, who were attending his church because of listening to STR and the Holy Spirit had impressed them to attend camp meeting this year. Ionia church member, Billy Ray, wanted to take them by the STR booth and introduce us to them. We asked Jeff if he would share his testimony that afternoon, he readily agreed!!

Ever wonder if those STR yard signs actually help anyone? Well,



Jeff noticed several STR yard signs in the Grand Rapids area for several years, but didn't check out 89.7 FM until he felt a need for something besides music so he dialed into 89.7 FM, WNHG, Grand Rapids, while working in the Gun Lake, MI area. Ranger Bill was the first program he heard, then Amazing Facts' 'Bible Answers Live', which began

answering questions he wanted to ask. The biblically based answers resonated with him and primed his appetite for more.

Jeff continued listening and hearing messages that kept aligning with Scripture. For several years he shared his findings with his wife. They now have begun to attend the Ionia Seventh-day-Adventist church and are currently studying the Bible further. Both Jeff and Katie listen to Strong Tower Radio at home, in their car, and at work when possible. You can hear Jeff's shared testimony by visiting [STR.fm](http://STR.fm) and clicking on the Soul Winning Hour video file.

Glory to God for His work thru STR, your continued prayers and financial support of this evangelistic tool that God has raised up and placed in your hand to share the everlasting gospel with Michigan and the world! Thank you for teaming up with STR to enable a greater harvest!



## STR Variety Hour

Strong Tower Radio Variety Hours have become our signature event held 4 times a year, but this year we're planning 5! The program in Edenville, MI, with a wonderful cast of



participants, was produced by Deb Blosser and Tim Duman. A large audience really enjoyed it! If you missed this event, schedule yourself October 2nd for Cheboygan or the October 16th Berrien Springs Village Church Variety Hours. Call us at 231-468-2087 for more info.

## Inspirational Musical Event is coming!!!

To STR! August 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, located at STR's Broadcast Center, 7669 S. 45 Rd., Cadillac, MI. Come and enjoy supper and a Scott Michael Bennett Concert. Bring the family! Station tours will be available and a love offering will be taken.

## Sabbath Nature Walk

Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church has teamed-up with STR to produce Sabbath Nature Walks. Our next walk will be August 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm, at the Michigan State University Clarence E. Lewis Arboretum. Strong Tower Radio's very own "Garden Guy", Gary Heilig, will lead an interpretive tour of the arboretum. Watch our website, STR.fm, for more specifics.



## How to Make Your Investment Donations

Please make electronic payments using our secure website, [StrongTowerRadio.org](http://StrongTowerRadio.org) or by calling 231-468-2087.

You may also donate by check or money order mailed to: **Strong Tower Radio,  
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How and where does He want His children trained? What kind of culture should be shaping their lives? Who should their friends be?

The first obstacle my mother had to face was dad. For years he resisted her goal of placing us in a Seventh-day Adventist school, but my mother is a determined woman and was convicted her four children should be in church school! She fought many battles over this, but she persisted and prevailed, and the real winners were her kids.

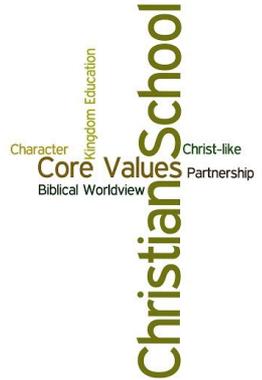
The second battle my mother had to face was her children, especially me, and it wasn't easy. Naturally mothers want to please their kids. My mom understood doing right by her children superseded our affirmation of her actions, she didn't need our approval, so she made good decisions for the long haul. This is critical to parenting.

The third mountain was money. Over the period of the first year she fell hopelessly behind. To my dad's credit, he refinanced the house to keep us in church school even though interest rates were in the mid-teens in the late 70's.

Finances will always be a challenge. The good news is that God's provision ALWAYS follows His directives. Nothing has changed. As the Israelites had to place their feet in the overflowing Jordan (See Joshua 3), so we today must learn to follow the guiding of God. It will take much sacrifice and new priorities, but what would you be willing to give up to give your kids the best life on earth and a desire for heaven?

The summer is coming to a close and if you are a parent, it's time to make decisions where to send your children to school. Change isn't easy. Making the right decision will create a myriad of challenges, but God is waiting to come alongside faithful parents and grow their faith as they disciple their children.

If your kids are already enrolled in a Christian school, then perhaps God is calling you to make a commitment to a healthy and proper support of the teacher and the administration teams that are keeping the school going. Maybe your children are grown and your support of Christian education would be a donation of time or money. If ever there was a time to think carefully about the discipleship of our young people, it is now!



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It's been more than 40 years since that fateful day my mother made the decision that changed my life. From outward appearances she picked exactly the wrong time, but it was exactly the right time and it looked like it couldn't work, but it did! Today, even my non-Christian father is a believer in Seventh-day Adventist education. All four of my mother's children are Christians and serving the Lord!!!

So don't be afraid to follow God. He gives strength for the journey and deepens our faith on the way. Jesus will soon come, and when He does, we want our children to be ready to meet Him. Today is the day to decide. May a new school year find your kids in a Seventh-day Adventist Christian school.



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## Big Impact Gifts

- ◆ Replace the aviation lights on our TV tower - \$12,000.
- ◆ Lansing Digital AM - \$30,000.

If you are considering a gift, please contact:

[Kam.Ferguson@StrongTowerRadio.org](mailto:Kam.Ferguson@StrongTowerRadio.org) or call 423-381-9414 for these, or to 'custom design' your special impact.

Thank you, your faith is changing our world!

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## Strong Tower Radio App News!

Android Users



STR's app is waiting for you to download! Just hold your phone (in camera mode) over the appropriate QR code and select install. You can listen to STR simply by clicking "Listen Live", watch videos which answer questions you may

Apple Users



have, and/or donate to your favorite radio station, plus more! Check it out and let us know what you think, we hope you like it!

## Don't Let the "New" Wear Off

Everyone's always excited when they get a new puppy. It's part of your family and you want the best of everything to keep it happy, healthy and well-nourished.

Time goes by, the new puppy grows older, and starts

to have health issues. Some families do not provide the necessary care for this faithful dog who is so dependent on them for its very survival. Isn't that sad?

Similarly, purchasing a new radio station is very exciting and everyone wants to be a part of getting it up and running, but there is so much more to running a station than just buying it!

There are monthly costs like tower rent, electricity, insurance, internet and phone connections, lawyer fees, music licenses as well as the occasional need for tower climbers. At some point as the equipment ages, repairing or replacing become necessary and this takes money to keep Strong Tower Radio on the air.

We do not own these stations or the broadcast center, this is **God's Ministry!!!** He calls each of us to be faithful stewards of all that He entrusts to us. Our commitment to this radio ministry will always need all of our prayers and financial support. With these, God will greatly bless those that hear His Word broadcast from our stations.

We may never know every person who hears the proclamation of God's character, but be assured, in Heaven, we will meet those that were blessed by it.

Time is short and there are many souls searching for God's true message. Support STR with a strategic-monthly gift, daily fervent prayer and by sharing STR with everyone.



Sandy Cole



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8/7	11:00am	Kam Ferguson	Kalamazoo Seventh-day Adventist Church
8/7	11:00am	Tom Mejeur	Irons Seventh-day Adventist Church
8/14	5:00pm	Scott Michael Bennet Concert with Supper	Strong Tower Radio Broadcast Center
8/28	9:00am	Kam Ferguson	Fremont Seventh-day Adventist Church
8/28	4:00pm	Sabbath Nature Walk	MSU's Clarence E. Lewis Arboretum

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