

WGTH PROBLEMS & PROGRAMS LIST

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GREATER LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS SOUGHT FOR PROTECTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

A very devastating incident occurred when a Virginia State trooper, with roots in our area, was killed in the line of duty by a motorist in a distracted driving situation. The trooper, Andrew Fox, was on special assignment at the Virginia State Fair and was directing traffic at the time he was struck and killed. Although it was an accident, the trooper's family and friends were horrified that the distracted driver got off with only a \$1,000 fine and a 12 month suspended sentence.

Program: News feature regarding "Andrew's Law"

Date: January 20, 2014 at 8:40 a.m.

Guest: Lauren Fox, sister of Trooper Andrew David Fox

Ever since the tragic death of Virginia State Trooper Andrew David Fox, his family has worked relentlessly to try to have legislation passed that would stiffen the penalties for distracted drivers that cause death or injury to those that are rightfully performing their duties on or near roadways. This piece of proposed legislation is referred to as "Andrew's Law," in honor of Trooper Andrew Fox. Introduced by State Senator Phillip Puckett, this law would further protect law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, VDOT workers, etc., from bodily harm by making the punishment more severe for such crimes. Minimally, the motorist causing the accident would receive a \$2,500 fine and a year's loss of license. The legislation was tabled until 2015 much to the dismay of Trooper Fox's family. They do, however, plan to remain tenacious in their fight to have it passed.

CHRISTIAN HISTORY AND THE DARWINIAN DEBATE

As scientists learn more about Planet Earth, the case for intelligent design gets stronger. Creation scientists have been able to refute evolutionists' claims more and more effectively as scientific knowledge increases. Of course, no one - individual or group - can replicate the origin of the planet. And, since no one - save the Creator Himself - can give an eye witness account of creation, theories will remain as such until the end of time as we now know it.

All that said, it is good for Christians and others to be aware of the works of Charles Darwin and the history behind his claims. How he influenced the culture of his day and the generations to follow is important to know, as well, because his influence affected the Church in diverse ways. Many believers had and have their faith challenged by those that would embrace Darwin's claims. The creation versus evolution debate has been lively since Darwin's first book, Of the Origin of Species, in 1859. Recently, a well-publicized debate took place between creation scientist, Ken Ham, and evolutionary scientist, Bill Nye. Christians need to know how the Church responded to Darwinian theory from the mid-1800's and into the early 1900's. Those responses and the responses of Christians today are important as we seek to defend the faith.

Program: Pre-recorded interview about the Creation versus Evolution
Debate and its effects on the western Church

Date: March 3, 2014 at 11 a.m.

Guest: Michael Austin, spokesperson for Christian History Institute

In an interview with Michael Austin, radio commentator and spokesperson for Christian History Institute, the ministry of the organization and the latest information in *Christian History Magazine* was discussed. The topic of this quarterly issue dealt with the various responses of Church leaders, especially in western civilization, to Darwinian claims of evolution that challenged the account of Biblical creation.

Christian History Institute (CHI) is an organization designed to be a reliable resource for anyone interested in history from a Christian perspective. Presenting facts from historical accounts and making them available, at no cost to their readers except for a donation (if they desire), CHI has multitudes of downloadable files with information and study guides. They publish quarterly magazines all dedicated to one particular subject that includes numerous articles related to that subject.

In addition to presenting a wide variety of responses from the western Church - with varying degrees of passion - toward the creation versus evolution debate, Austin discussed the timely Ham versus Nye debate. Acknowledging that Christian worldview scientists and philosophers and those embracing a secular worldview almost always approach the same topic or theory from completely different perspectives, Austin still encouraged listeners to be well-informed regarding the claims from both camps in order to be able to speak intelligently about the creation versus evolution debate and to be able to defend their faith.

CHERISHING OUR LOCAL RADIO HISTORY

As a radio station, one of our favorite benefits to the communities we serve is to provide the listeners with information regarding local history and an emphasis on the heritage behind the local culture(s). In doing so, WGTH is helping listeners connect with their communities in a special way and appreciate the foundations laid by prior generations. Historical preservation is important for many reasons, not the least of which is that it promotes affective bonds to the community. Over three and a half decades, WGTH has become part of the history of our community.

Program: Anniversary Memories featuring pre-recorded bits remembering some facet of the most popular radio highlights from the past 35 years

Dates: March 12 - 28, 2014 rotated throughout the day

Guests: Various preachers in a pastoral memorial bit

Various announcers from the past

Voices from a variety of past contests

State championship byte with several townspeople

Excerpts from various music artists that have been interviewed

WGTH has been a part of the audio community in this region for 35 years this March. Visible, also, at many community remotes, close friendships have been established with our radio family. Listeners have told us that they have grown up with their household radios on WGTH. A sizable number of listeners have said they keep the radio on continuously as their constant companion. Our listeners have proven to be very loyal.

WGTH cherishes our very supportive listeners. In an effort to join together with listeners in remembering some of the "blasts from the past," WGTH aired segments from former announcers, preachers that have gone Home to heaven, sound bytes from former contests, music clips from some of the many singers and musicians that have been interviewed on WGTH over the years, and a very emotional sports sound byte which included several interviews. WGTH has and will continue to save sound bytes in our audio archives in order to preserve local radio history.

LATE CHANGES IN SCHOOL/WORK/CHURCH CLOSINGS

Although there are automated text messages and other means by which people are notified about school/work/church closings, there were several times this winter and early spring when schedule changes were made at the last minute or, at least, at an inconveniently late moment. When parents, employees, patients, etc., are already in their vehicles, or otherwise preoccupied, they would be more likely to rely on the radio announcements for late schedule changes than by other means.

Program: With frequent repetition, there are announcements regarding late schedule changes on school mornings or church mornings and nights and, when necessary, for businesses.

Dates: As needed

Local radio stations receive calls from local schools and monitor school system, and other informational websites in order to keep abreast of the most up-to-date information regarding school/work/church closings. Inclement weather related closings and schedule adjustments are very important to a large portion of radio listeners. Awareness of last minute changes is crucial - especially for school children and others that must wait outside for their transportation.

Additionally, many churches rely on WGTH to get the word out when services are called off or meeting times are adjusted due to inclement weather, power failures, flooding, or a death in the congregation.

PRESERVATION OF WHOLESOME FAMILIES AND WELL-ADJUSTED INDIVIDUALS

In this incredibly busy American culture, a majority of even the most well-adjusted individuals are under a considerable amount of stress. Add a marital breakup, the death of a loved one, a serious illness, an unwanted pregnancy, a major move, job loss, etc. - any one or more of these to the mix - and life becomes overwhelming for almost anyone. Seemingly, large numbers of people these days are suffering from at least a mild form of mental illness. If drug and/or alcohol abuse is also a factor, there is bound to be serious trouble in dealing with relationships and handling life's basic responsibilities.

Not only do the individuals involved suffer, but the entire family is affected and stability is at risk. The family is intended to be such an important stronghold - even a refuge. If the family is not emotionally healthy and solidly intact, the whole community and, ultimately, the entire culture will be negatively affected.

Program: "Family Talk"

Dates: Weekdays at approximately 5:05 p.m.

Guest: Dr. James Dobson, well-known Christian psychologist, author, and speaker

"Family Talk" is a 90-second program in which Dr. James Dobson succinctly covers a topic dealing with relationship issues within a family or marriage. He gives good, sound counsel. He, also, might suggest that some people should consider going to a Christian counselor.

In his brief messages, Dr. Dobson covers a vast array of topics from training rebellious toddlers to protecting your marriage when the nest is finally empty. Each one attempts to encourage children and adults to have stable, strong families and couples to make the most and best of their marriages.