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"My **HOPE is built** on nothing less than **JESUS' blood** and righteousness."

These familiar words written by Edward Mote in the 1800s impart a truth elementary to the Christian faith.

As we begin a new year, it is often good to focus on principles upon which our faith is founded.

Seasons of life will bring ups and downs, but as the familiar hymn says,

"On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

Faith Radio strives daily to provide uplifting music and encouraging programming that reminds listeners of the hope that is found in Jesus Christ alone.





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from our listeners.

Your letters, e-mail messages and phone calls are encouraged and invited. Your opinions, comments, concerns, prayer requests and suggestions provide us with belpful input from our most important listener - YOU!

"Thank you for your morning praise music. I heard BeBe Winans 'So Glad' this morning and that describes my heart at this time in my life. I also visited your booth at the Pike Road Arts and Crafts Fair. Thank you for all you do." - Montgomery, AL

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"Writing to say thank you for your Radio Ministry. I enjoy listening to the teaching every day. I am a widow and I need your prayers for myself and my children and grandchildren." - Georgiana, AL

"Hi folks at Faith Radio. Keep the prayers going for us listeners, for we need them. I'm praying for you to meet all of your goals. Keep the Faith, that's all we have to get us through these times." - **Montgomery, AL**

"Thank you so much for continuing to pray for me. I am thankful for the Faith Radio staff... I am getting better, but it is just a long recovery. Y'all have been such a blessing to me!" - Montgomery, AL

"I am blessed by this radio ministry. God Bless you all!" - Eclectic, AL



"Even God can't change your past. But He can change your future and that truth alone should give you hope." - **Tony Evans,** *The Alternative, heard weekdays at 9:30am*

"The only hope for this or any other society is to hear the Word of the Lord and obey it...to hear the Word of the Lord and obey it." - **John MacArthur,** *Grace to You, heard weekdays at 1:30pm*

"Hope founded upon a human being, a man-made philosophy or any institution is always misplaced... because these things are unreliable and fleeting." - **Charles Stanley,** *In Touch, heard weekdays at 8:00am*

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Make Plans to Attend These Faith Radio Events!

Mark Lowry with Stan Whitmire & Chris Golden, February 25: Montgomery Performing Arts Centre

Together at the Springs with Dale and Jena Forehand, March 3-4: Shocco Springs Conference Center, Talladega

Will Graham Celebration, May 5-7: Dothan Civic Center

Family Faith Night #1 with the Montgomery Biscuits and Faith Radio, May 12: Riverwalk Stadium, Montgomery

Gridiron Men's Conference, June 16-17: Legacy Arena, **Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex**

Hope Heals Camp (formerly Alabama Family Retreat), June 19-23: Camp ASCCA, Jackson's Gap

Family Faith Night #2 with the Montgomery Biscuits and Faith Radio, June 24: Riverwalk Stadium, Montgomery

Faith Radio Golf Tournament, September 19: Arrowhead Country Club, Montgomery

For more information on any of these events. please visit www.faithradio.org or call (800) 239-8900.





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What Does Faith Radio *Really* Do?

by Billy Irvin, Director of Ministry Relations

At a Christian radio convention a few years ago, we were challenged to consider "what does Faith Radio really do?" After much discussion, we concluded that Faith Radio shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ with large groups of listeners each day by bringing them God's Word through songs and Bible teaching programs. While that is certainly at the core of Faith Radio's ministry, we decided that we want to go beyond the radio waves and seek to minister to people where they are.

As society has changed with technology, people are increasingly interacting on social media. To minister to people in these digital environments, Faith Radio attempts to have an active presence there and shares the same consistent message heard on radio. We are daily sharing Bible verses, quotes from our programmers, and links to popular Christian topics and videos with thousands of social media users. We want to be salt and light in this environment that is rapidly changing how our culture communicates.

Many people have told us how encouraged they are by the messages communicated by our ministry on social media. One person shared, "I appreciate your daily posts that encourage me and point me to Christ. No matter what the other news feeds are showing, I know that I will receive an uplifting message from Faith Radio. Keep it up!"

Your financial investment in this ministry is being used to minister in the name of Jesus with those who follow Faith Radio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Won't you join us? Connect with us on social media and make a gift to our ministry that will help share the positive and encouraging message of Christ!



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"For You are my hope; O Lord God..." Psalm 71:5



Wheels for the World

Thanks to our listeners who helped us collect used wheelchairs to distribute on international mission trips to share Christ.





Pike Road Arts & Crafts This event is always a good time for us to meet our listeners, invite new partners, and share balloons with many young, smiling faces.



Veteran's Day Parade We are always blessed to be a part of the Veteran's Day Parade and honor our veterans.



River Region Judgment House We had over 3,400 visitors to the River Region Judgment House, and we rejoice that nearly 500 people made decisions for Jesus Christ!







Promoting and Encouraging Other Ministries

Our friends at Sav-A-Life of Covington County invited us to celebrate at their annual banquet.

Footprint Ministries Montgomery invited us to interview families touched by their ministry as they kicked off their annual golf event.





The FCA saw hundreds of people come to Christ as the Fields of Faith events took place around our listening areas.

The Dothan Rescue Mission shared how they minister to the homeless.

Studio Visit





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ministry with a mobile ultrasound machine.





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is a constant theme on Faith Radio!

by Kelly Treadwell, Editor, Host of FaithSongs

ope. We hear a lot about it these days. We hope we'll get that big promotion, we hope our team will win the championship, and my kids hope they will get a snow day this year. But this hoping for something, this wishing for something, is not a biblical hope. So what is a biblical hope?

Recently, that question was addressed by one of our Faith Radio programmers who spoke at a special event in our listening area. John Stonestreet, Executive Director of the Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview and co-host of "Breakpoint," which is heard daily on Faith Radio, discussed the hope we are to have as believers. Stonestreet said hope is not optional for the believer, and everything we do in the culture should be characterized by hope. Biblical hope, he said, is not hope *for*, it is hope *in*.

Jesus is the only person in history who provides hope beyond this life. - Dr. David Jeremiah

In 1 Peter 3:15, Peter wrote to Christians in a culture much like our own and told them not to fear, "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." Stonestreet explained that hope for the believer is not wishful thinking (i.e. hope for something), it is certainty

John Stonestreet explained the hope we should have as believers at a special Faith Radio event hosted by First Baptist Church in Montgomery.

Pictured here is Stonestreet joined by First Baptist's pastor, Jay Wolf, and Faith Radio's Billy Irvin. Breakpoint can be heard daily on Faith Radio.



in an actual event that is the centerpiece of history – the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is in this resurrection that believers choose to put our hope. No matter what happens in this world or in our individual lives, we can choose to respond "Christ is risen." That is something we cannot just hope *for*, but that we can hope *in*.

False hope is thinking another person can fix our problems. True hope is knowing God can fix them. - Ravi Zacharias

Stonestreet elaborated on this point when he appeared on Focus on the Family, heard weekdays on Faith Radio. There, he told host Jim Daly, "The most true thing about our cultural moment, any cultural moment that any person has ever lived, is this: Christ is risen. . . . It is a truth of the universe." "Things are getting uncomfortable, the cultural pressure is increasing, [but] . . . hope is not an option; hope is a command."

Hope is a constant theme on Faith Radio's programming. On Family Life with The world desperately needs to know the hope that there is Someone who has everything under control. - Anne Graham Lotz

Dennis Rainey, Barbara Rainey was recently asked if there was a way to strengthen our hope as believers. Barbara said, "Yes. I think it's where we put our gaze. So if we're looking at the circumstances, and we're discouraged and losing hope because of what we see, we need to stop looking at that. We need to look at God, and we need to read His story."

Hope also permeates the music on Faith Radio. While many songs come to mind, one song in particular sticks out. The Getty's oft-sung lyric says "in Christ alone my hope is found," "this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm." As believers, we can confidently sing that Christ is indeed our hope. No matter what life may bring, we must choose to hope in Christ alone. We don't hope for something, but we hope in the resurrected Christ.

In **Christ** alone my **hope** is found;

He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

We are a Ministry Committed to Praying for You by Billy Irvin, Director of Ministry Relations

Faith Radio is more than a radio station; we are a ministry committed to praying for you. We want to be your prayer partner and consider it an honor to minister to you through prayer. Every weekday in the Faith Radio office, our ministry staff gathers together to pray. We pray for our listeners and the specific requests we have received. We also pray for churches and ministries in our listening area, our Faith Radio programmers, special events in the area, and missionaries throughout the world.

Not only are we your prayer partner, we also want to be your prayer encourager. The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to "Pray without ceasing." We want to encourage you to persist in your prayers and keep praying! When you're feeling under attack, stay in the battle, trust the Commander, and do war on your knees.

Will you let us be your prayer partner at Faith Radio? There is no better privilege than to lift your name and need up to our caring Father. One listener recently shared,

"Thank you to the Faith Radio staff for being my prayer partner during this difficult season for our family. Knowing you all were lifting my name before the Lord each day was comforting, and I am most thankful."

We invite you to contact us today so we can partner with you in prayer!



"Light Your HOPE" Distributing Crosses in Dothan by Kelly Treadwell, Editor, host of FaithSongs

n 2014, while preparing to move to Dothan from LNorth Carolina, Jonathan and Courtney Jennings began praying that the Lord would guide them to a hands-on ministry opportunity in their new city. With a young daughter and a son on the way, they wanted something their family could be passionate about and deeply invested in. Just days before their move, they learned the tragic news that their son had a rare medical condition and likely would not survive birth. Their devastation mixed with anxious thoughts about the unknown and unfamiliarity of a new town. Through the difficult months leading up to Joshua's birth, the Lord filled the Jennings family with unimaginable joy and blessed them immeasurably. "Out of no strength of our own, we discovered the true meaning of hope - in trusting in someone or something unseen - and we leaned on this hope day by day."

Shortly after Joshua's birth, the Jennings heard of Faith Radio's desire to expand the Christmas cross ministry in Dothan and knew that it was the ministry opportunity for which they had prayed. They also saw it as an opportunity to honor their son and give back to a community who had shown love to them in their time of deep need. They started a new Dothan



The Jennings are turning tragedy into triumph by sharing the hope of Christ in the Dothan area.

tradition that they call "Light Your Hope," distributing Faith Radio crosses during a season that reminds us of a newborn King whose death on the cross brought LIFE, allowing eternal peace and joy to all who trust in Him.

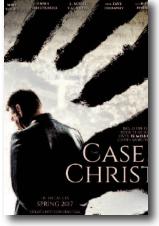
The Jennings want to pass along Christ's love as it has been shared with them. Their prayer is that the cross tradition continues to grow and reminds others of the internal and eternal HOPE to celebrate life over death and pain and spread the good news to all parts of their city.

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Movies targeting a Christian audience have enjoyed much success in recent years. God's Not Dead, Risen, Passion of the Christ, and October Baby are examples of "Christian films" that exceeded box office expectations and gave the Christian audience entertainment that was once a rare experience in cinema. Hollywood has taken notice of the success of this genre and, as a result, 2017 looks to be another solid year for Christian films. Here are some to look for:



The Case for Christ: Based on the true story of an award-winning investigative journalist -and avowed atheist -who applies his well-honed journalistic and legal skills to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife... with unexpected, life-altering results. (Fall 2017)



The Resurrection of **Gavin Stone:**

A washed-up former child star, forced to do community service at a local megachurch, pretends to be Christian to land the part of Jesus in their annual Passion Play, only to discover that the most important role of his life is far from Hollywood. (January 20, 2017)



Same Kind of **Different as Me:**

International art dealer Ron Hall must befriend a dangerous homeless man in order to save his struggling marriage to

his wife, a woman whose dreams will lead all three of them on the journey of their lives. (February 3, 2017)

Movie synopses taken from IMDB.com



od's truth can generate hope true, living hope – within our hearts. Through The Meeting House program, it is my intent to share music, information and conversation that can reinforce God's hope for us.

Within the past few months on the program, I have been able to provide encouragement in a number of ways. During December, my annual 25 Christmas Advent-ure gave me an opportunity to reinforce the concept of hope and to highlight various symbols reminding us of the coming of Christ and its significance. Also, I was invited by Samaritan's Purse to be part of a team on a Media Vision Trip with Operation Christmas Child and brought coverage of God at work to needy children in the nation of Colombia.

God's Word provides hope for healing and restoration of relationships, including racial healing and understanding. Recent guests on the program to address that concept have included Benjamin Watson of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens and 2015 GMA Dove Award-winning Artist of the Year, Lecrae.

God's Word can also offer hope for families of current and retired military members. I had Welby O'Brien, founder of the organization Love Our Vets, on the program, and she concentrated on responding to

The Meeting House Points to the HOPE of Christ

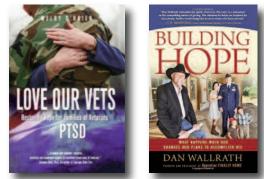
by Bob Crittenden, host of The Meeting House



Bob spoke with Lecrae in the Press Room at this year's GMA Dove Awards in Nashville.

veterans experiencing PTSD. I also interviewed Dan Wallrath, founder of Operation Finally Home, a non-profit organization that is involved in providing custom-built, mortgage-free homes to military heroes and surviving spouses.

Hope is all around us, and it's being expressed through God's people. I trust that as we enter this new year, you will grow in the true hope that comes through Jesus Christ.



Recent guests included Welby O'Brien, author of Love Our Vets, and Dan Wallrath, who wrote Building Hope.

"For You are my hope; O Lord God..." Psalm 71:5

Gifts in Memory and in Honor of...

A memorial gift is a meaningful way to honor someone at the time of death by recognizing that person's Christian faith and testimony. Similarly, an honorarium is a tangible way of honoring a living person's testimony. We are thankful for individuals listed below who chose to honor friends and loved ones through a gift that extends the message of Christ through Faith Radio's ministry. Gifts made as of November 16, 2016

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. - 1 Peter 1:3-5

Help Share the Comforting and Powerful Hope of lesus Christ

It's a new year, and with it comes New Year's resolutions. You may decide to make the resolution to get healthy or give up a bad habit. But friends, Jesus is the solution to your resolution! Let's start a new challenge in 2017 – in this world of selfish takers, let's be Christ-like givers. When you become a Christ-like giver, you give hope to a world in need. So many around us feel depleted as we wrap up another year. Some may feel unsure of what's coming in this new year. No matter how the season unfolds, God holds us in His hope. Our resurrected King went to great lengths to rescue you and be your hope!

by Billy Irvin, Director of Ministry Relations

At Faith Radio, we are sharing God's hope with thousands all day every day. Your financial gifts to this ministry help share the comforting and powerful hope of Jesus Christ with those who need an anchor to hold onto. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with us at the beginning of this new year? Help us start 2017 financially strong! Our world is craving for even an ounce of hope, and at Faith Radio vour financial gifts help pour God's hope onto the hearts of our listeners. Join us as we take the challenge to be Christ-like givers in this new year!



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