

STRONG TOWER RADIO

Where God's Character is Proclaimed



88.7 Owosso	90.9 Escanaba	97.9 Newberry
88.7 Port Sanilac	91.3 Decatur, IL	102.7 Alpena
88.9 Houghton	91.3 Ironwood	104.7 Lansing
89.1 Bridgman	91.7 South Haven	
89.1 Iron Mountain	91.9 Battle Creek	1110 Petoskey
89.3 Tower Hill, IL	91.9 Cadillac	1540 Okemos
89.7 Grand Rapids	92.3 Charlotte	
89.9 Greenville	93.1 Grand Haven	TV 23 Cadillac
90.3 Manistique	93.9 Mio	
90.7 Harrison	97.3 Kalamazoo	

By Whose Strength Do I Live?

When I think of strength, I usually think of being strong to do things. Things such as when I was able to train horses, split wood, lift heavy bags, carry a loaded backpack, or hike over 20 miles in a day, etc. I even surpassed the 100-mile hiking challenge in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. When a job description required the ability to lift 50 pounds, I thought, "That's a cinch! I can easily do that!" Do your thoughts run in these same lines?

God gave me the ability to do these things, and God has given you the ability to do similar or even more difficult things, to which each of us should offer up praises to God. Is this, however, really the strength to which scripture is referring?

For most of my life, I was capable of doing all these things, but in a moment, that all changed. Now what? Would I let God be my strength, the strength in my life as He truly intended? Suddenly, I couldn't even put on my own shoes or completely dress myself in the morning. The food came from boxes because I couldn't cook or clean up. I needed a new kind of strength because I was used to deriving my value entirely from what I could accomplish. That's not real value nor real strength.

I had to lean into God and trust His Word. Only He could help me turn from living life as a **human doing** to a life of value as a **human being** - through being in His presence. It was a strength He wanted to give me and one I needed, yet I had to take the time to claim His word and make it mine. I had to trust that He was working even if I didn't feel it or see it; to move in thought and action, not IF He would act, but because He was acting. Strength to move, His strength to make His promises the theme of my life.



Jodi Ferguson

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David Bolduc,
President

President's Perspective

Even though we built the last of 9 new FM radio stations this past year, there is still work that needs to be done. Houghton will be getting new antennas, which will allow us to share tower space with another radio station. Port Sanilac and South Haven will both (provided we get FCC approval and we work out some technical aspects with our consulting engineers) be getting new directional antennas once spring rolls around. We want to maximize coverage for each of these new stations while complying with the FCC rules that require us to protect adjacent stations.

Our new AM station in Petoskey also needs some work done in the coming months. With the FCC's permission, we are currently operating this station on a temporary antenna. We need to build a device that will let us share a tower with another AM station. Our contract engineers are working on a parts list to determine what is on hand and what needs to be purchased.

We have been blessed over the years by many talented contract engineers who have helped keep our stations on the air. To keep costs down and onsite availability high, we try to find someone near a tower site. On several occasions, we have specifically prayed for engineering help, and each time God opened a way for us to find a qualified person. All of them are Christian gentlemen dedicated to helping us keep our stations on the air.

One of my favorite quotes by Mrs. White basically says, " We have nothing to fear for the future if we remember how the Lord has taught us and led us in the past." I am sure the Lord will bring other opportunities to broadcast His Character in other parts of Michigan and beyond. We are currently trusting God to provide an Engineering Director to fill a new position overseeing our Master Control, handling other duties from the studios in Cadillac, and coordinating with our contract engineers as needed. If you are or someone you know may be interested in this position, please visit str.fm and click on the "Get Involved" tab for the job posting specifics.

STR Changing Lives:

My Testimony by Bill Schneider

Hello friend, a quick note from Kam Ferguson. The following is a first-hand testimony from an STR listener, Bill Schneider, whose life has been changed through listening to Strong Tower Radio.

I was baptized as an infant and later confirmed in a local Lutheran Church. In the years leading up to 2020, I attended the Methodist Church in Freeland, MI.

After my brother and I took over our family construction business twenty years ago, we secured a major contract in 2021 to manage the construction of 26 townhomes in Marquette, Michigan. Each week, we drove six hours north from Freeland, MI, to oversee the project, returning home every Friday. During these drives, I discovered Strong Tower Radio (STR), tuning in to the Harrison, Mio, and Newberry stations. The programs deeply moved me, as I spent countless hours over the next 2-1/2 years absorbing Bible-based messages that strengthened my faith.

Upon discovering STR, I immediately wanted to hear more programs and searched the internet. I remember listening to many programs, including Bible Answers Live, Joe Crews, Doug Batchelor, Steven Bohr, and others. One episode from Steven Bohr focused on Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2. As he explained how the prophecy accurately describes the rise and fall of kingdoms yet in the future for Daniel, this message struck home like a thunderbolt. The Holy Spirit poured into me, and I knew the Bible is authentic and its words are from the one true God.

Shortly after my 2-1/2 years on the road to the UP, my fiancée was informed by her doctor that she only had 5 months to live. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She passed away in December 2023. I prayed a lot during her last 5 months.

I am certain that the only reason our company won the contract in Marquette, Michigan, was so that I could hear the word of God through Strong Tower Radio. As I learned of the true Bible Sabbath being on the seventh day of the week, and how Christianity had given it up, I felt disheartened and betrayed by those who taught Sunday observance.

For at least three years, the Holy Spirit was convicting me to keep His Sabbath. In the summer of 2025, I decided to get my life in order by removing all the obstacles that had kept me from worshiping on the Bible Sabbath. That July, I walked into the Saginaw Seventh-day Adventist church, and in October, I was baptized as a new member.

Strong Tower Radio put me on the road to becoming a Seventh-day Adventist with Bible truths such as the weekly seventh-day Sabbath, unclean foods, the state of the dead, and how close we are to the end.



Kam Ferguson,
Development
Director

By Whose Strength Do I Live (Continued from page 3)

The psalmist states in **Psalm 138:3**, “In the day when I cried Thou answered me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul.” Paul also understood this as he pleaded with the Lord to take away his physical trial, although God didn’t take it away He promised something in **2 Cor 12:9**; “He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness, Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” God makes His strength available. Will I take hold of it?

God’s strength is for all shortcomings, challenges, and victories in my life. Jesus says multiple times in Revelation, “to them that overcome.” His offer is possible because of His strength. What God asks of me, He gives the strength to accomplish. It is the same process done regularly, taking time to be in His presence and in His word, claiming His promises to be victorious. It is not a one-and-done event, nor a hit-and-run. He doesn’t grant strength because I am worthy, only He is worthy. It is because He loves me.

He makes His strength available to embrace as mine. I want to take hold of His strength to be victorious and to view my life through His eyes. He is all-powerful to save me. He is my strength and shield and a mighty helper.

Join me in claiming God’s promises to strengthen our way, and praising Him for what He is doing in and through us.

“I can do all things through
Christ which strengtheneth me,”

Phil 4:13.

“Trust ye in the Lord for ever:
for in the LORD JEHOVAH
is everlasting strength,”

Isa 26:4.

Choose Jesus, and we choose life eternal.



In a time such as now, it is so important to find a church that “keeps the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” **Rev 14:12.** I have found that the Seventh-day Adventist church aligns with this, and since baptism through love for Jesus and the sanctification process, I have been attending church, eating healthier, and sharing my testimony with others.

Adjusting on the Fly (Continued from page 7)

I later spoke to the gate agent to arrange rebooking to an earlier flight to Louisville, and a lady sitting near the counter overheard our conversation. She then told me, “I was on that flight you missed, and on the 8:30 a.m. flight to Louisville that you were to catch. We landed when that flight was taking off, so you're not further behind for missing it.”

Adjusting on the fly – do you have peace in these moments? Later on while in flight, as we approached to land in Louisville approached, I noticed that the pilot had to accelerate and gain altitude several times below 2,000 feet as we neared the runway, and several times to correct the plane for sudden drops or crosswinds. He knew the route, had flown it many times, yet unexpected things were thrown at him.

This travel experience reminds me of life. We make our plans, seeking God's guidance, and unexpected things happen. Do we fret about what to do, or use the skill and strength we're given by God, and with His grace press forward with quiet confidence in Him? He calls upon His infinite resources [people, equipment, funds, circumstances...] to take care of us and make us a blessing in the process.

Strong Tower Radio is one of those resources that God has raised up and that God uses daily to bless people with the life-saving truth as it is in Jesus. **Thank you for being a part of the mighty army that keeps all 25 STR stations on the air, broadcasting the everlasting gospel 24/7/365.** Many are tuning in, and many lives are being changed one day at a time. Keep pressing forward with quiet confidence in Him, even as we too must sometimes adjust on the fly. Jesus is returning soon, let's lean into Him by faith now!



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**Production
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Our STR February Preview program has three special guests. Dr. Wes Youngberg will present his **Diabetes and Cognitive Decline** seminar on February 20 & 21 at the Marquette Seventh-day Adventist Church. Dr. David DeRose will present his **Leaner, Longer, and Sharper** seminar on February 6 and 7 at both the Grand Haven and Muskegon Seventh-day Adventist Churches. Our interviews with them will air the week of February 1. Dr Brian Strayer shares a preview of the upcoming Lincoln Tour, which he will guide this fall.

The Garden Guy program always airs during STR Today's time slot in the second week of each month. Jay Tingle tours us through the huge Utica, Michigan LegaSea Aquatics exhibit in the third week, followed by a tour of Grand Traverse Industries with our blind co-host Austin Darga in week four. We interviewed the Executive Director, Operations Director, Program Director, Program Manager, and a parent of children who have benefited from GTI. For over 50 years, GTI has provided vocational training/employment to its clients who manufacture plastic bags for the state of Michigan and the industry. GTI also provides staffing solutions to employers in the custodial, packaging, and food service industries who need temporary and long-term staff, providing a "win-win" for employers and disabled individuals.

While the fury of winter is upon us, we visited a county road commission to ride along in a large snowplow and see the world through their windshield. Look up the January 25 Osceola County Snow Removal episode on STR.fm on the Audio Archive tab and the sub-tab STR Feature.

Shifting focus to international events, the epicenter of sectarian* violence is in Northern Nigeria. Strong Tower Radio's 2020 intern returned to his home and gave us this "boots on the ground" report on this most serious topic. More Christians have been murdered for their faith in Nigeria (each year) than in the rest of the world combined. This program will air January 30 -February 2.

As a final note, to help us stretch our ministry dollars, please do what you can to promote these and other programs. Thank you for continuing to share Strong Tower Radio, pray for us, and support us financially. Your efforts make a difference.

* Sectarianism is intense prejudice, discrimination, or conflict arising from strict adherence to a specific religious or political group, often leading to segregation

Adjusting on the Fly

I recently flew on the fateful weekend of January 23-25 from Traverse City, MI, to Louisville, KY, to present one of the seminars at the tri-annual North American Division Radio Conference. The rain, ice, and snowstorm covered 2,300 square miles and has been called the largest single storm on record. Maybe an exaggeration, but big enough! The experiences I had during that travel were a reminder of the battle fought over each one of us between Jesus Christ and His enemy, Satan.



Kam Ferguson,
Development
Director

My wife and I left our home at 3:40 a.m. to catch my 6 a.m. flight. As we passed through our little town of Mesick, MI, our truck stalled and wouldn't restart. We were just off the road, across from the travel center at the junction of M37 and M115, a dangerous spot when it's minus 5 F and less than minus 20 with the wind and blowing/falling snow. After rescheduling to a 5:45 pm flight, we were impressed to try starting the truck again, and it started right up. We moved to the travel center and backed into a spot to optimize the towing setup for later. The truck kept running, and I prayed, "Lord, if you want me to drive this truck to the airport, have it keep running after two more minutes of idling here. If not, stall it." The truck stalled right at 2 minutes. I told my wife, "That's clear, we're not driving this truck to the airport."

I'd texted Joy, who lives near Mesick and rises early, to see if she could help us. While she was preparing to help, we pulled out the sleeping bag we carry in the truck and used it to retain our heat, as the temperature was dropping. Despite the cold, our heavenly Father took care of us. While we waited, I was able to start the truck and run it with the heat on for 2-4 minutes before it stalled again due to what seemed like an electrical issue. This cycle happened 6-7 times and helped us avoid becoming chilled.

Joy dropped me off at the airport about 6:30 a.m., and I set up in the airport lounge to work. I went to the Delta ticket counter and noticed that my flight had been delayed to 6:30 – ah, so close! I later took the noon flight to Detroit and had a deep, Biblical conversation with a man named Justin. We talked about a wide array of topics, many of which were tied to God's character of love. He thanked me as we landed at Detroit, saying he almost never has such great conversations on Scripture and that he was greatly blessed. I thanked him and shared that I considered our conversation the reason I missed my 6 a.m. flight. I prayed with him, and then he dashed off to catch his connecting flight to North Carolina.

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STR Engagements:

2/14	11:00 a.m.	David Bolduc	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
2/21	9:30 a.m.	David Bolduc	Lake City Seventh-day Adventist Church
2/21	10:45 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Holland Seventh-day Adventist Church

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