

SONG INTROS

Introduce:

love songs

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Let Me Be There - EP Gaither Vocal Band

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- 1 Let Me Be There
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- 1. Forever And Ever, Amen Gaither Vocal ...
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3. You Are So Beautiful Gaither Vocal ...
4. Till There Was You Gaither Vocal ...
5. We're All Alone Gaither Vocal ...
6. Can't Help Falling In Love Gaither Vocal ...

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ralph carmichael orchestra

say yes I am - lauren Talley

holy ground - gene McDonald

so high - Terry Blackwood & Homecoming Friends (OPENER)

Scatter Sunshine - the Homecoming Friends feat stan whitmire,

Woody, stephen hill, & Jeanne Johnson (OPENER)

I stand amazed - jason crabb

Baby It's Cold Outside - Russ & Tori

where could I go - mark lowry, kevin williams, the sound

I'm not alone - russ taff

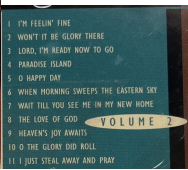
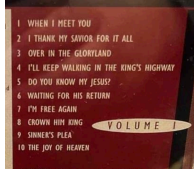
WOOL - gordon mote

enough for me - legacy five

build a bridge alvin slaughter
liar liar - brian free & assurance
shall we gather at the river - kevin williams
I know who holds my hand - gene McDonald
when we all get to heaven - gordon mote
there's a hallelujah - russ taff
happy man buddy greene
keep doing that thing - gordon mote
how I got over - lauren talley
believer - legacy five
michael kelly blanchard - be ye glad
JOE BONSALE:

LEAD ME TO THE ROCK,
IN THE SWEET BY AND BY,
GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU,
JESUS IS COMING SOON,
LOVING GOD LOVING EACH OTHER
(W GATLIN & GTV)

CONVENTION TUNES: ↓



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Power In The Blood / TULSA:

Power In The Blood featuring Angela Primm
Revive Us Again featuring Vesta Goodman
Yes, I Know featuring Gene McDonald and The Nelons
The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power featuring Jason Crabb and Gordon Mote on organ
If That Isn't Love featuring Joanne Johnson
Old Friend featuring Woody Wriggle
The Christian Testimony featuring Lynda Randle
The Rain featuring The Sound
The Love Of God featuring Wesley Pritchard, Charlotte Ritchie and Wes Hampton
Master, The Tempest Is Raging featuring Chris Blue
I've Never Been This Homesick Before featuring Jason Crabb
Go Ask featuring Mark Lowry and Gaither Vocal Band
Hear The Voice Of My Beloved featuring The Nelons
He Is Mine And I Am His featuring The Hoppers
Worthy The Lamb featuring Gaither Vocal Band

The First Church Of Mercy featuring The Sound
I Stand Amazed featuring Charlotte Ritchie, Wes Hampton and Jacob Cowley
Jesus Loves Me featuring Wes Pritchard Journey To The Sky featuring Gaither Vocal Band
Hallelujah Chorus featuring Matthew Holt
Mercy Walked In featuring Gordon Mote with Charlotte Ritchie and Sheri Easter
Only Passing Through featuring Legacy Five
What A Friend We Have In Jesus featuring Ann Downing with Gene McDonald and Jason Crabb
Leave It There featuring Bradley Walker
Goodness Of God featuring The Nelons
The Baptism Of Jesse Taylor featuring Jason Crabb with the Gaither Vocal Band and Marshall Hall
Peace In Trusting featuring The Isaacs
Give It Away featuring Gaither Vocal Band with Mark Lowry and Marshall Hall
Beneath An Apple Tree featuring Lady Love Smith
Because He Lives featuring Gaither Vocal Band, Gene McDonald

Hallelujah Homecoming / TULSA:

Send It On Down featuring Adam Crabb and Angela Primm
When I Get Carried Away featuring Wesley Pritchard
Learning To Dance In The Rain featuring Jeff & Sheri Easter with Bruce Haynes

GAITHER COMMERCIALS

Family Fest 2025 promo work part

Well, it won't be long, believe it or not - before many of your favorite Homecoming Friends descend upon The beautiful Smoky Mountains in Gatlinburg TN for the Gaither Family Fest 2025. Friday May 23rd through Sunday May 25th - WITH FIVE SHOWS packed into three days - perfect for the whole family!

Alaskan Cruise 2025 promo work part

BRITT: Bill, this summer - it's the opportunity of a lifetime!
BILL: That's right, Daniel - Experience the Breathtaking beauty of an Alaskan Cruise combined with live music from all of your Homecoming Friends for a full 7 days, sailing this summer: July 27-August 3.

Special Requests - Station Partners & Others

~--NONE--~

Various Lead ins

PORTABLE THEOLOGY

option 1

GLORIA ONCE SAID

Hymns and Gospel Songs are portable pieces of theology that throw us a lifeline when we need it.

... AND THIS NEXT SONG IS PERFECT EXAMPLE:

option 2

GLORIA ONCE SAID

Hymns and Spiritual Songs that are worth their salt are pieces of portable theology that throw us a lifeline when we need it.

... AND HERE TO INTRODUCE THIS NEXT SONG AS A GREAT EXAMPLE IS ONE OF OUR FAVORITE HOMECOMING FRIENDS...

option 3

'A GREAT TRUTH CONDENSED INTO JUST A FEW MEMORABLE MOMENTS CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS 'PORTABLE THEOLOGY' - EASY RECALL RIGHT WHEN YOU NEED IT!'

... AND THIS NEXT SONG IS PERFECT EXAMPLE:

STORY BEHIND THE SONG

Here now with "the making of a classic" is Gloria Gaither - on Homecoming Radio's "Story Behind The Song"

Time now to hear "the making of a classic" with Gloria Gaither on Homecoming Radio's "Story-Behind-The-Song"

Ever wondered from where the idea came that inspired one of our favorite Gaither songs? Here's Gloria with Homecoming Radio's "Story Behind The Song."

Thanks for being with us today on Homecoming Radio. Here now is Gloria Gaither with another story behind one of our favorite songs...

LOVE SONG TO MY LIFE

Here's an excerpt from Gloria Gaither's blog "A Love Song To My Life" on Homecoming Radio.

Transition: Here now is Gloria Gaither.

Transition: that was the voice of Gloria Gaither with a simple prayer for today on Homecoming Radio

Transition: Well - it's time now for "Love Song To My Life", featuring an excerpt from her writing over at love song to my life dot com with Gloria Gaither

alternate: Time now for an excerpt from her writing over at Love Song To My Life dot com ... here's Gloria Gaither

BILL'S PODCAST

Welcome back to Homecoming Radio - so glad you're with us! Here now is a featured clip from Bill Gaither's podcast "More Than The Music" - available wherever you get YOUR podcasts...

CLASSIC HOMECOMING MOMENT

I love re-living these precious memories! Here now, is a CLASSIC Gaither Homecoming moment from an earlier video

CLASSIC Homecoming Radio FLASHBACK

Time now for a Homecoming Radio Flashback! — with over two decades of radio shows in the archive, here's a classic moment from our earlier radio days!

Homecoming Bible / Homecoming Devotional Several years ago, The Gaither Homecoming Bible was published, packed with special features such as song lyrics, hymns, and devotional writings from many of the Homecoming Friends. Here's an excerpt...

(alternate): Here now is a devotional thought as originally published in The Gaither Homecoming Bible.

KEEN INSIGHT WITH GENE

VOICE 1 TIME TO SET THE SCENE FOR A MINUTE WITH GENE!

VOICE 2 HE'S INSIGHTFULLY KEEN, FULL OF CAFFEINE, AND JUST THE FRIENDLIEST, LOW-DOWN BASS-SINGING MACHINE!

VOICE 3 GENE MCDONALD! LAY IT ON US!

((GENE, SEE BILL'S SECRET STASH!))

Christmas

here's another Christmas memory, from one of your favorite Homecoming Friends"

Merry Christmas and thanks for being here on a Gaither Christmas Homecoming!"

Merry Christmas from Homecoming Radio — here's another fabulous 'song of the season'!

SAFETYS - SONG INTROS

UPBEAT SONG ENDS, YOU FEEL THE EXCITEMENT OF THE LAST NOTE AND CHEERING:

YEAH! WHAT A SONG! STAY WITH US, WE HAVE MORE ENCOURAGEMENT COMING — STRAIGHT AHEAD ON Bill Gaither's Homecoming Radio!

ALTERNATE (YOU FOLLOW ANOTHER HOST'S BACK-SELL):

THERE'S MORE HOMECOMING RADIO ON THE WAY, STICK AROUND!

TENDER IN:

WELCOME BACK TO BILL GAITHER'S HOMECOMING RADIO... (ANOTHER HOST INTROS SOFT SERIOUS SONG)

TENDER OUT OF SERIOUS SONG AND ANOTHER HOST'S BACK-SELL:

MUSIC WITH A MESSAGE (or ad lib) - AND THERE'S MORE, STRAIGHT AHEAD ON HOMECOMING RADIO.

UPBEAT IN singular:

HERE NOW IS KIM HOPPER ... ON BILL GAITHER'S Homecoming Radio

UPBEAT IN plural:

HERE NOW ARE REGGIE AND LADYE LOVE ... ON Homecoming Radio

TENDER IN:

HERE NOW IS KIM HOPPER ... ON Homecoming Radio

TENDER IN:

HERE ARE REGGIE & LADYE LOVE ... ON BILL GAITHER'S HOMECOMING RADIO

LIST OF ARTISTS: We Hampton, The Nohm, CARRIE UNDERWOOD, Adam Crabb, Wesley Pritchard, JOEY AND BOBY, MARSHALL HALL, Joseph Habodank, ALABAMA, Mark Lavery, Russ Taff, SUE DODGE, Sandi Pary, Gene McDonald, AN' BOWDING, THE ISAACS, Angie Prieum, The Sound, BROS OF THE HEART, WINTLEY PHEPFS, Chris Blue, Karen Peck & New River, TRAVIS TRITT, Gordon Hale, Wendy Wright, WILSON FAIRCCHILD, Ladye Love Smith, BONNIE BROTHER, The Hoppers, Kevin Williams, the BOOTH BROS, Jeff & Sheri Easter, Matthew Holt, REBA

TOSS TO OUTSIDE SEGMENT

"(Your Name) here at Homecoming Radio - Hey, thanks for being with us today! ...now, let's go outside of the studio where some of our co-hosts sat down in-person with a special HOMECOMING guest..."

"(Your Name) here at Homecoming Radio - Hey, thanks for being with us today! ...now, let's go outside of our radio hosts spent some time on a Gaither Cruise with a special HOMECOMING guest...let's listen"

"(Your Name) here at Homecoming Radio - Hey, thanks for being with us today! ...now, let's go outside of the studio where some of our co-hosts sat recently down backstage at a concert arena to chat with a special HOMECOMING guest...And here's a part of that now."

And that's just a portion of the conversation. Hear the entire interview at homecoming radio dot com.

And that's just a small part of the overall discussion. You can watch the entire interview video over at homecoming radio dot com!

SOCIAL SITUATIONS

SEGMENT IDEA: Ideas on handling social awkwardness. The dramatized setting is a restaurant, cafe, diner. Scene typically opens after a bizarre appetizer is served, Bill always likes it (his hyperbolically recurring line is "I love it"), and then someone puts their foot in their mouth. Everyone gasps. The narrator explains what happens and transitions to the resolution which will be ad libbed and edited to perfection. Scene ends with resolution and good cheer. Fade to black, on the radio.

801 sfx: ambience of restaurant for about 2-3 minute loop, opening transition music

Daniel Britt - live voiceover - IT'S LUNCH AMONG FRIENDS. SEATED HERE ARE (NAMES) AND EVERYONE WAS ENJOYING THEIR APPETIZERS WHEN SUDDENLY A SIDE OF AWKWARDNESS WAS SERVED

TORI: ISN'T THIS GOOD? IT'S A MILKWEED TARTARE WITH SAFFRON

BILL: I LOVE IT

KEVIN: HEY, LAUREN - HOW MUCH MONEY ARE YOU MAKING THESE DAYS?

—EVERYONE GASPS— Daniel Britt : WHAT WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED IS A FAUX PAS. IT'S RARELY ACCEPTABLE TO TALK ABOUT MONEY IN SUCH SETTINGS. HOW WILL OUR HOMECOMING FRIENDS RESPOND? WILL ANYONE RESCUE LAUREN? AND POOR KEVIN, WE DON'T WANT HIM TO FEEL BAD...

(AD LIB RESPONSES)

BRITT: AND THAT'S ANOTHER WAY FRIENDSHIP IS SALVAGED! A HELPFUL SERVICE TO NAVIGATE SOCIAL SITUATIONS FROM Homecoming Radio

802 sfx: ambience of restaurant for about 2-3 minute loop, opening transition music Daniel Britt - live voiceover - IT'S LUNCH AMONG FRIENDS. SEATED HERE ARE (NAMES) AND EVERYONE WAS ENJOYING THEIR APPETIZERS WHEN SUDDENLY A SIDE OF AWKWARDNESS WAS SERVED

KEVIN: ISN'T THIS GOOD? IT'S RICE KRISPIES WITH BIBB LETTUCE

BILL: I LOVE IT

LAUREN: HEY, KEN - THIS PEANUT BUTTER PIE IS AMAZING, HERE - YOU JUST HAVE TO TRY IT!

KEN: OH BUT I'M ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS.

LAUREN: OH COME ON, JUST A LITTLE WON'T HURT ANYTHING.

—EVERYONE GASPS— Daniel Britt : WHAT WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED IS A FAUX PAS. WHEN IT COMES TO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, YOU SHOULDN'T PRETEND TO KNOW MORE THAN THE PERSON ALLERGIC! HOW WILL OUR HOMECOMING FRIENDS RESPOND? WILL ANYONE RESCUE KEN? AND POOR LAUREN, WE DON'T WANT HER TO FEEL BAD...

(AD LIB RESPONSES)

BRITT: AND THAT'S ANOTHER WAY THAT FRIENDSHIP IS SALVAGED! No friendships or egos were harmed during this fictitious dramatization. Any likeness to real persons or events is purely coincidental.

803 sfx: ambience of restaurant for about 2-3 minute loop, opening transition music

Daniel Britt - live voiceover - IT'S LUNCH AMONG FRIENDS. SEATED HERE ARE (NAMES) AND EVERYONE WAS ENJOYING THEIR APPETIZERS WHEN SUDDENLY A SIDE OF AWKWARDNESS WAS SERVED

GENE: ISN'T THIS GOOD? IT'S A BACON-WRAPPED PICKLE DIPPED IN MARINARA

BILL: I LOVE IT

TORI: HEY, KEVIN - WHO DID YOU VOTE FOR IN THE LAST ELECTION?

—EVERYONE GASPS— Daniel Britt : WHAT WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED IS TRICKY GROUND. POLITICS IS OFTEN "TOUGHLY SUBJECT" - BUT COMING RIGHT OUT AND ASKING DIRECTLY WHO SOMEONE WAS VOTING FOR — COULD LEAVE THINGS A LITTLE AWKWARD IN SUCH SETTINGS. HOW WILL OUR HOMECOMING FRIENDS RESPOND? WILL ANYONE RESCUE KEVIN? AND POOR TORI, WE DON'T WANT HER TO FEEL BAD...

(AD LIB RESPONSES)

BRITT: AND THAT'S ANOTHER WAY FRIENDSHIP IS SALVAGED! A HELPFUL SERVICE TO NAVIGATE SOCIAL SITUATIONS FROM Homecoming Radio

804 sfx: ambience of restaurant for about 2-3 minute loop, opening transition music

Daniel Britt - live voiceover - IT'S LUNCH AMONG FRIENDS. SEATED HERE ARE (NAMES) AND EVERYONE WAS ENJOYING THEIR APPETIZERS WHEN SUDDENLY A SIDE OF AWKWARDNESS WAS SERVED

KEVIN: ISN'T THIS GOOD? I THINK THEY SAID IT WAS A PORK CHOP SLIDER WITH A SMEAR OF VANILLA CUSTARD AND HOT SAUCE ON TOP.

BILL: I LOVE IT

LAUREN: HEY, Y'ALL - I HEARD OF A GIRL WHO SPILLED COFFEE AT THE HOME OF HER FUTURE MOTHER IN LAW WHERE THEY JUST MET FOR THE FIRST TIME. CAN YOU IMAGINE! THE PRISTINE WHITE LINEN TABLECLOTH WAS NOW STAINED WITH COFFEE. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN HER SITUATION?

(AD LIB RESPONSES)

DANIEL: HELPFUL TIPS TO NAVIGATE SOCIAL SITUATIONS FROM Homecoming Radio

805 sfx: ambience of restaurant for about 2-3 minute loop, opening transition music

Daniel Britt - live voiceover - IT'S LUNCH AMONG FRIENDS. SEATED HERE ARE (NAMES) AND EVERYONE WAS ENJOYING THEIR APPETIZERS WHEN SUDDENLY A SIDE OF AWKWARDNESS WAS SERVED

KEN: ISN'T THIS GOOD? I THINK THEY CALLED IT POACHED EGGS AND POPCORN-A-LA-KING

BILL: I LOVE IT

GORDON: HEY, GENE - YOU LOOK TIRED.

—EVERYONE GASPS—

Daniel Britt : WHAT WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED IS A FAUX PAS. WHEN IT COMES TO COMMENTING ON LOOKING HAGGARD OR WORN OUT, THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO ENGAGE. HOW WILL OUR HOMECOMING FRIENDS RESPOND? WILL ANYONE RESCUE GENE? AND POOR GORDON, WE DON'T WANT HIM TO FEEL BAD... (AD LIB RESPONSES)

BRITT: AND THAT'S ANOTHER WAY FRIENDSHIP IS SALVAGED! A HELPFUL SERVICE TO NAVIGATE SOCIAL SITUATIONS FROM Homecoming Radio

806 sfc: ambience of restaurant for about 2-3 minute loop, opening transition music

Daniel Britt - live voiceover - IT'S LUNCH AMONG FRIENDS. SEATED HERE ARE (NAMES) AND EVERYONE WAS ENJOYING THEIR APPETIZERS WHEN SUDDENLY A SIDE OF AWKWARDNESS WAS SERVED

GORDON: ISN'T THIS GOOD? I THINK THEY VINEGAR LINGUINI TOPPED WITH GRANOLA

BILL: I LOVE IT

TORI: HEY, LAUREN - MAN THOSE SONGS WE HEARD LAST NIGHT WERE JUST fantastic ... IT WAS THREE IN A ROW AND I COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE CAR UNTIL THEY WERE FINISHED

LAUREN: YEAH, TORI - THEY WERE ALL AMAZING AND FLOWED SO WELL WITH EACH OTHER. AND THE HARMONY WAS SOOO GOOD.

KEVIN: OH, LADIES - -YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT BIG PREMIER LAST NIGHT ON THE RADIO? I HEARD THEM TOO, BUT I REALLY DIDN'T LIKE THE LAST TUNE.

- EVERYONE GASPS -

KEN (softly): UH... KEVIN - THAT LAST SONG WAS WRITTEN BY BILL GAITHER

Daniel Britt : WHAT WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED IS TRAGIC. SOMEBODY AT THE TABLE WAS POSSIBLY JUST OFFENDED - BUT IT WASN'T OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE. HOW WILL OUR HOMECOMING FRIENDS RESPOND? WILL ANYONE RESCUE KEVIN? AND POOR BILL, WE DON'T WANT HIM TO FEEL BAD...

(AD LIB RESPONSES)

BRITT: AND THAT'S ANOTHER WAY FRIENDSHIP IS SALVAGED! A HELPFUL SERVICE TO NAVIGATE SOCIAL SITUATIONS FROM Homecoming Radio

VARIOUS QUOTES & SCRIPTURES

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...FROM GLORIA GAITHER:

If words could chase the chill away

Like sun does when it shines;

If I could capture meadows in a phrase...

I'd say, "I love You, " in a thousand ways.

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...-Some encouragement from Greg Laurie today: Like a storm has a beginning, middle and end...Perhaps we are unsure which part we are in. But the storm will pass, and don't forget, Jesus is with us in it."

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...-Are you reading the news and feeling discouraged or confused? Just remember: The minute we start getting confused, that's when we need to back off. God is not the author of confusion."

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...FROM GLORIA GAITHER:

God always allows us the freedom to think,

to create, even to question and doubt;

He gives us the gentle assurance and secure love we need

To develop the best in our independent spirit. But He is

always

near to guide, to whisper, to work, to make a way.

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...FROM GLORIA GAITHER:

We need the power that comes

from being certain that God is there, so

sure of His love that we can work on

in confidence at the task before us.

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Sometimes we struggle with understanding the will of God.

We pray for what we want, we put our requests before him,

but we forget that part "Your will be done." Remember what

the Rev. Billy Graham said, "The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us."

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: It's strange about aging *spiritually*. Instead of losing innocence and trust, as one does from mere *physical* maturing, one *gains* them. The more miles you have on you from the travels of the heart, the more simple and childlike your faith becomes. I believe today as never before. - Gloria Gaither

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...-Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20) The best is yet to come!

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...FROM GLORIA GAITHER:

Our praise is God's home office in a foreign country, a sanctuary

and refuge for the rescue operations of the world.

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...-I am with you always - Matthew 28:20. That promise gives me joy deep in my soul...

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...-We all know that one person in your life...the one who makes you laugh out loud, makes your smile bigger, encourages your heart and chases away the clouds. Be that person. Shine your light!

AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...FROM GLORIA GAITHER:

When plans and schedules keep us from wasting time, they are our friends.

But when they keep us from hearing the cry of a child, or touching the pain of another - then they are our enemies.

MISHEARD SONG LYRICS

LEAD IN TIME TO CLEAR SOME THINGS UP, ONCE AND FOR ALL! SOME CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO HEAR THESE LYRICS INCORRECTLY...

LEAD OUT AND THERE YOU HAVE IT, MISHEARD LYRICS THAT GIVE THE SONG A WHOLE NEW MEANING!

"Those egg shells are a day old" for "In excelsis Deo."

"Blessed art thou, a monk swimmin'" turned out to be "Blessed art thou among women."

"Blessed is the fruit of thy wound" for "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb." Ouch.

"Just as I am without one flea" (Just as I am without one plea).

Also, "Nero, my dog has fleas" ("Nearer my God to Thee.")

"Bradley, the cross-eyed bear" instead of "Gladly the cross I'd bear."

"Conscious Pilate" and "Pancho's Pilate," both of whom turned out to be Pontius Pilate.

"Bringing in the sheets," which should have been, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

"He makes the woeful heart to sing" became "He makes the wolf-ful heart to sing. (Makes you want to howl, doesn't it?)

"And dust surround thy throne" by a child with a possible housecleaning obsession (if such a creature even exists). The original is "and thus surround the throne."

"The first snow etl" (The first Noel).

"While shepherds washed their socks by night" — and hopefully also washed behind their ears. The original: "While shepherds watched their flocks by night."

"Oh when the sinks go marching in!" I don't even know what to say about this one. I just know we really need to get the saints back in this thing.

RUMOR MILL

LEAD IN It's time once again to dump the drivel, exile the errors, sling the silly, and bury the bogus, ... as we once again bring out these trivial truths at "The Rumor Mill"

LEAD OUT AND THERE YOU HAVE IT... WE'VE FLUNG THE PHONY AND CORRECTED THE CROOKED, closing down The Rumor Mill...for now

You may know that everyone's fingerprints are different, but did you know that the same is true of everyone's tongue print?

In a group of 23 people, there is a 50% chance that two will share the same birthday.

Will Ferrell consumed so much sugar while filming Elf that he actually became physically ill. If you've seen the famous spaghetti scene, then you can probably understand why.

It may feel a lot longer in the moment, but the average person spends two weeks of their life sitting at traffic lights.

If E.T. is one of your favorite movies of all time, then you'll be interested to know that someone squished their hands in jelly to make the sound effect for E.T. walking around.

Buzz Lightyear's original name is Lunar Larry. Doesn't have quite the same ring to it, right? But it is on theme.

The bookworms will appreciate this fun fact: Isaac Asimov is the only author to write a book in every Dewey-decimal category.

Another literary fact for you: It took Leo Tolstoy six years to finish his novel War and Peace. Hopefully it doesn't take you that long to read it.

Iceland grows 5 centimeters per year because of its moving tectonic plates.

Russia has a whopping 11 time zones within the country, which gives you an idea of just how large it is. Russia has more surface area than Pluto. Seem impossible? Just think of those 11 time zones.

Do you want to know the place that has more caves than any other location on earth? Kentucky. Maybe worth adding to your vacation list.

The Sahara Desert can reach up to 136 degrees. Its average temperature is actually about 100 degrees Fahrenheit, so it's pretty much always hot.

There are more people in California than Canada, despite the fact that Canada is more than 2,000 percent larger in size than California.

The closest state in the United States to Africa is Maine, which juts out further east into the Atlantic than most people realize.

Maine is also the only state that has a single-syllable name.

The heart of a shrimp is located in its head. Weird, yet kind of cool.

LISTENER LINES

this comes to us from a town called HAPPY HAPPY, TEXAS: I look forward to listening to you every week. My husband and I bought every vcr tape you put out. It was the only religious material my husband would listen to or watch. It brings back so many wonderful memories of him. -Thank you so much, Bill & Gloria — Monica.

CAROL ANN in FLORIDA SAYS: Hi Bill and the Gaither Homecoming friends. I do love listening to your show. Your concerts are so entertaining. Keep up the good work.

RICHARD in Indiana says Enjoy the show and enjoy the humor. Christians should have a sense of humor because we have a lot to be happy for. Don't you agree? God Bless you all!

My husband and I loved listening to Homecoming Radio on the satellite while in our car. We also were able to get it on our TV too. The Lord called my husband home on at the end of last year and your programs are such an encouragement to me now as I am at home or on the road. When I am down, all I have to do is listen to your programs and it boosts me up. I know I will see my husband again one day, but in the mean time, thank you for your music to get me through. I LOVE ALL OF YOU SO MUCH!!!! That's from Pam in Michigan.

BARBARA IN NEW SOUTH WALES - AUSTRALIA WRITES:

Dear Bill and Gloria
I enjoy listening to Homecoming Radio very much. The hymns are very inspiring. The singing voices and harmonies are uplifting on Sunday afternoons. The lively beat of the choruses creates a cheerful atmosphere in the Great Lakes area here in New South Wales. I live in a country town some three hundred miles north of Sydney. My background is teaching and I have also worked for engineering companies. I love writing and watercolor painting and I am interested in astronomy.
We have very clear night skies here in the Great Lakes area and I never cease to be amazed at the wonders of Creation. May God Bless you for your Christian work

JACK in EVERETT, WASHINGTON WRITES: Am so fortunate to be driving to work as your program comes on the satellite - which is the only reason I still subscribe! I laugh, giggle, get blessed, shed tears and am so thankful for all of you... But I just wanted to say what an impact the song "Make the morning worth the Midnight" is to me! A lot of it is because Bill is featured. I'm serious. But the lyrics, many has been the night I have been awake, asking the Lord to help me sleep, relax, or un-wind and many has been the night I have watched the morning come! I love the song, I turn up the volume and sing and cry along...I need this song more than you will ever know!
Blessings to Bill and Gloria and the Homecoming Crew!

Joan emailed saying: I should just remove the knob from my radio. I only listen to your station. I listen to you each day. Each day you save me. May God bless and love us all.

Vivian in Canada writes: I enjoy and am blessed by your music and friendly banter. It draws me closer to the Lord each time I listen. I set the alarm for Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. so that I can listen as I have my breakfast with you. Bless you all for your love for the Lord and dedication to sharing God's love with others.

IAN IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA SAYS: 60 years ago I sang lead in a gospel quartet up in Toronto. We lived for the "all night sings" at Massey Hall every year. As you know, once the music is in you, it doesn't leave. So you can imagine how pleased I was to recently run into Mark Lowry and his friends in a tiny hole-in-the-wall Chinese restaurant here in Scottsdale. He was headlining a concert in Phoenix.

Mark's voice and mine are virtually identical, though unfortunately that happens only when I'm alone and singing along in the car. You folks are the only reason I subscribe to satellite radio, so please feature Mark a little more often...I'd sound better because of it :) Thank you all for your gifts...it makes a huge difference to a lot of people.

I love hearing my Southern Gospel music heroes on the satellite . Your show is inspiring and entertaining! Please keep going and keep sharing the gospel thru song. Love your show!
—Stan in Monument, Colorado

HOLY HUMOR

LEAD IN:

TIME NOW FOR A LITTLE HOLY HUMOR ..some of our favorite church bulletin bloopers - typos and mis-prints ... here's ___HOST__

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall he live.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM – prayer and medication to follow.

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<< RUMOR MILL INTRO>>

RUMOR HAS IT — THESE INTERNATIONAL LOONY LAWS ARE STILL ON THE BOOKS:

lead out

WELL, THEY'RE A LITTLE NUTSO - BUT THEY'RE THE LAW!

Paraguay - Duelling is legal providing both combatants are blood donors.

Singapore

Spitting, smoking and feeding birds in public are considered civic crimes punishable by instant fines.

Failure to flush a public toilet is punishable by a fine or a prison sentence if caught during random checks by special police.

If you are caught dropping litter more than 3 times, the penalty is to clean the streets on Sundays wearing a bib saying "I am a litterer". This will then be broadcast on the local news.

It is illegal in Pittsburgh, Penn., to sleep in a refrigerator.

The state law of Pennsylvania prohibits singing in the bathtub.

Georgia: you Can't eat fried chicken with utensils

For chicken chompers in Gainesville, Georgia, "finger-lickin'" is not a suggestion — it is mandatory. Thanks to a 1961 law added to the city code as a publicity stunt, it is illegal to eat fried chicken in "the poultry capital of the world" with anything other than your fingers. A tourist was "arrested" for such a chicken-forking violation in 2009

Hawaii: No billboards

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I'm Mexican American. I really enjoy listening to your program. Have liked Gospel music since my teens. In my young adult age, I forgot about it ,but in my senior year of high school, I found you and it's my favorite! —Olivia in California

Sandy in North Carolina writes: We listen to your show on the satellite each day! My husband and I try to be regulars at Family Fest in the Smokies each year! Bless you for sharing the gospel to thousands each day!

listen to you daily on 103.9 FM
love the music and the humor - word of the day and other spots are right on - need a good laugh daily to compete with all the craziness going on worldwide!
Love you folks and your help leading many to Jesus! — John

Margaret from Ontario Canada says: I listen to your station on the satellite in my car. Then I google your music all day long . It's great! my husband passed not too long ago and we were married 62 years ago ... at times it gets pretty lonely. It helps me when Lynda Randle sings up on the mountain. It reminds me constantly . I'm not alone the Lord is here with me. thank you for your ministry.

Hawaii's natural beauty is an advertisement unto itself. To keep it that way, the state has officially outlawed billboards (with some exceptions) and aerial advertising, part of an "urban beautification" initiative that dates to 1927.

Illinois: No "fancy" bike riding

Listen here, city slicker: Galesburg city law strictly prohibits "fancy riding" of any bicycle on city streets, particularly riding with both hands removed from the handlebars, both feet removed from the pedals, or "any acrobatic" shenanigans on your fancy velocipedes.

Iowa: No faking your butter

I Can't Believe It's Not A Misdemeanor! Any person who attempts to pass off margarine, oleo, or oleomargarine as real butter is guilty of a simple misdemeanor in the state of Iowa, punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a \$625 fine.

Kansas: No snowballs

It may still be illegal to throw snowballs in Topeka, Kansas. Thanks to a weirdly-worded law in the city Criminal Code, it is unlawful to "throw any stones, snowballs, or any other missiles" at any person or property in Topeka.

Maine: Don't advertise on tombstones

It is forbidden to post advertisements on another person's tombstone in the city of Wells. Part of a lengthy list of cemetery regulations, this ordinance is really a favor to would-be marketers; nobody is a worse customer than a corpse.

Massachusetts: No dancing to the national anthem

It is prohibited to dance to the "Star Spangled Banner" in Massachusetts, thanks to an excessively patriotic 1917 law. While you try to ponder what such a dance would even look like, find solace in the fact that this law could never actually be enforced, thanks to a slightly weightier document called the First Amendment.

MONEY SAVING MANIA

LEAD IN

IT'S THAT PART OF THE SHOW WHERE IT PAYS TO LISTEN — OUR MONEY SAVING TIP TODAY IS THIS:

LEAD OUT

THAT'S IT, MONEY SAVING MANIA: STASH THE CASH, STOW THE DOUGH, AND PRESERVE YOUR RESERVE - A PUBLIC SERVICE FROM ALL OF US HERE AT Homecoming Radio ... NOW...

2. Establish your budget. The best way to jumpstart establishing a budget is to realize your spending habits. On the first day of a new month, get a receipt for everything you purchase throughout the month. Stack the receipts into categories like restaurants, groceries, and personal care. At the end of the month you will be able to clearly see where your money is going. Additionally, your bank or credit union may have this as an online-banking feature. Seeing what you spend in total on food, shopping, etc. can be humbling!

3. Budget with cash and envelopes. If you have trouble with overspending, try the envelope budget system where you use a set amount of cash for most spending. And once the cash is gone, it's gone.

4. Don't just save money, save for your future. There IS a difference! As you begin to Think Like A Saver, don't simply spend less. Save with a purpose, such as college expenses, retirement, or for emergencies.

Save automatically. Setting up automatic savings is the easiest and most effective way to save, and it puts extra cash out of sight and out of mind. Automatic savings means you have a process in place to save at regular intervals, whether that's monthly, weekly, or daily.

Instruct your employer to direct a certain amount from your paycheck each pay period and transfer it to a retirement or savings account

6. 'Start Small, Think Big,' with a short-term goal. The truth is, people save more successfully when they set a short-term goal. For instance, committing to saving \$20 a week or a month for 6 months is much more attainable than setting a goal to save \$500 a month for a year. Once you reach the short-term goal, you'll have created a habit of saving you can be proud of! You'll be able to keep going strong with a new goal.

Start saving for your retirement as early as possible. Few people get rich through their wages alone. It's the miracle of compound interest, or earning interest on your interest over many years, that builds wealth. Because time is on their side, the youngest workers are in the best position to save for retirement. Learn more about different options for saving for retirement in your workplace or on your own here.

Take full advantage of employer matches to your retirement plan. Often as an incentive, employers will match a certain amount of what you save in a retirement plan such as a 401(k). If you don't take full advantage of this match, you're leaving money on the table.

11. Save your coins - literally. Putting aside just 50c a day over a year will get you almost halfway to an emergency fund. Check with your bank or credit union, and research apps that offer programs that round your purchases up to the nearest dollar and put the difference into a separate savings account.

12. Use the 24-Hour Rule. Avoid purchasing expensive or unnecessary items on impulse with a self-imposed 24-hour rule. For any non-essential item, wait 24 hours before purchasing. It's perfect for online shopping where your items can simply be added to your cart to purchase later.

13. Treat yourself, but use it as an opportunity to save. Match the cost of your nonessential indulgences in savings. So, for example, if you splurge on a smoothie while out running errands, put the same amount into your savings account.

14. Calculate purchases by hours worked instead of cost. This mental math tactic really helps you to save! Take the amount of the item you want to purchase and divide it by your hourly wage. For example, if you're considering a \$50 pair of shoes and you make \$10 an hour, ask yourself if those shoes are worth working for five hours. Sometimes they are, sometimes they won't be.

15. Unsubscribe. Avoid temptation by unsubscribing from marketing emails and texts from the stores where you spend the most money. By law, each marketing email is required to have an unsubscribe link, usually at the bottom of the email or you can reply to any text with STOP, and that should opt you out of their list.

16. Place a reminder on your card. Remind yourself to think through every purchase by covering your card with a savings prompt such as, "Have you met your savings goal for the month?" Write the message on a piece of masking tape or colorful wash tape on your card.

BANKING, CREDIT, AND DEBT SAVINGS TIPS

18. Pay off credit cards in full each month. The miles and cash-back are only valuable if you're not falling into debt or paying interest.

IF YOU HAVE CREDIT CARD DEBT...

19. Start with a goal of reducing your credit card debt by just \$1,000. That \$1,000 debt reduction will probably save you \$150-200 a year in interest, and much more if you're paying penalty rates of 20-30 percent.

21. Check your credit report for free once a year. Use your annual free credit report from the three credit reporting bureaus to look for inaccuracies or opportunities to raise your score. Credit scores are used by loan providers, landlords, and others to determine what they'll sell you, and at what price. For example, a low credit score can increase the cost of a 60-month, \$20,000 auto loan by more than \$5,000. Learn more about your credit score here.

22. Pay your bills on auto-pay. This ensures they are paid on time, in full to avoid late charges. As a bonus, some loan providers offer a small interest rate deduction if you enroll in auto-pay.

ENTERTAINMENT SAVINGS TIPS

25. Browse online for free or low-cost local entertainment. Check out local events on Facebook to plan some downtime. There are often events and activities listed that you probably aren't aware are happening.

26. Volunteer at festivals. Cultural festivals and events often offer free admission to event volunteers. Contact the organizers of your favorite event to ask about volunteer opportunities and benefits.

GIVE IT AWAY

LEAD IN IT'S TIME TO THINK OUTSIDE YOURSELF AND ((GIVE IT AWAY!))

A young mom tells us, "I had taken the kids to the pool and we stopped for ice cream on the way home. When I got my ice cream and pulled out, I realized that this elderly man beside me was sitting outside his car door, spoon feeding his wife ice cream who also looked in her late eighties. He draped a towel over her and slowly fed his bride in the 98 degree temperature. It was a beautiful display of love." That gives me hope and serves as yet another example of how good it is to think outside yourself and give it away.

Mathew told us as he was driving home from work, he drove past a man trying to push his lawn mower from his wheel chair. "I had been in a hurry, but I also felt like I needed to stop and help. By the time I was able to turn around and head back his direction, much to my surprise, three firemen were there moving this man's lawn. How cool is that!" Proves yet again, nothing is quite as good 'til you give it away.

Naomi writes: "We have a view of our elderly neighbor out of our kitchen window. Our little four year old son started noticing that the older lady is having trouble walking to her mail box every day. After a couple of weeks of this observation, he insisted on helping her to her mailbox and back everyday, so that she makes it safely. Talk about a proud mommy moment!" A shining example, even from a four year old, that life is better when you give it away.

Marcy tells us: "My daughter and I have started keeping a "Blessing bag" in our car in case we find someone in need. You can make these up with items from the Dollar store such as gloves, thermal socks, beef sticks, crackers, candy bars, toothpaste, toothbrush, wipes, deodorant, snacks and other items that may help someone who is homeless or in a bad way. It is just a thoughtful, inspiring thing to do. Random acts of kindness take very little to change the life of just one person." Marcy, we agree one hundred percent. Nothing's quite as good as when you give it away.

Adam was checking out at the drug store back during the pandemic days when supplies were limited. On this particular shopping trip, an elderly man with a walker came in and asked if there was any toilet paper in the store for him and his sick wife. He had been trying to find some all day. The poor man looked like he was on the brink of tears. Adam felt so badly for him that he offered to help him find some. He said "I offered to drop it off if he wanted to go home. I walked him back to his car and found his wife waiting with an oxygen tank in the car. It had taken him so long to get to the counter from the door and back to his car, I could just imagine the day he had been having. It took me almost an hour to track some down for them." Its' just another example for us all to think outside ourselves and Give it Away!

LET'S MAKE A MEMORY

LEAD IN TIME NOW FOR "LET'S MAKE A MEMORY" THRU THE YEARS, GLORIA GAITHER AND SHIRLEY DOBSON HAVE CO-AUTHORED SEVERAL BOOKS FULL OF IDEAS TO ENCOURAGE FAMILY BONDING.

THIS ONE'S CALLED: SUNRISE CELEBRATION! and it can make "any old day" pretty special. The idea is to enjoy a special one-on-one breakfast date with a child. You can rotate through them evenly so they each get a turn if there are multiple children in your life. Let them choose and just enjoy the quiet peacefulness of the moment. The "early morning waking up world" is quite sacred — and especially if you have a view of the sunrise, even better as you witness the awesome handiwork of the Master Artist — and all that God adds to a sunrise. Now, that's the way to MAKE A MEMORY!

THIS ONE'S CALLED: IN THE PRESENCE OF ANGELS... if there's someone new who just moved into your neighborhood — or maybe at church — say welcome with heartfelt greetings (something you can make a home with your own art skills), wrap a couple loaves of your favorite bread in a new colorful linen dish towel. Place a jar of jam or honey on top and tie together with a colorful ribbon. Together with your custom card - and you have a nice way to say "Welcome" from your entire family. Not only are you doing something kind for another, as a family you indeed are MAKING A MEMORY!

THIS ONE'S CALLED: FOOTPRINTS IN TIME. It can be hard for parents to remember their children's feet ever being just two or three inches long. Keep those memories more real with a family tradition of making "footprints in time." Get a plastic bag of plaster of paris; mix the plaster and the amount of water it calls for, then have your child make a clear, deep footprint in damp sand. Pour the print full of plaster. Let it stand until semi soft. Then insert a bent hairpin into the plaster as a hanger. After it's hardened, dig away the sand and remove the footprint - which is now something you can hang on the wall, sit in the garden, or even create a "progressive" display as their feet grow larger and larger. You can also get your pets involved and truly MAKE A MEMORY!

THIS ONE'S CALLED: THERE'S A RAINBOW IN THE IRON! Of course, with parental supervision, start with homemade artwork - a greeting card or artwork on construction paper, then use a cheese grater to shave a rainbow of shavings out of crayons. Next, put a layer of wax paper and your picture on the ironing board. Carefully sprinkle crayon shavings onto each part of your picture - however you like. Whichever color you want where! Carefully cover the picture with another piece of wax paper and iron on medium low setting just carefully enough to melt the shavings onto the paper. Let It cool, peel away the wax paper and enjoy your work of art. Now, that's a fun way to MAKE A MEMORY!