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***The Reformation and  
the Great Reformer***

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	<b>STR Variety Hour</b>	
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<b>10/8</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
<b>10/8</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Benton Harbor Fairplain Seventh-day Adventist Church
<b>10/15</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	Unionville Seventh-day Adventist Church
<b>10/15</b>	<b>2:45 p.m.</b>	Port Sanilac Seventh-day Adventist Church
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John Duman

## The Reformation and the Great Reformer

Most everyone has heard of the Reformation, and you probably know about the following reformists, what they stood for.

**Waldensians** – 12th century (*By the end of the century, the church had virtually eliminated the sect in some areas*).



**John Wycliffe**, Wycliffe (born c. 1330—died, *Stroke*, December 31, 1384), English theologian, philosopher, church reformer, and promoter of the first complete translation of the Bible into English.



**Jan Hus**, Hus also spelled **Huss**, (born c. 1370—

died, *Burned at stake*, July 6, 1415), the most important 15th-century Czech whose work was between the medieval and the Reformation periods and pre-dated the Lutheran Reformation by an entire century.



**Huldrych Zwingli**, Huldrych, also spelled **Ulrich** (born January 1, 1484—died October 11, 1531), was the most important reformer in the Swiss Protestant Reformation.



**Martin Luther** (born November 10, 1483—died, *Stroke*, February 18, 1546) a German theologian and religious



reformer who was the catalyst of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation. He translated the New Testament into the German vernacular. Luther's translation profoundly affected the development of the written German language. He also composed hymns and advocated the establishment of schools in the cities.

### What are some of the things Reformists believed?

- People should wait until adulthood to be baptized
- Separation of church and state
- Indulgences were wrong

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David Bolduc

# President's Perspective "Comfortable or Thoughtful"

I was recently reminded of the story of Jesus feeding the multitudes, found in **John 6**. Thousands of people had flocked to hear Jesus preach. Those gathered crossed the spectrum of people in that time. Among them was a young lad whose thoughtful mother had sent some food to keep him from going hungry. The lad heard Jesus ask the disciples where they would buy bread to feed all the people. He could have sat back with the comfortable knowledge that he had food. Phillip clearly stated they didn't have enough money.



At some point, the lad told Andrew he was willing to share his meager meal with Jesus. That's all Jesus needed, one thoughtful person willing to share what was in his hand, and soon all the multitude were eating fish and bread!

Every month Strong Tower Radio (STR) mails approximately 1,700 newsletters with a postage-paid envelope. If you don't use it, could you do us a favor and hang on to those envelopes and give them back



to us when our staff or volunteers visit your church? That would help us reduce some of our operating costs. Or, you could send us the envelope with a \$2 or \$5 bill – in honor of the fish &/or



bread. I recently heard of a family who bought some burritos at their favorite restaurant using \$2.00 bills. The manager went online to see if the bill was legit, it was!!

Just about every time we learn of an opportunity for a new station, the question that Phillip asked the Lord (**Jn 6:7**) will come up, "Where will we get the money to do that?" But notice **Jn 6:6**, Jesus already knew how things would work out. God has a plan to use thoughtful people to share the Three Angel's Message to warn the earth of Jesus' Second Coming. We appreciate our donors, and if you haven't given in a while, would you be willing to step out of your comfort zone with a thoughtful gift?

Thank you!

# Changing Lives, Running With Jesus



Kam Ferguson

Mark Bakker is excited about Jesus and likes sharing GLOW tracts and Strong Tower Radio "sharing" cards with people he meets. During the height of the Covid-19 lockdown, Mark went for a walk at the Grand Haven, MI, pier.

At first, he saw nary a soul, then noticed a woman, Joey Retsema, sitting near the end of the pier with her Yellow Labrador and resting from marathon training. Mark was impressed to share a health-related GLOW tract.



Joey had just emerged from a turbulent time in her life, including relational struggles. Yet her dog, who likes few people, gave Mark a friendly response, which surprised Joey! 'Perhaps this man is different; she thought, 'I'll read this tract.' Exchanging contact information, they soon met again. During that visit, Mark handed Joey an STR sharing card with the invitation, "if you want to know about me, listen to Strong Tower Radio."



Looking for a better life path, Joey took that invitation to heart and began listening to STR. She loves to run, yet was tired of running from things and wanted to run toward something, toward someone. That Someone is Jesus Christ. For almost two years, she listened to STR, learning not only who Mark is but Who Jesus really is. She heard truth she had never heard before, found it perfectly aligned with the Bible, and began to love God as a personal friend.



When you love and follow Jesus, His love impacts all areas of your life. Your friends, work, how you think, what you put into and onto your body, your taste for input of any kind begins changing. The change in Joey's life became increasingly noticeable.

Joey wondered about the people at STR. Were they real or just "on air" personalities? The STR Variety Hour programs and speaking engagements she attended implied that they were real, yet the world excels at putting on a fair face upfront. What were they like in person, away from church lights?

Attending STR's informal Christmas party last year, Mark and Joey witnessed the STR team away from the bright lights.



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# Current Events, Reformation Month



The watershed event of the Reformation was Martin Luther nailing his 95-Theses on the door of Wittenberg Chapel, October 31st, 1517.



Tom Mejeur

Following his example, each October, Strong Tower Radio echoes Reformation history throughout the month. You will not hear these truths anywhere else on your radio dial.

Some of the programs to listen for, are;

- The Martin Luther drama -  
Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church's Reformation Celebration
- "The Sanctuary, the Reformation Isn't Over"  
Pastor Michael Horton
- "Five Foundations of the Reformation"  
Pastor Jay Gallimore
- "The Reformation, Then and Now"  
Steve Wohlberg's 2018 10-part series
- "Fresh Manna" Reformation sermons
- Dr. Raymond Holmes's "Reformation"
- It Is Written "500"
- Secrets Unsealed "Sola Scriptura"
- Pastor Phil Mills' "Light Unshackled"
- Lineage Journey's "Reformation"
- Village Church's "Reformation Symposium"
- the Reformers, "Great Controversy" chapter reading

The STR Reformation programs are special programming providing a comprehensive listening education and witnessing opportunity to your Protestant and Catholic friends. I experienced this a few years ago with my Lutheran cousin, whose response was, "I didn't know that. I need to listen!"

Also, don't miss Pastor Jay Gallimore's "Should Christians Celebrate Halloween?"

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**The Reformation and...** (Continued from page 1)

- The Bible was the only source of religious authority
- Forgiveness for sins came entirely from God
- The Bible in their own language

I believe that the Reformation of humanity (the plan of salvation) started *before* Creation and the greatest reformer was Jesus Christ. He came to reform sinful humanity, to offer them eternal life by reuniting them with God.

## The Reformation and... (Continued from page 4)

The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth, for Christ is “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (**Rev 13:8**); yet it was a struggle with the King of the universe to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. But “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (**Jn 3:16**). “O, the mystery of redemption! the love of God for a world that did not love Him!” Ellen G. White, *From Eternity Past*, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1/1/1986

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1: 29



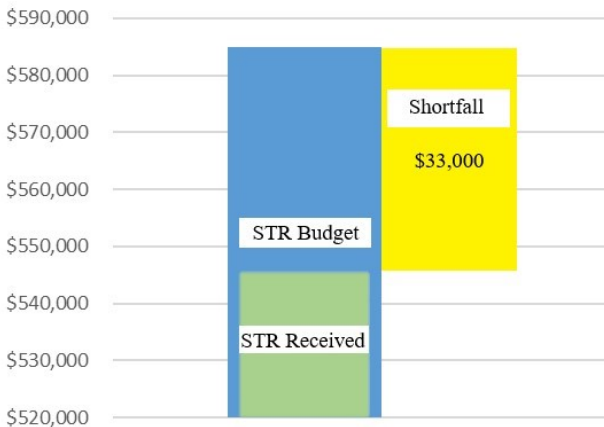
**Jesus**, (born c. 4 BC---died, *Crucifixion*, c. 33 AD)

Nazarene, healed the sick, raised the dead, fed the hungry, died and arose (to save you and me)... He chased the money changers from the temple. (**Jn 2:14, 15, Matt 21:12,13, Mk 11:15-17, Lk 19:45, 46**) He listed the church leaders' shortcomings. (**Matt 23:1-39, Mk 12:38-40, Lk 20, 46, 47**) The Saducees and Pharisees did not recognize God's gift to them nor did they appreciate being told of their failings, so they crucified Jesus. (**Mk 15:25**) God wants to reform each of us, so he gave His only Son to redeem us. (**Jn 3:16**)

Jesus is still in the reformation business, and very soon, He will make a final-personal reformation call. “Come out of her, my people...” (**Rev 18:4**)

Are you looking for changes in your life, your church, your future? Then, ask Jesus to reform your life so that you can experience the final Reformation.

Strong Tower Radio 2022 Budget Shortfall





"You guys are the same in person as you are on the air!" Joey exclaimed. All we can say is 'Glory to God!' We can only credit the Holy Spirit with any consistent good seen in us! She was convinced, but what to do? The following week, Mark and Joey were impressed to attend the 13th Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cadillac, MI. In closing the sermon, Pastor Robert Benson made an appeal to give your life to Jesus: Joey came forward, responding to the Holy Spirit's conviction. Formal Bible studies/reviews followed, as through her STR listening, Joey had become familiar with much of what the Bible studies contained.

Embracing the everlasting gospel fully, Joey Retsema was baptized in Lake Mitchell, Cadillac, MI, on August 20, 2022, by Pastor Benson, to the joy of all who witnessed, including the host of heaven!



The transformation continues (as with each of us), and the change is profound. Whether training for marathons or driving in her car (part of her work), Joey stays tuned to STR.

Instead of running from anything or anyone, Joey now runs with Jesus, Who is her source of strength.

We praise God and thank each of you through whom our heavenly Father sustains this ministry! Great is your reward as more lives continue to be changed!

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## **Strong Tower Radio's Budget**

We currently have 15 stations on the air, 6 full-time employees, and our budget is only \$585,000! At the end of our fiscal budget, September 30th, we are short \$33,000!

We always pay ALL our bills first, then payroll. Unfortunately, because of this shortfall, our staff has not received a paycheck in 4 weeks, and some needed equipment will not get replaced.

We need 650 monthly donors giving \$75 a month, and we would have had \$585,000! We currently have about 400 monthly donors. Being Reformation month, we need to reform our thinking!!

Please pray and ask God what He would have you do to help financially support Strong Tower Radio. Time is short, folks; Jesus IS coming back soon! As always, thank you for your love, prayers, AND financial support.

Jilane Fenner



# Lord, Prepare Me



Kam Ferguson

I recently spent several weeks in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (UP), speaking in churches and sharing Strong Tower Radio at UP camp meeting. My wife and I enjoyed meeting with many enthusiastic people about STR, answering questions, and sharing new growth opportunities. We also vacationed for a few days and, during that time, visited a store offering many Michigan-made products.



As I browsed the displays, a statement on a plaque grabbed my attention: ***"Lord, prepare me to receive what I am praying for."*** Let that sink in a moment!

The STR team (and many of you) has been praying to receive ten new stations for which we applied last November. Decisions are now final, and the FCC has granted eight of the ten signals; praise God! Many are financially giving for these new stations, and fundraising continues for the miraculous Grand Haven station purchase. With \$300,000 raised, \$129,000 is still needed to fully fund the purchase of WMPA, 93.1 FM, Grand Haven; praise God!

Not only does STR need the Holy Spirit's further preparation for a much greater reach, but churches in new areas to be covered by Strong Tower Radio also need the Lord's preparation. It won't be IF, but WHEN new STR station listeners walk into churches and want to embrace the full gospel! By the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, church members will be prepared to welcome listeners and encourage them in their walk with Jesus.

Your continued prayers and financial gifts keep us broadcasting 24/7/365 on 15 stations with 8 new stations FCC approved for construction. Thank you for praying continually for STR listeners as they respond to the truth-filled messages and for funding their opportunity to hear the everlasting gospel. May the joy of the Lord be your strength!



Let us know!

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