



August-September 2025

Hello WOCG family,

To begin, I want to acknowledge the recent passing of Reda Ezell of the Livingston SDA Fellowship. Reda and her husband, Jack, have supported WOCG since day one. More importantly, she was a friend. I will miss her. I will miss her smile, her kindness, and her encouraging words. One time, she tended to me when I wasn't feeling well, even though she wasn't well herself. I just didn't know it at the time. Reda was Jesus' hands and feet. I hope and pray we will see each other in heaven someday. Please pray for Jack and their daughter, Amanda, and the whole family. If possible, reach out and lend a helping hand or a listening ear. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20 NKJV



Radio Tower Work Completed on September 8: A big shout-out to Alan Kingman of the Livingston SDA Fellowship for using his trackhoe to remove rock and to place dirt around the guy-wire anchor points. It may not seem like much, but this work is very important in keeping our tower secure. Beeker, our tower climber in KY, was able to see photos and approve the work done. Thank you to Dr. Colburn for assisting Alan.



Anniversaries: September 1st marked 11 years since WOCG went on the air! Praise God and thank you for keeping 89.1 on the air all these years. August 1st marked 10 years since I became the station manager. I would like to thank the radio board, Ellie Langford (the first station manager of WOCG), and each of you for entrusting me with this responsibility, year after year.

Thank you for your prayers, for checking in on me, for volunteering for radio events, and for financially supporting the radio station (and in turn, my family).

I thought this might be a good time to share some of my story. Back in 1998, after I had graduated from Highland Academy (high school), I was living with a family on campus and working for Wilks Publications. I was planning to attend SWAU in the fall, but I wasn't sure what I was going to study, and I didn't think I could afford it, even with a scholarship. A friend and mentor of mine suggested I go to Guam as a student missionary and work for a mutual friend's son, who was the station manager of KSDA-FM. I had never thought about working in radio, I had never heard of Guam, and I would need about \$2,000 for a round-trip plane ticket. I prayed about everything and told God that if He wanted me to go to Guam, I would go, but I needed His help to raise the money. We took up a love offering at church and held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. My boss gave a sizable donation and offered to buy my ticket with his credit card. We had raised the money needed within a few weeks. To me, God's answer was to go to Guam.

As I made final preparations, I received a call from Guam. Another girl had been chosen to go instead of me. I didn't panic. I thought, either God doesn't want me to go, or this is a test. I called my friends who had helped me fundraise, and I told them of the decision. I told them we would need to return all the funds. Then I went to sleep. The next day, I received another call from Guam. Since I had raised the funds needed and was ready to travel, I was invited to go after all! This was God's plan.

This whole experience reminded me of a Twila Paris song I sang for my graduation just a few months prior.

I Will Listen Here are some of the lyrics:

...
I don't know the way to go from here
But I know that I have made my choice
And this is where I stand until He moves me on
And I will listen to His voice

This is the faith patience to wait
When there is nothing clear
Nothing to see still we believe
Jesus is very near

...
Could it be that He is only waiting there to see
If I will learn to love the dreams
That He has dreamed for me?

Can't imagine what the future holds
But I've already made my choice
And this is where I stand until He moves me on
And I will listen to His voice

I praise God for dreaming this dream for me. I worked for KSDA-FM for a total of three years. I did Public Relations during my student missionary year, and then I was the Program Director during a two-year AVS call. I had many different responsibilities due to KSDA having a small staff, but that experience prepared me to manage WOCG. I was the last student missionary to work at KSDA before they switched to local hire. My old boss is still there! Check out joyfmradio.net/about-us and see how God is doing amazing things in the islands.

I have to add that during my student missionary year, my boss realized he actually knew some of my family. His mom remembered teaching me in Kindergarten Sabbath School at the Cookeville SDA Church when I was only two years old. I also met my future husband who is from the Philippines. His best friend's uncle, also Filipino, was the pastor of my home church and had baptized me when I was 16. I went to school with my pastor's son and now my youngest daughter is attending school with his daughter. Small Adventist world!

On September 12, 1999, I married Gerald in the Highland Church where I had taken up a love offering the year before to go to Guam as a student missionary. My friend who suggested I go to Guam was my wedding planner! Over the next seven years, Gerald and I lived on Guam. We took in my two youngest siblings for a few years, and we had three beautiful babies. In 2006, Gerald was laid off from Adventist World Radio-Guam due to budget cuts. We looked for work in California where Gerald's family was living and in Tennessee where my family was living. Gerald finally found work at IWC (now US Foods) in Algood, TN, one year after he was laid off. We began attending the Cookeville SDA Church in 2007. I remember learning about WJNU and thinking God may have me work there one day, but I was committed to being a stay-at-home mom to my children.

In 2009, my youngest child, Caily, was born in Livingston, TN. I learned that my dad was also born in Livingston in a house that used to stand just behind the UC EMC building not too far from where the radio station is now. I also learned that my dad's parents met at Standing Stone State Park which borders the property where the radio tower is. My grandmother and her eight siblings were born and raised in a log cabin in Clay County. I learned I had relatives living in and around the area that I didn't even know existed due to me being an Army brat. I didn't know that a few years later, there would be a radio station in Livingston that I would work at. I didn't know the doctor who delivered Caily would be the board president and basically my boss! God knew.

In the spring of 2015, I was preparing for Caily to attend Kindergarten at Algood Christian Elementary (ACE) in

the fall, and I needed a full-time job. Many of you know the rest of the story. Ellie Langford asked me to come manage WOCG. The radio board hired me on part time (in April) to train, to refresh my memory, and to eventually take over Ellie's job as station manager. Not too long after, Ellie, who is a retired school teacher, received a call asking her to come back to work at ACE. God answered her prayers and mine. On top of that, my husband was able to move to day shift after working nights for seven years. I know God did all of that. You can put your faith in God. You can believe in His Word. You can trust Him to provide for your needs. He will carry you through the storms of life. He is good.

Listener Stories:

- Currently, at least one person is attending the Diabetes Reversal program at the Livingston SDA Fellowship because of WOCG.
- In working with the UC EMC to be able to access the road to the radio tower (in case of an emergency), I learned the district manager listens to 89.1 all the time and loves it!

Prophecy Countdown - What's Next? This 15-part evangelistic series with Doug Batchelor from Amazing Facts will be shown in the sanctuary of the Cookeville SDA Church on **October 10 to 25** from 7 to 8:30 each evening **except on Thursdays**. To register for this FREE event, visit: prophecycountdownevent.org/Cookeville. Watch online at 3ABN TV or prophecycountdown.tv.

Save the Date: WOCG's annual Banquet and LIVE Auction Fundraiser is being planned for Sunday, February 22, 2026, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Cookeville SDA Church. Set up will be February 21 at 6:30 p.m. We are delighted that Clint Conner, Auctioneer with Exit Cross Roads Auction Group, will be joining us once again. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, or donate items to the auction, please let me know. After the holidays, we will put out sign-up sheets. Thank you for your continued support of this radio ministry!

In His Service,

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