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1/14 .	David Bolduc	Lakeview, Frost and Edmore Seventh-day Adventist Churches
1/14 11:00a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Manton Seventh-day Adventist Church
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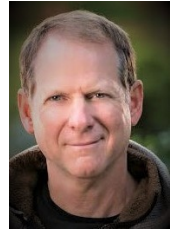


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Ministry News

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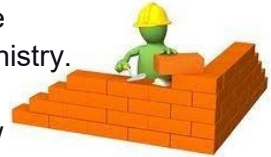
Marty Miller

CORE 4 STRONG



Our mission at *Blueprint for Men* is to build stronger men of God by studying "The Blueprint for Men," Jesus Christ. When we study Jesus' life, it is easy to overlook his first 30 years because little is written about these early years. But, to do so is to make a significant mistake since these early years were the foundation on which he built his powerful 3-year ministry.

So, to build a rock-solid foundation for our life, we need to examine the one verse that tells us how Jesus did it. "And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and **stature** and in favor with **God** and **man**." **Luke 2:52**



When we analyze this verse, we can easily understand that Jesus' strength was determined by the combined measure of his **mental, physical, spiritual, and social** dimensions.

This is what we refer to as being "Core 4 Strong". Jesus was the perfect man. He was perfectly "Core 4 Strong"; likewise, we should seek to be strong in all four dimensions as he was.



It's natural to be strong in a few of the "Core 4" but to come up short in the other dimensions. This often results from not having established a solid foundation in our youth that plays out in a lifetime of struggle. All of us are struggling in one way or another, but we should be thankful for this because, our weaknesses make us aware of our need for God. As we cry out to Him, we allow "God's strength to be made perfect in our weaknesses." This is our testimony!

So, to grow stronger in all four dimensions, we must ask for God's help, seek accountability from others, and then do the hard work. To provide a simple format for engaging in this journey, let's take a look at Jesus' morning routine.

ASK
and it will
Given
to you,
SEEK
and you will
find
Luke 11:9

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David Bolduc

President's Perspective

The Holidays are over; a New Year has begun. Realistically, the calendar just moved forward one day, and we are closer to another Sabbath! Whether spring, summer, fall, or winter, we always look forward to another Sabbath! Holidays are exciting interruptions, but we always go back to the seven-day cycle, work six, and rest one. Our days are like that as well - wake up, work, and sleep.

But Jesus hints at a secret most people miss; there is rest in prayer. He often rose early in the morning and found a quiet place for prayer. The enemy hates it when we pray, when we REALLY pray. I love how the little book *Steps to Christ* walks the reader through a journey of prayer. The chapter titles outline it well. We start with the burden of sin and walk with Christ until we are in the presence of our Heavenly Father, just like Jesus said in **John 16:25-28**. In principle, we just walked through the Sanctuary, and our sins have been removed as far as the East is from the West. God's love for us is so amazing!



STR has lots of things going on this new year. Beyond my main job of putting programs into the automation system and keeping that system happy, I am working the process of adding eight new stations to our family.

There is much to do:

- Studies (tower, site, antenna pattern, etc.).
- Purchasing equipment.
- Arranging for installations.
- Scheduling with the various contractors who work with us.



It is a detailed process that is complete once the FCC gives us the go-ahead to broadcast. You may have heard one of our volunteers, Mike Kamptner, giving the on-air station tour. Just as God is eager to hear us come to Him in prayer, I'm eager to hear the new stations added to what we already have from Kalamazoo up to the Mackinaw Bridge across the beautiful Upper Peninsula, ending in the Land of Lincoln. As always, we love to hear stories from our listeners. Please keep in touch.



Kam Ferguson

Changed Lives

Al and Angel Nelson wanted the full gospel of Jesus Christ and sensed missing elements in the several Christian churches they attended for many years. They shared their concerns and questions with an uncle, Buck Lamarche, who had joined the Seventh-day Adventist church 20 years prior, and he recommended that they listen to 90.9 FM, WUPJ, Strong Tower Radio (STR), near Escanaba, MI. So they both began to listen, Angel on her commute to work and Al while working in his truck.

Many conversations with Uncle Buck followed, and they discussed what they were hearing on STR. The teachings made so much sense compared to what they'd been hearing in other churches they'd attended previously. The effect of such truth on several other people they knew also impacted them, especially a friend named Joe, whose transformation was remarkable.

Al and Angel attended the Wilson Seventh-day Adventist church on Sabbath and their other Protestant church on Sunday for one year. During that year, they also attended a Revelation seminar at the Escanaba Seventh-day Adventist church. Their eldest son, Anthony, told them that he thought "they were crazy for going to the Adventist church," not realizing that the station he'd been listening to for a while was Strong Tower Radio! (Anthony's testimony in another article)

As the year drew to a close, Al and Angel were impressed to continue attending only the Wilson Seventh-day Adventist Church. Angel was baptized in 2017 at the Wilson church, Al, in 2020 in Lake Superior at the mouth of the Two Hearted River.

Praise God for active faith!

Al shares that "Strong Tower Radio was very influential in our spiritual growth and decision to join the Seventh-day Adventist church. Programs like Bible Answers Live, Fresh Manna, Joe Crews, and the morning music program Joy in the Morning all greatly helped encourage and strengthen us in our understanding of God's Word."



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CURRENT EVENTS



Tom Mejeur

We need to praise God as well as petition Him! We praise God for you, our generous supporters, for helping to pay all our bills AND payroll by December 31st. Thank you for rallying and continuing to support Strong Tower Radio through your prayers and financial donations.



Our greatest joy is the active response from listeners. A long-time Lansing listener contacted us about the Mexico Mission interview we aired. This listener went on the December mission trip and we heard wonderful reports about how he contributed, and was a blessing. A Kalamazoo blind couple contacted us about weather-related signal issues.

During that call, we connected them with Larry Hubbell, winter blind camp director. One retired couple in Berrien Springs often listens to STR and offered to volunteer. While discussing their interest, we were impressed to refer them to Village Church to help with their local radio station.



This is only because of your support of STR!

Prince of Peace
Jesus Messiah
Redeemer Holy
King of Kings One
Wonderful Counselor
Jehovah SAVIOR
Awesome Lord
Immanuel
Living Water
MOST HIGH GOD

We produced amazing Christmas programs last month and future programs will focus on Jesus' life from birth to resurrection.

We aired our recorded (on-site) Adventist Community Center tours which included Ithaca, Berrien Springs, Kalamazoo, and Battle Creek. We are making arrangements for more Community Service Center visits, including Escanaba, Warren and Lansing.



Our team recorded a live Nativity program at the Wilson Church. Hundreds of people attended the in-person event, and the script was modified for our radio audience! Listen during Christmas 2023.

Our good friend, Ron Price, has produced "Relationship CPR," a fifteen-minute program to help prevent or resolve conflicts.

Look for this program to begin airing in February. We just heard that the Strong Tower Radio Variety Hour team is scheduling five programs located throughout the state for 2023. Stay tuned for more information on this year's locations.

STR members are regularly involved in traveling the state speaking at churches, supporting Variety Hours, recording Camp Meetings, and other events. To get the latest information, call



Core 4 Strong (Continued from page 1)

One of the major secrets to Jesus' perfect life and powerful ministry was His morning routine. This consisted of rising before dawn to spend time with His Father in a solitary place. During this time, in a natural sort-of-way, Jesus kept His "Core 4" healthy and growing by....,



Seek God's will.

1. walking in the fresh morning air, which increased blood flow to His mind and body (*physical*).
2. praising His Father for the blessings and joys of the previous day (*mental/emotional*).
3. meditating on the holy scriptures, praying to His Father, and receiving a filling of the Spirit (*spiritual*).
4. seeking guidance from His Father to engage with others successfully during the day (*social*).

To help men develop this essential morning routine, we have created a 13-week program called the "*Morning Summit*." To succeed, you need a team of men committed to developing your physical, mental, spiritual, and social dimensions daily and meeting weekly for accountability and encouragement. Men that fully engage in this program report improvements in their walk with God, emotional health and stability, physical strength and flexibility, and intimate personal relationships. It's a commitment, but the results are eternal!

No discipline seems pleasant at the time but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those trained by it. **Heb 12:11**

If you want to become more like Jesus in the new year, strengthening your "Core 4", consider pulling some guys together and committing to the Morning Summit. I promise results if you put in the time! Here's just one of many testimonials.



"Before I started the Morning Summit, I did not regularly connect with many men for meaningful discussion. The Morning Summit connected me to a small group of men that challenged, encouraged, and supported me in growing spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially. Now I have healthy habits each morning to intentionally nurture my heart, mind, and body! I am looking forward to starting or joining another small men's group soon." Brad B.

Changed Lives Al and Angel Nelson (Continued from page 5)

Al still listens to STR “all day long in his truck” as he works in the timber industry, while Angel listens during her work commute, and both listen at home. Al describes their current STR listening this way: “Strong Tower Radio really helps grow our understanding of the Bible with the question and answer programs and the power sermons; it’s such a blessing.”

Glory to God, Who uses this ministry to reach truth-seeking souls, draw them to Himself, and transform them into His likeness!

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To learn more about the Morning Summit program and strengthening your “Core 4,” visit blueprintformen.org.



Let’s all commit to being stronger men of God in the year ahead; our families, our churches, and our communities depend on us!

Readers!



We are trying a new form of delivery for our quarterly schedule. We have created this QR code which will take you to the schedule page on our website; you will be able to download the schedule to your phone. We are happy to mail a physical one or email you one you can print on your printer, if that is your preference.

As always, we appreciate feedback on this trial, so let us know whether it works, makes sense, or neither.

To use the QR code, hold your phone (in camera mode) over the code, and you should automatically be taken to the schedule page for downloading.

If you prefer a physical copy, call (231-468-2087) or email us (info@strongtowerradio.org), and we’ll mail or email you a copy. You can also download the schedule to your computer by visiting our website strongtowerradio.org, clicking on Resources, then Program Schedule and download.



STR Program



Schedule

Light 'Em Up!



Kam Ferguson



A few miles from our home in NW Michigan, lies Crystal Mountain Resort. My wife and I like to drive through during the winter and enjoy the many lights there. However, it isn't the

ski slope lights that draw us; no, it's the lights on the trees that create such a warm setting and reflect beautifully on the glittering white snow.

This inspired us to do something similar at our home, and God led us to a Christmas light clearance sale at an area store. We purchased a few light sets to begin developing our own winter lighting environment. Our pleasure in lighting up the dark winter is small compared to the joy that Jesus feels as He ministers to us from the heavenly sanctuary!



How is Jesus ministering to us? He's working to transform us into lights that fully reflect His beautiful character to the world and dispel the darkness that grips Earth in a dark winter landscape.



(Matt 5:14) The last message to light up the world is a revelation of God's character of love.

From small beginnings, God has grown Strong Tower Radio (STR) to 15 radio signals, eight new signal permits, and web streaming to the world. These light beacons proclaim God's glorious character of love, 24/7/365, to all who will hear, and many are listening and escaping sin's cold grip to experience new life in Jesus Christ!

Glory to God, who has done it and sustains this ministry through your faithful prayers and generous giving. Thank you for investing in winter lighting! You're helping make 2023 the year STR could have all eight new stations begin lighting up the world with the everlasting gospel that prepares a people to meet Jesus at His soon return!

Think of it: 23 stations in 2023. By our heavenly Father's grace, let's light 'em up!

23 in *new* HAPPY 2023 YEAR