Ministry News

STRONG TOWER RADIO
Where God's Character is Proclaimed

88.7 Owosso	89.9 Greenville	91.9 Cadillac	101.7 Galesburg
88.7 Port Sanilac	90.3 Manistique	92.3 Charlotte	102.7 Alpena
88.9 Houghton	90.7 Harrison	93.1 Grand Haven	104.7 Lansing
89.1 Bridgman	90.9 Escanaba	93.9 Mio	
89.1 Iron Mountain	91.3 Decatur, IL	97.1 Coldwater	1110 Petoskey
89.3 Spring Arbor	91.3 Ironwood	97.3 Kalamazoo	1540 Okemos
89.3 Tower Hill, IL	91.7 South Haven	97.9 Newberry	
89.7 Grand Rapids	91.9 Battle Creek	98.3 Chelsea	TV 23 Cadillac

Thanksgiving


Pastor Fred Calkins

It is Thanksgiving season! Perhaps, the best holiday of the year, “Why, you ask?” Because it has very little paganism attached, whereas most religious holidays are built on pagan worship practices; some holidays are patriotic or national, but they are limited to a particular nation. Thanksgiving, celebrating the year’s harvest, is universal. Not all countries celebrate it on the same day, but the season is universally recognized.

One thing that has intrigued me is the myriad of health benefits of being thankful. Yes, we are taught to say ‘thank-you’ very early. Often so early, we may not even understand what the words mean. Eventually, we learn that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and we become the recipients of the phrase ‘thank-you’ as often as we send it. But even in that giving, we are merely sharing the bounties God has given us. Those bounties include time, resources, influence, and more.

Thus, an attitude of thanksgiving begins to pervade our whole life.

More recently, I learned that being grateful impacts us in much more than our mental state. As we adopt an attitude of gratefulness, beneficial changes happen in our cells and body chemistry. The benefits are so significant that it is worth our while to keep a gratitude journal (writing each day about something good that happened). Such a deliberate attitude of thankfulness impacts our mental state first, but the ripple effects heal our bodies, our relationships, and even our communities.

With all the good thankfulness and gratitude can do, it helps us to adopt an attitude of thanksgiving and practice looking for times and ways to express our thankfulness often. Give thanks first to God – the Giver of all good. Then, look for times when other people bless you and affirm them. Meanwhile, look for opportunities to bless others – especially times and ways where they may not know you did something nice. It is wonderful to do the random acts of kindness that may go unrecognized. Knowing we did good blesses our own mind and body while enriching someone else’s life.

President's Perspective



David Bolduc, President

Sometimes we receive a listener request because they heard something on one of our 32 radio stations. Recently, a listener reached out asking how they could listen again to a sermon about biblical marriage. Another listener heard a song that touched their heart and wanted to know the artist. It is such a blessing to know we can reach millions of people right now with the love of God. How often we hear, "the world is bad," and it is. But thousands of honest people are out there searching for Truth. Sometimes they "stumble" onto one of our stations and keep listening!

I grew up listening to overseas mission stories in my Sabbath School classes. Each phone call or email we receive from a listener is a mission story, literally in our backyard. The Lord has entrusted STR to reach the multitudes.

Through your faithful support, STR can proclaim the Love of God revealed in our Lord and soon-coming Savior, Jesus Christ. All He asks is that we give Him our hearts, repent of our sins, and, as we love and follow Him, He will draw us closer to Himself.

STR rebroadcasts programming from many Bible-believing ministries, like **Amazing Facts**, **It Is Written**, **Voice of Prophecy**, and **Your Story Hour**, to name a few, at absolutely no charge. Those same ministries have to pay hundreds of dollars or more each month to other Christian stations to carry their programming.

As we near the end of this year, please consider supporting STR. We are expanding our broadcast reach by purchasing 7 stations in the Jackson area. We have upgraded our antennas at the new Houghton, MI station.

As we near the holidays, many families are probably looking forward to being together. As we think of reuniting with these loved ones, some of us will deeply feel the absence of those precious souls we have laid to rest. I think the enemy takes delight in bringing sadness into the Holidays. In the past 12 months, I have been to more than a dozen funerals. Praise the Lord, we have the hope of the Second Coming.

As Pastor Darrel le Roux said at our STR Campmeeting, "We have more years ahead of us than behind us." Like Jilane used to say, "Jesus IS Coming Soon!" Please pray for and financially support STR as we near the end of another year.

Changing Lives: The Bright Family



Kam Ferguson, Development Director

Matt and Sarah Bright have solid Baptist backgrounds and were raising their children to love Jesus in active service as they attended a Baptist church. Around 2017, Matt and Sarah began struggling with concerns about certain things in the local church where they worshipped. Around that time, a small Bible study group began to gather at their church, following a 13-week study that encouraged participants to reconsider the Biblical testimony of God's greatness and holiness, to walk by faith as with God right beside you, and to be changed into His image. Matt and Sarah became part of that study group.

About the same time, Matt heard about a new Christian radio station in Midland, found it on the FM dial, and began listening in his work truck and at his shop at home. He liked what he heard, the Biblical messages, music that glorified God, and excellent children's content, so he shared it with his family. That signal is Strong Tower Radio's (STR) Harrison station, 90.7 FM, WBHL.

Sarah and the five children, Nathan, Callie, Kelsey, Micah, and Kylie, began listening to STR on the way to school each weekday morning, listening to *Your Story Hour* and catching the *Amazing Fact* at the front of the *Bible Answers Live* program before praying and exiting the car for school.

In God's providence, the content they heard during the first couple of months of listening to STR raised no alarms, as the programming uplifted Jesus and urged a closer walk with Him. Initially, everything aligned with their Biblical understanding, but then the programs began presenting perspectives that didn't align with what they had always believed was Biblical, and things didn't feel so safe anymore.

However, it was noted that the people on the radio presented positions that were clearly reasoned from Scripture. This need-to-know-for-sure launched Matt on a multi-year study of the state of the dead, resulting in an embracing of the Biblical, SDA position.

As Matt's studies revealed that what he heard on STR aligned with the Bible, he shared this with Sarah. While Sarah likes spontaneous adventure, that mindset depends on a solid home foundation, and what they were hearing on STR made her feel like their home's foundation was being shaken.

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What Supporters and Listeners are saying….



- So sorry to hear about Jilane's untimely death. Use this donation where it's most needed to further the gospel message. **Palm Coast, FL**

- I am totally tuned into the Reformation services. Glory to God. I would also like to give more in memory of Jilane, her witness of Jesus in past times will carry many into the future. **Gladwin**

- I thank God for you all. My heart aches with you in the passing of Jilane Fenner. She will be and is greatly missed. I am giving a little more this month sacrificially out of my meager monthly allowance. May God continue to provide and bless seekers of God through STR and all who are giving to your services to rescue the lost and perishing from Babylon before Jesus' soon return. I was one who was rescued because of STR by the hands of God! Thank you all! Love in Christ. **Gladwin**

- We are so very sorry for all of your loss of Jilane Fenner. We love you all and are so proud of our God and how He is using you. Therefore, proud of you all, too!! **Evart**

- Thanks for all the positive programs! We were so sad that Jilane passed away. We love STR and pray for winning souls for heaven. Bless you all. **Cedar Springs**

- Praying for Jilane's family and her Strong Tower Radio family as they handle this great loss. God grant all comfort & peace. **Gladwin**

- This is a memorial in honor of my wife, Patricia. She was a strong advocate of the radio ministry. She had a strong passion for promoting the gospel message through the airwaves. Thank you **Traverse City**



Changing Lives: The Bright Family (Part 1) (Continued from page 3)

"How do we tell our five kids, some just entering teen years, that some of what we've taught them actually isn't true?! This feels dangerous." Sarah illustrated to Matt that she felt as though "the family car has broken down in a dangerous area. It is not wise for us all to get out and hope to reach safety without knowing where we are going. The family needs you to scout ahead and find the route that will get us safely home."

Matt continued listening and studying, taking on the topic of the Sabbath after ending the study on the state of the dead. Soon after, the COVID-19 experience began, and churches closed nearly everywhere. The Bright family held family worship each Sunday morning, using the time to listen to Gary Venden's "All About Jesus" seminar and watch Shawn Boonstra's "Revelation Speaks Peace" series, finding convincing evidence that the SDA church was Christ-centered and true to the full gospel. With that understanding came the conviction that the SDA church was the most Bible-faithful place for their family to be.

To Be Continued...

Dear Friend,

Every day, **Strong Tower Radio** broadcasts the Three Angels messages and God's character directly into homes, cars, and workplaces across our communities. This ministry relies entirely on the generosity of listeners like you to keep this vital information on the air. **December 1, 2026**, is **Giving Tuesday** - We invite you to partner with us to keep the light of the gospel shining across the airwaves.

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Thank you for being an important part of this radio ministry. Your financial support and prayers are what keep us moving forward. May God richly bless you for your generosity!

Thank you,

The Strong Tower Radio Team
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CURRENT EVENTS

Tom Mejeur



Production Director

The last quarter of the year has some of our favorite Strong Tower Radio special programs.

On November 11, we air Veteran programming, by speaking with Dr. Terry Lyndon Johnson, Michigan Circuit Court Judge Jason Elmore, Teresa Franklin, RN, and Charles Schmitt.

"*What is the Meaning of Thanksgiving*?" with Pastor Jay Gallimore. Then, two Abraham Lincoln story Marathons from **Your Story Hour** and **Youth with a Mission**: all told around 30 hours of Thanksgiving programs and music.

STR Today interviews John Holbrook: and in another interview, we learn of the closure crisis affecting private colleges, many of which are Christian colleges.

STR Feature interviews Little Light Studio's Scotty Meyer about Disney's new animated story portraying a girl with witchcraft powers.

"Security in the Place of Worship" is an interview with the Michigan State Police regarding this year's attacks on churches.

In Memoriam: We interviewed Pastor Steven Bohr at the Michigan Conference Camp Meeting. This is one of the last programs I was privileged to record with the late Jilane Fenner.

It has been my pleasure to work closely with Jilane for my entire eleven years at STR. She taught me how to conduct interviews. We did a lot of brainstorming for programming. I went to her when I had a mental block or needed inspiration. We worked closely on newsletters, reports, bulletin inserts, posters, car magnets, yard signs, and billboards.

Jilane would ask me to start articles, then edit them, condensing them until they were more readable. I could trust her so much that I sometimes saw my piece in print before I saw the final draft! I was actually writing a report that I expected to hand off to her when I received the news of her death. I miss my colleague and friend in many, and such unexpected ways.

Many of you knew of Jilane Fenner. Some of you knew her in person. Please keep the STR staff and volunteers in prayer as we navigate the depths of this loss and work to keep Jilane's vision of sharing the gospel on Michigan's airwaves alive in her absence.

Sixty-Two Percent Unmoved?


Kam Ferguson, Development Director

Happy Thanksgiving, Readers! I praise God for sustaining Strong Tower Radio this year through His many zealous, faithful people! We live in an information age, and I now share some information that should stand out to you.

*Strong Tower Radio's ***monthly*** operating costs average $77,000 for 32 stations at full power.

*Some stations are not at full power due to equipment failures, partial or total.

*After being at reduced power for several months, WIHC, 97.9 FM, near Newberry, MI has been off-air for over 2 weeks due to a failed component that requires $3,000 to replace. A $1,000 matching grant has been offered for a 2x1 match that expires this Nov. 24. When $2,000 is raised, another $1,000 matches to fund the purchase.

*The Grand Haven station, WMPA, 93.1 FM, operates at reduced power due to a weakened, unrepairable transmitter. A new unit costs $25K; praise God, $15K has been given to date!

*While payroll is current, cash sits near zero.

*We've been informed in writing that future off-schedule payroll tax payments will incur fines. There is no margin for delaying payrolls going forward.

*Just under 1/3 of STR support comes from monthly donors at this time.

*Over 100 STR listeners have given their lives to Jesus & embraced His everlasting gospel!

Dear Reader, **do you find this newsletter merely interesting, or does it activate you?**

Consider one more piece of information: 62% of this newsletter's readers haven't donated to support STR. Will you add donations with your prayers for more STR listeners and transformed lives?!

The living God of the universe changes lives through His everlasting gospel. Strong Tower Radio is life-changing radio, broadcasting this full gospel 24/7/365! To each person supporting this ministry with your prayers and finances, thank you! To those who have not yet begun, now is the day of salvation. Activate your financial support of STR, through which the Holy Spirit continues to transform lives!

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STR Engagements:

11/7	*5:00 p.m.*	**Kam Ferguson**	Radio Rally First Flint Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/14	*11:00 a.m.*	**David Bolduc**	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/21	*11:00 a.m.*	**David Bolduc**	Gladwin Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/21	*11:25 a.m.*	**Strong Tower Radio Quartet and Kam Ferguson**	Bellville Seventh-day Adventist Church

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