

## Behind the Scenes

December 2023

### Community From the Desk of Charlie Oliver

One of the most challenging things in life is to express what God has put on our hearts. Sometimes, words seem inadequate or insufficient to convey the depth and richness of our spiritual experiences. How can we share them with others in a meaningful way?

I think the answer is one word: community. Community is something that we often overlook or undervalue, unless it is during this season when we celebrate with our loved ones and friends. Have you ever thought about how blessed you are? And if you are feeling lonely or isolated, do you wish someone would reach out to you and welcome you as a friend?

Better Life Television has been a part of the Southern Oregon community for more than three decades, and in that time, it has expanded to other communities across Oregon, Northern California and Reno, Nevada.

Our world has changed a lot over the years, and so has technology. Better Life started with a simple goal: to bring 3ABN's satellite feed to the communities of Rogue River, Grants Pass and Medford, Oregon. This was not an easy task, but it was a prayerful one. It allowed viewers to join a new Christian community with just a simple antenna and it helped to grow the Community of Christ in our area. There is that word again! Community.

Nowadays, we have so many different ways to access Christian content. Streaming, satellite, apps, phones, antenna, cable ... what a gift! But how does community fit into this?

Better Life brings community. Instead of being separated, each church, each school, each community can interact with one another through Better Life TV and, this is very important, extend this larger



community outward with an invitation that both serves and brings new people into the community. This is the way of Christ in action!

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with people as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He invited them, ‘Follow Me.’” {MHH 73.6}

Thank you for being in community with us as we follow our Lord’s guidance, caring for and loving others.



And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

-Matthew 2:11 ESV



## Inspirational Musings

by Jeanette Stark

When my children were young, we decided to cut our own Christmas tree in the mountains. We looked for an axe or handsaw to cut the tree but came up empty handed. I remembered a knife I was given from a Kirby Vacuum salesman. It was a long, serrated knife and on the sheath of the knife it showed all the things you could cut with it, including small branches. We decided the knife would work for cutting a small tree.

We loaded the kids, snacks and water in the Blazer and headed up to the mountains. After finding the perfect tree, Wendell began cutting. About halfway through the trunk, the blade detached from the handle cutting him badly! I was in a panic to get him off the mountain and to the clinic so we could get him stitched up. But, in true Wendell-style, he yelled at me to grab something to wrap his hand with. I found an old t-shirt in the back of the blazer, and he wrapped his hand tightly, finished cutting that tree, loaded it, tied it on top of the rig, and we headed to town.

Soon after receiving the bill from the clinic, I wrote to the company that sold the knife and told them what had happened. I enclosed a copy of the bill and asked them to pay for the bill. Time went on and I forgot all about the letter.

Weeks later we were headed to church, and I told Wendell we needed to pay our monthly tithe. Wendell was unemployed at the time and money was very tight. You should also know, Wendell never had the same faith and trust that I had regarding paying tithe, but I insisted.

That day after church we picked up the mail. In the mailbox was a letter and check from the company that

made the knife. It was not for the amount I had asked for. Nope, it was more than I had asked for. In fact it was exactly what I had paid that morning in tithe.

There was another time when we had enough money for tithe and bills but there would be no money left for groceries. Wendell felt like we should not pay tithe. How are we going to eat? How will we feed the children? I insisted we pay tithe. I told him, again, that God would provide. We needed to trust Him.

I paid our tithe that month. Shortly after, one evening there was a knock at the door. I opened it and there was a man that we had hired to build some shelving for us a couple of years prior.

He seemed a bit awkward as he said "I have something for you. Can you come outside with me?"

He led us to the back of his car and opened the trunk and said, "I hope this does not offend you, but I was strongly impressed to do this."

His trunk was absolutely filled with groceries. We carried in bag after bag of food. We had enough food to last most of the month. God is so good. You can trust Him with your money.

*"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."*

Malachi 3:10 ESV



# Please Welcome

by Jeanette Stark

We are excited and happy to introduce to you our newest employee, Dan D'Eon. Dan and his wife, Val, moved from Idaho in early November of this year specifically to accept a position at Better Life TV. We are eager to see where his talents will take us.

Dan was the night time DJ for a radio station in Canada which was top of its market in the late 1980's. His career in music continued as a sound technician for the "opening act" at big concerts for country music artists such as Kenny Rogers, Garth Brooks, and Alabama. Dan has also worked in television in Idaho producing well over 5,000 TV commercials. More recently he was one of the IT guys at a state college in Idaho



Dan is a self-admitted tech geek and "computer freak". He is also a Ham Radio operator with a number of radios and a number of antennas. He said his first priority, however, is always his wife and getting done the things she needs done. Dan and Val have been married 31 years this month and Dan said it was his wife that led him to Lord.

Since becoming a Christian in 1992, Dan has desired to put his skills and talents to work for the Lord. He told me Better Life TV is his first opportunity to do that, and he said he couldn't be happier. Actually, his exact words were "I'm pleased as punch."

I asked Dan if there was anything he wanted our readers to know specifically. He answered, "I eventually learned that it is not all about me. It's about Him. We can reach out. We can ask God for help. Sometimes you might feel like you are not being heard but hang in there. A new change is coming. Make a friend; be a friend. Just don't give up."



ways to help a  
grieving friend  
during the holidays

## 1. Talk to them.

It's okay to not know what to say. Start with "Hi!"

## 2. Share a story.

Share a memory or story of their loved one with them.

## 3. Invite them.

Don't take it personally if they say no or cancel at the last moment. The holidays can be overwhelming. They will appreciate the effort.

## 4. Remember everyone grieves differently.

Be there and listen, or just sit with them in silence.

Dear Better Life,

Thank you for everything you are doing to bless others through your broadcasting network.

My husband and I appreciate your programs. Some of our favorites are: Boots 'n Bibles (Good music and Kip keeps it short and sweet and has a great sense of humor), Women in the Word, Variety Hour (especially, Larren Cole, who has some great stories and wonderful insights), and Simple Truths Sabbath School (wise and relevant comments from all). And you have Better Health Channel and Nature Channel. WOW!

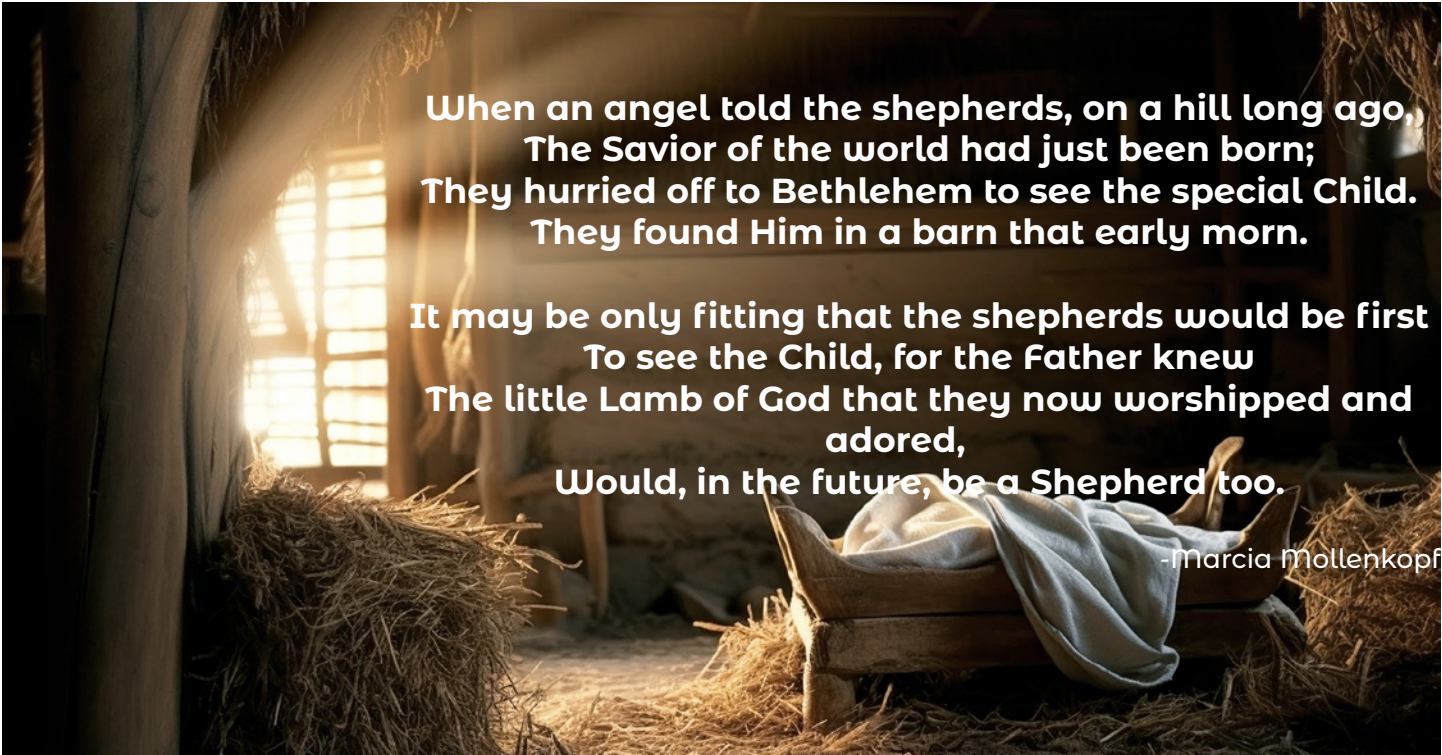
Oftentimes, when I'm busy with housework and cannot really pay attention to a sermon or a program, I will have the Nature Channel running, just to keep a pleasant spirit in the house with uplifting music. Keep up the good work!

-Palo Cedro, CA

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- **by mailing your donation to PO Box 766, Grants Pass, OR 97528**

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**When an angel told the shepherds, on a hill long ago,  
The Savior of the world had just been born;  
They hurried off to Bethlehem to see the special Child.  
They found Him in a barn that early morn.**

**It may be only fitting that the shepherds would be first  
To see the Child, for the Father knew  
The little Lamb of God that they now worshipped and  
adored,  
Would, in the future, be a Shepherd too.**

-Marcia Mollenkopf



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## CHANNEL GUIDE

### Dish Network & DirecTV

**Ch. 30**

Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake & Siskiyou Co.'s

**Ch. 36**

Benton, Coos, Douglas & Lane Counties

ALSO watch via the internet using free apps for Roku, iOS and Apple TV

CITY	CABLE	ANTENNA
Ashland, OR	.....K25IM-D	.....22 .....30
Bandon, OR	.....KAMK-LD	.....21 ..... •
Brookings, OR	.....K16NK-D	.....22 .....30
Canyonville, OR	.....KAMK-LD	.....21 ..... •
Cave Junction, OR	.....K16NK-D	..... • .....30
Coos Bay, OR	.....KAMK-LD	.....21 ..... •
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Crescent City, CA	.....K25NO-D	.....21 .....25
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### Did You Know?

You can share Better Life TV to friends and loved ones that are not in the viewing area. They can watch on Roku, YouTube, iOS and Apple TV with the free apps.

# Better Life TV Program Schedule

# December 2023

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