

# The Thread

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 2026

## AMERICA'S INDEBTEDNESS

by Jim Farrer

I have mentioned on many occasions that I love FLAGS and I love America. In addition, without Presbyterians, there would be no America (about half the soldiers and officers in the Revolution were Presbyterians of Scotch / Irish descent).

Rev. Bruce Theilman, a pastor at 1st Presbyterian in Pittsburgh, wrote this in 1987 and delivered it at Waynesburg College. I share it with you:

"I say to you this morning that I am a little bit sick of those Americans who . . . well, take one for example. He gets up in the morning and takes off his pajamas which were invented by the East Indians. He takes a shower using soap which was first developed in Gaul. He shaves his face, and the razor was invented by the Sumerians. The blade in the razor is steel, and steel was first developed in Turkistan. He goes downstairs, and he has breakfast. The tablecloth is from the cotton grown in Alabama. The cutlery that he uses is made up of elements brought from Zimbabwe and Canada and Peru. The tea he drinks is from Ceylon; or if it is coffee, it comes from Columbia. He has a slice of Canadian bacon and two eggs sunny – side up; and those eggs come from chickens fed by that which we have taken from the waters off Chile, Japan and Iceland. He puts on his suit, which was first developed in the Asian steppes, and ties his necktie, which is a holdover from a ceremonial shawl worn in the 7th century Croatia. He puts on his hat, first developed in East Asia. He picks up his umbrella, thought up by the Chinese, gets onto the bus and pays his fare with coins first used in ancient Lydia. On the way to town, he reads his paper which was developed by the Chinese. The letters on the page are there in Arabic script, and the printing process used to print that paper was developed by the Germans. And after he has read the morning paper he is disgusted with the rest of the world; so he bows his head and prays to a Hebrew God in an Indo- European tongue and he thanks God that he is 100 percent and the decimal system came from the Greeks – American.

The fact of the matter is that we are all one people on this Earth. So, when I plead for the service that Jesus demonstrated, I plead for our common indebtedness.

Our origin, our destiny, our responsibility, call us to be part of the guild of the knotted towel (which Jesus used to wash the Apostles' feet)."

## If Jesus could speak to America

Some pastors refrain from preaching on political topics. However, on national holidays and in national election years, many parishioners yearn for some Biblical perspective.

First, we must establish Jesus' authority to speak to political issues.

One of the revitalized heresies is compartmentalizing life into areas where God supposedly should and should not be involved. This was the argument in St. Matthew 22:15-22. On the surface Jesus' response seems to justify a separation of church (render to God) and state (render to Caesar).

But what is Jesus really saying?

According to Jacques Ellul in *The Subversion of Christianity* (p. 114) if the Caesars, some of whom claimed to be god, are owed obedience, loyalty and a percentage of wages, then the true and Most High God is owed so much more...everything!

Jesus in the Matthew passage above echoes Psalm 24 (the entire earth belongs to the LORD) and Paul in Philippians 2:9 asserts that God has bestowed on Jesus the name/authority above all others. Therefore, Jesus as Lord claims the right not only to talk about any country, but also to demand allegiance.

Below are some other statements which Jesus might pose to America.

### 1. Your nation is not to become your God.

Most of us are proud of our nation, and pledging allegiance to something higher than our country sounds subversive. But the first commandment includes putting no other gods above the LORD. If any economic or political system were to conflict with the way of the LORD, it must be superseded and transformed.

### 2. God gives no automatic favorite-nation status.

Our Pilgrim fathers looked upon America as a place of destiny. Across the years the United States has surely played an important role in combating dangerous "isms." However, recall that the downfall of the nation of Israel always came when Israel began to believe it was chosen on merit to enjoy privilege. Instead Israel was chosen by grace to carry out great responsibility: "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)

### 3. Your land is only loaned to you.

Jesus was fond of referring to the book of Deuteronomy, and he might remind us of chapter 8:11-20 where we are told not to be haughty and say, "By our own power and might we have gotten all this." When we read to the end of the passage, we find "if you do forget the LORD your God...you shall surely perish." (v.19)

### 4. It is okay to develop a fresh capacity for anger.

There are numerous examples in the Gospels precipitating Jesus' cutting sarcasm and anger, just as there are lies and actions today that should simply outrage us. Ephesians 4:26 reads: "Be angry, but do not sin." It is appropriate for us to have righteous indignation in the face of injustices. This should spur us toward reversing the situation, but our anger should not fester into hatred.

5. Don't assume America's "way" is always the best.

The infant mortality rate has been lower in Nepal than in cities such as Pittsburgh and Washington, DC. A worker in the United States is 36 times more likely to be killed on the job than a worker in Sweden. In Canada in 2012, the leading candidate for Prime Minister spent only \$236,000. Yet, more than six billion dollars is spent on the American presidential election process.

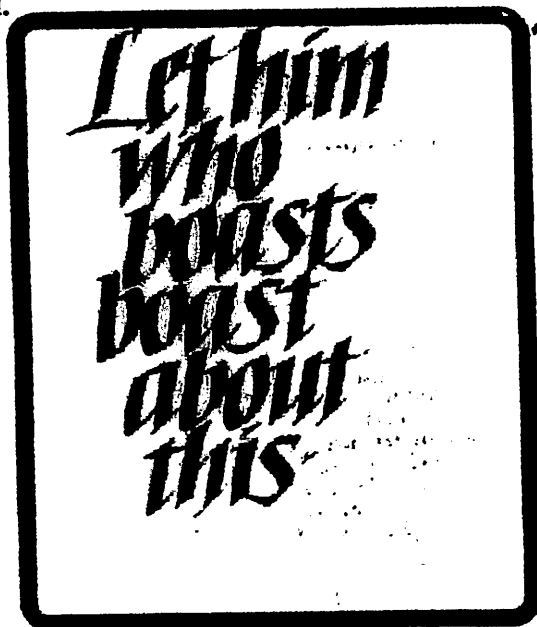
6. Don't expect your future to go smoothly.

It is a puzzle to many why Jesus, with a gospel of forgiveness and love, should have stirred up such bitter hatred among the most religious and virtuous people in his nation. But in St. Matthew 10:34 Jesus had warned his followers that he came to bring not peace ... but a sword. He is always on the cutting edge! The Kingdom Rule of God will eventually overthrow any and all old orders in which self, not the Savior, is sovereign. St. Luke 16:16 (RSV) reminds us that everyone who enters the Kingdom of God enters violently.

7. You haven't seen anything yet.

America has lots of resources and perhaps still more opportunities, yet the Bible looks ahead to the new earth that Jesus will usher in. I Corinthians 2:9 proclaims the promise first given in Isaiah 64:4 that no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor heart imagined, what has been prepared for those who love the Most High God.

The best future for the United States is not the agenda of the elephant nor of the donkey but that of the Lamb ... of God.



*Jim Farver*



# From Pastor Jim's Desk

JULY 2026

**The "I'd like to Know Box" is on the table in the vestibule.  
You may raise issues, ask questions about the church, God, the Bible, etc.  
Gripes are also welcome.**

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## **Jim to You . . .**

I was honored at the 100th Anniversary to be given a lovely commemorative English Standard Version of the Bible. I will consult it often in preparing for Bible studies.

## **What is the meaning of that fancy wood necklace Jim often wears?**

It is the stylized Greek language letters Alpha & Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. I have smaller metal one, but Elsa Apetz was kind enough to craft one in wood. See Book of Revelation 1:8; God & Jesus are the beginning and the end.

## **Jim to You – What Jim Isn't**

- A genius who can read people's minds
- A hero, riding in on a big white horse.
- A Nazarite



## **I'd Like to Know . . .**

Where do Jim & Sheila live?

In Jennerstown – first road past Green Gables Restaurant on the left; 305 Lakeshore Drive.

## **WHO WE ARE**

We Westmont Presbyterians are members of the one, holy, catholic (universal) apostolic church of Jesus Christ and the world communion of reformed churches (started 150 years ago) with 218 member churches and 75 million members in 106 countries and the Presbyterian Church (USA) within the synod of the Trinity (PA, WV and Upper Ohio Valley and the four-county Redstone Presbytery). The Reformed branch of Christ's church began in about 1516 in Zurich, Switzerland.



# Sheila's Corner

by Sheila Farrer

To: Thread Readers  
From: Sheila Farrer  
Re: Sheila's Corner

*I hope to write articles of interest each month for inclusion in the Church's newsletter. This month's article is about famous Presbyterian astronaut Buzz Aldrin. You can look forward to reports on current events, on holiday observances, on Church liturgy and/or thoughts on church growth among others. Perhaps you have an idea for an article of interest for Sheila's Corner. Please let me know.*

## **FAMOUS PRESBYTERIAN'S WITNESS FROM THE MOON**

July 20th will mark the 57th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first men to set foot on the lunar surface while Michael Collins orbited in the command module Columbia.

Many Americans recall Armstrong's words as he stepped from the lunar module to the moon's surface: "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind."

A few minutes later, Aldrin, an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas, made this public statement: "This is the LM (lunar module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way."

At this point the radio communication was cut, but Aldrin read from the Gospel of John 15:5: "I am the vine. You are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me." Aldrin then celebrated the Lord's Supper on the moon. He had made prior arrangements with his pastor to provide him with a consecrated communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine for him to take to the moon.

Aldrin had intended for his Communion Service to be broadcast, but NASA declined permission to do so. The Space Administration was in a legal battle at the time with atheist Madelyn Murray O'Hare who had objected to the Apollo 8 crew reading the Genesis account of creation as they orbited the moon at Christmas time in 1968. Commenting on his experience, Aldrin said, "I ate the tiny toast and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting to me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements."

Reflecting on the experience in his 2009 book entitled *Magnificent Desolation: The Long Journey Home from the Moon*, Aldrin wrote, "Perhaps, if I had it to do over again, I would not choose to celebrate communion. Although it was a deeply meaningful experience for me, it was a Christian sacrament, and we had come to the moon in the name of all mankind – be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics, or atheists. But at the time I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God."



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**07/02** Kathy Good  
**07/05** Margaret Tarsovich  
**07/06** Gabrielle Filia  
**07/07** Beckham Lauf  
**07/09** Megan Livingston  
**07/09** Deborah Gearhart  
**07/10** Praise Nti  
**07/10** Gerard Brill  
**07/11** Maliyah Priest  
**07/12** Gary Minchau  
**07/13** Geonna Riffle  
**07/14** Linda Capp  
**07/15** Michelle Misner  
**07/17** Joshua Holbay  
**07/18** Marjorie Pile  
**07/20** Jean Livingston  
**07/20** Danielle Kendig  
**07/20** Christine Wiegman  
**07/20** Auston Silver  
**07/24** Eric Lohr  
**07/24** Ruth Ann Gray  
**07/27** Chris Dunkle  
**07/28** Brian Misner II  
**07/29** Kayla Holbay  
**07/30** William O'Donnell

## LITURGISTS

**07-05** Monica Black  
**07-12** Monica Black  
**07-19** Greenhouse Park / Monica Black  
**07-26** Mark Parseghian

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

There will be no Children's Chat for the remainder of the Summer. We will resume in September when we start Sunday School.

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

**07-05**  
**07-12**  
**07-19** Deacon's Picnic  
**07-26**

## USHERS

John Norris, Christine Wiegman, Karen Marsinko, Monica Black, Tom Ball, Jim McCann, Marge Tarsovich, Vivian Dunkle, Christine Wiegman

## ACOLYTE

WPC CHOIR

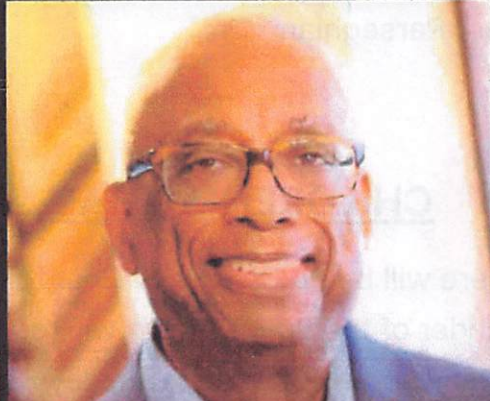
## FLOWERS

**07-05** Mary Meck  
**07-12**  
**07-19**  
**07-26** Parseghian Family


## OPENERS/CLOSERS

**07-5** Kevin / Chiz  
**07-12** Kevin / Jim  
**07-19** Picnic  
**07-26** Kevin / Dave

# What's Happening



**Dr. Henry Davis**  
*Gospel Inspiration*  
July 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM



For tickets, visit [grandhalle.com](http://grandhalle.com)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**TUESDAY NOON  
RECITALS**  
**July 2026**

- JULY 07 - Matthew Klumpp performs on the 1922 E. Skinner pipe organ.
- JULY 14 - Dylan Staib sings American country & Folk songs favorites.
- JULY 21 - Andrew Mulligan brings the joyful sound of the trumpet.
- JULY 28 - The Brunner Trio: Amazing young performers; will delight our audience.

Recitals begin @ 12N.

Light luncheon follows each recital.

The programs are offered free, thanks to our generous donors and sponsors.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Westmont Community The Grove  
Multi - Purpose Room  
1000 Edgehill Drive  
Johnstown, PA

Friday, July 31  
11:30A to 5:30P

If you are type O, B or A donor, consider making a **Power Red Donation!**



# "Where Is God Calling You to Serve?"

Joan Rush - Chair, Membership / Growth Committee

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## Where Is God Calling You to Serve?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

God has given each of us unique gifts, talents, and passions to share in the life and ministry of the church. After completing the Spiritual Gifts Inventory, we invite you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to serve. Please review the opportunities below and check any area or team where you feel led to use your gifts, grow in faith, and make a meaningful difference at WPC.

Please check any areas where you feel called to serve:

- Greeter
- Fellowship Hour Team
- Ambassador for WPC (bring one or more new people to church this year)
- Prayer Warrior
- Pre-school Care Team
- Children's Chat Team
- Children's Sunday School Team
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) Team
- Youth Group Events Team
- Deacon
- Elder
- Choir
- Security Team
- Mission Team
- Special Needs Dance
- Building & Grounds Team
- Farmer's Market Team
- Farmer's Market Booth – to promote WPC
- Bake Communion Wafers
- Flower Calendar Scheduler
- Quilt Ministry Team

Thank you for prayerfully sharing your gifts in service to God and WPC.

Please return this form to the office.

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY; Short Form**

**A method to help you discover your gifts. Check the items which best describe you.**

1. \_\_\_\_ I prefer ministering by myself rather than in a group. G
2. \_\_\_\_ People often say I am impulsive and direct. A
3. \_\_\_\_ My financial resources are above average. A
4. \_\_\_\_ I like to counsel people on a short-term basis. D
5. \_\_\_\_ I am a task-oriented person. G
6. \_\_\_\_ I love directing other people's work. B
7. \_\_\_\_ It's natural for me to show kindness to people. E
8. \_\_\_\_ People learn easily from me. C
9. \_\_\_\_ I can be very persuasive. F
10. \_\_\_\_ More than 10 percent of my income goes for Christian causes. A
11. \_\_\_\_ People often follow my advice. D
12. \_\_\_\_ I normally use several books in lesson preparation. C
13. \_\_\_\_ I like to recruit and lead people. B
14. \_\_\_\_ One-on-one relationships are important to me. E
15. \_\_\_\_ I possess a variety of talents and abilities. G
16. \_\_\_\_ I want to measure everything by God's Word. F
17. \_\_\_\_ Material possessions don't mean much to me. A
18. \_\_\_\_ Discouraged people are encouraged by my words. D
19. \_\_\_\_ Being accurate and truthful are important to me. C
20. \_\_\_\_ I love the challenge of accomplishing an organization goal. G
21. \_\_\_\_ Other people's spiritual welfare genuinely concerns me. D
22. \_\_\_\_ I usually make quick decisions. F
23. \_\_\_\_ I look for ways to help the unfortunate and downtrodden. E
24. \_\_\_\_ Criticism doesn't bother me. C
25. \_\_\_\_ I often volunteer my time and talents to worthwhile causes. G
26. \_\_\_\_ I am usually self-confident. B
27. \_\_\_\_ I don't expect repayment for favors I do for others. E
28. \_\_\_\_ I enjoy being responsible for the success of the group. B
29. \_\_\_\_ When a question about truth comes up, I am normally right. F
30. \_\_\_\_ Deadlines challenge me, and I usually meet them on time. B
31. \_\_\_\_ People in pain are comforted by my presence. D

Total your checks: A \_\_\_\_, B \_\_\_\_, C \_\_\_\_, D \_\_\_\_, E \_\_\_\_, F \_\_\_\_, G \_\_\_\_

Recording a 3, 4, or 5 after a letter indicates a Spiritual Gift.



# Session

**STEWARDSHIP** - The surplus remaining from the Centennial donations will be credited to the Investment Fund.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** - Wayne Street Manse repairs delayed due to contractor behind schedule.

**CHRISTIAN ED** - "GND" Youth approved to attend Youth Quest Ranch in Somerset in June.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** - Worship at Greenhouse Park 7/19. Chancel Choir to perform "The Four Freedoms" in July.

**MISSION** - Presbytery Mission Fair will be at Pine Springs Camp September 22.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Approved Charles and Carolyn Griffith to be removed from membership; they have moved to Alabama.

Elisa Ellenberger  
Clerk of Session

**Next Session Meeting:**  
**AUGUST 17 @ 7 PM**



# Finance Committee

## MAY GENERAL GIVING

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| YTD 2026       | \$45,860  |
| YTD 2026       | \$192,777 |
| YTD 2025       | \$176,831 |
| Monthly Budget | \$28,000  |
| YTD Budget     | \$140,000 |

# Christian Ed News

## Upcoming Events

### July

#### No CE Committee Meeting

07/18 Youth Lunch

### August

08/09

CE Committee Meeting

08/15

Youth Lunch

08/16-23

Turn in Sunday School Forms

08/21

Return Confirmation Forms

### September

09/13

Confirmation Breakfast & CE Committee Meeting

09/19

Youth Lunch

09/20

First day of Sunday School

09/27

First Confirmation Class



## Youth News

The **Youth Group** will meet on July 18<sup>th</sup> for our monthly Bible Study Lunch at the church from 12-2 pm. All youth in grades 5<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> are invited and are encouraged to bring a friend. Please let Bri Lohr know if there are any food allergies or sensitivities.

We are one month in to our **Summer Bible Reading Challenge**. If you are a youth who is participating, make sure you meet with Bri Lohr to discuss which book(s) from the Bible you have read so far.

## CE Announcements

We would like to thank everyone who helped with VBS this year. It was our most well attended in a number of years and we wouldn't have been able to give the kids the experience we did without your help. We truly appreciate your taking the time to help and show the kids the love of God. We look forward to having you help again next year!

Attached in this newsletter is our Sunday School registration forms. The purpose of these forms is to a sure all the kids are in the proper class rosters are correct, and get parent contact info in case there are any issues. Forms will be due to the church office by the end of August.

# WPC SUNDAY SCHOOL

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School Class they will attend:

Elementary (preK-4th)  Youth (5th-12th)

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Gaurdian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child:  Father/Step Father  Mother/Step Mother

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**FW: The Radio Mausts June Newsletter**

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**From:**

**Date:** Sat 6/27/2026 4:29 PM

**To:** Info <info@westmontpc.org>

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**From:** Roland Maust <rkmaust17@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, June 27, 2026 7:54 AM

**Subject:** The Radio Mausts June Newsletter

Hello Dear Friends,

The ice is half melted on Summit Lake ... summer is coming to Alaska! Here's the latest news and commentary from my radio ministry at KCAM (The Voice of the Copper River Valley). Thanks to your prayers and continuing support, the Gospel message is on the air 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on AM and FM. May God continue to bless this powerful ministry!

Pastor Roland (with Karen in my heart)

2 Timothy 4:2

## **Broadcast All His Wonders! [1 Chronicles 16:9 – The Message] On the Alaskan Airwaves with Roland Maust, Issue #49, June 2026**

Dear friends of Alaska and precious supporters of Broadcast All His Wonders!

In these swiftly changing days of AI, machine learning, and cybernetics, supporters of Christian radio are increasingly wondering if AM and FM over the airwaves is still relevant. What a great question! Let's find out ...

### **How Effective is Christian Radio?**

When radio swept America in the 1920s, it was all the rage. Then television burst on the scene after World War II, and pundits opined that radio was doomed. Ignoring the doomsayers, radio grew in popularity.

The advent of the internet prompted a new crop of pessimists predicting radio's end. Undeterred, broadcasters continued to flourish, adding streaming to their toolbox. Now Artificial Intelligence shows up; do you think radio is worried? Take a look at this latest 2026 Pew Research Center survey, then decide for yourself:

- \* About 4000 of the some 17,000 AM and FM stations registered with the FCC (23.5%) are religious.
- \* 98% of Americans live within broadcast range of a Christian radio station.
- \* 62% of listeners choose religious broadcasting because they find it spiritually fulfilling and meaningful.
- \* 39% of listeners listen for life transforming advice and guidance.
- \* 30% of listeners tune in for religious services and sermons. And then there's my personal favorite...
- \* 9% listen simply because someone else is listening to that particular radio station.

Here is just one example of radio's immense impact, this in the Asia Pacific Rim region. Reach Beyond Australia (formerly HCJB World Radio) broadcasts the Gospel in 30 languages to 442 unreached people groups (numbering some 969 million people), most in countries closed to the entrance of traditional missionaries.

American Christian radio does face one significant challenge: the graying of many of its premiere leaders:

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| * Chuck Swindoll [Insight for Living] – aged 91          | * Kay Arthur [Precepts for Life] – died in 2025, aged 91 |
| * James Dobson [Family Talk] – died 2025, aged 89        | * John MacArthur [Grace to You] – died 2025, aged 85     |
| * David Jeremiah [Turning Point] – aged 85               | * Bill McCartney [Promise Keepers] – died 2025, aged 84  |
| * Erwin Lutzer [Moody Church Hour] -- aged 84            | * Tony Evans [The Alternative] – aged 76                 |
| * R. C. Sproul [Renewing Your Mind] – died 2017, aged 75 | * Janet Parshall [In the Marketplace] – aged 75          |
| * Lee Stroebel [Faith Under Fire] – aged 74              | * Alistair Begg [Truth for Life] – aged 73               |
| * Greg Laurie [A New Beginning] – aged 73                | * Max Lucado [UpWords] – aged 71                         |
| * Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth [Revive Our Hearts] – aged 67   |  |

On-the-air broadcasting successfully survived the passing of the generation of radio ministers that I grew up hearing (men like Billy Graham, M. R. DeHaan, Charles Fuller, Theodore Epp, J. Vernon McGee and Robert C. Cook to name just a few) and emerged even stronger in the process. Some who have passed away (such as McGee, Dobson, and Sproul) still continue to air previously recorded programming, while farsighted McGee even planned to continue his broadcasts during the Tribulation Period!

Please actively pray that God will empower a new generation of radio pastors and Bible expositors (like Mark Jobe, president of Moody Bible Institute and his Bold Steps program) to carry on this powerful ministry.

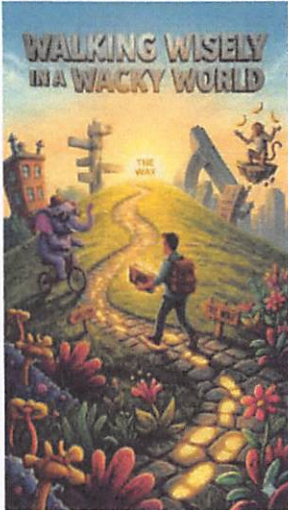
### **Facing the Future Head-On**

That's why I am so intent on creating a new generation of programming for KCAM listeners and beyond...

\* **Weird History:** 90-second fun historical tidbits, exposing listeners to the delightfully strange world in which we live. Series 1 has been airing for the past two years, with Series 2 due to broadcast in early 2027.

\* **First Thoughts:** Quotes from Christian writers and pastors gently awaken listeners with thoughts of Jesus. These 1-minute mini-commentaries have aired for the past 9 months at 6:08 a.m. Monday-Friday.

\* **Walking Wisely in a Wacky World** – 3-minute audio “breakfast devotionals” at 8:06 a.m. Monday-Friday, a brief Bible study built around a Weird History that drives the Gospel home in a unique and memorable way. While these continue to be produced, 252 of them are already recorded and being aired. Plus, these are also being developed into Tik-Tok style videos [left] at [www.youtube.com@rolandalaska](http://www.youtube.com@rolandalaska) for young viewers (with the talented technical assistance of Pastor Ben Long in Johnstown, PA).



\* **Weird News and Wacky History** – 5½-minute videos of Weird Histories by topic (such as coffee, crime doesn’t pay, wildlife insanity, etc.). There are currently 72 videos available at [www.youtube.com@rolandalaska](http://www.youtube.com@rolandalaska). Again, “thank you” Pastor Ben.

\* And the latest addition: **Gregorio’s Storios**, tales told by a Pennsylvania groundhog puppet. I’ve worked with the KnightLights ministry team for many years in junior camps, and they have a powerful puppet ministry. Gregorio (“watchful” in Italian) calls in and teaches important lessons about things like hospitality, kindness, thoughtfulness, loving Jesus, and other virtues to the elementary crowd every Monday at 6:40 a.m. just before the bus arrives. Gregorio won’t be able to drop by during the summer; he’s busy with camp ministries and VBS programs.

All this plus my 6:00-9:00 a.m. drive time on-air role and doing the noontime report [right].



### God’s Eternal Security Service

It’s mid-June, and temperatures are rising (30s-40s at night, 50s-60s during the day), and my house door easily locks once again. But several times last winter, the extreme cold warped my door, preventing it from locking. I prayed: “Lord, please lock this door for me; I can’t.” Turning the key as far as possible, I left for work. Both times I returned home to find the door securely locked with the bolt fully engaged. “...I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name.” [Psalm 91:14b]

### The Seasons Rotate ... and So Does the Staff

Summer of 2026 will see much coming and going at KCAM. Program director Brian Blair and his wife Laurie left for Ohio on Thursday, June 4, to be with her dying mom and his elderly mom (they will return July 6). Meanwhile, Scott and I are operating the station shorthanded, so sports director Greg Lewis is flying up from Utah on June 26 to help keep things running (he flies back out July 12). Engineer Scott Hill and family then leave the very next day for home ministry in the Southwest. Freelance guest announcer Doug Walker and wife Marilyn arrive from West Virginia on July 14. Hills return August 5 while Walkers stay on until September 15. Off the air, volunteer Wyoming engineer Roger Bovee will be here from June 25 to July 12. Plus several work teams.

It takes 2 large wall calendars to keeping track of our expansive radio ministry. God keeps us on the air!

### Prayer, Praise, and Thankfulness

\* **PRAYER** for comfort of the Blairs after her mom's death. \* **PRAISE** for the summer rotation of the radio staff. \* **PRAYER** for sensitivity to the spiritual needs of Glennallen. \* **PRAYER** for continued closeness to the Lord.

THANK YOU for your faithful ongoing monthly support sent to Joy Media Ministries, Box 249, Glennallen, AK 99588. As always, feel free to call me at 724.322.4181, write me at PO Box 262, Glennallen, AK 99588, or email [rkmaust17@gmail.com](mailto:rkmaust17@gmail.com). **Please make all checks payable to Joy Media Ministries, with Roland Maust on the memo line.** Until next time ...

*Pastor Roland with Karen in my heart*

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“Prayer causes things to happen that wouldn’t happen if you didn’t pray.” – John Piper



# Deacons' Corner

## GREENHOUSE PARK ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE / PICNIC

**When: Sunday July 19!!!**

**Where: Greenhouse Park – First Pavilion on Right**

**Time:** Immediately following **10:15A** Service

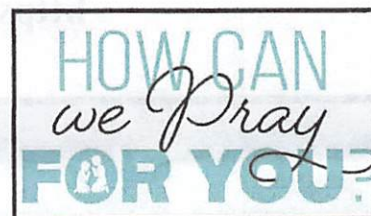
**Deacons:** will provide the main course food and beverages.

**Members:** Last names A-M Side Dish Last names N-Z Dessert.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!!!

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### Prayers & Squares



Can you touch a prayer?  
YOU CAN!!! ... if it is tied into a prayer quilt made by our Prayers & Squares group. Know someone in need of prayer support who would like a prayer quilt? Would you like to join the quilters?

Please contact:  
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# Stewardship

**GLITCH OR SWITCH?!?! YOU Decide . . .**

**Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July. The Stewardship Committee is kindly asking members to either:**

**1) Use a previous month's envelope you still have available and write the correct date on it.**

**OR**

**2) Take advantage of this "Glitch" to "Switch" to the online giving using this link:  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YGQ1/home>**



**HAPPY 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
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USA !!!**

# July 2026

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|
|  |  |  | <b>1</b><br>7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Jax (Jax)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K)<br>6:00pm PNC (K)                    | <b>2</b><br>1:00pm Staff Meeting (K)                     | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>9:00am FARMERS MARKET (P Lot)                     |
| <b>5</b><br>8:30am Adult Bible Study<br>9:30pm Worship Service<br>10:30pm Fellowship Hour  | <b>6</b><br>9:00am Prayers & Squares<br>10:00am IOC and staff (K)<br>11:00am Prayer Group (P)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K) | <b>7</b><br>Bulletin Announcements Due                                 | <b>8</b><br>7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Jax (Jax)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K)<br>5:00pm WFCM (K)<br>6:00pm PNC (K) | <b>9</b><br>1:00pm Staff Meeting (K)                     | <b>10</b>                                       | <b>11</b><br>9:00am FARMERS MARKET (P Lot)                    |
| <b>12</b><br>8:30am Adult Bible Study<br>9:30pm Worship Service<br>10:30pm Fellowship Hour | <b>13</b><br>9:00am Prayers & Squares<br>10:00am IOC and staff (K)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K)                            | <b>14</b><br>Bulletin Announcements Due<br>11:00am Spiritual Direction | <b>15</b><br>7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Jax (Jax)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K)<br>6:00pm PNC (K)<br>7:00pm Session | <b>16</b><br>1:00pm Staff Meeting (K)                    | <b>17</b><br>THREAD Article Submission Deadline | <b>18</b><br>9:00am FARMERS MARKET (P Lot)                    |
| <b>19</b><br>8:30am Adult Bible Study<br>9:30pm Worship Service<br>10:30pm Fellowship Hour | <b>20</b><br>9:00am Prayers & Squares<br>10:00am IOC and staff (K)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K)                            | <b>21</b><br>Bulletin Announcements Due                                | <b>22</b><br>7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Jax (Jax)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K)<br>6:00pm PNC (K)                   | <b>23</b><br>Garden Club (F)<br>1:00pm Staff Meeting (K) | <b>24</b><br>Garden Club (F)                    | <b>25</b><br>Garden Club (F)<br>9:00am FARMERS MARKET (P Lot) |
| <b>26</b><br>8:30am Adult Bible Study<br>9:30pm Worship Service<br>10:30pm Fellowship Hour | <b>27</b><br>9:00am Prayers & Squares<br>10:00am IOC and staff (K)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K)                            | <b>28</b><br>Bulletin Announcements Due<br>11:00am Spiritual Direction | <b>29</b><br>7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Jax (Jax)<br>11:30am Bridge Club (K)<br>6:00pm PNC (K)                   | <b>30</b><br>1:00pm Staff Meeting (K)                    | <b>31</b>                                       |   |

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