## BetterLife

#### Behind the Scenes

January 2024

#### A Gift to Share From the Desk of Charlie Oliver

January is one of my favorite months. I enter the new year still warm from a holiday season spent with friends and family, with the lovely sights and sounds of Christmas concerts and events still echoing in my mind. The path ahead is still pure, untarnished by the stumbles sure to come!

What do you bring with you into the new year? Are you trying a new New Year's resolution on for size? Perhaps a new workout regimen or diet plan? What changes lie ahead for you this year, and how does Jesus figure into your plans?

Have you ever been on a trip and realized you forgot to pack something really important? That's what it's like to start the new year without Jesus. For many, unfortunately, Jesus is someone you only bring out over the holidays, like the Elf on the Shelf. The season ends, and He is boxed up until the next relevant holiday, or maybe until one is midway through a crisis and pulled out to pray to for help.

My friends, we have a Gift to share, a Gift that should not be reserved for holidays and special events. We get to tell people about Jesus, and we have the privilege to open our hearts to Him so that He shines and works through us!

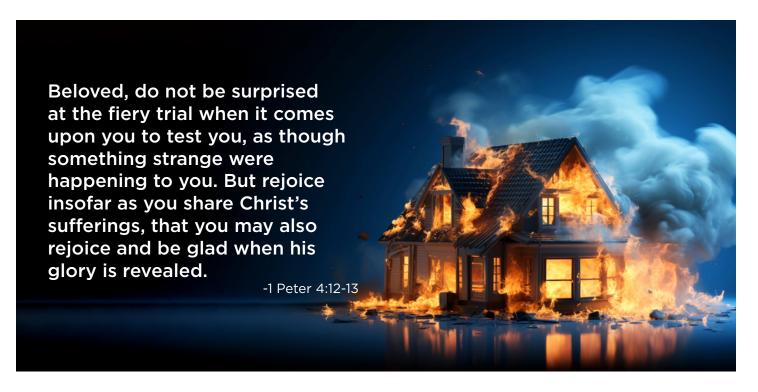
I was reminded of last weekend after playing a small part in a wonderful Christmas program at our church. Afterward, a well-intending person came up to me and offered a criticism rather than a kindness. A friend of mine saw my spirit drop and offered a few kind words and a funny video she knew would hit the spot. That my friends is exactly what I'm talking about here, and the difference made when Jesus is in the equation!

So, I have a New Year's resolution for you. This month, this year, introduce people to Jesus in both



words and action. You can join us in that by sharing Better Life with someone needing encouragement or answers. Invite people into a relationship with Jesus, into a healthy community with His people. We all need more Jesus in our lives!

Our focus this year is community, and we're making it easier to engage with Better Life. That means new programs and new ways to engage with us. We're now on virtually all apps, and we are present on all your social media feeds. Come join us in community with each other and with Jesus Christ!



#### **Inspirational Musings**

#### by Jeanette Stark

Have you ever suffered a tragedy or loss and looking back, you would not change a thing?

It was July 27, 1993. I had worked an 8-hour day and needed to run errands. My two oldest boys were preparing to go to Colorado for a big Pathfinder gathering and they needed batteries for their flashlights.

At one point while downtown, I looked towards the SW section of Grants Pass. There against a blue, summer sky was a HUGE dark mushroom cloud of smoke. It looked as if a bomb had gone off. That still small voice told me I needed to go home.

Throngs of people, cars, and fire engines blocked the way, but I could see flames leaping above rooftops. I parked my car two blocks from my home and ran. It was my house!

I began yelling "No! Dear God, no!" A neighbor approached and quickly told me the kids were safe and at another neighbor's house.

Fire officials discovered that a window a/c in the master bedroom had overheated, catching the curtains on fire which then led to the ceiling.

The police chief said flames were leaping 100 feet in the air and he called it "the hottest house fire in recent Grants Pass history."

I had one good cry over losing every and then I began to count my blessings. All four of my children were safe and unharmed. Even the family cat got out safely, although we did not see him for 3 days.

We received enough donated items to furnish an entire 3-bedroom home. I even had a call from a woman who said, "I have a rental...the renters are moving out in a couple of weeks, it's yours if you want it."

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 NIV

God provided for my family's needs through the generosity of others. And remarkably we did not receive a duplicate of anything!

Yes, it was odd setting up house with all these things that had never been mine. But we started over and I would not change a thing. I really wouldn't!

My faith and trust in God deepened through that experience. My kids were able to see a calm and collected mother who, although had lost all her possessions, was still positive and optimistic. My husband followed my example. We were going to be okay, and I was thankful.

Friend, we are told to give thanks in all things. Not just the good things, but all things. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." – NKJV

It is God's will; His desire, that we give thanks at all times, through all things. I believe when we give thanks, we are showing God, and others, that we trust Him. That we know He is watching over us; that everything will be fine.



Paul wrote, "...we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 ESV

If you are going through a trial, if you are overwhelmed with what life has thrown at you, trust God. It could be His plan for your life. Nothing takes Him by surprise.



#### **New Beginnings**

#### by Christie Anderson

Have you had to answer the common "What is your New Year's resolution?" question yet this year? The phrase sparked a brief discussion recently after our morning worship. The first response was a collective groan.

Why is this question so unwelcome? Because many of us see New Year's resolutions as a future disappointment. Yes, we want to improve, but we also know our resolution history is filled with a long line of failures. What seems to be a fresh start, a clean slate, an opportunity to start anew has lost its charm.

In Jesus, we are not defined by our failures. "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT We can join Isaiah in saying, "I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." Isaiah 6:10 NIV

We do not have to wait until the New Year to start over. Every day is a new start. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 RSV He hits the reset button for us each morning! He has more forgiveness for us! Praise God!

May you have a blessed New Year in Jesus!



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Send a quick text with the show name, episode details, and airing time.

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friends

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#### **Dear Better Life,**

I'm so thankful for how God is using Better Life TV and your awesome devoted team.

God is a blessing! So glad to be able to share Better Life TV with so many friends, family and those God brings into my path. Praise God we know He is coming soon. Your updated look is wonderful. Your updating of style and programming is God led. We can never lose when He leads. My prayers are with you, Charlie, and awesome your team.

-Pelham, AL

Dear Better Life,

I love this station! It's on Channel 21 on Spectrum here in North Bend. I'M TELLING OTHERS ABOUT IT! What a blessing!

-North Bend, OR



As Christians, now, the mission is to bless the lives we touch,
To share the hope and joy we hold within our grateful clutch.
The knowledge of God's love and care, which we have come to know,
We dare not harbor for ourselves, but should God's blessings show.

Since we have reason to rejoice regarding Heaven's plans,
Are we not obligated now to share this with each man?
The Spirit who has touched our lives must be shared with all,
So that with better insight, men can answer to God's call.

God's Spirit is living in the hearts of Christian men,
Is never satisfied until they share God's truth again.
If you will share the joy you know, which in your heart abounds,
That joy will be contagious and in others will be found.

-Sandra A. Haynes

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# Better Life TV Program Schedule

# January 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Midnight	It's Coming	Coming Out	Country Wisdom	Bible Answers	Gospel Outreach		Praise!	Midnight
12:30 AM	)	Women in the Word	The Incredible Journey		Maranatha Mission Stories		your Favorite by Request	12:30 AM
1:00 ATT	Secret Life of the Desert	3ABN Homecoming	Sanctuary Salvation & Our Savior	Made for Health	Housecalls	Doug Batchelor	Daniel All Access	1:00 AT
1:30 AM	From Sickness to Health		Authentic	Mission Revival				1:30 AT
2:00 AM	David Klinedinst	Boots 'n Bibles	Stories of Faith	Women in the Word	Better Life Today	Catching the Light	Revelation Now	2:00 ATM
2:30 AM			Nature Music	Receiving the Word	Adventist World Radio	Secret Life of the Desert		2:30 AM
3:00 AM	Spotless	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	The Whole Message	White Horse Media	Worship Hour Special Series	Multitude of Counselors	Revelation Insights	3:00 AM
3:30 AM				Nature Music		UltimatePrescription		3:30 AM
4:00 AM	The Seventh Day	Stories of Faith	Better Life on Tour	GP Worship Hour	NEWSTART Now!	Maranatha Mission Stories	Amazing Facts Presents	4:00 AM
4:30 AM	The Carter Report	When We Talk			Authentic	Contending for the Faith	Gospel Outreach	4:30 AM
5:00 AM	Amazing Adventures	Impact Canvasback	Fountainview Music	Amazing Facts Presents	Animal Encounters	Nature Music	Nature Music	5:00 AM
5:30 AM		Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	IIW Sabbath School	5:30 AM
6:00 ATM	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today Live (repeat)	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	6:00 AM
6:30 ATT								6:30 AM
7:00 AM	Your Favorites by Request	Bible Answers		Shelly Quinn Presents	ASI Conventions	Optimize for Life	Bible Answers	7:00 AT
7:30 AM	It's In The Bible			It's In the Bible		Cook :30		7:30 AM
8:00 AM	GP Worship Hour	Authentic	Secret Life of the Desert	The Seventh Day	Nature Music	Enjoy Healthy Eating	Catching the Light	8:00 AM
8:30 AM		Variety	Variety	Variety	Variety	Variety	Stories of Faith	8:30 AM
9:00 AM	Simple Truths Sabbath School	The Carter Report	Worship Hour Special Series	Fountainview Music	God's Last Message to the World	Made for Health	Pioneer Media	9:00 AM
9:30 AM		Adventist World Radio		Help! I'm a Parent		Mission Revival		9:30 AM
10:00 AM	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School	10:00 AM
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II:00 HIII	Boots 'n Bibles	Or the Grid	Maranatha Mission Stories	Lineage	Jesus for Asia flow	Behold the Lamb Presents	GP Worsnip Hour	II:00 HIII
11:30 AM		Abundant Living	Cook:30	Better Life Today	Amazing Facts Presents			11:30 AM
Doon	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	Body & Spirit	Action 4 Life	Body & Spirit	Raw Questions Relevant Answers	Women in the Word	Doon
12:30 PM	Better Life Today	Heaven's Point of View	UnshacklePurpose/IntimateClarity	Receiving the Word	Journey 'n Journals	Exercise Variety	Fountainview Music	12:30 PM
1:00 PM	3ABN Today Live (repeat)	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	1:00 PM
1:30 PM								1:30 PM
2:00 PM		Variety Hour	Variety Hour	Variety Hour	Variety Hour	Variety Hour	Variety Hour	2:00 PM
2:30 PM								2:30 PM
3:00 PM	Catching The Light	The Whole Message	Evolution Impossible	The Whole Message	White Horse Media	The Whole Message	Kids Time Praise	3:00 PM
3:30 PM	Journey 'n Journals		The Incomparable Jesus				Jesus 101	3:30 PM
4:00 PM	Receiving the Word	Bible Buzz/Sing Along	Kids Time	Bible Gems/Creation Crafts	Kids Time	Kitchen Fun	Secret Life of the Desert	4:00 PM
4:30 PM	Women in the Word	Creation Case	Kids Time Praise	Kids Time Praise	Kids Time Praise	Grandma's House	It Is Written	4:30 PM
5:00 PM	3ABN Sabbath School	Nature Music	Secrets Unsealed	It's Coming	Bible Answers	Islam & Christianty	Secrets Unsealed Presents	5:00 PM
5:30 PM		Catching the Light						5:30 PM
6:00 PM	Worship Hour Special Series	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	Country Wisdom	Prophecy Unsealed	3ABN Today LIVE	Simple Truths Sabbath School	Boots 'n Bibles	6:00 PM
6:30 PM			Gospel Outreach					6:30 PM
7:00 PM	Authentic	Summer Camp Meeting	Behold the Lamb Presents	Doug Batchelor		Stories of Faith	White Horse Media	7:00 PM
7:30 PM	Good News for Muslims					Better Life Today	Nature Music	7:30 PM
8:00 PM	Strategies for Strongholds	Stories of Faith	Better Life Today	Catching the Light	Women in the Word	Boots 'n Bibles	Mark Finley Presents	8:00 PM
8:30 PM	Lineage	The Seventh Day	Adventist World Radio	It Is Written	Gospel Outreach			8:30 PM
9:00 PM	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Authentic	3ABN Today	9:00 PM
9:30 PM						Women in the Word		9:30 PM
10:00 PM	Better Life on Tour	Nature Music	Featured Ministries	NEWSTART Now!	Table Talk	GP Worship Hour	Discover Prophecy	10:00 PM
10:30 PM		Native New Day	Maranatha Mission Stories	your favorites by Request				10:30 PM
11:00 PTJ	Celebrating Life in Recovery	Mark Finley Presents	Prophecy Unsealed	Jesus 101	3ABN Today LIVE (Repeat)	3ABN Family Worship	Jesus for Asia Now	TI:00 PTM
TI:30 PM				Unshackeled Purpose/Raw Questions			Fountainview Music	11:30 PM

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