

STRONG TOWER RADIO



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Where God's Character is Proclaimed

The Peace of Thanksgiving



Pastor Darrel LeRoux

Thanksgiving can be a very powerful expression of a relationship with God. Paul writes in **Phil 4:6**, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Thanksgiving appears to be the cherry on the top that indicates something extraordinary is happening despite any turbulence taking place in this world.

Thanksgiving powerfully connects to a few core Christian concepts. The most important could be the fact that God is always in control. We may be in a war for our lives, but God is still the owner of our lives as Creator and Redeemer. Paul and Silas knew that when they were praising God in prison. God does not change, and nothing in this world can change Him. Thanksgiving places God above the devastations we may encounter. Jesus came into a devastated world to save what He loves.

God IS IN control (AND) His timing IS PERFECT

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD. FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. PSALM 107:1

Thanksgiving has at its core belief that no cancer, car accident, 9/11, tornado, hurricane, fire, mud-slide, plague, or fiercest storm can have any control over, or power to change, who God is. God remains constantly and completely only one thing: Love. God did not change when a young child died of leukemia in the hospital or when thousands died in a single disaster like the 2004 tsunami in Thailand.

Thanksgiving is focused on giving thanks to God. A few verses earlier, Paul declares, 'Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, Rejoice!' **Phil 4:4**. Thanksgiving is not focused on the wind and the waves but the one walking on water in the midst of the storm. Rejoicing in the Lord is only possible because who God is cannot be changed by any storm we go through.



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David Bolduc

President's Perspective "Much to be Thankful For"

November reminds me of the many things for which I am thankful. I met my wife in person for the first time just days before Thanksgiving. I had recently been in a minor car accident and used a rental car to drive to her brother's house. We had been corresponding via a new technology that was gaining popularity called email. We also racked up huge phone bills because of long-distance telephone charges.



Fast forward several years to the November of my emergency appendectomy then to the following November when our first son was born.



Here at Strong Tower Radio, we start gearing up for holiday season programming with stories of Thanksgiving and Christmas recordings that follow after that. We will also encourage our supporters to remember us on Giving Tuesday.

We are so blessed to have our newest station, WMPA, on the air. It isn't paid off yet, but we trust the Lord will provide through our faithful supporters the balance of the funds needed to finish this purchase soon.

We are so thankful that our much-beloved volunteer Sandy Cole has been able to return to work on a limited basis. She is making good progress but still has some challenges to overcome.

This ministry began with an idea in 2007, which became a reality in 2009. From that initial idea 15 years ago, we now have 15 radio stations with 8 more new construction permits, a TV station, and a worldwide web presence proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel of the Love of God revealed in Jesus.



Thanksgiving celebrates a bountiful harvest. The Three Angels' Messages in **Rev 14:6-13** are given to reap an even more bountiful Harvest **Rev 14:14-16** - those who love and believe in Jesus.



May God richly bless you and your families as we enter this wonderful holiday season.

STR Changed Life

Maize-Grace was at a low point in her life in the summer of 2016. Recently moved to a country home, she was struggling with an unexpected divorce and her children's sudden disinterest in visiting or talking with her. Her home's location featured much natural beauty, yet without family, nearby neighbors, TV, or internet, she felt alone. Even her radio was not powerful enough to pull in signals clearly, no matter where she put it!



Kam Ferguson



Thinking the barn loft might yield better results, Maize-Grace climbed up the steep exterior steps, clutching her radio with one arm. The radio dial turned as she went up the stairs, and once safely in the loft when she turned the radio on,

Strong Tower Radio came in clearly!

She began to hear a message about the traditions of man, and the speaker gave the example that nowhere in the Bible does it say we should fold our hands when we pray.

Her mom had raised her in church, so she turned off the radio, went to the house, picked up her Bible and commentary, and searched for 25 minutes. Then, stunned that there was no Bible reference to folding our hands to pray, she resumed listening to STR, wondering what other truth she'd missed during that half hour of study.



Maize-Grace's mom taught her always to learn something every day, and she was amazed at the many things she learned while listening to STR! The STR broadcasts taught her so much truth that she'd never heard, even though she'd grown up in church, and also revealed that much that she'd been taught was not from the Bible but was man-made tradition!

Strong Tower Radio regularly mentioned the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church, so Maize-Grace looked up the church nearest to her and visited. This was more effort than for most. She



no longer drives due to complications from a 2015 car accident, so she paid a distant neighbor to take her to the Fremont SDA Church! She enjoyed the services, the people were friendly, and she especially valued the hug a lady there gave her. It felt so good to be loved!

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Thanksgiving and rejoicing in the Lord connects the heart with one much greater than any devastation. We need to train the soul to rejoice always and give thanks in everything because of who God is. In fact, God is the only constant in our lives as everything else changes, but He never changes who He is.

There is another aspect to Thanksgiving that is not often experienced by all. Thanksgiving subdues the anxious heart. When God is acknowledged conqueror over all things, even over death, there is less fear of everything. When we fear God most, we fear everything else less. That's how we become fear-less and less anxious. Our soul needs to be reminded of this constantly, and Thanksgiving helps remind us. This can bring us to a place in the soul that experiences what Paul talks about in **Phil 4:7**, "and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



Thousands have cried out, wanting to understand the senseless destructive storms that seem to be relentless on our planet. Mass shootings, innocent killings, brutality, and bullying prompt the "Why?" question. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we will be at peace if we understand. The apostle Paul has never said that we should rejoice in the things that terrorize and torment us on our sinful planet. He says that because God has not changed who He is, **we can rejoice in Him only and nothing else.**

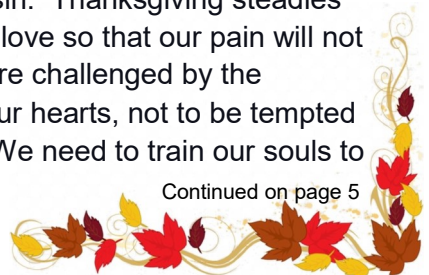


This thanksgiving for who God is can bring a peace that no understanding can.



Finally, I want to mention one more powerful expression of a relationship with God. It is impossible to express sincere thanksgiving to God and then, in the next moment, turn on Him and blame Him for causing the pain we experience on a brutal planet of uncontrolled expressions of sin. Thanksgiving steadies the soul to know God's goodness and love so that our pain will not distort who we know God to be. We are challenged by the thanksgiving our mouths proclaim in our hearts, not to be tempted to abandon the only God that exists. We need to train our souls to give thanks all the time.

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank YOU!!!

We want to thank you, our listeners, for all your love, prayers, **AND** financial support.



We are so grateful for all you do because there would be no Strong Tower Radio on the air without you! We are a strictly listener-supported radio station.



We do not air **ANY** commercials or have “beg-a-thons” on air to raise money. Instead, we let you know our budget and our needs for equipment, payroll, etc., and rely on God to provide our funding.

As one pastor told his congregation, “I have good news & bad news. The good news is we have all the money the church needs! The bad news is that it’s still in your pockets!!”



Jesus is coming back soon, folks; we need to be about His business. Please continue to pray for the staff, programming, equipment, and funds that God will continue to protect and provide for. Also, we’d like you to pray and ask what God would have you

“Lord, what do you want me to do?”

Acts 9:6

do to help support STR financially. Currently, we are 8 weeks behind paying payroll); but praise God; all our other bills are paid!

Thank you for all you do, listening, praying, and donating to Strong Tower Radio!

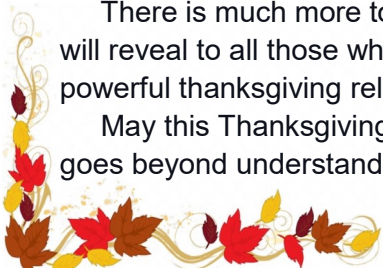


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Rejoicing in the Lord and thanksgiving to the Lord protect the soul from blaming and complaining.

There is much more to experience in Thanksgiving that God will reveal to all those who train themselves to cultivate this powerful thanksgiving relationship with their gracious God.

May this Thanksgiving find you experiencing that peace that goes beyond understanding.





Tom Mejeur

Current Events

Thanksgiving is one of our favorite holidays, and we celebrate it with praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. As such, I believe your holiday visitors will welcome the programming we provide as the ambiance for your gathering. You will experience quality music, stories, and Thanksgiving vignettes that may cause your family and friends to want to become Strong Tower Radio listeners.

Future Program Development- Pastor Darrel Le Roux (Grand Rapids Central) recorded a pilot program on prayer and praise recently.



Ron Price (author, mediator, and relationship coach) is working with us to develop a 13-week, 15-minute “how-to” relationship program recorded in his home state of New Mexico.

While searching for recording studios in New Mexico, I spoke with Pastor Tobin Savage, who recently wrote a book on **The Jesus of Revelation**. He expressed a desire to turn the book into several 15-minute programs for Strong Tower Radio (STR).

As I reported last month, we are encouraging a singer-radio host to create a multi-week, 15-minute series.

We aim to interview all active Michigan Seventh-day Adventist Community Service centers for our STR Feature. We have scheduled with five centers and have confirmed two on-location recordings (Ithaca and Berrien Springs).

We recently recorded interviews with the Michigan State Police, Wexford County, and Grand Haven Transit Authorities executive directors and, finally, the Wexford/ Missaukee Silent Observer director and the president of the Genesee County / Flint Crime Stoppers, which will air very soon.





Kam Ferguson

We Didn't Get Here on Our Own

To address the terrible emergency sin caused in the universe, Jesus incarnated into humanity (veiled in human flesh) so that all intelligent beings (**Jn 3:16** "for God so loved the cosmos") could see God clearly.

Praise God, for His mercy endures forever in the lives of all who are redeemed from sin's curse! Yes, Jesus' life on Earth clearly answered even the questions that residents of the unfallen worlds (**Job 1, Heb 1**) once had about God's character!

God invites us to enter into His presence by faith today (by sight at His return) and instructs us how. Enter God's courtyard with praise and thanksgiving (**Ps 100:4**), through prayer (**Phil 4:6**), and with humble boldness, enter the innermost chamber of God's court by the blood of Jesus! **Heb 10:19**

Praise and thanks to God are for Who He is, not just what He does for us. The humble boldness comes from a cleansed heart as by God's goodness (**Rom 2:4**), we repent, forsake our sins, and learn to live free from sin's power in our lives! God directs us to approach Him this way to help us remember: ***we didn't get here on our own.*** We need His transforming grace continually.

Strong Tower Radio didn't get here on our own, either. Thank you, Jesus, for sustaining this ministry through the prayers and resources of many faithful people. Thank you, reader, for praying for this ministry daily! Your prayers are changing lives; let's keep pressing forward together! We know of 8 STR listeners who have committed their lives to Jesus Christ in baptism during the past six months; praise God!

By God's grace, may we stand before God's throne, cast our crowns at Jesus' feet, and say, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain...we didn't get here on our own!"



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STR Engagements:

11/5	9:15 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Mio Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/5	9:15 a.m.	Tom Mejeur	Edwardsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/12	9:15 a.m.	David Bolduc	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/19	9:30 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Bay City Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/19	9:30 a.m.	Tom Mejeur	Glenwood Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/19	11:30 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Vassar Seventh-day Adventist Church
11/24		Happy	Thanksgiving!

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