

Cortland Christian Radio, Inc. News Letter

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Many years ago, I was sent an e mail that I wish I could find today. The title was "Does the Church Cost Too Much?" The gist of it went like this: The author wrote about all the expenses that his daughter cost him and his wife over the years; many hospital bills, braces, music lessons, driving her all over to her different events, not to mention the discipline at times that had to be dwelt with. The older their daughter became, the more it cost, the more she did, the more it cost. Not only in money but in time, also. It was never easy to keep up with the requirements of their busy daughter, and at times, she seemed to consume most of their time. For they knew what they were doing; it wasn't about time or money, but about the daughter that they loved.

Then one day, their daughter died unexpectedly. They no longer had to drive her around, they no longer had to pay for this and that. They ended up with more time on their hands and discovered soon, that they had a little more money in hand, both more than they were used to having.

Now all they had was a dead daughter, memories, more time and more money. Oh, how they longed for their daughter. If only... The investment that they put into their daughter became a treasured blessing, with no regrets.

So the story goes. When you have a purpose, the money and time spent to meet your goals is not a matter of priority. If you want to have time and money, don't give to the church and it will soon be useless and dead. A dead church is as useful as a dead daughter; neither one will ask anything of you, cause you any trouble.

Paralleling this story is, in our case, a radio station. As the church or station matures and does more, so the time involvement with the family and the cost to carry out those plans increases. As, in many families and churches, there are dysfunctional members; and those who seem to be nothing else but a burden on the family. But we each can choose to be a blessing to others, even to angels.

This station is far from dead. We are actually in the developmental stages life, learning the ropes of "crawling, walking and soon to be running". If you want to help spread the Word of God to the Cortland and Homer areas, we invite you to join our family, if you haven't. We believe you'll have no regrets. "The church (station) does not cost too much".

We are starting a new project. You might be happy to know, it has little to do with "money". I'm going to let Jocey introduce this to you.

Boxes of books, literature, crafts, foods and other spiritually uplifting items are arriving for our soon-to-be bookstore! It is now time for anyone to bring in all those books that you have read and enjoyed several times and would like to donate to an excellent outreach!

We will have new & used books, videos, DVD's, CD's, and literature from the best Christian authors. I encourage you to let me know of any such items that you know our Christian community would enjoy.

The children will find a special area for them which will include a TV in which they can play videos such as "Janice's Attic", "Come Meet Jesus", or "Kid's Time"; all of which are super quality programs.

The TV will also be used to view or listen to; 3ABN TV, 3ABN Latino, the Hope Channel, 3ABN Radio, Life Talk Radio and others during store hours. This will provide an opportunity for customers to see what is available on the 3ABN satellite dish system; which will also be on sale.

We plan to be open on Sundays and Wednesdays, from Noon until 6:00pm. We will let you know the date of our Grand Opening soon!

Our fruit sales have helped with purchases for our store and I thank each of you fruit lovers. Remember this month is the last order of the season! All orders must be in by Thursday, March 16th. Call me at 898-4437 or e mail me at jocey@wdrx.org.

Mark May 5th through the 7th on your calenders. That weekend we will be joining a national effort in bringing the importance of the Ten Commandments to the forefront. We invite you to join us here, at the station, with as many of your friends as you can rally together. Here are the tentative times:

Friday May 5th, 3ABN Live down link, 7pm-9pm will be shown here of their 7 to midnight program.

Saturday May 6th, 3ABN Live down link, 9am-9pm. Bring a sack meal.

Sunday May 7th, Ten Commandment Videos, 1pm-6pm.

This video series that presents the Ten Commandments in a very contemporary way, a way that you might not be used to. This series might be best for the secular mind who knows little about the Law. Each video is a little less than a half hour long, played back to back starting every ½ hour. Come when you can and leave when you need to. People will be floating in and out for the Saturday and Sunday presentations. Prior to and during this weekend, we will handing out hundred-plus books free to the community about the Ten Commandments.

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