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Two Pivotal October Dates in Salvation History

In October, we remember and celebrate two monumental events in salvation history: the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, and the literal Day of Atonement, which took place in heaven on October 22, 1844.

Luther's theses, originally written in Latin, targeted the abuse of indulgences and aimed to start an academic debate. However, thanks to the revolutionary power of Johannes Gutenberg's printing press, translated editions quickly spread across Europe. This sparked widespread dissent against the Church of Rome and ultimately led to the birth of the Protestant churches.

Earthly Shadows and Heavenly Realities

Centuries later, a parallel spiritual awakening unfolded. **Lev 23:26-32** describes the Day of Atonement as an annual holy convocation on Earth, during which God's people were instructed to afflict their souls in a time of serious judgment. This earthly ritual pointed to a grander heavenly event described in **Dan 8:14**, when the sanctuary would be cleansed as Christ entered a new investigative phase of His ministry in heaven. Though judgment is sometimes viewed negatively, its outcome is actually exceedingly "good news" for believers: **Dan 7:22** says the judgment is ultimately given in favor of God's people.

In the early 1800s—a time of intense study of Bible prophecy—many believers mistakenly thought this cleansing referred to Christ's return to purify the Earth. Eventually, careful study revealed that **Dan 8:14** pointed instead to a cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary. Just as the Passover was perfectly fulfilled on the precise day and time Scripture predicted in AD 31, the date for this heavenly Day of Atonement was calculated from the prophecies of Daniel 8 and 9 to fall on October 22, 1844.



Dan Augsburger



David Bolduc,

President

President's Perspective

I wrote the following article just days before we received the word that our dear friend Jilane Fenner passed away. Jilane was our #1 cheerleader at STR and was a personal friend of our family. I dearly miss not being able to talk with her about our families and the ministry of STR. She is resting now, awaiting the day when the Lord raises all of our loved ones to Eternal Life with Him in Heaven. What a day that will be. May God give us the courage and strength to continue this journey to that day,

resting in His promises.

Please keep her husband, Bryan, and her family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

We praise the Lord that we were granted permission to begin broadcasting on 89.1 – WUPC – Iron Mountain on Aug. 27, 26. This is almost a full year from when we began building this station. We prayed through the many obstacles and the Lord faithfully saw us through them all. One of the biggest issues was verifying our RF signal level did not exceed FCC's rules. Our contract engineers had to find a company that had the correct meter to measure these levels and then schedule a time when they could all meet at the tower. The engineers found that if they dropped the power just a few watts, we would be within the FCC's limits.

In October we have a lots to celebrate. Strong Tower Radio's roots go back to October 2007, when we formed and had our first board meeting. Taking two years to build the first staion (WGCP, Cadillac), we have been broadcasting the Three Angels Message for over 17 years. The essence of the Three Angels Message is worship the Creator and be obedient to His commandments. Leaving Babylon and not worshiping an image both hinge on being obedient to the one we worship. The Reformation began the process where obedience to Scripture took precedence over tradition.

Many times, especially when the cares of all these stations won't let me fall asleep at night, I stop and think of what Jesus has done for us. The distance to the stars is measured in light years. The furthest stars are over 14 billion light years away. John 1:3 says that Christ made those stars. When sin happened on earth, He stopped creating and focused all of His attention on solving the sin problem here on earth. He became a child in Mary's womb. He laid down His creative power. He sacrificed everything. Why would we not want to worship the Creating Savior? He counted the cost and chose to make that sacrifice. What could possibly be so dear to us that we would not want to worship Him and obey His word? As the Lord continues to provide new opportunities for STR to expand, please pray that He uses STR to reach at least one more person every day for His kingdom. Please consider supporting STR financially.

And Their Works Do Follow Them

At some point, this life ends for each of us, and our estate is distributed either as we determine before our death, or the state determines it if we make no provision.

During the past 18 months, several donors have gone to sleep in Jesus and left a portion of their estate to Strong Tower Radio (STR). One mid-Michigan donor gave \$20-25/month and often lamented in the donor envelope about being unable to give more. After a terminal heart attack, this donor's entire 401K balance was sent to STR per estate plan terms. These funds, over \$100,000, came at a crucial time last year when costs were quickly increasing with 7 new stations (then) and overall giving wasn't keeping pace.

Another donor couple gave \$20/month to STR for years, and when I would speak with them by phone, they regretted "being able to send so little." They, too, went to their rest and left part of their estate to STR, over \$50K. We received these funds in the past few weeks, again at an essential time, as we face new perplexities.

God has used estate gifts to help sustain STR during a time of increasing costs as we expand coverage via new signals. God opens doors, and we go through them, not asking whether there will be enough money to fund the larger operation: that would be walking by sight. This is walking by faith.

As you trust God and invest your resources into heavenly things, establish a will or trust if you haven't already. Some of you impact STR today; **thank you!** I invite you to impact STR with your estate planning. This is your heritage as someone who lives in the time of the Three Angels' Messages, as Rev 14:13 states in part: "*Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; **and their works do follow them.***"

Friend, today could become your last day of this life. We're still stunned by losing Jilane in a car wreck mere days ago! Live prepared; she did. Keep your estate in order and the everlasting gospel sustained now and following after you.



Kam Ferguson,
Development
Director

Radio Ministries Offering

The Michigan Conference of SDA will take up an offering for Michigan-based radio ministries on **October 10**. Strong Tower Radio appreciates your support through this offering.

The Great Second Advent Awakening

The impetus for this discovery was the culmination of intensive prophetic study taking place simultaneously worldwide, as serious Bible students realized that something profoundly important was about to happen. The best-known of these students, William Miller, concluded in 1818 that Christ would return around 1843. Though deeply convicted to share his findings, Miller resisted the call for years before finally beginning to preach in 1831. While his first meeting took place in a humble kitchen, he eventually preached to thousands in massive camp meetings during what became known as the Great Second Advent Awakening. Proclaiming the first angel's message of **Rev 14:6-7** regarding the coming judgment, Miller's movement sparked more than 125 camp meetings between 1842 and 1844, drawing over 500,000 attendees.

When Miller's initial timeline passed without Christ's return, discouragement set in, though believers found comfort in **Hab 2:3's** promise of a "tarrying time." Samuel Snow brought new clarity at an August 1844 camp meeting in Exeter, New Hampshire. Snow presented compelling evidence that **Dan 8:14** would be perfectly fulfilled on October 22, 1844—the tenth day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar—just as the Passover had been fulfilled to the exact day in AD 31. When this "Midnight Cry" message swept through the movement, waiting believers responded with deep heart-searching and repentance, burdened by two urgent questions: Were they personally ready, and were others ready?

Driven by the Power of the Press

Joshua Himes wrote of this spiritual awakening: "In the seventh month movement there seemed to be an irresistible power, which prostrated all before it. Its message reached hearts in different and distant places almost simultaneously. It produced everywhere the most deep searching of heart and humiliation of soul before the God of high heaven. It caused a weaning of affections from the things of this world—a healing of controversies and animosities—a confession of wrongs—a breaking down before God." (*Midnight Cry*, October 31, 1844)

Echoing this sentiment, pioneer Joseph Bates recalled how believers departed that meeting with a profound burden for the salvation of others: "When that meeting closed, the Granite Hills in New Hampshire rang with the cry: 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.' ... This message flew as it were upon the wings of the wind—men and women moving on all the cardinal points of the compass... freighted with bundles of books and papers... distributing them almost as profusely as the flying

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Notice that both the Protestant Reformation and the Great Second Advent Awakening spread rapidly through the power of the press—the former fueled by the printing technology pioneered by Gutenberg, and the latter driven by the books and papers published by dedicated supporters of the movement like Joshua Himes.

Carrying the Message Forward Today

Here at Strong Tower Radio, we are dedicated to broadly sharing the good news of Christ's soon return, carrying that same deep concern for personal readiness and the salvation of our listeners. Instead of using the trains, boats, and horses of the past, our radio waves now sweep across our broadcast areas and reach globally through internet streaming. We work diligently to provide excellent, curated programming that assists people in their walk with God and helps them prepare for eternity.

If you wish you could do more to help reach souls through Strong Tower Radio, here are a few practical suggestions for using our broadcasts in your personal witnessing:

Commit to Daily Prayer: Pray daily that God will lead people to tune into our stations and visit our churches. Establish a dedicated Strong Tower prayer group in your local church to specifically ask God to direct listeners and bless ongoing outreach efforts.

Host Small Groups: Host study and prayer groups in local churches or homes where seekers can be invited. Many churches could develop Strong Tower-affiliated small groups that we can actively promote over the air.

Engage in Direct Outreach: Create a list of local and global contacts to communicate with on an ongoing basis—via calls, emails, or letters—encouraging them to listen. Send them a copy of our radio schedule and highlight programs of special interest to them. They will be deeply grateful for your efforts as they begin listening. In doing so, you will follow in the footsteps of our early Tract and Missionary Societies, which conveyed our materials to people throughout the globe and maintained correspondence with many of them.

As you mail your letters this month, please consider mailing a letter to Strong Tower Radio that includes a financial gift. Your donations help cover the nearly \$800,000 in annual expenses required to keep these global life-saving, life-changing messages on the air.



Tom Mejeur



Here are the programs scheduled for October on Strong Tower Radio. The STR Today program airs Sundays at 5 pm, Mondays at 10, and Wednesdays at midnight.

During the October Preview, we remind everyone that this is Protestant Reformation month! We also check on the preparations happening for the Free Amen Clinics in Shelby and Niles. Dr. David DeRose will join the Garden Guy, and they will talk about gardening (of course) and the health benefits of gardening. Dr. Kathy Koudelle continues the tour of large animal buildings at the Berrien County Youth Fair and lastly, a fun visit with the Library of Michigan staff.



STR Feature programs air Sundays at 3:30 am, Mondays at 4 pm, Wednesdays at 9 pm, Thursdays at 1 pm and will include: The Andrews University Animal Husbandry degree programs with Dr. Koudelle on Creation Animal Care this month. Starting with Jesus—spiritual resources for kids.

Lifestyle By Design Health, a physical health education kit distributed through local church networks as a creative approach to health education, community outreach, and holistic well-being.

Interview with Cody Frances, of Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries, formerly a Michigan Conference Pastor.

The Strong Tower Radio Camp Meeting from August is airing Fridays at 1 pm and Saturdays at 5 pm. When this series is complete, we interview the **3ABN** Sabbath School Panel and their spouses. We will also interview **3ABN Radio's** Jay Christian.

Strong Tower Radio continues its tradition of remembering and sharing information about the Protestant Reformation throughout October. Programs on the history and key issues of this spiritual renewal air for one hour, October 1 to 31, at 6 am and 6 pm.

Share these programs with everyone, heard only on STR, STR apps, and online at StrongTowerRadio.org

Photo: Adam Oster – Community Engagement Librarian, Lindsay Borman – Cataloging Librarian, STR's Tom and Brenda Mejeur during the Library of Michigan recording.

Oh, the Mercy of God!

I recently enjoyed some time in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. On a hiking trail near Lake Superior, I leaned on a young maple tree, about 40 feet tall, as I watched a large woodpecker hammer on a nearby tree. As a light breeze moved through the treetops, I could feel "my tree" move with it, and I marveled at such a light breeze's impact.

No wonder God has deciduous trees drop their leaves; they would break under the snow load and high winds of winter! What a wise and merciful God! And in even greater mercy, God gives the leaves a colorful process of dropping off so we may enjoy the beauty of the Fall season, which precedes the darker, colder time of winter.

We live in a dark time in Earth's history, and we're called to amplify the light of truth to a discouraged, distraction-absorbed world. As warm light rays pass through the colorful Fall leaves, so we are to be light vessels that attract the world to Jesus, Who is the light in us.

Not seasonal, we can do this all year, and STR is the most cost-effective way to amplify your personal witness to a world in need of hope that doesn't disappoint. **Many of you already support us with your continual prayers and regular financial support. Thank you** for shining the light of truth and giving a clear answer to a world asking the simple question, "How do we get out of this mess?!"

The light of truth is setting listening prisoners free!



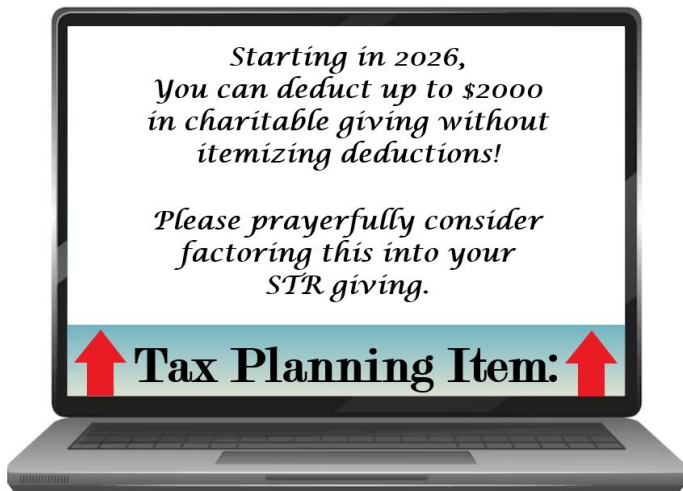
Kam Ferguson,
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10/17 11:00 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Grand Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church
10/24 9:00 a.m.	Strong Tower Radio Quartet	Belgreen Seventh-day Adventist Church
10/31 9:30 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Clio Seventh-day Adventist Church
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