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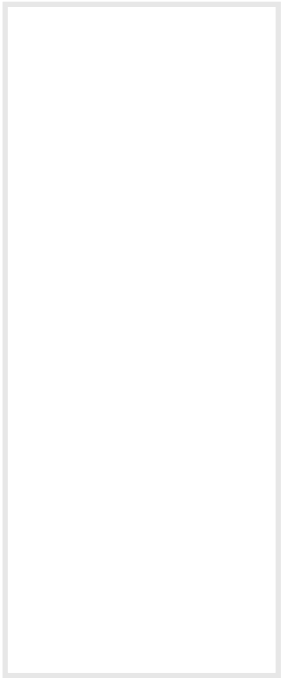
Where God's Character is Proclaimed

STR Engagements:

- 12/9 11:00 a.m. David Bolduc** Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 12/9 5:00 p.m. Kam Ferguson @ Variety Hour** Saginaw Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 12/16 9:45 a.m. David Bolduc** 13th St. Cadillac Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 12/16 3:00 p.m. Kam Ferguson @ Praise Rally** Muskegon Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 12/25 All Day Merry** **Christmas!** Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 12/30 11:00 a.m. Kam Ferguson** Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Pastor
Jay Gallimore

Angels sang to Shepherds but not to Priests and Rabbis! Why?



Strange, isn't it? The only time in human history when an angel choir actually sang on earth was when they sang to unknown shepherds keeping sheep!

Doesn't Heaven understand the first rule of communication?

Talk to the leaders who have the megaphones! But

Heaven isn't dependent on our rules!

Heaven communes with those who commune with it!



Here the Messiah of the world was about to be born, and Israel's leaders were indifferent! Why? It's not like the leadership hadn't been put on notice. An Angel visited Zacharias, a priest, and one of



their own while he was ministering before the altar of incense in the Temple itself! The Angel tells him that his wife Elizabeth would have a son. That would not have been news except that Elizabeth, like Sarah, was way too old to have a baby! And that's not all the Angel said.

This child would be the forerunner of the Messiah! The Messiah! All of this was not done in a corner! Everybody knew about the Angel's visit and Zacharias being struck speechless for nine months. And that the Angel even named the baby – John. In addition, the priests and rabbis had Daniel the prophet's visions, which mathematically showed that the Messiah would show up in their day! [Daniel chapters 8 and 9]

Oh yes, these priests and rabbis were very religious and quite dedicated to their religious rituals.

They certainly knew politics. And they were

circumcised, alright. But they had forgotten what

Moses said, "Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. **Deut 10:16** Or Samuel who said to King Saul, "to obey is better than sacrifice" **1 Sam 15:22**





David Bolduc

"Choosing a Name"

My wife and I have three children, and when it was time to choose each name, we wanted a solid name, evoking images of a strong character. We followed that practice with the radio stations we have built in the past 14-plus years. The challenge has often been finding available call letters that also carry a reference honoring God. We have several to choose from this time around, and some of them reference the community, others don't. They all give Glory to God.

For *Bridgman*, We trust the Lord Will Provide - **WLWP**.

For *Greenville*, we will be broadcasting the love of Jesus Christ for Greenville – **WJCG**.

For *Houghton*, we want to point the listener to Christ and chose Where Houghton Finds Jesus - **WHFJ**.

For *Manistique*, we want to be a voice for God, Where God Talks to Manistique – **WGTM**.

For *Owosso*, we want what God said about Job and have a radio station blessed by the Holy Spirit to be used for the testimony of Jesus, What He Said is Right – **WHSR**.

For *Port Sanilac*, we want to be Where God's Name is Proclaimed – **WGPN**.

For *South Haven*, we are claiming South Haven for God – **WSHG**.

And finally, for *Tower Hill, Illinois*, we want to tell Central Illinois about Christ's soon coming, Why Will Jesus Return – **WWJR**.

As this year comes to an end, we at Strong Tower Radio (STR) clearly see how the Lord continues to provide. On Oct. 12, 2007, I made a note in my Bible next to the text **Isa. 41:20** NKJV – "That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the Lord has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it." - My prayer was that God would use this ministry to point people back to Him. In 2006, my wife Bethany prayed that our family's health crisis would bring people into God's kingdom. God continues to listen and answer both of those prayers! Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

We here at Strong Tower Radio wish you a Merry Christmas!



Kam Ferguson

Changing Lives: Staci Hoig-Kimblar

While working at a timber company, Staci looked for a radio station to listen to while she worked.



The radio wasn't picking up the local station a few miles away, but STR came in clearly on 97.9 FM, WIHC. Staci was a skeptic at the time, and one of the first programs she heard was Bible Answers Live with Doug Batchelor and Jean Ross. She determined to pick apart all that they said and prove it false.



This desire prompted her to listen to more STR programs to nitpick more of what she heard!

She listened at work, then added her commute and her listening escalated over a 3-year period.

Staci went from listening to pick apart what she heard to just listening to learn. She couldn't get enough! The Lord blessed her with a new position at work, in an office instead of by the saws and heavy equipment, and she could better hear the broadcast.

Staci began to desire a church family where she could receive the truth instead of mixing traditions with some truth, as in her past experiences. She wanted a church where she could hear the truth like on STR, a place where she could learn, grow, and experience joy!



One day, while working, Staci was listening to an STR program that she found intensely interesting. Not wanting to miss anything, when she stepped out of the office to inspect incoming truckloads, she opened the windows and turned up the radio. To her surprise, as she inspected the next load, she realized the truck driver was listening to the same STR station!



That driver is Rick Mercer of the Manistique church, and Staci asked him some questions. In their conversation, she found out that the Northwoods McMillan church was only 3 miles from her home! She went home, looked up the church's service schedule, and drove into the parking lot that next Sabbath.

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The Angels sang... (Continued from page 1)

Or Isaiah who quotes the Lord saying, "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams... I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats... I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates... I am weary of bearing them... Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood... Cease to do evil, learn to do good..." **Isa 1:11-17**

Hundreds of years earlier, as Babylonian armies pressed Jerusalem, Jeremiah, the prophet, quoted the Lord. "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." **Jer 29:13** But it was this heart-searching, this watching and praying, that Israel's leaders had neglected. And now they were blinded by their delusions of national glory.

The bottom line – Israel's leaders couldn't be trusted to announce the glorious news. They would have spun the Angels' song into some kind of political illusion. But the shepherds, who doubtless were watching and praying, who trusted the Messianic prophecies, and must have been discussing their hope of His arrival - they could be trusted! They would tell the news clearly, simply, and without distortion!

Do we need a reminder during this Christmas season that the



Messiah is coming back? The signs are everywhere. The prophecies are being fulfilled. Will history repeat itself? Listen to Jesus. "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with

carousing, drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." **Luke 21:34-36**

We can be either shepherds or priests. For sure the Angels will sing again, will we be able to hear them?

HARK THE
herald
ANGELS
sing

Changed Lives... (Continued from page 3)

She went to the doors; they wouldn't open, so she went home. She had the same experience the next Sabbath and prayed, "OK, Lord, you have three chances." Someone heard her at the door on the third Sabbath, opened it, and invited her in. That was June 2017.

Bible studies followed during the summer, and during October 2017, Staci fully embraced the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ and signified it with baptism, joining the Northwoods McMillan Seventh-day Adventist church. She searched for words to describe her experience then and what it continues to be for her. "It's energizing, satisfying, like being wrapped in a warm comforter on a cold winter's night," came to her mind, and then she found the right words. "I feel like I've come home without actually being in heaven. It's a taste of heaven today. The welcome I've received here (once they opened the door!) has been amazing; after losing part of my family, God gave me a new family. It's a miracle what God did!"

Staci continues to grow in her walk with Jesus, learning much along the way. Learning to forgive past hurts has been a great blessing, giving her the freedom to move forward. Staci spoke of surrendering pride, stating the Holy Spirit's conviction that "I'm not right every time. Sit down, be quiet, listen, the truth is there." (Sound familiar?)

Staci still listens to STR, though less at work with her new position. She and her family listen whenever they can. Staci enjoys all the programs, finding them an amazing source of learning and encouragement. Praise God with me, friends. The Holy Spirit continues to change another life through the ministry of Strong Tower Radio!



STRONG TOWER RADIO IS HIRING!



We're seeking a dedicated & organized **Office Manager** for God's team at Strong Tower Radio.

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CURRENT EVENTS

We are excited about

sharing our Christmas

programs beginning December 1st.

Listener favorites are Joe Wheeler's

Christmas in My Heart stories read by Joe



Tom Mejeur

and our Strong Tower Radio voice talent. Starting Black Friday, we will air new and classic Fresh Manna Christmas sermons weekdays at 2 and 11 a.m., and Christmas Variety Hour classics recorded across our listening area Fridays at 1 p.m. and Sabbaths at 5 p.m. Christmas-themed Restful Reflections air each Sabbath afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve through Christmas Day, we air the best local Christmas songs, plays, programs, readings, and stories anywhere. You will want to keep your radio, smartphone, or computer playing continuously during holiday travels and events. Our programming can welcome your holiday visitors providing the ambiance for your gathering as well as on the drive to and from these destinations.

We assure you of quality Christian music, stories, and Christmas thoughts that will impress your visitors. After your subtle witness, they might even inquire and become Strong Tower Radio listeners. Have the station-sharing guides on hand, so they can program their car radios and download the smartphone apps.

Meet us at the Saginaw Seventh-day Adventist Church on December 9th at 5 p.m. for this year's live STR Christmas Variety Hour. Get the whole God-led story of our latest radio station at the WMPA (Grand Haven) Praise Rally held at the Muskegon Seventh-day Adventist Church on December 16th at 3 p.m.

This month, our STR-produced interview program topics include reviewing recent Michigan assisted suicide legislation with *Right to Life's* legislative liaison, Genevieve Mornon, and Pastor Jay Gallimore; *Duke's Hands-on Training* for youth in Lake County; spending a day at the Escanaba SDA Food Pantry; tours of museums in Hart and Ludington; interviews with Doctors Wes Youngberg, Tim Riesenberger, and Joyce Choe on medical missionary work; the December *Garden Guy*; STR's 14th Birthday; and our *2023 Year in Review*.

All this and more!

In the Bleak Midwinter?



Kam Ferguson

Last December, I spoke with an STR listener who lamented that a few Christmas songs played on STR indicate that Jesus was born in the middle of winter. *

The carol “In the Bleak Midwinter” was cited as an example. I acknowledged the concern and stated that we would consider it further. Pondering this some months later, I was impressed to look beyond the calendar to the greater scene.

Jesus did come to Earth in the bleak midwinter. Humanity had suffered through four thousand years of sin, and God had employed amazing grace to shepherd a people, Israel, to this point in time.

What time was that? In the fullness of time, in the middle of a cold, hardened world, nearly frozen in sin, Jesus incarnated into humanity to provide forgiveness and cleansing power!

“Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men!” **Luke 2:14**

“God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners (*still in the bleak midwinter of Earth’s history*) Christ died for us.” **Rom 5:8**

Friends, God still commends His love toward us, and this love is the character of God that we proclaim across the airwaves **24/7/365!** Love that plainly shows God in Christ, giving all of heaven for us and calling for our response: lives given in faithful service to Him. Thank you for giving your life in faithful service to Jesus Christ and helping to support the ministry of Strong Tower Radio this year and in the times ahead. Hundreds of lives have been and are being transformed because you give.

** If you take the late March/early April crucifixion time frame and go back 3.5 years you arrive at late Sept/early October. This timing marks both Jesus’ baptism at age 30 and His birth 30 years prior.*

