

WIHS GOOD NEWS

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

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Connecticut Churches gradually re-open with cautions



We are sensing that, in addition to online services, a growing number of local churches are re-opening while adhering to social distancing, masks, sanitization and other precautions. We are grateful that the COVID-19 curve did flatten and the destructive impact on our health and economy is subsiding. Please [click here](#) for State guidelines and news on the reopening of Connecticut.

Please pray for our June 6 "Virtual" Board meeting



On Saturday, June 6 at 9 am, the [WIHS Board](#) will hold its regular quarterly meeting online. We look forward to meeting again in person at the appropriate time, but that time has not yet

arrived. During these meetings, we conduct a "360-degree" assessment of station operations, as we desire to be wise stewards of this unique media ministry. Luke 12:48 says, "To whom much is given, much will be required." Please pray for us!

Show your patriotism on Flag Day



Show your patriotism on Sunday, June 14 by properly displaying your American flag! Please [click here](#) for guidelines on how to display your flag. First and foremost, Christ-followers are citizens of God's Kingdom; with that said, we are very blessed to live in the United States of America and need to show our appreciation for "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

The Independence Day / July 4th weekend is also coming up with more opportunities to display your patriotism!

Remember to honor Fathers on Sunday, June 21



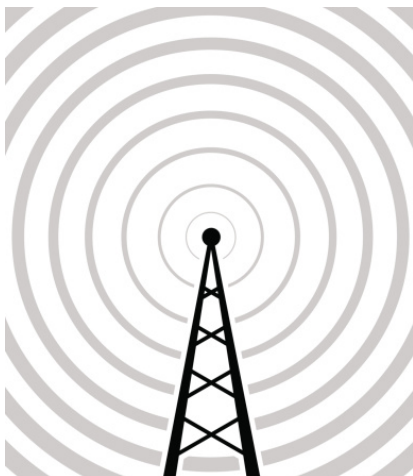
In Exodus 20:12, the fifth of the Ten Commandments is "*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*" We are to honor our fathers every day, but Father's Day is a special exhortation and opportunity for churches, families and individuals to honor fathers and recognize the essential contributions they make in our lives. Please click the FamilyLife Ministry [website link here](#) for ideas!

WIHS-produced Programs are on the air and online



WIHS, your "live and local" Christian radio station, produces several unique shows. Please [click here](#) for a recap, and remember that over 400 recent shows are now posted online 24/7 on the

Recent transmitter issues are being addressed



Currently eight years old, our Flexiva transmitter has been having intermittent, random "hiccups" in recent months. We recently shipped the transmitter to the manufacturer in the Midwest for inspection, testing and repair. In the meantime, we are using our HT-5 back-up transmitter.

We anticipate the cost for inspection, testing and repairs to be in the vicinity of \$3,000. Please pray for this situation, that the process will be swift and that God will provide for this additional expense.

Studio upgrades are being planned



Our studio is overdue for a major upgrade. We cannot hold off this investment any longer--much of our equipment is operating far beyond its "normal" life cycle, requiring more frequent repairs and interfering with the smooth, steady, consistent broadcast of "inspiration and information." The upgrade may begin this fall, depending on funds that come in. Please [click here](#) to learn how you can help.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, the following letter will be sent by postal mail to everyone on our mailing list



Drew Crandall, President
CT Radio Fellowship

Dear Friends in the Lord:

“Normally,” this would be the time for you to receive a Summer issue of our quarterly, four-page Good News newsletter. However, these are not “normal” times! We decided to hit the pause button and publish a combination Summer-Fall issue, as the coronavirus is causing complications for Station operations and initiatives.

*** After nearly a year-long search, WIHS 104.9 FM is hiring a new General Manager / Chief Engineer!** In May, the Connecticut Radio Fellowship (CRF) Board of Directors unanimously voted to extend an offer to a chosen candidate, and he accepted! Now, we need to discern when he and his wife can visit Connecticut "safely" to begin their search for housing. We need to pray for a smooth, timely and affordable sale of their current home. We also need to determine an appropriate start date, and when he should give notice to his current employer. We anticipate that he will begin his work at WIHS this summer, with an exact date TBA. Please pray with us for divine wisdom and guidance.

*** The “Celebrate Jesus” Gala & Expo at the Aqua Turf Club on Friday, October 2 is in limbo.** We signed the contract with Aqua Turf Club many months ago, but the facility is currently closed and we do not know what social distancing requirements will be in effect this fall. We also do not know if there will be a second wave of coronavirus in the fall. With this uncertainty, we haven’t begun to sell tickets, line up ministry exhibitors or enlist sponsors. Last year was a record-setting event, with more attendees and exhibitors than ever. We had hoped to build on the momentum in 2020, but we’re waiting upon the Lord for divine guidance. Please pray with and for us.

*** Following the Federal government’s response to the coronavirus outbreak, the CRF Board spent much time in prayer, study and remote Zoom conference calls assessing whether we should apply for Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) funds to help us through this challenging economic time.** While 501(c)3 faith-based organizations may apply, and many have, the Board voted unanimously NOT to apply for PPP funds. By God's grace and provision, we are NOT in an "emergency" situation. There are other organizations across the State who needed the PPP funds to stay alive "now."

*** Nonetheless, summertime is often a time of reduced giving, while employee/operational expenses stay the same.** Given the coronavirus-induced economic downturn, many non-profits (including WIHS) have “concerns” that giving will dip more than usual. To help to ease the pain, as part of the CARES Act, the IRS is allowing a \$300 per person charitable donation on your 2020 Federal tax return *even if you do not itemize your deductions*. Perhaps you could take advantage of this one-time allowance this summer, by sending a special gift to WIHS using the enclosed envelope?

In closing, thank you for your enthusiastic, Spirit-led support of WIHS, your “live and local” Christian radio station for inspiration and information. Please keep listening on the air or online. Please visit our website, YouTube Channel and Facebook page. Please continue to pray for us. ***God still loves Connecticut, and We’re still In His Service!***

Joyfully yours,

Drew



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(A downloadable PDF version of Drew's letter is [online here.](#))

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