

WIHS GOOD NEWS

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WIHS Faith Sharing

Thurs. Oct. 24th - Sat. Oct. 26th

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One of the most beloved and familiar Christian hymns is *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* which draws its inspiration from the words of Jeremiah in Lamentations 3:23. The second verse of the hymn states: *All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

WIHS is a real positive witness to the truths that are boldly declared in this hymn. In October 2019 **WIHS** will be celebrating 50 years of receiving the blessings of GOD's Faithfulness to provide all of the necessary resources in people, property, programs and financial provisions to establish, put and keep the Station on

the air so the Good News of Jesus Christ would be proclaimed over the radio airwaves, and now through the Internet.

GOD continues to use the broadcast ministry of **WIHS** to demonstrate His Great Faithfulness to the tens of thousands of listeners. On a daily basis there are reports of Christians being built up in their faith and receiving encouragement to meet the daily challenges of life. Even more, there are many that now have a personal relationship with GOD, through faith in Jesus Christ, in response to the Biblical teaching heard on **WIHS**.

The programming that is heard on **WIHS** is unique. There are over 100 different programs all declaring the Good News of Jesus. The music that is broadcast is a special eclectic selection to bring inspiration and to complement the teaching programs. Hourly news and weather, local faith and ministry information, children's programs, local pastors, and missionary emphasis are just some of the features regularly heard on **WIHS**. All of this is accomplished with a "live and local" staff – there is someone who answers the telephone 24 hours day whether to give help with information or



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share in a time of prayer. No other local Station provides this service.

WIHS is unlike many other Christian radio stations. There are no commercials trying to sell products. There are no announcements from businesses saying they are paying the bills. There are no invoices sent to the 100's of programmers heard on the Station asking them to pay for air time. There is not a repetitive series of on-air fund drives asking for contributions. Instead, once a year, for 44 hours over 3 days, **WIHS** hosts a time of *Faith Sharing*.

Faith Sharing.

These 3 days of *Faith Sharing*

are the only time **WIHS** asks listeners and supporters to show their appreciation for what they hear when they tune to 104.9 FM by making a *Faith Promise* to keep the Station on the air and going forward in the coming year. This effort is a clear reflection that **WIHS** is in harmony with the words of the apostle Paul: "For we walk by Faith, not by sight." *Faith Promises* are the means GOD uses to show His Great Faithfulness to maintain the unique radio ministry of **WIHS**.

WIHS does not set a specific financial goal for *Faith Sharing*. GOD knows what is needed and our response is to "walk by Faith and not by sight." GOD has faithfully provided for the Station over 50 years and we trust He will continue to do so in the coming year. However, we also believe GOD wants YOU to participate by making a *Faith Promise* to support **WIHS** in 2020. In October a special letter will be sent to everyone receiving this

newsletter giving instructions on how to participate in this year's *Faith Sharing* and how to make your own *Faith Promise*. Be sure to look for it!♦

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Steve Campbell



This month, **WIHS** welcomes Steve Campbell, who will initially serve as a Saturday overnight on-air host. Steve was raised in a Pastor's

home, but his faith came alive in 1977. His favorite verse is Romans 8:38-39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life, nor angel, nor principality; nor powers, nor things present, nor anything to come; nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of GOD, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." ♦

WIHS BOD Adds New Director

Yvonne Mitto

Yvonne Mitto is the Executive Director of Compass New England, an affiliate of Compass-finances God's way. She is also a certified member of the John Maxwell Team, where she serves as a member of the



John Maxwell Team President's Advisory Council (PAC).

Combining the experience and

insights of her corporate, entrepreneurial and financial ministry background with her advanced leadership training, Yvonne works with pastors and leaders to develop a culture of financial discipleship and generosity in their churches and faith-based organizations. She also focuses on helping churches, companies and organizations grow the strength of their teams by working to create more effective communication, transformational leadership and personal growth.

Prior to serving full-time in the financial ministry in 2007, Yvonne had a 15-year career in the Finance, Human Resources and Communications organizations at United Technologies Corporation.

A resident of Windsor, Yvonne is an ordained minister. She holds a master's degree in Human Resource Management from Cambridge College, and a master's degree in Theological Studies with a focus on Leadership Effectiveness from Bethel University. She is also a graduate of the Women's Campaign School at Yale University. She serves on the leadership team at Crossroads Community Cathedral in East Hartford. ♦

John Barney, Long-time WIHS Board Member Now Home with the Lord

Long-time **WIHS** Board member and faithful friend and supporter John Barney died on June 4. A very touching memorial service was held on June 22 at Calvary Church in West Hartford. John was born in 1929 in Rumney, New Hampshire and graduated from Providence Bible College in Barrington, RI after his high school education in Plymouth, NH. John married



John was a close friend of Al and Elaine Thyberg and Jim and Eleanor Pelley, who were highly instrumental in establishing WIHS.

Jessie Bennett in January 1954 and in May of that year they left for the Belgian Congo under the Africa Inland Mission (AIM). In 1961 due to civil unrest they relocated to Kenya until 1977 when he came back to the US to serve in the position of Director of Stewardship for AIM. In 2002 John's wife Jessie entered heaven. GOD blessed John with a second wife, Norma

Mason in 2004. John was a close friend of Al and Elaine Thyberg and Jim and Eleanor Pelley, who were highly instrumental in establishing **WIHS**. John faithfully participated in providing oversight for **WIHS** for many years serving as Secretary and an active member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut

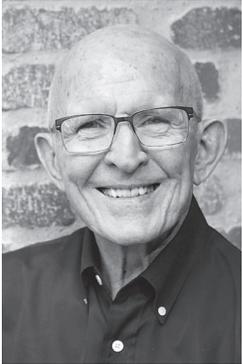
Radio Fellowship which owns and operates **WIHS**. Prior to their move to Florida the Board was frequently invited to John and Norma's home in Windsor, CT for their quarterly meetings. John was also a frequent participant at the annual **WIHS Faith Sharing** outreach, putting his booming bass voice on the air, and encouraging listeners to make a **Faith Promise**. We thank GOD for John's faithful service at **WIHS**. ♦

Job Openings at WIHS

Did you realize that **WIHS** now employs 24 full-and part-time employees? We have several job openings at our Middletown studio. Check out our website for details. ♦



Final Call! For 50th Anniversary Tickets



Dr. Harold Sala.

September 28th will be a truly Gala Celebration at the Aqua Turf, Plantsville, CT when **WIHS** celebrates 50 years of broadcasting the Good News of Jesus.

Dr. Harold Sala

of Guidelines Ministries will be featured speaker. Guidelines is one of the few programs that has been on the air at WIHS for all 50 years. There will also be special music provided by Christian artist Tim Kaufman.

In addition to the special Celebration program, which will follow a sit-down dinner, there will be a Christian Minis-



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tries exposition. Over 50 local Christian ministries have been invited to come and host displays and provide information regarding their special activities. More information can be found at www.wihsradio.org and “click on” the 50th Anniversary tab.

Doors will open at 4:30 PM and the festivities will conclude shortly after 9 PM. Reserve your tickets by calling the **WIHS** office at 860-346-1049, or use the on-line order form at www.wihsradio.org. Don't wait as there are only a limited number of seating reservations still available. ♦



Tim Kaufman.

WIHS Media Update

The new **WIHS** website was launched less than 6 months ago and the viewer response has been very positive. Have you visited the website at wihsradio.org? If not, please do and send us your thoughts.

Our webmaster is working very hard to restore the “What’s Playing Now?” feature as well as providing additional on-line resources for viewers. Starting in June visitors can now listen to past editions of the **WIHS**-produced *Bread of Life* and *WIHS Journal* programs with a special You-Tube link. Go to wihsradio.org and click on the appropriate button to listen!

Advance announcements of Reading Room books, *Bread of Life* pastors and **WIHS Journals** will soon be added.

If there is something you would like to have included on the **WIHS** website please contact the **WIHS** office by calling 860-346-1049.

WIHS is also now publishing a monthly e-newsletter to provide timely information about activities at **WIHS** and upcoming special programs. You can subscribe by going to wihsradio.org, or by calling the **WIHS** office. ♦

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Letters From Listeners

RUSSELL, MA – *I want to thank you again for your wonderful Christian broadcasting. My husband and I enjoy the music you play as well as the excellent studies and talk programs. We listen on the internet and turn the station on daily for anywhere between 1-2 hours or 8 hours!*

WEST HARTFORD - *Greetings in the Name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Just a few lines to let you know, I'm a faithful listener of almost all your programs. I so appreciate your hard work and words of encouragement that I know keep so many of us listeners going. Thank you so much for the “work of love” you provide to your listeners daily. May our Lord bless & keep you in all you do!*

WILLIMANTIC - *I've been a listener for many years all the way back to my former days of listening to you off of a radio walkman from the Correctional Facility in the Somers, CT area. You realize, God has placed your FM broadcast area to include prisons. I know that many there still depend on your FM signal for strong, faithful and encouraging programming that can penetrate the souls of desperate men.*

ANONYMOUS – *I remember that a long time ago when I was going thru a really rough time during my incarceration, I would make sure to get back to my cell at 8:35 to catch Chuck Swindoll as he was preaching a series on Job from the Old Testament. I know I needed that message right then and there and of course with no internet connection (this was still 15 years ago) I could only catch Insight For Living at 8:35pm (or 2:30am if the Lord kept me up that late).*

GUILFORD – *I'd like to thank you once again for all you do to make your radio station possible. I've always listened to the station as much as I could, but recently my husband, who was unsaved, started listening. You were a large part of his conversion. He now serves the Lord Jesus along side of me. He's a perfect example of “never give up praying for someone”. We've been married for 30 years and for 25 of those years, I've prayed for his salvation. PRAYER WORKS!! God bless you all!!*

Upcoming Area Events

Add your events to the next **WIHS** Good News Letter and have them read by thousands of **WIHS** listeners! Events are also posted on the **WIHS Community Web Calendar** and seen by thousands more all at no cost!

Iron Sharpens Iron Marriage Conference

www.ironsharpeniron.net
(860) 233-8136

The ISI Marriage Conference is designed to equip couples with 12 different seminars & two keynote sessions in a shortened 1-day format. Visit website for more locations!!

Oct 5: Grace Baptist Church, Hudson, MA

Oct 19: The Rehoboth Church of God, Bloomfield, CT

ABC Women's Center's Dash For Life 5K Fun Run

- Middletown

http://bit.ly/DashForLife19
(860) 704-0078 for more info

Sept 21 @ 9am: This is an event the whole family can enjoy!

Jacob's Well Christian Coffeehouse

- Vernon

www.JacobsWellCoffeehouse.com
(860) 871-6500

Sep 6: Brendan Brooks

Oct 4: Johnson Sisters

Nov 1: Theresa Wright

Gospel Expo 2019

- Meriden

www.biblewaymeriden.org
(203) 510-6091

Sept 21 @ 4pm: Praise & Worship in the Park! All are welcome

Arise-A United Prayer Gathering

- Groton

(218) 382-7473

Sept 20 @ 6pm: Join with churches & Christian believers across Connecticut!! All are welcome!

Middlesex Institute of Theology & Technology

- Middletown **Fall Semester Begins**

www.mitt-online.com
(860) 346-0733

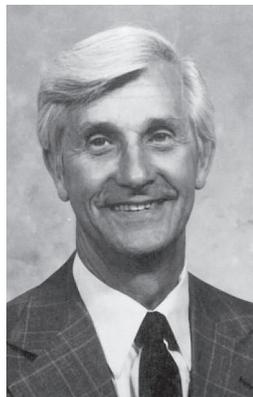
Sept 3 @ 6pm: Classes offered on Tues & Thurs from 6-90pm. Students may enroll in programs leading to Master's Level degree or spiritual enrichment. MITT also utilizes SKYPE for students who participate via the Internet!

WIHS looks forward to meeting faithful listeners and to introducing ourselves to potential new listeners! Invite **WIHS** to host a ministry display table your next church or ministry event! If a ministry display table isn't an option, **WIHS** can possibly provide larger quantities of promotional/witnessing materials for your upcoming event. **WIHS** wants to partner with you to help make your next event a success!

WIHS co-founder "Uncle" Al Thyberg Enters Eternity on July 24 at age 95

In 1962, Al and Elaine Thyberg were invited to a planning meeting to explore the idea of starting a Christian radio station in Connecticut. Excited over the vision, Al and Elaine pressed into the work. Seven long years of praying, working and waiting led to the station's inaugural broadcast on October 11, 1969. For the next 26 years, the Thybergs poured themselves into the ministry of **WIHS**. As the public face of the station, they were warm and personable, answering listener correspondence with thoughtfulness and care, creating personal relationships with programmers and radio colleagues, and representing the heart and vision of **WIHS** to the many listeners as well as the broader community.

In the early 1970's Al became the President of the Connecticut Radio Fellowship (which owns and operates **WIHS**) as well as the General Manager of the Station. He continued in these positions until his retirement at the end of 1995 after 33 years of being



"In His Service."

Al's "retirement" was to give another 18 years of Christian work at Mountain Lake Bible Camp in New Preston, CT, which he had established in 1947.

Al was uniquely instrumental to provide the necessary leadership during the formative broadcasting years at **WIHS**. This included purchas-

ing property for the current transmitter location, as well the location for the present studio facilities on South Main Street. Selection of programs, hiring of personnel, setting a musical style, securing equipment, taking charge of expenses in light of available giving; these were all under the direct purview of "Uncle" Al. He truly was a servant that God used in a mighty way to keep **WIHS** functioning and going forward to ensure the continual broadcasting of the Good News of Jesus."

"We thank GOD for Al's pioneering spirit, and his late wife Elaine, whose voice is still heard on legacy editions of the **WIHS Reading Room** program."♦

Bible Collection Drive Yields 1,712 pre-owned Bibles



John from Southington, CT, with Robin Hansen receiving first delivery of Bibles.

In June, the 2019 **WIHS** Bible Collection Drive yielded a whopping 1,712 pre-owned Bibles, which will be distrib-

uted to people around the world who do not yet have their own personal Bibles. **WIHS** thanks the many donors, volunteers and staff who played important roles in another successful Bible

Collection Drive. Here's

a fun fact: If the average donated Bible has a spine width of 1-1/4" and you stacked all 1,712

Bibles on top of each other, the pile would rise to the height of an 18-story building!♦

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