



# Illuminations

From the desk of

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## An Attitude of Gratitude

**September 2025**



**IGNORANCE  
APATHY**

The story is told of two boys who were headed into the classroom on the first day of the new school year. They were early, so they were looking around in the different rooms and as they poked their heads into the classroom just before they came to their own, they noticed two words written on the chalkboard at the front of the room. Printed in large block letters were these words:

One boy looked at the other and asked, "I wonder what that means?" His friend answered quickly, "I don't know, and I don't care," as they quickly strolled on down the hallway.

Whether he knew it or not, his answer was exactly correct...and is too often true of our own response to the challenges we all face in this day in which we live.

As we come to our annual Sharathon, here's five things we want to be sure you are not ignorant of:

1. *Our mission is to broadcast God's Word through music and ministry, not to just to entertain or be a positive, encouragement to our listeners, but to challenge them with the Truth of God's Word.*
2. *From our first broadcast day 35 years ago, we do that all day, every day, without apology, now on 8 radio signals, and around the world, online.*
3. *We are entirely dependent upon God's supply for our financial needs, which now is over \$800,000 a year, and it comes primarily from individual listeners like you as they respond to His leading.*
4. *Every gift represents a sacrifice of some kind on the part of the giver, whether it is the lady who rolled up her pennies to send in a \$5 check, or the farmer who sent a load of soybeans to the grain elevator in our name, or the retired couple who transferred some of their retirement account to fund a project we were doing...it is all a sacrifice and we treat it accordingly.*
5. *Finally, as Paul admonished the Thessalonians to "not be ignorant, Brothers" (1 Thessalonians 4:13) and to "sorrow not as others who have no hope", we are looking for the Lord's return and are determined to proclaim that Good News, without apology, until He returns. Maranatha.*

That is our mission and calling. Now, during this Sharathon season as we Give Thanks, we hope you will respond, not with apathy, but with a spirit of cheerful, generous giving to the Lord, for He has truly done great things...here at Thy Word Network and in our lives personally. We are blessed....to be a blessing! Join us September 8-9-10, as together, we Give Thanks!



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### From You

**Francisco, IN** – Thank you for the blessings I receive as I listen to your station. God bless all of you and may the Word go out to encourage and support others as they tune in.

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## This Month's Daysponsors

9/13 – In memory of his wife,  
Sandra's home-going,  
by Robert Redman

9/16 – In honor of Ellen Grimm's  
birthday by Charles & Beth Storms

9/21 – In celebration of our son,  
Keaton's birthday, by Dr. David  
and Kelley Greer

9/27 – In memory of wife's parents,  
Grace and William Ballard, by  
Jim and Mary Reifsnyder

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SHARATHON 2025  
SEPTEMBER 8-9-10

## End of an era...



For over 35 years, we have had programming delivered to us via a satellite dish that stands proudly on the hill behind the station. Through rain and snow, the heat of summer and the freezing cold of winter, it stood there, capturing the small signal from a satellite orbiting the earth some 23,000 miles away. We went on the air in July of 1990 with programming delivered to us from Moody Radio in Chicago. Continuously delivering content for all these years, it has been a key part of our programming, but now delivery has moved off the satellite and joins others using an Internet feed instead. So we say "goodbye, and thanks for your service, we'll miss you (especially when we don't have to clean snow and ice off of you to keep you working in winter...)"

## Coming September 8-9-10

Our focus during this year's Sharathon is to give thanks to the Lord in three different ways, found in our theme verse 1Thess. 5:16-18:

1. **Rejoicing** over the great things He has done in the last 35 years, remembering His faithfulness and mighty works.
2. **Praying** for one another, for the ministry and for all of our program providers and musicians who fill the airwaves each day.
3. **Giving thanks**, showing an attitude of gratitude, not taking for granted God's faithful provision these many years, and exalting His name for the great things He has done through Thy Word Network in the lives of our listeners.

## You can be part of the celebration, too.

Your early response will help set the stage for what we believe could be our greatest Sharathon ever, but only if you respond now! Also, would you consider encouraging someone you know to be part of this year's event, especially if they've never given before...we know there are many who listen but never give, and if we are to reach our goal of \$400,000 this year we must have their help as well. Because of your faithful prayers and support we are looking to reach even more listeners in the coming year, as we **Give Thanks!**

*Scan here to support. Even small donations make a big difference!*



## Listener Letters

**Bristow, IN** - So happy to partner with Thy Word Network. Being confident that the truth of the Gospel is being proclaimed.

**Newburgh, IN** – So appreciative to share a 35th anniversary year with all of you – recalling those first moments of air time in 1990! Such joy!

**Evansville, IN** – All the teaching is food for our souls. We are very thankful for Christian radio! Keep up the great work!!

## From You

**Evansville, IN** — We love all your Christian radio stations, but especially 1330 AM.

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