

# WIHS GOOD NEWS

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## After a hiatus in 2020 due to the coronavirus, the WIHS Gala & Expo is Back!



**Praise the Lord! The Celebrate Jesus Gala & Expo will return to the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on Friday, October 29 from 4:30 to 9:30 pm.**

After what we've been through with the coronavirus, the opportunity to gather together, represent the Body of Christ across Connecticut, pray, worship, fellowship, dine, network, and be encouraged will be wonderful!

The theme of this year's event is God's amazing, supernatural power to deliver souls from the destructive grip of addiction, which is so painfully present in our families and communities today. Inspiring, high-energy live music and the keynote message will be shared by Rev. Walter Santos (top right), Pastor of Lacy Christian Assembly in Forked River, New Jersey. Santos also serves as a Chaplain for the U.S. Secret Service. He grew up in New York City and had a successful secular career as a percussionist with major bands in the music industry. This, however, led to a life of addiction and despair until singer Dion DiMucci shared the Good News. Walter's life was transformed!



Prior to and after the dinner program, you'll be able to visit the Expo showcasing a diverse mix of ministries. Discover valuable Christian resources that can be a blessing to you, your family, church, friends and others!

Our emcee for the evening will be Morning On-Air Host Gerry Williams. We will introduce and pray for General Manager Steve Tuzeneu and recognize **WIHS** staff and Board members. Rev. Will Marotti, Pastor of New Life Church in Wallingford, will lead the blessing of the meal. During the delicious family-style meal, we'll play instrumental "Dinner Concert" music compiled by Music Director Neil Knudsen. Drew Crandall, President of Connecticut Radio Fellowship, will present guests with an opportunity to financially support the work of **WIHS**. Sponsorships are available. Tickets are on-sale for just \$50! Please use the order form on page 3 or buy your tickets online at [WIHSradio.org](http://WIHSradio.org).

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# We are so blessed to live in the USA!

"'American Exceptionalism' is a term that has been bandied about in recent years--celebrated by some, scorned by others. Most who use the term, however, don't understand it's genuine meaning and significance. It has nothing to do with our economy or our military or Olympic gold medals. America, in its conception, was an exception to the history of all prior nations across the span of human history.

What makes this experiment in liberty and self-government exceptional are the two notions that in this country the government is accountable to the people and that both the people and the government are accountable to Almighty God. These were unique, exceptionable, indeed revolutionary concepts upon which our nation is founded.

I am grateful to have been part of this exceptionable venture of government 'of, for and by the people.' Long may it survive!"

--Rev. Rick McKinniss, Wellspring Church, Berlin, CT

"Being born and raised in the United States, many of us don't understand what it's like to live in another country and that can cause us to not appreciate the freedoms we enjoy. Prior to coming to Christ Community Church in Collinsville, I pastored a church in Northeast Philadelphia and we had many immigrants in our church. The staff was a combination of missionaries and pastors from abroad. We also had an ESL school to serve our immigrant neighbors.

In interacting with all of these folks, I learned how Christianity was suppressed, and in many cases oppressed, by many governments. There are some countries where Christians are secretly followed by undercover agents, where the Bible is forbidden and many times confiscated, and where professing your Christian faith could land you in jail or get you killed. We don't have those struggles here. We can worship on a Sunday morning without fear. We can gather during the week and study Scripture together without fear. We can sit on a park bench and read a Bible. We are blessed to enjoy that liberty."

--Rev. Chris Bauer, Christ Community Church, Collinsville, CT

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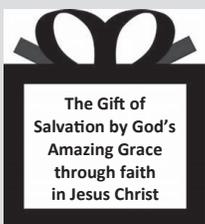
## Some Encouraging Testimonies from Listeners

"I was saved while listening to **WIHS** radio, when I heard the message of Jesus Christ, I turned my life over to Jesus Christ. Jesus is number one in my life, my life was empty before I came to Christ. He died for my sins and carried them to the cross. I listen to Christian music and do Bible Study every day, I love all the programs and the Christian music on **WIHS**. My dial stays on 104.9 twenty-four hours a day. Thank you, Lord!"

"Thanks for your faithfulness in spreading the Gospel. It's a blessing to be a partner in this awesome work. I continue to pray for this station and for all the employees and volunteers."

"To all the faithful saints at **WIHS**, thank you for this wonderful radio station through which you so faithfully spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. There have been so many times - even in the middle of the night that I have received encouragement and instruction through the wonderful ministries and teachings you air. I have been listening to 104.9 since coming to live in the USA in 2003. I even tune in online when traveling overseas, I don't know what I would do without you!!"

"I have been a listener of **WIHS** since, I believe, 1975. It was through **WIHS** that I first heard the gospel of salvation through Christ. It was over **WIHS** that I received faithful and true teaching in God's Word. **WIHS** has been a faithful friend and a real encouragement through all the ups and downs of my life over these decades. I strongly believe that what we listen to impacts our attitudes and actions, so my stereo stays on **WIHS**. It fills not just my ears, but my very heart and soul with God's Word, clear teaching, uplifting music and informative programs."



If you were to die tonight, would you know for sure that your sins are forgiven and that you will spend eternity with the Lord? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Please contact **WIHS** at 860.346.1049 or by email at [office@wihsradio.org](mailto:office@wihsradio.org) for materials that can help you to understand God's amazing grace, and to help you in your journey as a follower of Christ. We urge you to faithfully participate in a local Christian faith community and worship the Lord in-person and/or online.

# Donations slow down in the summer, but our operational expenses continue. Please support us as the Lord leads.

## WIHS is a 501c3 non-profit, non-commercial Christian media ministry. Here are 10 ways in which you can actively support us:

- **Prayer.** Prayer is *always* a vital way to support us.
- **Electronic Funds Transfer.** EFT is an easy way to make a one-time donation or recurring donations directly from a checking account, credit card or debit account. Please go to DONATE NOW > Faith Sharing page on the [WIHSradio.org](http://WIHSradio.org) website, scroll down and click the online donation link.
- **Traditional Donation.** You can mail donations by check or money order, payable to **WIHS**. Our mailing address is on the back page of this newsletter.
- **Ongoing Designated Giving.** You may be able to arrange for weekly, monthly (or other time period) designated giving through financial services agencies.
- **Matching Gifts.** Many businesses provide matching gifts to non-profit charities supported by employees. Contact your employer's HR department to enquire if they offer a matching grants program.
- **Sponsor A Day Of Broadcasting.** Listeners like to sponsor an entire day of **WIHS** broadcasting in celebration of an anniversary, tribute or other occasion.

- **Memorial Donations.** You can remember loved ones by making "In Memory" donations to **WIHS** as an alternative to sending flowers or donating to non-Christian causes. It is comforting to know that the gift you give in memory of your loved one may help to lead someone to saving faith in Jesus.
- **Planned Giving.** Before the Lord calls you home, ask the Holy Spirit if He is nudging you to plan ahead and give a portion of your estate (life insurance policy, cash, stocks and bonds, property) to **WIHS**. Consult your financial planner, accountant and/or insurance agent so you can plan wisely.
- **Church Missions Budget.** **WIHS** is grateful for the support received from area churches. Consider adding us to your Church missions budget. Please check with your mission board or pastor to see if they are interested.
- **AmazonSmile.** For online shopping, **WIHS** is an authorized charity at AmazonSmile. To designate **WIHS**, log onto [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and press the *get started* button.

When selecting a charity, type "Connecticut Radio Fellowship" as your charity of choice. From then on, **WIHS** will receive 0.5% of your purchases as a gift from Amazon, at no additional cost to you when you buy items on AmazonSmile instead of Amazon. How simple is that?



## WIHS 2021 Celebrate Jesus Gala & Expo Ticket Order Form

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS YOU ARE PURCHASING: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL.

As an option, you can be a **TABLE SPONSOR** for \$500 (table of 10). If you are purchasing a table sponsorship, please tell us how many seats you will be using for your family/group: \_\_\_\_\_. We will fill any empty seats you have with other attendees. **Please make your check payable to WIHS and write "Gala" in the memo section. Then, send this completed form, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope (if you can) to: WIHS, 1933 South Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457. We will send your tickets by First Class Mail. Thank you!**

# Exciting and encouraging WIHS Updates!

## On Air Studio Renovation Completed



In mid-June, the new **WIHS On Air Studio** went live without a hitch! It was many months in the making-- a tedious effort to upgrade technologies that dated back to the early 1990s.

Now it's "Take Two" and "Take Three" as we dive into renovating the adjacent Prod 1 and Prod 2 studios. We hope to complete all three studios this year.

We've also been upgrading and/or decluttering our office area, hallway, employee break area, and storage areas. It has been quite the transformation! Now that the coronavirus has largely subsided and the State is opening up, when we open the studio to visitors, they will see the difference! Many thanks to all who have donated time, talent and treasure to make these projects happen. If you would like to make a donation, please click the DONATE button on our homepage at [WIHSradio.org](http://WIHSradio.org).

## New Signage will be a "Fresh" Witnessing Tool



**WIHS** is blessed to be located on South Main Street (CT Route 17) in Middletown. It's a pleasant, pastoral setting on a high-traffic road. An average of nearly 13,000 vehicles go by our studio each day. That's about 4,700,000 vehicles a year!

When we re-branded **WIHS** in 2018, we always envisioned upgrading our exterior signage near the street and on our building; however, other priorities, such as studio renovations, were more urgent. We're trusting the Lord to provide the funds in His time and in His way. If you recognize the value of upgrading our signage and are stirred by the Lord to help, please call the **WIHS** office today at 860.346.1049. Thank you!

## Faith Sharing 2021 is on November 12-13

This year, we're shifting the timing of Faith Sharing to be closer to the peak holiday season.



## WIHS Community Outreach Re-Starts



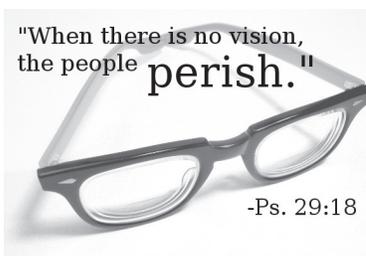
In June, **WIHS** had its first "post-Covid" outreach event at Jacob's Well Coffeehouse in Rockville, CT. As churches and ministries are organizing more events, **WIHS** is available to speak and/or set up our display. Please contact us for details.

## Summer Fun Kids' Contest ends August 31



Through August 31, kids age 10 and under can use a downloadable PDF entry form to enter our Summer Fun Kids' Contest! To enter, visit the Contest page on [WIHSradio.org](http://WIHSradio.org).

## Strategic Planning "Advance" Coming in Fall



The CT Radio Fellowship Board of Directors will be conducting an all-day Strategic Planning Advance (not "retreat") this fall, to pray, seek and clarify God's vision for this unique media ministry. Meetings such

as this have been held periodically throughout the 52-year history of **WIHS**. Please pray for our Directors, that they will hear the voice of the Lord and diligently pursue His vision!

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