November of this year will mark the 10th anniversary of the Gospel Broadcasting Network. We went on the air Thanksgiving weekend of 2005. What began as the dream of brother Barry Gilreath Sr. has now been airing the truth and nothing but the truth 24/7 for a decade. I have had the great privilege of being involved with GBN since shortly after brother Barry came up with the idea. As I think back to the early days of GBN, a great debt of gratitude is owed to those who helped to get it off the ground. Brother Barry was the original dreamer and the fundraiser. Jim Dearman and his wife Janis sacrificed countless hours creating programs, keeping the books and making the dream a reality. Jim’s program Good News Today in its tenth year continues to air on GBN. Mike Hixson was instrumental in the early days in planning and fund raising. He continues to bless us today as he hosts GBNLive and co-hosts Counterpoint, along with B.J. Clarke. Leroy Dedmon served as the Director of Operations. I would also be remiss if I did not express thanks to men such as Tom Holland (along with his front porch rocking chair) and James Watkins. Without the programming of men such as these, GBN could not have existed.

Though we went through some difficult financial years, we are now in our third year of being debt free. That great accomplishment is largely due to the excellent work of Ralph Upton who continues to serve on our board of directors. We have named our studio in his honor.

Ten years since its inception, GBN has made its home in Olive Branch, Mississippi, about a mile from Memphis and the Tennessee state line. The building we occupy bears the name of Barry Gilreath. We believe he would be pleased to see where we are today. We are broadcasting the gospel on approximately 30 cable stations around the country. We have new radio stations going live on a monthly basis. Our website and Roku channel carry the gospel into homes around the world, and we can’t forget the GBN mobile apps for iOS, Android and Windows devices.

Though we honor the men who have worked in this small portion of the Lord’s kingdom, we must also thank the many brethren and congregations of the Lord’s church who have provided the funds to make GBN a reality. Most importantly, we must thank God, without Whom none of this would have been possible. Ultimately it is all to His glory.

Don Blackwell, Executive Director, Gospel Broadcasting Network
MATCHING FUNDS OFFER

If you have thought about contributing to GBN but haven’t, now is a great time to start!

One of our current donors is willing to match the contributions from new donors dollar-for-dollar for the next year. If you begin supporting GBN with $25 per month, that amount will become $50. If you support us at $100 per month, it becomes $200. This matching offer begins immediately and there is a limit, so start now and begin having your new donations matched.

For those who are currently supporters of GBN, now is a great time to spread the word and encourage others to begin supporting GBN. Let them know that you’re a regular contributor and that you would like for them to begin donating and have their donations matched dollar-for-dollar. You may even want to match their donation yourself, which would triple their donation.

We are thankful to the brother who has extended this “matching funds” offer. It comes at a needful time. As many congregations are experiencing decreases in their budgets, the effects have trickled down to GBN. Our income is down, but our workload is up!

We are so excited about this generous offer and the opportunity to get even more people involved in spreading the Gospel throughout the world 24/7.

Tom Hall by Annie Cook-Jones
Kenneth Branstetter by Barbara S. Branstetter
Dale Mitchell by Bill and Kay Worsham
James T. and Fay Brumley by Billy Roy and Deborah Box
Betty Jo Smith by Brenda Sue Smith
Husband-Harold Hammond and Son-Tim Hammond by Charlene Hammond
Lloyd Locke by Charles and Wilma Turner
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Prater and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jordan by Connie Turner
Margaret Jordan by Cyndy or Franklin Turner
Raymond Johnson by David Hayes and Renee Prophater
Leora W McLean and Jo Nell Davis by Don and Annette Weeks
Dot Laughter by Dorothy and Judy Harris
Shirley Franklin by Eddie and Jean Brinkley
Mattie Baynes by Effie Johnson
Mrs Ouida Gentry by Florence church of Christ
Mr. A. C. Taylor by Gary and Clydeen Puryear
Emma Uprichard and Gail Travis by Geneva Hobbs
Grayson Gilbert by Grace Gilbert
Lillian Larkin by Hazel Van Syckel
Reba Fults by Hobbs Family Reunion Group
Ida Lawrence, Alicia Hart, Donald Norwood, Randall Shaffer, Bill Gambill and Ann Nims by Hollis and Nancy Tackitt
Preston and Georgia Cox by Joann Black Walker

Dad-William A. Mayfield, Jr. by John and Brenda Manz
Dave Mann and Jerome Whitaker by John Ed and Jo Frazier
Verta Hardegree and Marcia Spain by Jordan and Nelda Linscomb
Evelyn Baugh, Ashley Michelle Smartt, Lorene Burton and Marie Pratt by Ladies’ Bible Class Grundy Street church of Christ
Husband-Harlon; Dad-Don Rhoades; Grandparents-Emmitt and Nellie Rhoades by Laresa Fowler
Raymond Comstock and Margaret Jordan by Mary R. Davis
Billie Arnold and Winford Claiborne by Mrs Graydon Gannaway
Mae Kerchner, Mr. Delton Fletcher, Charles Redmond, Maxine Carr and Raymond Mizell by Peggy Cooper
Frankie Bingham by Phyllis E Reynolds
Michele Denise Bonner by Randall Spake
Keith Speed, and Diane Elam Feagin by Ray and Debbie Bomnskie
Reba Fults by Ray and Joan Braswell
Mr. A. C. Taylor by Raymond and Linda Sue Poston
Herbert Hutchings by Reba Nell Hutchings
A Beloved Mother and Wife-Carolyn Faye Smith by Robert Smith
Paul Wesley Profitt by Roger and Charlotte Comstock
Peggy Nalley by Sevierville church of Christ
Mark Holden by South Pittsburg church of Christ
Rose Looney and Ron Thomas by South Pittsburg church of Christ
Janice Boynton by VF Imagewear
Denzil and Blanche Williams by Walter and Rita Ward

Georgia DeBerry by: Don & Sheri Blackwell
GBN WORK UPDATE

There is always a great deal going on at 8900 Germantown Road (the home of GBN).

RADIO. In recent months, a great deal of our time has been spent on GBN Radio. New stations are going live each month. Mark Teske and Aaron Cozort have spent a lot of time on the road recently assisting congregations and installing radio equipment around the country. I was particularly excited this week as I heard our new FM radio in Southaven, MS broadcasting the gospel on 107.9 FM, WILU-LP. I wasted no time saving the dial setting into my car stereo.

NEW SATELLITE STUDIO. We are thrilled that we will soon have a new satellite TV studio in Columbia, SC. This studio will be overseen by the excellent elders of the St. Andrews Road church of Christ. We are in the process of raising the money for the cameras, lights and computer equipment to get them operational. The total amount needed will be approximately $20,000. This studio will then be open to sound gospel preachers in North and South Carolina to create programming that will air on GBN. If you can help us to raise the needed funds, please give us a call.

GBNLIVE. Our Thursday night live call-in program continues to grow and improve. Our recent program on the Kentucky Clerk who was thrown into jail after refusing to issue marriage licenses to homosexuals was extremely well received. A steady flow of calls and emails kept us busy throughout the program, and the response afterwards was exceedingly encouraging. We were lifted up by the very complimentary emails and text messages that we received. You can view the program in our archive on the GBN YouTube page.

MASTER CONTROL. Earlier this year we had a fund raising campaign to purchase new master control equipment so that we could quit outsourcing this process. The result would be substantial financial savings to GBN. We have now purchased the equipment and are in the process of having training sessions on how to use it. We plan to have this new equipment up and operational very soon!

ANGRY VIEWERS. On almost a daily basis, we receive calls from viewers who have watched GBN and do not agree with what they have heard. This week we had a caller who was angry because he heard on GBN that instrumental music in worship is sinful. He ranted and then hung up the phone. Another caller this week was very upset at the concept that God’s kingdom is a spiritual one, not a physical one. Yet, another recent call was from a viewer who had been watching Counterpoint with Mike Hixson and B.J. Clarke. He was very disturbed by the teaching that baptism is necessary for the remission of sins. He demanded an explanation to “the thief on the cross.” We try to handle angry calls with kindness, but it still hurts when someone yells or hangs up the phone. On a positive note, we remind ourselves that these calls indicate that souls are being reached. Just as was the case in Bible times, some have their hearts pricked and respond to the gospel, others are cut to the heart and lash out at the messenger. Regardless, these calls tell us that we are reaching people, lost people, denominational people, and that’s what we’re all about.

IN HONOR OF

(Grandchildren) Hunter, Haley, Robert and Ryder Lynch & Jesse and Jared Jones
by: Barbara Weatherspoon
Herschel Bass
by Andy and Patricia Harwood
Zachery and Melinda Taylor and Gail Albright by Leslie Putman
Peggy Nalley
by Robin and Carol Murdock
Roger Comstock by South Pittsburg church of Christ
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Webb by Wanda McKinney
Geneva Hobbs by William or Nelma Chilton

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

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

IN PERPETUAL MEMORY
Grayson O. Gilbert, by Grace B. Gilbert

IN PERPETUAL MEMORY
Joe Frank Miller by Carl & Patsy Hirlston

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CLIFF GOODWIN UPDATE

We know that you miss Cliff Goodwin on the Preaching the Gospel program. We have received many contacts from viewers who have asked about Cliff’s absence and have expressed that they look forward to his return. Brother Goodwin has had some health problems that severely affected his vocal cords. We are pleased to announce that he is doing much better and has started filming new programs. You will see him back on the air shortly. Thanks for your prayers and for caring.

FIFTH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

Some congregations make a habit of reserving their fifth Sunday contribution for a special purpose and oftentimes these contributions are used for evangelistic needs. Many times in the past, we have been blessed by being a recipient of these funds. November 29th is a fifth Sunday!

If you would like a representative of GBN to come to your congregation and give a report on the work, just call our office (662-874-5508), and we can schedule a visit.