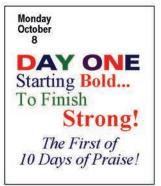
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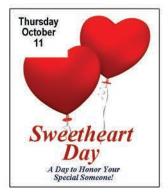


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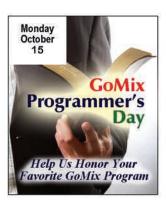


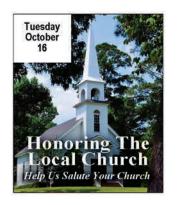
























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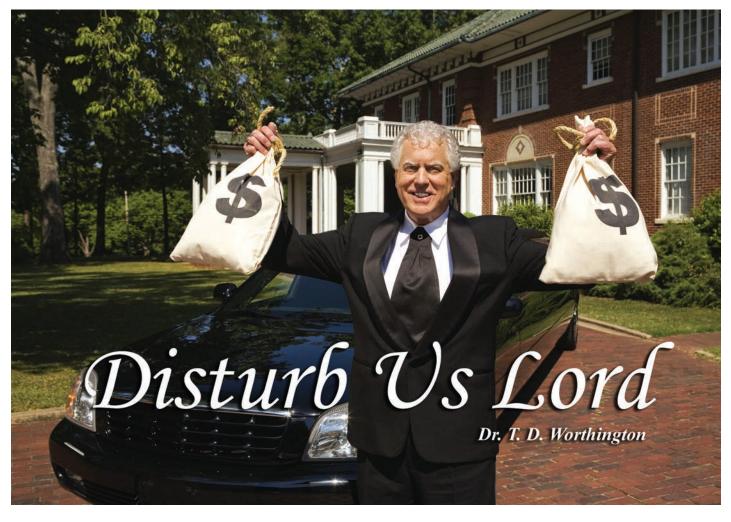
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We are entering a season of blessing here at *GoMix Christian Radio*. **Share-A-Thon** has always been a season where loyal listeners generously contribute to keep their local *GoMix* station on the air. We will be hearing from thousands of listeners who will bless us with their sacrificial contributions of support.

However, may I ask, when someone describes the way in which they are *"blessed"*, does it ever bother you just a little? Not that it is wrong to be thankful for your resources, but sometimes when I hear people talk about how God has blessed them with an expensive house, a luxury car, or a fortune in money; it just makes me a little uncomfortable. It's not that I think those things are inherently bad, but I believe these things more often than not fall into the category of Divine *appropriations* rather than Divine *blessings*. Appropriations are not a bad thing, but they are just not the same as blessings.

You see, being blessed is not about accumulating things. No one is blessed just to be blessed. Being blessed was never intended to be the consummation of the event. Instead, being blessed is about God saying, "I am giving you a valuable tool...now use it to help others and to advance the kingdom." Of course, houses, cars, and wealth can be used to bless others, but that is usually not the way we look at them. We are blessed so we can serve others and glorify God. Therefore, all the wonderful things we possess that we do not use to glorify God, are not really blessings in the most literal sense of the word. Rather than being blessings; they

are trophies of acquisitions we have claimed for our own benefit. So it may be good to take inventory and determine how much of what we have is a Divine appropriation and how much is a Divine blessing. Let's look at what it means to live a life of blessing.

First, it means to embrace a ministry of giving. We all know some people are givers while others are takers. Givers are usually generous and look for ways to bless others while takers are typically looking for opportunities to obtain something for their own benefit. Now, that doesn't mean it is wrong to receive things, but there must be an understanding that when we receive favor of any kind, we are receiving grace. It is given by God as a gift, and we have a choice to make as to what category the gift is to be placed; blessing or acquisition. We can collect the trophy and use it only for our own benefit, or we can decide to say thank you to God by looking for opportunities to use the resource as a blessing for others. This way, we compound the blessing because blessing others brings blessings back to me.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Ecclesiastes 11:1

The first place to look might be toward the people or institutions God has used to bless you. You might consider those who have been a special blessing in your life. Then determine if perhaps our Lord might be leading you to be a special blessing to back them. If so, you can seek His guidance in how best to accomplish this mission. He may use your talents, spiritual gifts, words of encouragement, or material resources. All these things can be instruments of blessing. Of course, during this season of the year we ask folks to consider supporting GoMix. But, if you choose not to do so, then I encourage you to look for someone, or some other ministry, or some worthy organization to bless.

You might think of men of God who have influenced your life and given you guidance. Being a conduit of God's grace to faithful ministries that have been a blessing to you is far better than locking yourself away and polishing up your trophies. Being a good steward is about our whole lives, not just money. It's about the way we respond to the grace we've been given. It's about choosing to let our light shine, instead of hiding it under a bushel. If you allow Him to do so, God can use your life and every blessing in it to do something extraordinary. You have a *chance* to be a blessing, but you also have a *choice* to be a blessing, because being blessed does not mean you have won. Being blessed means you are up at bat, and you get to choose whether or not to take a swing.

You Can Be A Blessing With Your Words! Of course, sharing tangible assets is not the only way to be a blessing. Words can also be a priceless gift. Yet, they can also inflict a lot of hurt. Proverbs testifies:

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Proverbs 18:21

It is easy to express words of praise and admiration for some people. However, there are others that require deeper digging to discover something that might be praiseworthy. Could it be that our Lord wants to use you to help turn someone's life around by something as simple as a word fitly spoken? Can God use us to point out the value in someone that they may not even realize they possess? That should be our challenge; to look for opportunities to build others up, not tear them down. So as you have opportunity, bless others with your words.

You Can Be A Blessing With Your Assets. Although showing our love and concern for someone by our words can be a good thing, sometimes it is not enough. It could be that action is required. Our carnal minds can always think of reasons why we ought not to share, or why certain individuals are not worthy of being blessed. However, I challenge you to consider the fact that there may be someone whose needed blessing is locked up in you. They need something God may have already given you in abundance. They linger in want, waiting for you to unleash something God has place in your trust for the benefit of the kingdom. It is hard to imagine what would happen if every Christian accepted this challenge; if everyone decided to





undertake a ministry of enriching the lives of others. Consider the poor and destitute that could be reached. Think of how churches could increase their outreach if every member would tithe. Just imagine how quickly the goals of our **Share-A-Thon** would be reached if every listener did their part.

At age 12, Robert Louis Stevenson was looking out into the dark from his upstairs window. He was watching a man light the streetlamps down below. His governess came into the room and asked what he was doing. He replied, "*I am watching a man cut holes in the darkness.*" Do you know that's exactly what God calls us to do? He calls us to cut holes in the darkness of our world, letting the light of Christ shine through.

We can do this as individuals. Is there something God wants you to do? Is there someone God wants you to bless? Like Esther, perhaps you are in a specific place to be a blessing for someone else.

We can do this as families. Perhaps God may give you are larger project that you can take on as a family.

We can do this through our church, or perhaps through groups in our church. Maybe the men might be led into a project. Perhaps the ladies might be called to do something to bless someone. It might be as simple as some of our young people accepting the challenge to enrich someone's life. The point is, God has given each of us some special abilities or resourses which we are to use in helping others.

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." I Peter 4:10

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10

In closing, I would like to share this prayer from Sir Francis Drake, an English sea captain who lived during the 16th Century:

"Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have all come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity; and in our efforts to build a new Earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love."

I have taken Drake's words as the title of this challenge. **Disturb Us Lord**, that during this season of blessing we might determine to be an instrument of blessing to someone else. A faithful conduit of God's blessings that are ready to be, or perhaps already have been, bestowed upon us.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into this world to die on the cross for our sins. Three days later He rose again, and now He offers eternal life to anyone who believes in Him. Jesus Christ is the source of every blessing, and it is only in Him that people find life! So, one thing we can all do to be a blessing to others, more than anything, we can share Christ with them.

May each of us dare to be disturbed; disturbed enough to distribute to a needy world the overflow of grace God has given unto us.



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Our Fall Share-A-Thon begins *Monday, October 8th*, and we are counting on God's people to help us raise \$275,000.00 to keep *GoMix*

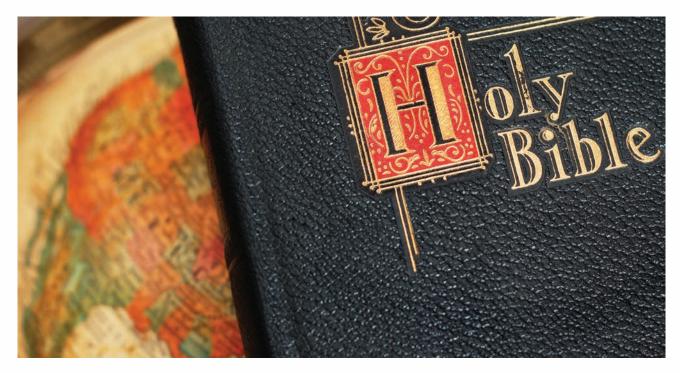


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Also, another wonderful way you can help us prepare for **Share-A-Thon** is by remembering us when you talk to the Lord in prayer. There is power in prayer! According to God's Word, there is even more power when that prayer is combined with fasting. We also believe there is power in numbers, and the Lord pays special attention when several of His children call out to Him with the same request. Because of this, we have set aside a special **Day of Fasting and Prayer** on <u>Wednesday, October 3rd</u>. We are asking you to say a special prayer on this specific day for our **Fall Share-A-Thon**. Many of our staff will be fasting as well on this day, and if you feel led to do so, it would be a tremendous blessing for us.

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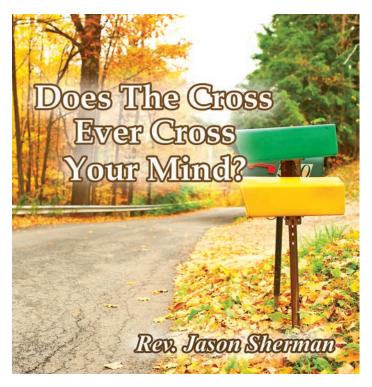
Who's Going to Judea?

Who's going to Judea? Not many it would seem. Our Lord commanded us to share the Gospel beginning in Jerusalem, then going into Judea and Samaria, and finally into the rest of the world. Most churches recognize their responsibility to reach their Jerusalem *(their city)* with the Gospel message. Most also accept a responsibility for world missions, but what about reaching Judea and Samaria? Judea is equivalent to reaching other cities and towns within our state, while Samaria is similar to reaching other states within our nation.

So, that again raises the question, *who's going to Judea?* What is your church in Goldsboro or Rocky Mount doing to reach folks in Greenville, New Bern or Edenton? Of course, you could say there are good churches in those cities that can do the job; and you would be right—*at least partially*. Truth is, we all could use some help to reach the highways and hedges. Furthermore, even if others didn't need our help, we still have the command of our Lord for us all to work together to reach the world in four distinct stages.

Fortunately, God has given us a simple and inexpensive tool to help us obey His command. Although it certainly is not the only way, radio is a tool that can help us reach out hundreds of miles from our Jerusalem. It can reach into the prisons, rest homes, businesses, homes, and cars 24-hours a day. While your web page or Facebook page may reach hundreds, radio is reaching thousands! Plus, you will be supporting a local, non-profit ministry that serves as a missionary outreach to the masses. Most likely *GoMix* is already ministering to members of your own local church who regularly tune in to hear music and messages of encouragement throughout the day. Wouldn't it be great to have your church included in the *GoMix* programming line-up? Wouldn't it be great to know that your church is reaching out into Judea?

If you are a pastor or church leader, please consider radio as an inexpensive option for fulfilling your responsibilities of the Great Commission. If you are a lay person in the church, I would encourage you to respectfully appeal to your church leadership to consider Christian radio as one of their outreach options. The program can be produced at our studios, or for an investment of less than \$300.00 with a laptop computer, you can set up a small studio at your own location. It would then be extremely easy to also place your program on your web site or Facebook page. Furthermore, since *GoMix* is a non-profit ministry, airtime is extremely inexpensive so your outreach dollars will go further than you might imagine. For more information, please call our offices and someone can show you how easy it would be to reach your Judea by producing a quality broadcast program. 1-877-747-8887



"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9

In our Bibles, we read that God is not willing for any to perish and He wants every human to come to Him in repentance. Over and over we see proof of God's longsuffering and willingness to forgive even the most wicked sinner in order to rescue them from the eternal damnation of Hell.

As I was pondering this notion recently, it dawned on me that for this to be true God must continually be reaching out to lost individuals and calling them to repentance. Then something hit me like a ton of bricks! Not only is God reaching out to lost humanity each day through His servants, He is also calling out to them in other ways too. These methods can be subtle, but powerful just the same.

When you start to think about it, the cross appears many times in our lives in ways that are entirely unexpected. It might just be God is using these everyday reminders of the cross to get the attention of those who have yet to meet Him.

Many tow trucks have machinery that can resemble a cross attached to their beds. I have driven behind

a tow truck before and thought, "Oh wow, there's a cross." You know, that makes a lot of sense because Jesus has pulled us out of so many messes in our lives, hasn't He? David once mentioned in **Psalm 40:2a**, "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay..." If that doesn't sound like a tow truck at work, I don't know what does!

There are multiple other appearances of the cross in our daily lives. A mailbox post mostly resembles a cross. This reminds us the only way to send mail to God *(speak to Him in prayer)* is through the Lord Jesus Christ **(John 14:6)**.

Even road signs letting us know about an upcoming intersection look like a cross. They remind us that true direction and guidance comes from God above.

Power poles are mostly in the shape of a cross, too. I'm reminded each day as I see them that Jesus Christ has all power in Heaven and Earth (Matthew 28:18).

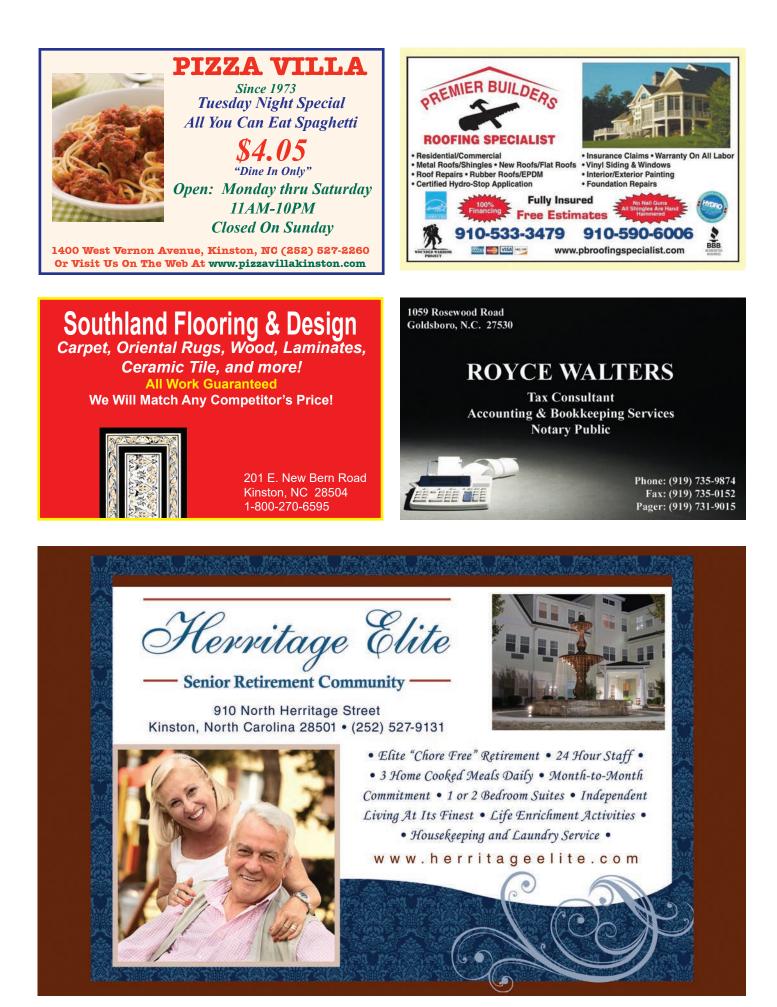
Friend, I don't know what you're going through right now, but I know this: Almighty God has the power to help you in your situation. If He sees fit according to His sovereign will, Jesus Christ may choose to work a miracle in your life according to His limitless power.

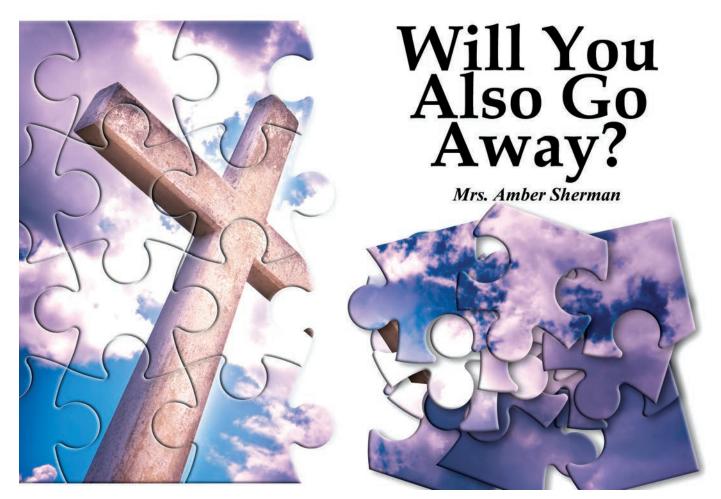
Yes, pay attention to these powerful expressions of the cross God has placed in your path each day. May they remind us all of the guidance, forgiveness, power, and privileges we have because of Christ's finished work on Calvary!

God is still trying to reach the lost. There's no doubt about that. He is using His Word, His people, and sometimes even semblances of the cross to penetrate the darkness of sinful hearts. Let's all be on the look-out for God's gentle reminders.



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Oh, the smiles! The excitement that is shown! Oh, they cannot wait to come to actually live out spiritual service every day! The excitement of a new ministry worker, whether at church or in ministry, is often contagious. I remember I was getting close to burn out when we had a new lady start working at the school. Oh, she was so excited to be leaving her secular job and coming to the ministry. She was beaming with the thought of being close to her children and also touching the lives of other children for Christ on a daily basis. It rejuvenated me and made me realize I had lost some of my own enthusiasm in the face of obstacles.

But then, something changed. Oh, it was not overnight, but within a year or so her enthusiasm began to wain and realization hit. Serving in the ministry was not what she thought it was going to be. For some reason, I keep seeing this happen over and over again. In churches, in choirs, in children's outreach, and in many other Christian ministries, I keep seeing Christians leaving the work because it is not what they thought it was going to be. It is work. I understand how they can get confused. Having been raised by parents in full-time ministry, I had an inside view of what it meant to live day-in and day-out in "ministry." So I had my eyes open when I chose this path for my life. But I keep meeting Christians who want to be in full-time ministry, only to leave it within one to three years. I've been pondering it, and the recurring theme is they don't realize just how much work it is. They are glad to be leaving the secular world, but for some reason they think "the ministry" is going to be easier. When they find that it can be harder and pays even less, it is deemed too much. The mirage of what "spiritual work" would be has dissipated, and they find themselves lured away by cares of this world. That is not to say that everyone who leaves Christian work does so for these reasons, but it is getting harder and harder to find workers, and especially workers willing to stay.

I suppose Christians in general have been disillusioned somehow about what it means to follow Christ. Young ladies are very unprepared for what it means to become a wife and even more unprepared for motherhood. I myself am constantly realizing just how much being a servant plays into being a wife and mother. Not the "Yes, Master!" kind of servant, but the servant who constantly looks for what needs to be done and does so without being asked, without being thanked or noticed.

Young men are getting married without fully realizing that marriage is going to be them dying to themselves and their desires, laying down their lives for the provision, protection, and care of their brides. Instead they believe it will be a fulfilling of their own needs and desires. Young men are becoming fathers without realizing their lives are no longer their own. Now not only one, but two or three or more are now depending on him for provision, protection, assurance and love.

All in all, it seems that Christians have altogether lost what it means to die to self. We are focused on ourselves, our needs and wants, our dreams and fulfillments. We have lost sight of, and perhaps are not even being taught, that to live is Christ and to die is gain. *(Philippians 1:21)*

Eternity and the Kingdom are not something I hear very many Christians mention anymore. When was the last time you heard a prayer request at church about Christ's Kingdom being furthered? We have family we want saved, but how many of us burden ourselves over friends or strangers coming to Christ? Are we dependent upon "likes" on our Facebook page to encourage us we are doing the right thing, or are we obeying Christ's command to go out into the world and preach the gospel, regardless of results? (This command is not just for preachers.) The early Church was often unpopular and persecuted for Its stand for Christ. Yet here we are 2,000 years later, and we do not want to persevere in the work if it means getting paid less money, giving up Disney World,



driving a cheaper car, or working a little more than an eight hour day. The sacrifices deemed too much often include eating cheaper food, changing living habits, and giving up comforts. I heard a wonderful testimony that really convicted me. I am often tempted to think, "Here's what we have given to God this month" whether that is money, gifts, time or other means of service. Instead, I heard a man who gave 80%-90% of his earnings for the Lord's work and only kept the remainder for his needs. He would ask himself, "How much of what God has given me am I keeping for myself?" Boy, was I floored and put in my place. I wonder just how

much that ideal would revolutionize Christianity today if we would ask ourselves the same question each day.

The smiles and excitement can still be there, and should be. But perhaps a good dose of real servanthood is what must be realized and lived out before the world will see Christ in us. Churches and ministries are in a desperate need for workers...will you be the hands and feet of Christ?



Mrs. Sherman and her husband, Jason, have four wonderful children and reside in Snow Hill, NC.

And Finally...



Church Bulletin Bloopers...

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of several others.

Jean will be leading a weight-management series Wednesday nights. She's used the program herself and has been growing like crazy!

The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Shirley Green, who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service, we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.

The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Please use the back door.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The Weight Watchers Group will meet at 7:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

"Christmas Wishes"

We'd like your help for an upcoming edition of "And Finally..." Write to us in 150 words or less and tell us what you would like to have or have happen this Christmas. The deadline for submission is October 25th, 2018. You can send an email to: Attn: PathPointe wago@gomixradio.org Or write to: Pathway Ministries PO Box 1895 Goldsboro, NC 27533



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