



# From the Pen of Ken

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## WNKJ/WNLJ Equipment Update

We knew we had a friend in Brother Ed Moseley. Brother Ed, who went home to the Lord earlier this year, was a long-time listener, friend and financial supporter of WNKJ/WNLJ. We miss Brother Ed. Brother Ed was present through the years at all of our “Family Prayer Days.” He would come by, get a plate of “goodies,” sit down by one of the large speakers in our auditorium, and pray over the prayer requests. When he was done, he’d quietly exit and we would then see him again at the next prayer day or at Care-a-thon.

Brother Ed lived frugally and served the Lord in a quiet, steady and consistent manner. To our surprise, the largest gift to this ministry was brought to us by Brother Larry Baker who serves as executor of Brother Ed’s estate. The gift was designated for equipment update, purchase and replacement. With the anticipated move down the hallway, we will be able to update our equipment, purchase a new phone system (we’ve had the same one 36 years and it doesn’t work well now), get a new generator for our studio site, and still have some funds in reserve for future needs. We can’t say thank you to Brother Ed now, but we can say thank you, Lord, for using Brother Ed Moseley and his wonderful stewardship.

## Ways to give to WNKJ/WNLJ

We remain 100% listener-funded. This means you are our only source of income and that represents an operating budget of \$550,000. Through your faithful giving we have been able to this point to broadcast without stopping to air numerous underwriting announcements. Thank you.

Would you consider partnering with us? You can go online at [www.wnkj.org](http://www.wnkj.org), click on “give” and use Cornerstone Payment Processing or you can become a firm friend by joining “The Firm Friend Club,” which is an automatic bank transfer from your account to ours. All the necessary information is online or if you don’t have access to the internet, call us during weekday business hours at 270-886-9655 or toll free 877-885-9655 and we will send you what you need. You may send your gift to:

**WNKJ  
PO Box 1029  
Hopkinsville, KY 42241**

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From all of your WNKJ/WNLJ missionaries, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Ken and Tammy Cummins, Don and Gail Griffey, Joe Barner, Roy Cavender, Ronny Fuller, Kenny Bates and Timothy Griffey.

## A Technical Perspective

Twenty years ago I took my one and only airplane trip. Radio technology was on the verge of the digital age while our 15 year old equipment was either becoming obsolete or worn to the point of being unable to sustain service for long periods of time. I went to the National Association of Broadcasters’ (NAB) Radio Show held that year in Los Angeles. While there, I found several pieces of new digital equipment that were being showcased there but not yet on the market. I returned and made a proposal to the P.C.C. Board for new equipment that I believed would make our on-air sound better and more consistent. The Board approved the proposal, the Lord provided the means, and we moved ahead with that equipment purchase and deployment. Since that time all of that equipment has become obsolete or no longer supported by the manufacturer.



Ten years ago we began experiencing frequent downtime from our original transmitter which had been in service since our sign-on in 1981. At that time I made another proposal to the Board—this time for a new transmitter. The original transmitter was a tube-type transmitter and the one I proposed was solid state (like all electronics are now). That transmitter has the ability to put almost 50% more power than we do now. That was to make it possible for us also broadcast HD radio if the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandated it. (The FCC did not mandate it as it turns out, and they also amended the rules such that our “new” transmitter would no longer put out enough power if they did.) We also installed a generator at our transmitter site which has kept our transmitter on the air during times of utility company power outages. Until the time came we frankly had no idea where the funds would come from for this upgrade but God provided once again when the need arrived.

This past September I once again attended the NAB Radio Show. This time it was held in Nashville, TN. When I originally thought about attending I didn’t expect to research equipment for purchase as I had in 1996. However, as plans began to firm up regarding the relocation of our studios to the office end of the building, it became imperative that I once again set about to search for equipment that would facilitate that move and put us in a good position technologically to face the next 20 years. And once again, our gracious Lord has provided the means once the need was clear (as Ken has alluded to elsewhere in this newsletter).

Just as we entered the digital age twenty years ago we are moving into a new level of digital audio delivery. Our studios will be interconnected—not by a host of cables—but with just one computer networking cable. We will also enhance our remote broadcast capabilities as well as provide high quality audio back up for our transmitter sites. We are also focusing on aesthetics as we construct our new studios as well as making interaction with our Front Porch guests much more interactive by having everyone in the same studio rather than separated by glass as we have now.

We have experienced more power outages at our studio this year than I can remember—especially power outages that were not caused by thunder storms. A generator for key parts of our studio technical operation is also being planned to minimize this kind of downtime in the future as the one at our transmitter site has done for the last 10 years.

Now that the Lord has provided the means, we will make every effort to make our facility ready to face the opportunities of ministry outreach that He has for us in the next twenty years (or until He comes).