



Illuminations

From the desk of

October 2026



Floyd E. Turner

A long obedience in the same direction...

Last month, we held our 37th annual Sharathon here at Thy Word Network. Hundreds of our faithful listeners came alongside to partner with us for another year of broadcasting God's Word each day on eight different radio outlets as well as two Internet streams. As the different faith promises came through the studio, I couldn't help noticing several that have been with us since we began in 1990, along with others that have joined in over the years....and it reminded me of Eugene Peterson's classic work, published in 1980, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction." While we live in a culture that wants fast results, easy answers, and quick fixes, it is encouraging to see how many of you see the value of faithful, steadfast commitment to this radio ministry...over the long haul!



From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same, the LORD'S name is to be praised
— Psalm 113:3

If you listened during the Sharathon, you heard us focusing on 5 key reasons to support

Christian Radio:

1. Radio **IMPACTS** listeners. Lives are being changed for eternity through the power of the Gospel communicated in music and ministry daily via radio.
2. Radio **PENETRATES!** Bedrooms, jail cells, cars, tractor cabs, living rooms and kitchens... radio is heard everywhere.
3. Radio **MULTIPLIES**. It's not just Addition...your gift helps not just one but many listeners, here at home and around the world via streaming.
4. Radio **INFORMS** as news and cultural information is shared through the lens of a Christian World View.
5. Radio **ASSISTS**. Coming along-side the local church to teach, train and evangelize.

Just as Peterson reminded us in his book, true discipleship is a slow, deliberate, and lifelong commitment to following Jesus day by day, and, as we focused on our Endless Praise Theme during Sharathon—

...From the rising of the sun, 'til the going down of the same, Thy Name, O Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3

We remain committed to our original mission of seeing lives changed through the broadcast of God's Word through music and ministry. Thanks for standing with us...we are blessed to have your partnership as we begin another year.

"Lives changed by the application of God's Word through music and ministry"

From You

St. Francisville, IL – Thank you so much for your wonderful ministry. I depend on you to be there every day. No matter what time it is you always lift my spirit. I'm praising God for you!



Scan to donate!

This Month's Daysponsors

10/04 – In memory of
Dr. M. Gaynor Howell's
birthday by Barbara Howell

10/08 – In honor of their
wedding anniversary by
Tom & Carmen Hauschild

10/09 – Celebrating Thy Word
Network by Walt & Angie Davis

10/11 – In honor of Pastor Colin Kerr
at Family Bible Church by Charles
& Beth Storms

10/14 – In memory of Charlie Kirk's
birthday by Grant Ebelhar

10/27 – In memory of Dennis
Hargett's birthday by Carol Hargett

10/30 – In memory of Abe Knepp's
birthday by K & K Industries

10/31 – In memory of mother,
Carol Jean McCool's home-going
by Tom McCool

Special Gifts:

In honor of Don & Shirley Chagle's
vision for Thy Word Network by
June Schwengel

In honor of his mother by Michael Paul

Celebrating 65th wedding anniversary
by David & Alma Campbell

In memory of friends and family
by Lynn & Jane Simmons

In memory of her husband by
Peggy Groves

In honor of Grant & Ashton by
Mike Zehner

In memory of her mother by
Bonita Budde

Celebrating 68th wedding anniversary
by Ardith Russell

Celebrating Alex's birthday by
Stephanie Houchins

From You

Jasper, IN – We thank you
for your service to our Lord!

Walls Up!

Jason Knepp and his crew are hard at work as we write setting up the forms for our Big Tent Project Building. We finally started digging the day after Sharathon, and by the time you get this newsletter the foundation will be done and we will be ready to start the framing of the upper floor and the rest of the building. It's exciting to finally move forward on the project, and also exciting to see the Lord send partners to make this happen. If you would like to help, go to thyword.org and click on Big Tent Project on the home page...you can even make a donation while you're there. Pray with us that God would supply the remaining funding needed to complete the project...we're about \$100,000 short of the \$500,000 goal.



Sharathon 2026- it's over but the gifts keep coming!

We ended Sharathon 2026 on September 16 with a little over \$363,000 on the total board, praise God!

Faith Promises keep coming in, and we are now past \$381,000, headed toward the goal line of \$400,000.



Here's a snapshot of the current totals, and we'd love to add your gift to the board. Just go by thyword.org and click on the Sharathon 2026 link! Help us make it all the way to the finish line!

Listener Letters

Wadesville, IN – I have been listening to Thy Word Network for as long as it has been on the air. I appreciate your hard work and dedication to spreading Christ's love to those who listen.

West Salem, IL – I enjoy hearing 91.7fm in the car when traveling. Thank you!!!

Newburgh, IN – We are blessed, inspired and guided daily through your sharing of God's Word.

Linton, IN – Keep up the wonderful work of the Lord! I still listen daily on 88.7fm.