

WIHS GOOD NEWS

Your "live and local" CT Christian Radio Station
for inspiration and information

January 2020

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**Thanks to all who participated in our recent
Faith Sharing campaign, which ended on 12/31/19.**



A total of 704 faith promises were made, totaling \$185,608. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Without listener support, WIHS would not have the financial support needed to operate.

CT Broadcasters Association 2020 Scholarships

CONNECTICUT BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION **SCHOLARSHIP** CBA

Offered EXCLUSIVELY to Connecticut residents for students studying broadcasting-related studies, such as journalism, communications, marketing, broadcast engineering, etc. Each scholarship is awarded based on financial need and merit!

The following information is required to complete the application form:
Official Transcripts
Statement of Goals
Letters of Recommendation (3)
Financial information (FAFSA)

For more info, contact Michael Ryan at the CBA at mryan@ctba.org

Apply online at www.ctba.org/scholarship
Application period opens January 1st

APPLY TODAY!

DEADLINE: March 15

The CT Broadcasters Association is now taking applications for scholarships exclusively to CT residents for students studying broadcasting-related studies. [Click here](#) for details!

Sanctuary of Life Sunday on January 19



[Click here](#) to learn more about Sanctuary of Life Sunday on January 19 and to download promotional tools. Please also [click here](#) for information on special Every Life Matters programming on WIHS on January 18-19.

Be sure to check our Calendar of Events this winter!



WIHS compiles and publishes an ongoing calendar of Christian events across the State 365 days a year. Be sure to go to WIHSradio.org, visit our [calendar](#) page, and submit your future events [here](#).

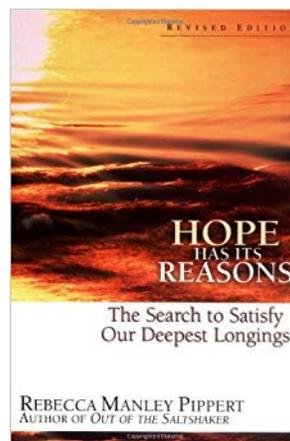
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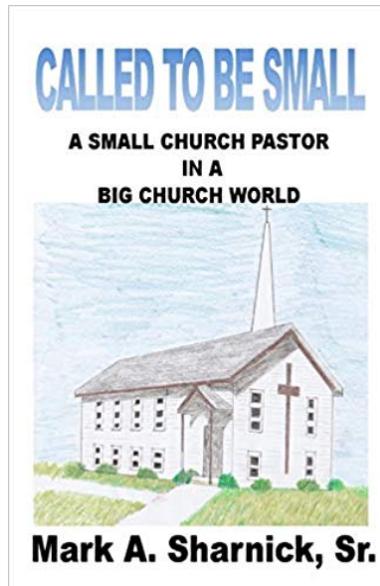
Last June, we launched the new [WIHS website](#) and e-newsletter. In August, we launched the new [WIHS 1049 Channel on YouTube](#). **This month, we're launching the new "official" WIHS Christian Radio page on Facebook. Please [click here](#) now and Like us!** We are now using this new Facebook page to help to get the word out on WIHS. We are not allowing visitors to make posts, but we are in conversation with Facebook page visitors through Messenger.

Current Reading Room Book



Through February 5, *Reading Room* will feature *Hope has its Reasons* by Rebecca Manley-Pippert, as read by Elaine Thyberg. For more details about this weekday feature on WIHS, please [click here](#).

WIHS "Bread of Life" pastor publishes new book to encourage small churches



Pastor Mark Sharnick, Sr. with First Assembly of God in Meriden, CT (a WIHS "Bread of Life" program contributor) recently published a book, [Called to be Small](#) in hopes of encouraging anyone involved in ministry within a small church environment. The popular focus has been on church growth, at least for the last several decades. This misplaced emphasis has resulted in many ministers feeling as though they are failing in their calling. Of course, all ministers want to see their churches or ministries grow, but he believes the focus is wrong.

The Word of God places the emphasis regarding ministry on the reliance on the Spirit of God and not on our own skills or abilities. The average church in America would be considered a small church. That has always been the case. Only approximately 2% of American churches are over 1,000 in attendance; the majority have 100 or less, even after all the emphasis on church growth.

There are churches that are growing, but much of that growth is migratory growth and not growth from conversions. Many ministers in America are discouraged feeling they are all alone. This book was written to let them know that they are not alone. God never mandated that every church be a big church or even a growing church. What He requires of ministers is that they are faithful to their calling. Through similes and analogies, readers will be reminded that God is in control of all things related to His church. They will be encouraged to survey any weakness there may be in their strategy. Once they are sure they are doing the best they could, they should rest in that fact.

Please consider funding Special Projects



There is a real need to update the broadcast studios and equipment to carry the Station into the future, and we need your prayers and help!

- A project entitled "Studio 2020" is being launched this year, to refurbish and re-equip the studios. Preliminary cost estimates are \$55,000 for equipment and an additional \$15,000 for updating the facilities. Would you consider helping to fund this necessary project?
- A Solar Power Farm would allow WIHS to reduce electrical energy costs. It is estimated that the project would pay for itself within 12 years, but there is a large initial cost of \$95,000. That's a lot of money, but the long term benefits and savings are significant.
- Upgrading and updating the exterior signage and lighting costs an estimated \$7,000.
- Today, there are over 30 computers (some over 20 years old) operating 24 hours a day. The cost to maintain, repair and replace old parts has a budget of nearly \$19,000/year. New computers and software would cost \$15,000 but repair and maintenance costs would decrease to less than \$4,000/year. This is another special project for you to consider.
- Everyone likes to have clean carpets and flooring in their homes and it's the same at WIHS. The current carpeting and flooring was installed in 1992 (when we moved into the facility), and it is definitely showing its age. The studios require copper ground planes to protect the equipment, and the office needs easy to clean material. All of the flooring replacement costs amount to \$17,000.
- In 2019, WIHS had to repair / replace the roof. We received some donations earmarked for this special project, but due to the urgency of the need, WIHS had to tap into general funds to finish the job. Our goal is to raise enough additional donations to pay for the balance of the completed roof work so we can replenish what we took from general funds.

If you have an interest in helping to fund one or more of these projects, please contact G.J. Gerard, General Manager at 860.346.1049 or wih@snet.net.

Office Volunteers Needed!



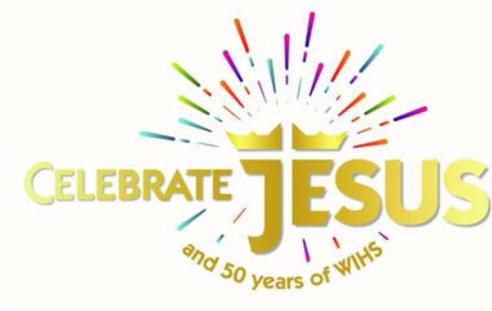
WIHS currently needs 4-5 volunteers who can help with office duties one workday per week, for two hours (4-6 pm). Tasks include answering the phone, filing, and miscellaneous organizational tasks. Reliability and availability are essential. Good for someone who lives close to the Station (Middletown and surrounding towns). If interested, please [click here](#).

February is Black History Month



There are currently an estimated 357,000 African-Americans who call Connecticut their home, many of whom are Christ-followers and leaders in churches, communities, businesses and governments. Connecticut has a rich abolitionist history, with many "Freedom Trail" sites, heroes and heroines. If you have suggestions for local on-the-air guests or topics, please contact the Station at 860.346.1049 or wih@snet.net.

**Mark Your Calendar for the WIHS
"Celebrate Jesus" Gala & Expo on October 2, 2020**



Make sure you save the date for the [WIHS Celebrate Jesus Gala & Expo](#) on Friday evening, **October 2, 2020** at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT. Information packages for potential sponsors and ministry exhibitors will be available soon, but the first step is to **SAVE THE DATE!** Last year was a sellout, and we believe it is possible again in 2020.

Coming Soon: 50th Anniversary Gala Souvenir DVD sets!

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WIHS 50th ANNIVERSARY
1970-2020

CELEBRATE JESUS
and 50 years of WIHS

Keynote address by Dr. Harold Solo, host of Guidelines for Living; music by Tim Kaufman;
enanced by the Rev. Christopher Adams, "The Singing Chaplain"

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville CT
Souvenir DVD Set

We still have quite a bit of final editing to do, but we're getting close to offering Souvenir DVD sets, so you can re-live (or experience for the first time) the enthusiasm and energy at last September's 50th anniversary celebration. If you would like to be on the waiting list for more details, please [email Drew Crandall](#), our Media Coordinator, today.

Help us to promote the Good News and WIHS!

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