

## Your Living Legacy

*"My wife and I have supported The Family for many years. We recently added The Family to our will. We thought – 'What a wonderful way to head home to our Lord and still witness to others through this radio ministry!' Please consider joining us in including The Family in your will, and help keep The Great Commission going on!"*  
- Jeff (and Sue) Sternberg



When Jeff and Sue Sternberg rewrote their will, they decided to include The Family in their planned giving to continue the Great Commission.

Thank you to Jeff, Sue, and all of our Legacy Donors: Mary Doverspike Jr, Peter and Cheryl Galowski, Richard and Mary Kendall, Ronald and Ellen Maurer, Mark and Toni Osterberg, Lois Pulvermacher, Bleau and Sarah Schneider, Colleen Sheahan, Terrence and Jane Wolff, and Shanon and Sonia Barham. By including The Family Radio Network in your planned giving, you are helping The Family spread the good news of Jesus Christ. If you would like to become a Legacy Donor and include The Family in your planned giving, talk with your Financial Advisor or go to [TheFamily.net](http://TheFamily.net) for more information.

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Legacy

## Family Feel Good Story - Doing the Right Thing

Today's Feel Good Story is from one of our Help for the Homeless crisis agencies. Kevin was desperately ill and needed a kidney. When his possible donor fell through, he felt hopeless. One day, while servicing a security system for a Fox Cities crisis agency, Rinda, one of the agency employees, noticed he didn't look well and asked if he was feeling okay. He shared his story and even though she barely knew Kevin, she offered to donate one of her own kidneys. She turned out to be a match, and they successfully underwent the surgery in April. Both Rinda and Kevin are doing fine.

*"It was the right thing to do," Rinda said. "I didn't have some bigger motive. I was willing and able to do it, so I did!"*

Galations 6:9 says that we should "not get tired of doing what is good". What good can you do today? Doing the "right thing" can be as simple as volunteering, donating blood, or calling a lonely person just to chat.

"The right thing" comes in all shapes and sizes. There are so many "right things" that we can all do right now! All we need is a willingness to say "yes".

### Our Vision

The Family will help all people in our communities draw closer to Christ.

### Our Mission

The Family broadcasts the hope of Jesus Christ to strengthen and encourage listeners.



Romans 10:17

The Family Radio Network is a proud member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.





# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER  
2020

91.9FM Appleton/Oshkosh, 101.7FM Fond du Lac & Ripon | 91.5FM Green Bay, 95.5FM Two Rivers/Manitowoc | 91.3FM & 101.3FM Sheboygan/Plymouth  
88.5FM Wausau/Stevens Point/Central WI, 94.1FM Antigo, 107.3FM Waupaca

## We The Kingdom – Holy Water



*"Sometimes there can be a culture of heaviness around forgiveness. I love that this song speaks forgiveness in such a joyous manner because it's something to be celebrated and to enjoy. I think heaviness is to lead us to the cross but from the cross on it's joy."* - Andrew Bergthold

*"Grace is not an abstract idea, grace is a person and his name is Jesus"* - Franni Rae Cash from We The Kingdom

*"There's a part of the song that says 'I don't wanna abuse Your grace. God, I need it every day. It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change'. That comes from Romans 6, and I think that the Father's heart for us really is to understand His grace. He's not demanding us to clean ourselves up, but He wants to lavish His grace on us and once we have it, we don't want to abuse it because we have this relationship of grace. But still when we do abuse it, which we always do, there is so much grace."* - Franni Rae Cash

Last year, We The Kingdom released "Holy Water", a song that celebrates God's forgiveness and grace. The band consists of family members from across generations, each with their own music styles including rock, country, folk and pop. "Holy Water" is a perfect example of these styles coming together to worship God. In a recent interview, the band members shared that the song comes from a desire to remember the reality of God's heart of forgiveness.

*"We all have our stories to tell but having struggled in my own life with addiction, with anxiety, with all manner of results of sin and my own sin, and being in a fallen world, this song to me is such a celebration of the joy of what it means to be forgiven."* - Ed Cash

## The Man Behind The Mic

For 29 years, Production Director (and On-Air Host) Mark Bystrom has worked behind the scenes quietly and brilliantly bringing creative ideas to life, making "the theater of the mind" happen here at The Family. Every bit of finished audio production has had to meet Mark's



*of black and white keystrokes and breath 3D full color LIFE into it. He is a quiet genius, a perfectionist in*

*exacting standards. To quote Terri Burnett, copy writer for The Family, "Mark can take a flat sheet of paper full*

*the best way - who has dedicated his life to making us 'sound' good! He can always be counted on."*

More than a dozen Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Awards of Excellence in our hallways bear testimony to that brilliance. Mark, we salute you! We've been honored to have you on staff among us, and we wish you and Sandra all the best of God's blessings in your retirement.



# Stressed Kids?



Written by Lisa Lakey of Family Life Today

Confusion about the coming school year, changes to home and learning routines, and anxious parents. Even the most resilient kids are likely to experience the negative effects of so many dramatic shifts.

My kids need me to listen and help them sort out stress, even when there's little I can do to fix it. But I can't do that if I don't know what they're feeling. And I'll admit, with my own stress swirling around me, I often forget to ask.

So I'm making a note of four questions to ask my kids to gauge what's going on in their hearts and minds.

## 1. How are you feeling today?

Stressed kids might not feel the same way from day to day. When my son missed his friends, he felt sad. When he wasn't happy that school was scheduled for the kitchen table instead of his first-grade classroom, it was expressed in frustration. Knowing what's behind his emotions helps me be more patient and offer solutions to ease his stress.

## 2. What's one good thing?

Every kid I know loves to share with adults about their day—from the breakfast they ate to the heart-shaped rock they found in the backyard. Big or small, they love to share. But

this question offers more than just recalling of the day's events. It gives me a peek inside the day-to-day things I miss.

## 3. What's one struggle?

After we share our good things, we each get to share one thing that bothered us that day. It can be minor—math was hard today. Or big—a fight with a friend or low grade on that paper. If the person is OK with discussion, the rest of the family can weigh in. But they can also choose to stop it there and move on.

## 4. How can I pray for you?

Sometimes I know how to pray for my kids. But I admit I also struggle to know exactly how to approach God on their behalf. Especially as they grow older. Our daughter has dealt with a series of health issues over the past year. My prayers for her healing felt so routine that I confessed, "God, I don't know how to pray for our girl right now".

Listen to **Family Life Today** at 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM for more tips on how to strengthen your family.



# Family "Fin" Stop

A large party to celebrate three-year-old Fin's birthday wasn't an option this year, but his parents still wanted to do something special. They invited The Family to join them and to host a Family Fun Stop at their house. Garrett and The Family crew showed up with music, games, and a special gift for Fin. Follow The Family on Facebook for more pictures from our Family Fun Stops.



▲ 3 year old Fin wielding his birthday balloon sword.



# Up And Running

The Family's new generator has been installed and is ready to run thanks to your prayers and financial support! Because of your generosity, The Family will be able to continue offering hope for your family without interruption in the event of a power outage.

# Thank you!



**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."**

**- Jeremiah 29:11**

Clearly, HOPE resonated with listeners during Spring Fundraiser! You took us to the unimaginable 76% of goal... *this has never happened before, much less in the midst of a pandemic lock down!*

Thanks to you, we will continue to broadcast the encouraging words and music of the Gospel, straight out of scripture to feed and inspire your faith in all circumstances. God has a plan to give you a hope and a future!



## Matthew 11:28-30

**"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."**