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8/20	11:15 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	South Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Brenda Mejeur

Investing in Children and Youth

When you invest in something, you believe in it! You are confident there will be a good return on your investment. You have faith that in the future, you will see the results and be pleased, maybe even excited! But none of those earthly things will be taken to heaven with us.



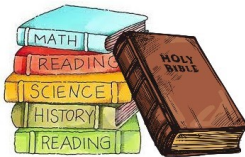
Only two things can go to heaven with us: our characters and other people we bring to Christ (through the Holy Spirit, of course). So we will focus on the second one.

Our children and youth are so very precious! When we educate them, we need to aim much higher than just Math, Reading, Writing, and Science. We need to realize that their whole worldview and outlook are being formed. "Truth" is being determined for a lifetime.

Let's start with the teacher, instructor, or professor. What they believe comes through very strongly in what they teach. Their example is watched closely and often emulated. We want our young people to have strong, caring, Christ-like teachers. Educators who show and teach "God's wisdom" will have an eternal impact on our students. Some examples are taking care of others, humility, reverence, respect, persistence under challenging tasks, and a good work ethic. Above all, we want these instructors to point our young people to Christ as their Savior and to the mission of sharing Him with others.



The textbooks and materials used are also critical. For example, the wording of a Math problem, a story in a Reading book, and the explanations in a Science text tell the students a lot about "truth." Students pick up on the philosophy being taught in these sources, and it affects their idea of what is true, and ultimately it affects their worldview.



Most importantly, in a Christian institution, the students are directly taught God's Word, the source of all TRUTH! They sing songs and read stories from the Bible. They learn about the cause and effect of their choices. They learn to make decisions based on its words of wisdom.



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David Bolduc

President's Perspective "Commitments"

Life is full of commitments; marriage, children, work, homes, and transportation all have their own level of obligations. I remember my wedding day; as I stood at the altar watching my wife and her father walk up the aisle, I thought vividly that whatever happened after this, I was to protect and provide for her.



When a person begins working for Strong Tower Radio, they are committing to more work for less pay. Sometimes, because of lean funding months, they work with delayed compensation. This often happens when we are in the process of purchasing a new station. This summer has been a lean time which is not surprising since we are raising funds to finalize the purchase of WMPA in Grand Haven. But, time and time again, we see the Lord work on the hearts of our committed supporters, and the back pay is made up.

Recently, I felt impressed that we need to commit to producing more of our own programming. You will notice a 30-minute STR Today Special program in our schedule, for lack of a better name.

In this program, we will interview a wide variety of people and organizations committed to serving their communities. I am encouraging interviews of every Adventist Community Service center across Michigan to share information about how these centers can assist ALL of our listeners. Producing and editing these programs takes up more than a little time, but that is what commitment is all about.



By making a commitment to support STR monthly, you are virtually working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year throughout the state of Michigan and beyond. Your continued support for Strong Tower Radio will share the Three Angel's Message with millions of people in their homes, cars, and workshops. And, if you hear a story of a life being changed, please share it with us.





Listeners are saying...



Here is a donation for the WMPA (Grand Haven) station. May the Lord continue to reward you for His faith in you!



We appreciate you getting the truth out, especially regarding the 4th commandment. I'm truly grateful for all the good spiritual messages throughout the day.



(STR is) a real blessing for us! Hope you expand to more areas!



I am enclosing a small donation and sincerest thanks for all the work you do in bringing such special programs to me and my household. Although we have been 3ABN viewers and fans for about five years now, we only found our local STR station around late 2019. Talk about great timing – just before the pandemic hit! You have been a wonderful source of spiritual nourishment. We continue to be loyal and faithful listeners even today.

Although we are not SDA by denomination, as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, we share in common most of the teachings of your program offerings.

Our very, very favorite is the morning lineup of *Musical Meditations*, *Discovery Mountain*, *Your Story Hour*, and *Bible Answers Live*. Another that we try not to miss is *Authentic* with Shawn Boonstra (in fact, we wish that program was on more frequently, and we even wish it regularly followed BAL!) We also love *More Abundant Life*, *Unshackled*, *Building Relationships*, and *Your Favorites by Request (YFBR)*. My personal wish would be that 3ABN would produce more YFBR episodes and you would air them throughout the Saturday/Sunday weekend! Oh well, I can always hope!

“As for me and my house...” we THANK YOU for ALL the work that you all do! God’s character truly IS proclaimed in all of your efforts – great and small. It is valued and appreciated.

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Current Events

We welcomed the Grand Haven station with some community happenings.

The Messiah's Mansion, a traveling sanctuary exhibit, the Holland Laotian Church's services, the U.S. Coast Guard's Grand Haven connection, and the Musical



Fountain's 60th anniversary. We hope to do more programs like this for all of our stations.

Contact Tom@StrongTowerRadio.org to share local events and interesting places/people with our listening audience.

Strong Tower Radio Variety Hour team has produced remote programs since September 6th, 2014. We now have portable recorders that give us the freedom to record on-location!

At the 2018 Michigan camp meeting, we set up a temporary studio at Great



Lakes Adventist Academy. With this studio, a dream to record national speakers and seminars became a reality. The remote studio has now produced 12 new programs each year. This spawned the idea of capturing keynote speakers at Camp Au Sable throughout the year, too! We are working out the technical bugs and plan to initiate that studio during this year's Ministerial Retreat held the 1st week of August.



In July, we used the recorders to take our listeners to Ionia County Airport's School of Missionary Aviation for a visit. We found that sitting in chairs or strolling through the school while talking gave a natural conversational tone the listeners will recognize. This visit added such value that we took the recorders to Faith Camp and Blind Bicycle Camp to record programs for a new series which we have not found a suitable name.

Strong Tower Radio also attended the Lake Region Conference Camp Meeting this year. I participated in all the meetings/seminars and made a presentation about STR Sabbath morning. I was also invited to attend the Detroit City Temple Church on July 23rd, which I gladly did.

We rolled out four new programs, "Blueprint for Men," "Digital Disconnect," "It Is Written Sabbath School," and "Talking Points."

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When we send our youth to a Christian school or college, we invest in their future. We are doing all we can to ensure they are taught the truth about God and His creation, His loving character, and His plan of salvation.

Goodness of God

Psalms 25:6

Lord, I would own thy tender care,
And all thy love to me;
The food I eat, the clothes I wear,
Are all bestowed by thee.

Psalms 18:35

Tis thou preservest me from death,
And dangers every hour;
I cannot draw another breath
Unless thou grant me power.

Psalms 116:8

Psalms 121:2

My health, and friends, and parents dear,
To me by God are given;
I have not any blessing here,
But what is sent from heaven.

Such goodness, Lord! and constant care,
A child can ne'er repay:
But may it be my daily prayer,
To love thee, and obey.

2 Samuel 22:36

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Current Events (Continued from page 4)



"Blueprint" is a podcast by an organization in Chattanooga, TN encouraging higher goals for men. Scott Ritsema's "Digital Disconnect," produced for 3ABN, is now aired on our network. "It Is Written Sabbath School" has the Adult Bible Study authors, which adds much interest and insight to the Sabbath School lessons. "Talking Points" is produced by the Michigan Conference and helps Sabbath School teachers with the lessons.



Also, we brought back a program, "Women at the Well." You can check our schedule on **STR.fm**, to see what is happening at Strong Tower Radio, we pray you are being blessed by listening!!

Help STR build new stations!!

Please make electronic payments using our secure website, StrongTowerRadio.org or by calling **231-468-2087**.

You may also donate by check or money order mailed to: **Strong Tower Radio, PO Box 567, Cadillac, MI 49601**



Prayers Appreciated!

Sandy Cole (our beloved Administrative Assistant), who answers your calls and is (for all of us) our right-hand person, fell recently, fracturing some ribs and hitting her head on the concrete approach to STR's front door.

She was hospitalized for several weeks and is now recuperating at home. Unfortunately, she cannot work for six months (for which she is not happy), and we miss her terribly!

Please pray God will restore her to full health, give her peace while she mends and bring her back to the job she loves so much!!!



Continuing Education



Kam Ferguson



Many with professional certifications must pursue extensive continuing education annually to maintain their skills in their employment field. Do we expect less from our Christian faith profession? When we say we have faith, shall it be tested only once, then certified as valid for the rest of our lives? Our faith profession certainly does require continuing education to not only maintain faith levels but also to grow further!

Your Strong Tower Radio team can certainly attest to the ongoing faith education through which God continues to lead us. This week during our staff meeting, we learned that \$6,000 in



unpaid expenses were due, for which STR didn't have sufficient funds to pay. We pray for God's providence daily; this was another head-on test of faith. Would we trust God, even to the feeling level, surrendering our emotions about the stressful circumstance?

Later that same day, we received the mail, and it included some 30 donations that totaled \$6,000.

How did God do that? He moved upon the hearts of 30 people like **you**, days in advance of our need, and impressed each to give. Several of His many promises comes to mind: "*.....before they call, I will answer.....and "Call upon Me and I will answer, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not."*

(Isa 65:24 excerpt, Jer 33:3)

Praise God for all who are quick to hear the Holy Spirit's prompting and respond with needed action!! Recently we learned that someone who has been listening to STR's Kalamazoo signal has been attending church at Paw Paw each Sabbath. Glory to God for early signs of fruit for this station not yet one year broadcasting the Three Angels' Message!!



Thank you, all who support Strong Tower Radio! Your eternal investments, especially each month, continue to propel this ministry forward to extend the everlasting gospel to more seeking souls daily.

Great is your reward, beyond our power to calculate at this time!!