

WIHS GOOD NEWS

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for daily hope and encouragement

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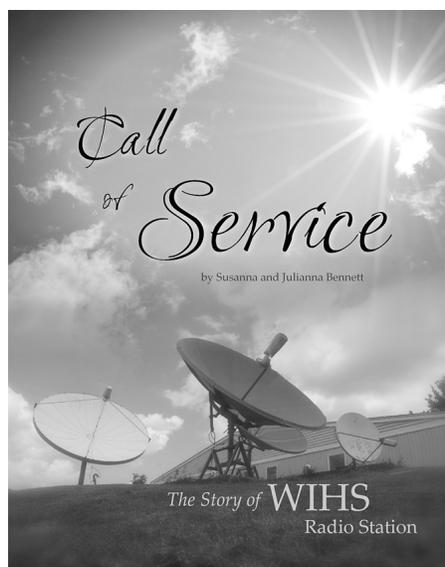
Joyful New Year!



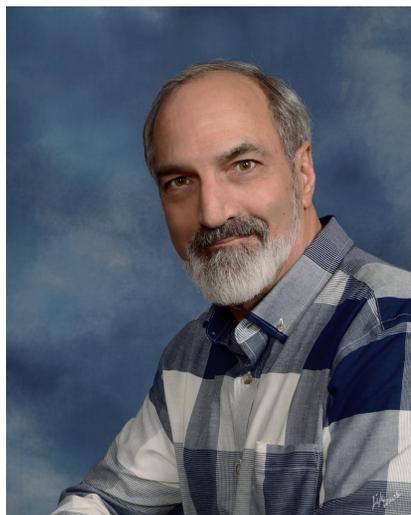
*As we enter the New Year, please pray for WIHS, that we will be
the abundantly fruitful Christian media ministry the Lord would have us to be!
Remember that the joy of the Lord is our strength! Not only can we say "Happy New Year,"
we can say "JOYFUL New Year" no matter what may come our way!*

WIHS Highlights of 2020

1st Quarter



WIHS entered 2020 on the heels of our year-long 50th anniversary celebration in 2019, with high hopes of building on the enthusiasm and synergy in the new year. In January and February, the banquet committee met to plan for the Fall 2020 Celebrate Jesus Gala and Expo at the Aqua Turf Club.



On March 7, the Connecticut Radio Fellowship (CRF) Board of Directors voted Drew Crandall as President, following Bill Bacon's 25-year tenure at this volunteer position. (Thank you, Bill!) The Crandall family has been in Connecticut for centuries. Its most famous member is Prudence Crandall, Connecticut's Official Heroine for her courageous stand against racism and slavery in the 1830s.

Drew is one of Bridgeport Hospital's "miracle babies" from the mid-1950s. He graduated from Simsbury High School and the University of Connecticut at Storrs, and has spent most of his life in Connecticut. Drew has owned and operated Keep In Touch, a Christ-centered marketing and media business, for 32 years. He has served in ministry leadership capacities at *Union Church, Vision New England, Fellowship of Companies for Christ, Northeast Christians At Work, JesusFest, Jacob's Well Christian Coffeehouse, Creation Coalition of Connecticut, and the Connecticut Alliance for Christian Arts.* He was also on the *Mission Connecticut with Luis Palau* organizing team.

In the wider culture and business community, Drew has held leadership positions with the *Better Business Bureau of Connecticut, Tolland County Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Rockville Association, Public Relations Society, Connecticut Society of Association Executives, MIT Enterprise Forum of Connecticut, and Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum.*

Drew is a seasoned public speaker, writer and television, radio, print and online journalist. "Although I grew up in church," he says, "my faith in Christ came alive during a Christian business breakfast in East Windsor on June 8, 1985. I have been heavily involved in the media and ministry for 35 years, and I'm very blessed to serve the Lord in my home state through WIHS!"



On March 12, just five days after Drew was voted president, Connecticut began to shut down due to the coronavirus. The landscape rapidly changed. WIHS began restricting visitors, and churches began the arduous transition from on-site to live-streamed services and online meetings. To help Christ-followers to stay connected, WIHS began to publish a helpful directory of online church services on its website. For the rest of the year, the CRF Board and various committees met via Zoom video conference call.

2nd Quarter



WIHS became an authorized charity with Amazon Smile, giving listeners and friends another way to financially support the station, especially given the rapid migration to online shopping, a trend augmented by the coronavirus.



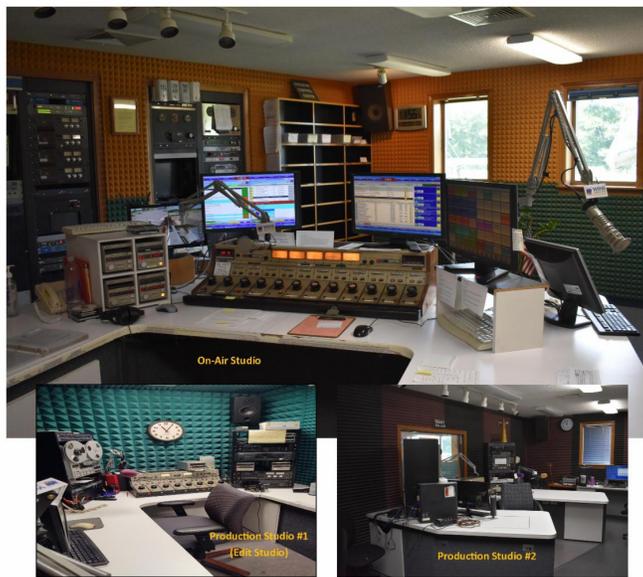
Continuing an executive search process that had begun during the summer of 2019, the CRF Board identified and settled on a candidate for General Manager and Chief Engineer. The coronavirus complicated the process, but in the early summer, Steve Tuzeneu and his wife Lois visited Connecticut to meet the CRF Board and WIHS staff. An employment offer was accepted, the couple put their house in South Carolina on the market and began hunting for a new home in Connecticut.

Steve has over 45 years of diverse radio station experience, from announcing to engineering to management. His faith in Christ came alive at age 11, through the influence of evangelist Andrew Telford, who was speaking at his local church in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. Over the decades, Steve has held staff positions at faith-based radio stations in Colorado, Connecticut (at WIHS!), Kansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia and Wisconsin. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcasting/Business Administration from John Brown University. He is a Certified Broadcast Technologist with the Society of Broadcast Engineers, holds an FCC General Class Radio Engineering License and an Extra Class Amateur Radio License.

Due to the coronavirus, the Fall 2020 Celebrate Jesus Gala and Expo at the Aqua Turf Club was cancelled. We had hoped that by summer, the worst would be over and that by the fall we could return to some degree of normalcy, but that was not the case.

3rd Quarter

On July 15, Steve officially joined the staff of WIHS as General Manager and Chief Engineer, a position held by GJ Gerard for the previous 25 years. (Thank you, GJ!) GJ served as a consultant through September, which greatly helped with the transition. (GJ continues to provide advice as a member of the CRF Board.) Steve began to make incremental changes at the station, both on the air and off. He initiated some new contests and an online listener survey, which generated a good volume of helpful feedback. The Tuzeneus sold their South Carolina house and moved into a home in Middletown, within five miles of the WIHS studio.



During its September 12 Zoom meeting, the CRF Board authorized Steve to proceed with the Studio 2020 Renovation Project. This is the first major upgrade of all three studios since the current facility was purchased in 1991. Steve made preparations to dive into this project as soon as the 2020 Faith Sharing phone-a-thon was finished in late October.

4th Quarter



This year's three-day Faith Sharing phone-a-thon on October 29-31 had some new features. Due to the coronavirus, we had to cancel the annual banquet with its ministry expo, so we brought the ministry expo to the airwaves! Nearly 50 guests and staff shared their "live" testimonies, ministries and music. We also live streamed portions of Faith Sharing on the WIHS 1049 You Tube Channel, which now contains over 800 files of recent segments of Bread of Life and WIHS Journals. As of December 31, 2020, \$147,000 in Faith Sharing promises and donations have been received.



At its December 12 Zoom meeting, the CRF Board voted Neil Knudsen to be WIHS' Music Director. Neil will continue to be a radio show producer and on-air board operator. Dennis DeLuzio will continue to be the producer of the Sacred Performance show broadcast on Sundays. The Board also initiated new efforts to build Board / General Manager relationships and teamwork.

Looking ahead into 2021



As we enter the New Year, we will continue to trust the Lord day-by-day for His divine favor, direction, provision and protection. God willing, here is a glimpse of some of the things we are hoping and praying for:

- * A gradual return to some degree of normalcy.**
- * Resumption and growth of WIHS outreach efforts.**
- * Completion of WIHS Studio 2020 renovations in the spring.**



*** Resumption of the WIHS Celebrate Jesus Gala and Expo at the Aqua Turf Club in the fall (mark your calendar for Friday, October 29!)**



*** The ongoing addition of new CRF Board members.**



*** The development of a God-led, longer-term WIHS strategic plan.**
Like the walls of Jerusalem in the Book of Nehemiah,
we desire to build and grow the station in a wise, balanced way.



*** Blooming where we're planted!** Experiencing abundant growth and fruitfulness of our on-air and online listenership, and our overall influence and impact for God's Kingdom!

Financial Support Update



As we close the books on 2020, WIHS continues to operate debt-free. One of the "walls" that needs to be strong and growing is our finance wall. In 2021, we will need about \$800,000 in financial support. Please [click here](#) for a summary of various ways that you can support the station in 2021. For those of you who made donations in 2020, Steve Tuzeneu's year-end letter and 2020 receipts for income tax returns will be sent in January.



By God's grace, WIHS has remained on the air 24/7, commercial-free and listener-supported since October 11, 1969. We encourage you to pray regularly for this unique "live and local station for daily hope and encouragement." Please send us your prayer requests online or by calling 860.346.1049. Intercessory prayer, using your prayer requests, forms the core of the weekly WIHS Family Prayer Circle, heard every Saturday at 8:30 pm.

Why not listen online now, and encourage a friend to?

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