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NewLifeRadio

NEWSLETTER



New Programs Heard on NewLife Radio!

You have probably heard a couple of new features on **NewLife Radio**—*Breakpoint* with John Stonestreet and *The Point*. These programs come from the *Colson Center for Christian Worldview* (www.colsoncenter.org) and provide you with timely information on the issues facing the Church in our culture.

The *Colson Center for Christian Worldview* equips Christians to live out their faith with clarity, confidence, and courage in this cultural moment. Through commentaries, podcasts, videos, and more, they help Christians better understand what's happening in the world, and champion what is true and good wherever God has called them.

The Center accomplishes that mission through the daily 3-minute commentary, started by the late Chuck Colson.

- **BREAKPOINT** is aired weekday mornings at 8 as a daily 3-minute program.
- **THE POINT** is heard weekday afternoons at 4:45 as a 1-minute feature.

Listen and be equipped!

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from the President's Pen... ***"The Truth Shall Set You Free!"***

The great public educator of the 19th Century Horace Mann once said, "If anyone seeks for greatness, let them forget greatness and ask for truth, and they will find both." Growing up in church, I learned this biblical principle from my parents early. However, it didn't have great meaning to me until I reached my 20's. It was then I finally understood that it isn't just "any" truth, but the "truth of God's Word," and only that Truth is what will set you free. We live in a world of misinformation, disinformation, unverified information, and a variety of other questionable definitions of what truth is. I can tell you it isn't "your truth" or "my truth!" It is the WORD of God! And that's the whole truth.

Our mission and purpose for what we do every day here at **NewLife Radio**, is to proclaim the "truth that sets you free!" That is the Word of God! We add nothing to it, nor do we take anything away from it. Our commitment to you is to always provide music and programming that teaches and preaches the truth of scripture. Many of our programs engage you the listener with a diversity of styles and a wide range of opportunities to get involved. We encourage you to contact our broadcasters to avail yourself of the many products that will help you in your spiritual journey. Please see our web site (www.newliferadio.com) for contact information.

Just remember that when "you know the truth, that truth will set you free"! 2 Timothy 1:7 reminds us all "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (ESV)

In His Service.

Doug Doran, President



IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR

2020 Tax Deduction Statements



It is the policy of Life Radio Ministries, Inc., and **NewLife Radio** to send out donation statements to those supporters who gave a yearly total of \$250.00 or more to assist in your tax return preparation. However, if you did not get a statement or you wish to have us send you one no matter how much was donated, we will be happy to provide that to you.

Please call 770.229.2020 or send us an email to contactus@newliferadio.com, and we will send that out immediately.

Thank you to all who were a part of the support of **NewLife Radio** in 2020. We look forward to 2021 and the blessings that God will provide through our listeners and supporting partners.

The Holiday Season Remained Busy!

Although many events did not happen this year, **NewLife Radio** remained busy! We were able to participate in a number of events during the Christmas season and into the New Year.

Natalie Grant in Concert!

On December 9 we kicked off the Christmas season at Rock Springs Church in Milner with Natalie Grant in concert! What a tremendous time of worship with many of our listeners. Pastor Benny stressed that this year our country NEEDS Christmas!



A Christian City Christmas!

We didn't think we were going to be able to have a Christmas event for the children at Christian City's Children's Village and Crossroads Adoption, but a number of listeners asked if we could do something for them. We were able to get gift cards this year for the children and Chick-fil-A donated meal cards too! Thanks to Westar Media, we were also able to donate 5 Bibles for each children's home at Christian City!

Hope Christmas Concert

On December 18 we joined Scott Davis and Billy & Cassie Lord for a Hope Christmas concert at Rockdale Baptist Church. What a fantastic night of music and comedy! We had the chance to meet a lot of new friends and get reacquainted with some old friends. Dr. Billy Moss, senior pastor, said that church has been around so long that they named the county after them!



Christmas Eve at Rock Springs

On December 24, Christmas Eve, we were able to simulcast the Christmas Eve service at Rock Springs Church. What a great night of worship as we prepared our hearts for Christmas. Dr. Benny Tate, senior pastor, gave a wonderful message on the character of Mary.

Mike Shelley Speaks at Rock Springs Christian Academy

On January 13 General Manager, Mike Shelley, spoke to the students at Rock Springs Christian Academy. This was a great opportunity to help develop a stronger relationship with the next generation, the administration and faculty. If you would like Mike to speak at your child's Christian school, call the station at 770.229.2020.



Spring 2021 Sharathon

As Spring approaches, that means it will soon be time for our Spring Sharathon! We look forward to connecting with new listeners and reconnect with current listeners during this time. Spring Sharathon allows to more effectively plan for the upcoming Summer season and (prayerfully) the events in which we will be participating.

We also look forward to having our crew of phone volunteers come in to help the callers make their Faith Promise of support. What is a "Faith Promise" you ask? Well simply, a Faith Promise is an agreement that, as God provides, the donor will give a specific amount on a monthly basis or one time to the work of **NewLife Radio**. Faith Promise giving incorporates the dynamics of faith, love, commitment, consistency, and the sure promises of God.

So, would you begin to ask how God might use you during Spring Sharathon? Your gift makes a huge impact throughout the listening area over 90.7 and 91.7 FM and over www.newliferadio.com!



LOOKING AHEAD

It's a challenge to plan for upcoming events because of the issues with COVID-19. But that will not deter us! We are hoping that these upcoming events will be held and we will be able to see you.

Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival



Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival will be held March 27-28. We will see you at the International Horse Park for two days of fun! For more information, go to www.georgiahorsepark.com.

Geranium Festival in McDonough

Geranium Festival in McDonough is scheduled for May 15. We will be in the McDonough Square enjoying arts and crafts and 'mater' sandwiches!! For details go to www.geraniumfestival.com



July 4

We hope to be somewhere that Sunday to celebrate America—maybe your church!!





A Great Cloud of Witnesses

A NEWSLETTER SERIES

Go On Children of God!

We Are Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses!

Hebrews 12:1 reminds us to “consider the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us” so that we can run with endurance the race that is set before us. In this special Newsletter series we introduce you to some of those visionary pioneers who saw how God can use **NewLife Radio**, to encourage the rest of us to “press on!”

NewLife Radio's first radio station, WMVV, had only been on the air for a few weeks in the Spring of 1995. One of our volunteers handed me a note with a name and phone number scribbled on it...“Pastor Randy Valimont.” So, I returned this first-ever call to our ministry from a pastor whom I had not yet met. Dr. Valimont spoke words of encouragement into my heart and expressed his support for our new Christian radio venture. That call would be the beginning of a very special friendship between **NewLife Radio**, the congregation of Griffin's First Assembly of God, and Pastor Randy Valimont.

At 59 years of age Pastor Randy passed away suddenly on October 31, 2019 from complications following surgery. Since 1993, he had been senior pastor of Griffin First Assembly along with his wife, Jelly (Geraldine) Jordan Valimont.

When the Valimonts came to the church more than a quarter century ago, the church had an average attendance of 400. Today, the church has a weekly attendance of almost 6,200 across seven campuses. It is consistently in the top three annual contributors to their denomination's world missions efforts among the U.S. Fellowship's 13,000 congregations. And, since **NewLife Radio** began broadcasting more than 25 years ago, Griffin First Assembly of God has incorporated our ministry into their church's monthly mission's giving. Additionally, you can continue to hear their radio program “Fresh Touch” on our stations, featuring the teaching ministry of new Senior Pastor Dr. Ron Crumb.

Pastor Valimont and the church, as a reflection of their passion for World Missions, accepted my challenge in 2001 to join **NewLife Radio** in becoming a Founding Supporter of Wantok Radio Light in Papua New Guinea. Thanks to Pastor Randy's vision and the church's generosity that nation's first Christian broadcasting network became a reality in January of 2002! That first radio station in the Capital city of Port Moresby has now grown to more than 27 Christian FM radio stations across the nation and one Short Wave station that covers the country. www.WantokRadio.org.

Jelly Valimont was married to Randy for 39 years and says it has been difficult for both the church and the surrounding area. “Randy was not just a pastor of Griffin First Assembly, but of the entire community,” she explains. “To some, Randy was the only pastor they had ever known and was truly their spiritual father, mentor, and friend. Many have stated that they felt they lost a family member.”

During Randy Valimont's pastorate, Griffin First Assembly raised more than \$28 million for missions. Under his leadership, the church became a national leader in missions and church growth. And, it was almost a tradition for Pastor Randy to visit the studios of **NewLife Radio** during our special events.

“I re-live his sudden passing every day and we acknowledge that we were not ready for him to go into eternity,” Jelly says. She notes that new Senior Pastor, Dr. Ron Crum, has encouraged adherents to grieve the loss of the longtime pastor. Nevertheless, Jelly says winning converts to Christ remains a priority for the congregation.

“Although we miss Randy as our pastor, the mission of the church has not changed,” she says. “It is about the kingdom of God going forward and not about Randy Valimont being gone.”

Thank you, Miss Jelly! What a gracious and godly world vision this speaks! The staff of **NewLife Radio** thanks God for the encouragement, support, vision-casting, and love we received from Dr. Randy Valimont. And as they might say in Papua New Guinea.... “Mi Laikim Lain Bilong em kamap bikipela! (Loosely translated, “May his tribe increase!” is from the Papua New Guinea Pidgon language.)

Joe Emert

Joe Emert, Founder & Chairman
NewLife Radio



Randy and Jelly Valimont



Top Photo : Randy Valimont with Porian Kumulgo and Joe Emert
Middle Photo: Randy passionately praying for the launch of WMVV 91.7 FM
Bottom Photo: Randy Valimont with Billy Yasi, Fred Tulia, and Joe Alopi