Train Up a Child

Every now and then we receive a letter or an email that is too encouraging not to share. As the letter states, it’s never too early to start. See little Abigail watching GBN. Thanks to the Brackins for sharing.
—Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN

Dear GBN Staff,

First of all, we want to thank you for the excellent programming you provide. Your programming runs almost continually on our home computer. This has been particularly beneficial for all of our family, especially our sons who we are homeschooling. Our youngest (daughter, almost 2 years) has seen us on so many occasions pull up chairs in front of the computer to watch the different programs. The other day, we found that she had pulled her own chair up in front of the computer and was watching by herself (picture attached). It’s never too early to start (Deut 6:7).

We find your programming essential for our family since it speaks the Truth honestly and provides additional great role models for our children, which is so very important. While our sons (9 and 11 years) may not be able to identify those in pop culture (musicians, actors, etc.), they certainly recognize and respect those on your programming (i.e. Glenn Colley, Cliff Goodwin, BJ Clark, Mike Hixson, Don Blackwell, Tom Holland, Eddie Parish, Jim Dearman and so many more); even being able to identify them just by their voices.

Thank you so much for your commitment to the spreading of God’s inspired Word.

In Him,

Stewart and Mandy Brackin
Recently I attended a lectureship where I heard several comments about the lack of requests for money in the programming on GBN. Non-Christian viewers notice the difference to what they normally experience on religious television and quickly conclude that we’re very different. We’re thankful for this difference and God is glorified because of it.

However, the only way that we’re able to keep GBN running is by the gracious and generous donations from members of the Lord’s church. We’re still working towards our goal of a core group of 7,000 Christians who would commit to donating $25 each month to meet the basic operating needs of the network. Please prayerfully consider becoming one of the 7,000 Christians that keep GBN broadcasting to the world.

—Mark Teske

Webster defines stewardship as the act of managing another’s property, finances, or other affairs. As Christians, we recognize that we own nothing, but we are only stewards. God is the real owner for He is the creator of the heavens and the earth. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:7). The early Christians recognized this: “Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own” (Acts 4:32). God’s title to the whole universe and everything in it is clearly established in the Bible (Gen. 1:1, Psalms 24:1, I Cor. 6:19-20).

Likewise, the management team at GBN recognizes that your generous gifts of money are acts of good stewardship on your part. We are also reminded that we are entrusted with these funds to spread the gospel of Christ to the whole world (Matt. 28:19-20). We have been charged by our overseeing eldership to use all funds as wisely as we possibly can, and to “stretch” every dollar so we can reach as many lost souls as possible with the gospel.

We are a provider of the gospel through the mass medium of television, and now through the internet, iPhones and Androids. The best and most cost effective methods are changing every day. What was cost prohibitive when the network began is now possible due to lower cost, technological advances. Who could have imagined seven years ago that we would have our own Roku channel and be able to broadcast live on televisions all over the world to hundreds of millions of households? Who could have predicted that our programming would be available on many more cable stations via C-Band transmission at one-half the cost of KU transmission? Technology will continue to change, and we need to be on the cutting edge.

The GBN team also works diligently to be cost effective in our daily operations. As noted in recent financial updates, we have trimmed staffing costs, and cut operating expenses in almost all other areas. We have done this while producing several new programs and steadily increasing our viewership. With the extreme “startup” costs of the network, we accumulated some debt which we plan to retire before the end of this year. God has so richly blessed the network which our dear (now deceased) brother Barry Gilreath, Sr. founded. Challenges, both financial and otherwise, are a reminder that Satan is always with us trying to discourage any good work to spread the gospel. We believe that as long as we produce sound programming and apply the principles of good stewardship found in the Bible, that GBN will indeed be able to reach the whole world with the gospel.

May God bless you. Ralph Upton—Director of Personnel and Finance
IN MEMORY OF . . .

Brodie R. Plyler, by Betty Plyler

June Sanders, by Benny Sanders

Love C. Jones, III, by Howard & Kathy Burnette

Nelson Grissom, Sally Ruth Brown, Granville W. McMahan and Ethel Young by Walter & Mary

Ann Bishop, Ranse Anderson, Dot Taylor, Eno Henesse and Mary Betty Christian by Richard, Ann & Lois Walker

Modena Spivey by John Ed & Jo Frazier

Bob & Verna Burney by Helen Mann

Paul Walden by LaRue Walden

Maurice Hill by Thomas & Dianne Musick

Mary Ellen Whitaker and James G. Nation by Peggy E. Cooper

Mrs. Lorene Morris, Mrs. Samuel F. Roberts and Mr. Jerry Purser by Arlene Sanders

Gladys Lewey and Jack Stephenson by Paul & Susan Haley & Family

John Means by Florence Church of Christ, MS

Mr. Sam Denton by the Parker Family

Jean Crouch and Thelma Weeks by Bob & Louise Shriver

Mabel Franklin by the East Ridge Church of Christ Wednesday Bible Class

Grayson O. Gilbert by Mrs. Grace B. Gilbert

Vernell Buck, by Katherine & James Evans and Doris & Jim Gary, and Bill, Carolyn, Andrea & Claire Snider Ruth Jordan Reagan by Jerry & Marilyn Nash

Bill White, Lonnie Lockert, Herman Riemke, Lois Stiles, Ralph Clevenger, John Burdine, Joyce Cole, Stan Koby and Vi Koby by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Phillips

Frances Wheaton & Mabel Franklin by Helen Chambers

Mr. Harold Wood by Gary & Maggie Colley

Helen Varner by Yvonne Burdine

Evveen Lee “Mama Searels” by Phyllis Reynolds

Gloria L. Weaver by William A. Weaver

Delphia Mayfield by Glen Mayfield

Stephen Mauldin by Pat & Marri Patchell

Frank Matherly, by the Grundy Street Church of Christ Ladies Bible Class

Jim Bragg and Larry Baker by Edgar & Barbara Beard

Mr. & Mrs. Willard Chambers, Mr. Claude Earl Chambers, D.L. & Becky Tilotta, Mr. & Mrs. James & Juanita Moore, Jenna Mcmasters, Mr. Claude Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. Don & Peggy Scott, Mr. Robert Cecil Mayo, Jr., son Bo Mayo, and mother Ms. Marie Mayo, J.C. Muncy, Mr. John W. Cormier, Ms. Quanda Sue Bollack, Mr. Arlen Dewayne Baker, Mr. Bobby L.

IN HONOR OF . . .

IN PERPETUAL MEMORY of Bill and Sally Miller, Sr., by their son, Bill Miller

IN PERPETUAL MEMORY

of sons, of sons, Bobby, Jr. & Barry Glenn Basford; friends Mack Short and Doug Pate; Steve & Gladys Bottoms, by Bobby & Eva Basford

James Watkins by Charles A. Jones

Mark Teske by Sam Bulle

Jim & Janis Dearman by Jack & Elmyra Eaton

Christ our Lord by Kathy Brewer

James & Foye Watkins by Marie Echols

James Watkins by W. Bruce

Lois Holmes by Patsy & John Holden

Lillian Smith (91 years old) and Marie Pratt (90 years old) by the Grundy Street Church of Christ Ladies’ Bible Class Marshall & Clara Vann, Shirley Redmond, Hardy Osborne and Freeland & Barbara Rayburn

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Now Anyone Can Have GBN At Home 24/7!
GBN on Roku (pronounced “roh koo”)

Now you can have the Gospel Broadcasting Network live 24/7 on your home television. All you need is high speed internet and a Roku box. Boxes can be purchased from www.roku.com/roku-products.

Once you get your Roku box installed, go into the Roku channel store, find the GBN channel, and add it. It will then be available to watch. You will have your choice of the GBN live stream or VOD (video on demand) archive. We will be adding to the VOD section over time.

Is there a charge for the GBN channel? No. We are trying to reach people with the gospel. Our Roku channel, like everything else on GBN, is supported by free offerings of members of the church of Christ.

How do I set up my Roku player? Setting up a Roku player is simple. Every Roku player comes with a Getting Started guide that walks you through every step. “Getting Started” guides for various models are available at the GBN web site, www.gbntv.org.

Can I find Roku in a local retail store? Currently, new Roku players are sold directly at Roku.com, as well as in major retailers, like Best Buy, Radio Shack, Fry’s, Walmart, and B. J.’s.

*** ALSO, PLEASE NOTE ***
The new GBN iPhone and Android apps are up and running. You can

WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE ASSIST BY CONTRIBUTING TO FUND THE NEW GBN FACILITY IN GERMANTOWN, TN—TRAINING MEN WHILE TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD!