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If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

(James 1:5)



## Things Are Moving at *NewLife Radio*!

Late last year (2023), just as we were preparing for our Fall Sharathon, NewLife Radio received news that the City of Griffin, the landlord of our office and studio space, wanted us to move to another location in the building. As we came to the end of our lease, they kindly and generously offered us space on the fifth floor, in exchange for our firstfloor location, where we have been located for the last 27 years. We are currently in negotiations to determine the rent rate and how much it will cost to do the extensive and unique remodeling of the new space, adequate for a radio station.

While this request by the landlord was not totally unexpected, it provided us an opportunity to make one of two choices. We could begin to make sudden "man-plans," or we could realize that this could be an opportunity to see God's blessing in disguise. After much prayer, talking to staff and the city officials, the **NewLife Radio** Board of Directors has decided to take the second path—that of waiting and watching to see what God will provide. While we do not know yet how much the move will cost or how much time it will take, we have confidence that God is in control and that He has already figured this all out for us. We just need to be faithful and see what the Lord wants to do.

As I write this, I am reminded of the Charles Dickens story of A Tale of Two Cities. There are two famous quotes from that story. The first is, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." Sometimes we feel that way when change is about to make things different. But as difficult as change is sometimes, it can be for the better. At the end of

## **1st Quarter**

As we finished out 2023 and entered 2024, **NewLife Radio** was involved in the following events:



**Eagles Landing Christian Academy** presented "Reason for the Season," a unique film and stage Christmas production This was a wonderful mix of film and live music. Mike and Kathy Shelley greeted several listeners and enjoyed the sounds of the Christmas season! Go to www.elcaonline.org to learn more about Eagles Landing Christian Academy.

"My Name is Melissa" is the newest film from Make It Clear Ministries. It is a film that explores Melissa's life. It covers many of life's issues including finding hope and courage in the face of overwhelming odds, learning to appreciate every oasis in life, the futility of power struggles, and more. To learn more about My Name is Melissa, visit www.MyNamelsMelissa.com.





A Night of Worship with Rock Springs Choir featured the amazing choir at Rock Springs Church and two of Christian music's top performers—TaRanda Green and Wes Hampton. TaRanda has been with the group Cana's Voice and has a very successful solo career. Wes is the longest serving member of the Gaither Vocal Band (other than Bill).

#### **National Religious Broadcasters' (NRB) Annual Convention**

Each year the management team at **NewLife Radio** anticipates their annual trip to the NRB Annual Convention. This year's convention, held in Nashville, Tennessee, celebrated 80 years of the NRB! The annual gathering of Christian communicators brought people from all over the world and provided the opportunity to learn and to encourage one another. Doug Doran represented **NewLife Radio** on the NRB President's Council and Michael Shelley represented the ministry on the NRB Board of Directors and the NRB Radio Committee where he serves as chair. It was a long week filled with meetings but well worth the time!

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Charles Dickens' story, the last words of Mr. Canton speak a profound truth when he said, "It is a far, far better thing that I do than I have ever done." We never know how God is going to use our move for His glory; I just know that we wait with anticipation and obedience for Him to reveal His plan to us.

In the meantime, we pray and plan with God's help and wisdom. You will hear much more about this project as the days move along. We will have regular updates both in our newsletters and on our web page. Look for more information and see what God does!

Douglas J. Doran, President





# **Busy Times Ahead**

The upcoming months are busy ones, and we are looking forward to seeing you at these future events.

**Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival** is a tradition at **NewLife Radio!** This year's theme is "Swing into Spring," and as always, the festival features arts, crafts, music, and plenty of good food. We will hand out **NewLife Radio** bags and materials that point people to Jesus. To see what's happening during the festival, go to www. georgiahorsepark.com. Click the Calendar of Events tab at the top of the web page.

#### **Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center's Spring to Life Gala**

This year's event will be on April 18 at 7 pm. To learn more about the Gala and how you can be an advocate for life visit www.Fayette4Life.com.



**Spring Into Service 5K** is an event to benefit the Christian Women's Center. Join runners and walkers at New Salem Baptist Church in Griffin on Saturday April 13. To register visit www.NSBCGriffin.org.

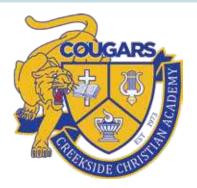
**Color Out Cancer 5K** is another race where you can participate. This event benefits the Cancer Support Ministry of Rock Springs Church in Milner and will be held April 27. To learn more about the race and the Cancer Support Ministry visit www.RockSprings.info.





**The Geranium Festival** is an annual event for **NewLife Radio**, and will be held on the Square in downtown McDonough on May 18. You will be able to experience arts and crafts, great food, and of course geraniums. Don't miss it! To learn more visit www.GeraniumFestival.com.

**Vintage Day Festival and Fly-In** will be held June 1 at the Peach State Aerodrome in Williamson. Enjoy some good ole' fashion fun including the vintage cars and planes, vendors, and delicious food. It will be a great day for the whole family! To learn more, go to www.PeachStateAero.com.





### NewLife Radio— A Partner in Education

**NewLife Radio** firmly believes in giving students in our listening area the best opportunity to succeed in life and to achieve all that God has planned for them. It is for that reason we have developed partnerships with two local Christian schools—

Creekside Christian Academy (CCA) and Rock Springs Christian Academy (RSCA). You have probably already heard a few radio spots promoting the schools and their events. We were blessed with students who volunteered at the Kiwanis-Spalding County Fair. Michael Shelley, **NewLife Radio** General Manager, spoke at RSCA in January and will be speaking at CCA in April.

A Partner in Education assists schools in letting people know of their presence and would consider it a privilege to have your student in their school. Thank you for your partnership with **NewLife Radio** so that we can partner with local Christian schools. To learn more about Creekside Christian Academy and Rock Springs Christian Academy visit their respective web sites – www.creeksidechristian.academy and www.rsca.info.

## **NewLife Radio Makes an Impact!**

For almost 29 years, **NewLife Radio** has been impacting middle Georgia and the surrounding areas. We have also made an impact in other parts of the world as partners in missions' projects with **Trans World Radio** (TWR), **Woodrow Kroll Ministries**, (WKM), and Papua New Guinea (PNG) through the **PNG Christian Broadcasting Network**.



However, many of the programs and broadcasters we air on **NewLife Radio** are making an impact in this country and around the world too because of your partnership. Here are just three broadcast ministries and their impact for the kingdom in 2023



**REVIVE OUR HEARTS** distributed 250 programs to Vietnam, translated one hundred programs into Ukrainian, and welcomed over 8,000 women (representing thirty-four countries) to the Hispanic conference, Mujer Verdera '23. Plus, more than eighty million broadcast/podcast episodes were downloaded in English and Spanish.



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**FOCUS ON THE FAMILY** shared that 158,000 people made a commitment to follow Christ; 440,000 couples have built a stronger marriage with 532,000 moms and dads building stronger families. Remarkably, 840,000 people stood up for the helpless, including preborn babies as 5.6 million listeners tuned in weekly to hear the Focus on the Family daily broadcast.

**JONI AND FRIENDS** distributed 12,042 wheelchairs with Bibles in twenty-four countries, served 2,453 families in both domestic and international retreats and getaways, with 6,610 volunteers serving.

Your partnership goes a long way to fulfilling the Great Commission—to reach the entire world with the gospel. **NewLife Radio**, our broadcast partners and YOU are making a difference.

### **Spring Sharathon 2024!**

Sharathon in May. It will be a great time of connecting with first time-callers, and reconnecting with our previous supporters to the ministry of **NewLife Radio!** We appreciate each person and family that chooses to support **NewLife Radio** by prayer and financial means. So, be in prayer that God would lead, guide, and direct you to support **NewLife Radio** during our Spring Sharathon on May 13, 14, and 15, starting at 7:00 am on May 13 through 7:00 pm on May 15!

You can also donate online at www.newliferadio.com.

Click the **DONATE NOW** button to give securely, or use our smart phone app to donate. We look forward to hearing from you!



### LISTENER LETTERS

- I have enjoyed Josh Moody on God Centered Life so much on my long drive home at night. I sit with a lady three days a week and start home just when he comes on. It makes that long drive so much nicer; he is so refreshing. I love his accent too. Your programs just get better and better! Love you all.
- ▶ Goodness! *NewLife Radio* is as good as it gets and you're really striking a chord today. Babbie Mason has me swaying with "God Will Open Up the Windows." Next, I start to grab the handle until John Berry moves me with "Beautifully Broken." You rocked me with The Martins and "Love Enough," and drew me close with Jadon Lavik's "To the Cross." I also nodded with Mark Lowry's "When the Sun Comes Out Again" as if the song was written about my day.
- ▶ I am blessed each morning by what God is doing through *NewLife Radio* to speak words of love, encouragement, peace, and hope. You are needed in this chaotic world. Thank you for each day you have served and will continue to serve!

Melvina