

## Pastor's Bio and Blog

### Observations and Biographical Sketch of Pastor Craig Martin Barnes

About the author: **Craig Martin Barnes** (born May 5, 1949, in Oak Park, Illinois) minister, musician, accountant, and author receives international acclaim through religious webcasting on Internet radio. Listeners report that his sermons are being translated into various languages in Europe and Asia, as well as being heard also in four other continents. He is the author of several books, including: *Pillars of the Gospel* and *Feast Days for the Contemporary Mind*.

Educated in Illinois and Florida, he holds a B. S. in music education from the University of Illinois School of Music (1971), while studying flute with Donald Peck, principle flutist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra<sup>1</sup>. He also received a B. A. in accounting and finance from the University of South Florida School of Business (1976), graduating Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Alpha Psi, and awarded the Ernst and Whinney Scholarship. He then became a Certified Public Accountant (1978) while working for the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury<sup>2</sup> (1976-1988) where he wrote the audit manual for the Department of Audit (1982), pioneered implementation of statistical sampling in audit procedures, while also pioneering and coordinating the audits of all state-funded independent nonprofit organizations. In accounting, while managing the computer audit department (1986-1988), he wrote a fund accounting computer program and then coordinated with the Tennessee Department of Human Services to develop a fund accounting computer program specifically designed for all the community action and human resource agencies in the State of Tennessee.

He also had a private CPA practice (1985-1997) as well as a business in investments under the name FoxFire Fund<sup>3</sup> (1988-1998). He has been, and currently is listed on line, in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Finance and Industry, Who's Who in the South and Southeast, and Who's Who in the World<sup>4</sup> for his work in government, auditing, accounting, and finance.

He received formal pastoral training from prolific evangelist Elder Ron Halvorson through the Seventh-day Adventist Church, receiving the title Pastor from the same (1996-1997). He was ordained to the gospel ministry as an elder in 1984. In 1997, leaving the world of business and finance, he became the pastor of the Cave Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church, Chaplain of Cave Springs Home for the handicapped, and in 2011, the speaker of Cave Springs Ministries (now Glory Light Ministries), which operates eight Internet radio stations. Regarding the radio stations, the music is set in a classical/sacred format and, more recently, Gospel Garden. Our music is drawn primarily from the public domain. Other major contributors of music for the radio, given through specific permission, are Three Angel's Broadcasting Network (3ABN), Adventist Heritage Ministry, James William Burks<sup>5</sup>, Dr. Calvin Taylor, Kristin Bolden, Ron Dickerson, Debby Throckmorton, and Kurt Kaiser.

Most recently is the formation of Glory Light Ensemble featuring sacred music in flute and voice accompanied by his wife Joy. They have been performing together for nearly 50 years and are available for church services and performances upon request. Craig's flute and voice, and Joy's piano and organ can be heard on Glory Light Radio.

For more information you can Google him as "Craig Martin Barnes author".

April 12, 2019

Our radio server is down and it will take awhile to troubleshoot the problem. However, the live streaming service is still working, you can still hear us as we live-cast our services. You can see our streaming schedule in the Events section on the home page. This situation will only affect the radio as you try to listen on our website. We will try to be up as soon as possible. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience.

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January 13, 2019

1 DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois

2 Comptroller of the Treasury (William R. Snodgrass), Division of State Audit

3 National Futures Association

4 Marquis Who's Who

5 Grand Ole Opry, 1949-1952 [Ref. Madison Funeral Home, Madison, TN]

Wow! It took longer than expected to return the radio to normal operations, but all 8 stations are working again. We ended up acquiring new equipment and a new operating system, but here we are. Thank you for your patience.

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December 22, 2018

Our live stream service is still up, so we should be able to cast today's sermon live. However, our radio server is down temporarily. We expect to have the regular radio casting available early this week. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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November, 2018

Our live streaming equipment has been repaired! Live streaming can resume beginning December 1, 2018. Thank you for your patience.

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October 28, 2018

Due to equipment failure, live streaming will be suspended until repairs can be made. Unfortunately, we do not yet have an expected timetable. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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October 9, 2018

The required repairs have been made. Our next scheduled live stream is October 20. Thank you for your patience.

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October 6, 2018

Due to equipment failure, live streaming will be suspended until repairs can be made. We expect to be up again by October 20. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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January 12, 2018

Snow Emergency! Tomorrow, January 13, 2018, we will cast our second special Emergency Snowbird Sermon. This seems to happen about once each winter. Whenever this happens, we will place a special notification on the home page, so you can be aware of any last minute schedule changes. Please follow the arrows in the notification box, select the "Events" tab and then select "Speaking and Live Stream Schedule". We hope you are blessed by these occasional surprise live casting sessions.

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November 15, 2017

Regress! Our radio server is down temporarily as of sometime last night. The GLM "elves" are working to restore service ASAP. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you to those who have called expressing their concerns.

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August 19, 2016

Progress! Since our move, we have been working on re-establishing our live stream capability. We have prepared new mobile apparatus that will allow us to live-stream remotely from anywhere we can connect to Internet. As part of our preparation, we plan to beta-test tomorrow from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ashland City, Tennessee. The start time will be 9:45 to 10:00 AM Central Daylight Time. We hope you can join us. Just click on the “Glory Light Live” button on the Radio screen. Happy Sabbath.

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December 17, 2015

We now have all 8 of our planned radio stations up and running. The technical changes we have made have allowed us to add the last three. Please enjoy “**Reflective Reverence**” (light classical, inspirational, and sacred music with short talks), “**Sacred Songs**” (sacred music with short talks), and “**Gospel Garden**” (gospel and other sacred music with sermons).

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December 7, 2015

Our minor catastrophic technical difficulty turned into a less minor situation than originally thought. We ended up changing the operating systems to most of our computers while changing directions several times. However, all our stations have been operating steadily for six days now and it looks as if we have stabilized. Please keep in touch. We appreciate your suggestions and input. Thank you for your patience.

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October 8, 2015

Due to a minor catastrophic technical difficulty, some of our stations will be down for awhile. We hope to be back up as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience.

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August 17, 2015

After our move, we thought by now we would have a sanctuary from which to present our live services. However, the Lord has not seen fit to provide a place, yet. We continue to look for the Lord's leading in this need, so please continue to check our Events page for our preaching schedule. If you would like us to present at *your* church, please email us at [glorylight.org@gmail.com](mailto:glorylight.org@gmail.com). Thank you.

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July 9, 2015

Announcing our fifth radio station, “Sacred Surprise”. This station features all sacred music with sermons and talks for those who like to listen to exclusively sacred music all week long. May your listening blessings be full!

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May 4, 2015

Well! The worst of the move is completed. Now begins the “re-arrangement”. We have our website back up, as you already know. Two of our four stations have survived, so far. The other two need hard-

ware repairs, which we hope will be completed in the next day or two. Glory Light Chapel will be delayed indefinitely, as we are squeezed in pretty tightly, right now. Please check the events calendar for our speaking schedule and possible live casting. More information will be forthcoming as new developments arise. We hope you are blessed by what we have going so far. Thank you for your patience. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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February 21, 2015

No we haven't moved yet. We have been caught in the clutches of the ice storm Tennessee has had for the last week. On the first day, our Internet service went down. However, the problem is that the repair trucks cannot get into our valley and we cannot get out. We are stuck. We are looking to Monday to have our Internet service restored. We feel fortunate in that we have had electrical power this whole week. Not everyone has been so fortunate, I understand. Today it is raining and freezing onto the ice that is already on the roads in our valley and we just wait for warmth and sunshine. In the meantime, our website remains completely down. May God bless you and keep you warm and dry wherever you are.

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February 1, 2015

We are in transition. For the next three months we will be moving our facilities. As we make this move, we will attempt to keep our website up without a break of significant length. However, a break of a day or several days is possible, depending on circumstances. If you lose us, please keep trying periodically until we come back up. We value your interest and apologize for any disruption or inconvenience.

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November 5, 2014

I have two exciting events I would like to tell you about today. First I'll cover the gospel message and then I'll tell you about the radio.

My first two books were released earlier this year – *Pillars of the Gospel* and *Feast Days for the Contemporary Mind*. For many years I had been constantly impressed that there was a special message God was trying to give us in the seven feasts of Leviticus 23 – a message telling us the special story of the gospel of Jesus Christ – His life and ministry, and His all-encompassing love for us. *Feast Days for the Contemporary Mind* is the book that discusses these feasts in detail, but was actually my second book, as the books were written.

Although *Pillars of the Gospel* preceded *Feast Days for the Contemporary Mind*, it actually is a companion guide to the second book because it lays the foundation of the gospel principles revealed in the seven feasts God gave us. This is why I recommend that before reading *Feasts Days*, that you understand the *Pillars*. Then you will have a good foundation for digesting what God tells us in the incredible Feasts He gave us.

It took me five years to write *Feast Days for the Contemporary Mind* and I was wonderfully blessed by God while preparing it. Many times I was blown away by what I learned regarding these seven feasts. I believe that you will be blessed as well.

The preparation of *Pillars of the Gospel* was a little bit different. Most of the concepts presented in this book came to me while preparing and delivering a series of sermons. Yes, you read me correctly. God

even blessed during the actual *delivery* of some of them. One, in particular, is still being heard on our radio, and you can actually hear places where these inspirations came to me.

Preliminary comments from initial sales have been highly favorable so far, so please check the “New Books” section on the left side of the home page for more information about these books<sup>6</sup> and how you can obtain your very *own* set, or for gifts to friends and loved ones. Proceeds from the sale of these books will be used to finance Glory Light Ministries and Glory Light Foundation.

A number of changes appear to be coming to our radio in the near future.

1. It looks as if we will be adding two more stations, one of which will be dedicated to live streaming which should be mobile, so we can go on the road and still live-cast most anywhere on our speaking schedule. This weekend at Lancaster, Tennessee, will be our “beta test” of this new system, so be sure to check the radio section at the bottom of the home page for information on how to connect.
2. The second station, bringing a new listening experience, will also be made available soon – hopefully, this week. So, again, check the home page for more information.
3. I have added a speaking schedule for at least two months in advance, so you can be kept abreast of where we are. Be sure to connect to hear us wherever we might be. Check the “Events” section on the left side of the home page for more information. If we are at a location near you, please email us for directions ([cjmb@comcast.net](mailto:cjmb@comcast.net)).

Many blessing to you and your loved ones. As we enter the holiday season with its love, family, and wonderful *feasts*, please forever keep in your mind the One who provided the blessings these holidays are designed to memorialize.

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April 5, 2014

During the sermon today, our recording and casting computer went down. We apologize to those who may have been listening. For the benefit of who were caught in the middle, the sermon will be repeated next week. This will affect Masterly Mix only. Reflective Reverence is still running, so feel free to enjoy continued blessings on this station. Service should be restored to Masterly Mix soon. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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March 28, 2014

Yesterday, we went full time from Cave Springs Ministries to Glory Light Ministries. We worked hard with long preparation to be able to make this switch as seamlessly as possible. However, the change has not been as seamless as we had hoped. For some reason, the sermons downloading function did not survive the transition intact. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope to have this issue resolved shortly. Thank you for your patience.

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March 25, 2014

One month from today, April 25, 2014, my first two books will be released. **They are *Feast Days for the Contemporary Mind*** and its companion book, ***Pillars of the Gospel***. They describe the seven Hebrew feast days from the Biblical Book of Leviticus and how they are a prophecy of the work of Jesus

<sup>6</sup> If you do an Internet search, search my *full* name, or the book titles with my name attached.

Christ and how they relate to us today, in 2014. Look for them at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. Check out the covers on the Events page in the Home section. Advance orders are being accepted.

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March 24, 2014

By now you have seen that we have changed our name to Glory Light Ministries. This represents a new direction that we are heading. We hope the improvements that we shall be able to make will be a benefit to you, our readers and listeners. For example, we have begun to add recipes to our Vege Cuisine section and we plan to add written articles to our Library section that will supplement our other offerings such as the audio sermons download feature in our School of Bible section and our radio stations. If there is anything you would like to see, please let us know.

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December 5, 2013

Because of a family emergency we have to go away for a little while. The pulpit will be vacant on Sabbath(s) and the radio will be on vacation mode while we are gone. Thank you for your patience. We hope you enjoy the Christmas music this season and that you have a blessed Christmas and holiday season.

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November 30, 2013

Welcome to our Winter seminar on the book of Galatians. For those who desire to listen on the radio, all live webcasts of all our messages can be found on Masterly Mix whenever we have them. Today's times are 11:00 am to 11:30 am for the start of the church sermon, and in the afternoon for the start of the seminar about 2:15 pm Central Time, USA. We hope you are blessed through listening.

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November 5, 2013

We are experiencing technical difficulties. For the next day or two the radio may be going in and out. If you can't hear us currently, please check back with us later and we should be back up soon. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and thank you for listening. Blessings.

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June 22, 2013

Still quiet. Still adding new materials to the radio. I hope you enjoy the new 18<sup>th</sup> century American choral hymns. We will be in vacation mode for the next two or three weeks. I will be playing sacred music as the default, unless I am able to make changes remotely. If I can do that consistently, I will try to make the changes during the week, but I will not do anything that would jeopardize the Sabbath programming. Blessings! And thank you for listening.

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March 16, 2013

All is quiet here. We are still working on the radio, adding new material, etc. Donations are still coming in for storm repair. Thank you so much. We are making progress in our repairs. As a new thing, on top of all others, we are re-plumbing the cafeteria, as the water to the dishwasher was slowing below ac-

ceptable levels. Many thanks to those who attended our seminar last month. We hope many received a blessing from listening in. We know that those who attended did. God is good.

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February 22, 2013

Donations are starting to come in to help us with the costs of rebuilding. Thank you so much! It's just a beginning, but we know there are people who care. God bless you all.

The seminar is tomorrow. It is Paul's letter to the Ephesians. That is an easy book to preach from because it is so loaded with good news. I hope you can join us and share in our joy in the salvation provided by our God.

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February 19, 2013

It appears we will probably be able to begin live webcasts again this weekend, for our critical cable (yes, the same fiber cable that was attacked by the tornado and was miraculously preserved from rip, slice, puncture, and also came through the fire still working) is now up and running. To celebrate, we have decided to have our February seminar! We are studying the wonderful book of Ephesians. I pray that you will be able to attend. See below for details of the storm and check our Events page for the time and place of our seminar. Blessings to all! (My apologies for the short notice.)

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February 16, 2013

Well... Pastor's eyes are bigger than his stomach again (to borrow a phrase). Hope springs eternal, you know. In spite of my hopes to be able to do a live webcast of the sermon today, it will not happen. God's timing is not necessarily man's timing, so we will wait. I finally took the radio announcements off the air yesterday, and even though I feel confident we will be back by next week, I will not cast the announcements again until my IT crew says we are actually back up and running.

We are still involved with storm recovery (as you can see, or rather, *not hear*, see below), and other issues are still in progress such as having to use our cell phones in the administration building because the same cable that carries the radio signal also carries the telephone service.

So again we apologize for any inconvenience. Please continue to enjoy the radio service that God is blessing us with currently.

Happy Sabbath and God bless.

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February 12, 2013 (Abraham Lincoln's birthday)

Today is Abraham Lincoln's birthday. He was probably the greatest president this country has ever had.

Well, we have progress! Masterly Mix is now up. However, you can expect some interruptions in all of our webcasts and websites within the next week or so as we make adjustments to the system. If we go out, keep checking, we should be back before the day is over, and probably in less time than that.

Thank you for your patience.

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February 11, 2013

High winds (again!) and rain thwarted our attempt to re-attach our fiber optic cables. For this reason, the resumption of our live broadcasts will be delayed indefinitely (hopefully, by only one week). However, we will continue to work for the resumption of our radio webcasts. Currently we have one station, "Reflective Reverence", that is functioning. I expect more to be up shortly.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Stay tuned for any new developments, and enjoy the partial programming currently available.

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February 8, 2013

It looks as if we are not going to be able broadcast the sermon live, tomorrow. I left the regular announcement up all week hoping we could make the needed repairs, but alas, the cleanup efforts took their toll on our time, this week (see below). My IT department tells me that early next week is the new target for full restoration. So we will work toward that goal and trust the Lord to bless. At any rate, it will soon be back in service. (He will bless the content if not the timing.)

We apologize for any inconvenience. Stay tuned for any new developments, and enjoy the partial programming currently available.

Many thanks to the students and staff from Harbert Hills Academy for their tremendous assistance this week. Everyone was impressed with the work ethic shown and the great assistance in cleaning up the mess. The next part is the construction crews....

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Happy Sabbath.

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February 4, 2013

What a terrible blogger I am! If a blog is supposed to be updated every day, I'm not going to make it. It seems as if you blink, a month goes by and if you sneeze, a tornado is the result! We can only hope for an even keel.

Well, we have plenty of music to add to our radio programming, but (it seems) no time to do it. So if you are enjoying the programming we have so far, there is more to come.

However, this is not the big news.

You may have noticed that our radio stations have been down lately. This is because of the "big sneeze". Yes, we were hit by a tornado January 30. I could tell you about it myself, but our daughter-in-law is a closer eyewitness than I am, so I will let her tell the story:

## **Never Underestimate the Power of the Still Small Voice**

by Amber Barnes

On the night of January 29, 2013, we went to bed with strong wind warnings. The wind outside our window sounded pretty loud but it's not like we've never had that before. About 2:15 am the wind was loud enough to wake me up. I sat up for a while looking on my phone at news stations and weather websites. I found that we were under a tornado watch but we get those practically anytime a few people sneeze at the same time. News channels around here like to scare people and if you ran for cover every time they freaked out, you would just live in your hallway or "safe spot". However, we were not under a tornado watch when we went to bed.



A little after 2:30 am I decided I was tired and that I would try to go back to sleep. I asked God to watch over us and keep everyone on campus safe. I then laid down and as I did that, my husband, Walter, woke up. We spoke for a moment about how loud the wind was. As we were talking the wind got even louder. We agreed that maybe we should leave the room because we were on the second floor. We got up and started getting ready to leave. In just a few moments we started hearing pine cones hit our bedroom windows with great force. After a minute or so we were just about ready and Walter headed for the door while I picked up my cat.

My cat, Spooks, is a big baby, he's afraid of everything. When the weather gets a little loud he hides and can not be found. Oddly enough he had been sleeping on my feet and when we got up he went just under the step of our bed, no farther. So I was able to grab him and put him in my left arm where he likes to be. I then decided to take the three steps to the head of my bed to pick up my flashlight since the lights were flickering. Meanwhile Walter got about 2-3 steps away from our bedroom door (still inside the room).

I was about a foot and a half from a window. Just after I put my hand on my flashlight, the window exploded into the room. The rest of the time that I was in the room I was in a daze and details are fuzzy. Just after the double-paned window exploded I turned my back to the window and screamed. The wind at that point was so loud that even to me my own scream was barely audible. Amazingly, despite the explosion, despite screaming, despite the wind roaring into the room, Spooks was staying still in my arms. If he is scared and someone makes a slightly loud noise or moves too quickly he will jump and run.

About the time the window exploded the power went off and stayed off for the next 15+ hours. I could not see a thing and I knew that despite the fact that glass must be everywhere I had to get to the door at the opposite corner of the room. I figured I'd deal with the cuts and glass in my feet later and beelined to where I knew the door must be. When I got to the door I somehow knew it was closed and I would have to get it open. But before I could even reach for the doorknob, the door opened and Walter was there.

At the time the window exploded, Walter was a few feet from the door, inside the room. Yet, somehow he found himself outside the bedroom door and when he began to step toward me, the door that had been up against the wall, suddenly slammed in his face. He was pushing as hard as he could trying to open the door to get in to me but was unable to get it to budge at all until just when I got to the other side.

I hurried out of the room and we shut the door behind us to contain the wreckage and keep our cats away from everything. We moved to the top of the stairs where Walter looked at me and saw I was bleeding. I hurried down the stairs for the downstairs bathroom that is also our most safe room. Halfway down the stairs Spooks finally moved again and jumped over my shoulder and took off.

When I arrived at the downstairs bathroom, I felt my head and found a wound that was bleeding profusely. I started using my hand to wash the wound. But the blood kept coming so very heavily I asked Walter to get his mother who lives next door and is a nurse. After a while of washing the wound I finally stopped, sat down, and, using paper towels, pushed as hard as I could on the wound. Finally the bleeding stopped.

Walter's parents came and helped clean and bandage the 1½-inch gash on top of my head and pull our bed away from the window that was now open to the rain. I lost enough blood that while Walter's mom was working on the cut I started feeling like I sometimes do after giving blood, except stronger than usual. I got a cold sweat, a bit nauseated and felt weak. I sat there thinking of what they give you after giving blood and had Walter get me something to drink and a granola bar to try to quickly get things replenishing again.

After I was bandaged and no longer bleeding everywhere I went upstairs and sat in the living room to just relax a bit. Walter and his parents tried to see what had happened outside but it was only 4 something in the morning so they gave up and went back inside. They looked in our bedroom and found glass everywhere, across the whole length of the room. I do not know how I crossed the room without ever feeling any glass under my feet. There were also large pieces of glass on our bed where we had been lying less than 5 minutes before the window exploded. They also found a branch that was likely what hit me in the head. Walter and I sat on the couch and tried to get some more sleep but we both were too excited to sleep. At one point I reached in my robe pocket and found a piece of glass!

When it started to get light we looked outside and saw a bit of the wreckage. I grabbed my camera and covered my bandage with a water resistant hat (for it was still raining) and we went out to start taking pictures. What we found was amazing. Across our campus there are uncountable number of trees down, some broken, some ripped up by the roots. Every path out of campus was blocked by trees. So, had the bleeding not stopped or the wound been deeper so as to need stitches, we could not have made the trip to the emergency room without assistance and delay.

The pavilion on the ball field was ruined. The wood posts and their concrete bases were ripped out of the ground and lying next to where they had stood all in formation. The rest was scattered. One of the trees behind our house was broken

and toppled. The sun room on the back of Walter's parent's house was ruined. The metal roof on one of our currently unused dorms was ripped off. There were also trees down behind and on top of that building. In the woods just behind that building there is a long strip of trees all broken and on the ground in the woods. We also found multiple power lines down and two trees that were near our chapel that fell next to the building instead of on it.

We made our way down to the dorm that holds all our current clients and found it completely untouched. There was very minimal damage to trees a little way away from and behind the dorm but the dorm itself and all the clients were completely safe and untouched.

Continued inspection of the campus found a long branch stabbed into the roof of an unoccupied building and an unoccupied mobile home split in two by a large tree. Our fiber network was mostly down on the ground. The entire roof was completely ripped off our little building holding the lawn mowers. We also found that one of the power lines that came down was so hot it had bounced around burning designs in the grass everywhere it touched. The biggest cost areas are multiple broken windows, at least four roofs need to be replaced, and the sun room needs to be rebuilt.

Earlier in the morning, after my wound had been cared for, I realized that my vision was weird and noticed that the left lens on my glasses was gone. We also found a small cut out of the thick plastic of the frames. So once the immediate needs were taken care of and the television interviews were over, we went to try to get new glasses for me. The eye doctor decided not to charge me because she knew Walter's parents and was amazed at the story of what happened to my glasses yet I had no damage to my eye. Then we went to buy the glasses. Thankfully I was able to get new glasses the same day. The next day we finally found the lens from my old glasses. It was intact and lying on a shelf that was more than 10 feet behind where I was standing when I was hit.

All totaled, I have the gash on my head, a bruised forehead, a couple tiny cuts on my body and that's all the physical injuries on campus. Even Spooks was free of injury even though he had glass in his fur. Despite glass being all over our bedroom, I was barely touched by any of it, including my feet. I never got cut or even remember feeling the glass under my feet when I walked through the room. We even found glass that squeezed under the bathroom door and into our bathroom. Also a gouge in our bedroom door where a piece of glass flew across the length of the room and stabbed into the wood door before it slammed shut in Walter's face.

I know that some do not believe in a loving, caring, God, but seeing all that went on that night I find it hard *not* to believe. Had I not awoken, we would have been in bed and showered with large pieces of glass. Had Spooks acted like he normally does, I would not have been able to get him. Had I not bent down to grab my flashlight, I would have been hit in the face and neck. By going to get my flashlight I did get hit in the head with a stick but otherwise likely would have been stabbed by the glass that gouged the bedroom door. I do not remember navigating around the bed or touching the floor and the glass on it, I only felt like I moved straight across the room. Walter was standing in the room and watched the window explode (as if seeing it in slow motion), yet he was untouched by any glass; and when he went to take a step toward me, instead moving, he found himself outside the bedroom and the door slammed in his face, keeping him from walking in the glass. Despite the window being double-paned and glass everywhere, I barely got touched by any of it. Something hit my glasses and sent the lens flying but nothing got in my eye; other than my forehead being slightly bruised, my eye is safe.

Of all the things flying around, there was not a lot of injury. The building holding all our clients was totally untouched. The fiber network that helps us to be able to provide Christian Internet radio to the world is salvageable. Fiber is notoriously fragile; and despite it coming in contact with live wires at very high temperatures (burning grass and melting the steel support cable that was holding the fiber); despite flying wood roofs landing on it, and getting tangled up in flying metal roofing, etc.; despite the steel support cable being severed in multiple places and the strong fishing line that held the two together being broken repeatedly, the fiber was intact and still working!

On and on. We were told that our campus was the worst hit area in Cheatham County, yet multiple important things made it through untouched or much better off than one would expect.

I fully feel that God was watching over all of us on campus and I praise the Lord that my injuries were not worse and are healing very quickly.

Psalms 91:14-15

"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him."

Psalms 91:11-12

"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways and will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:11, 12

"And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a *still small voice*."

That fragile fiber cable carries the still small voice. You might be able to knock it down, but you cannot knock it out. It will rise again and be heard around the world.

*If you would like to help with the relief effort, you may donate through the websites listed below, through the Cave Springs Home Disaster Relief Fund at the Community Bank in Cheatham County, Tennessee, or through snail mail to P. O. Box 160 Pegram, Tennessee 37143. You can learn about the care of the handicapped at [www.cavespringshome.org](http://www.cavespringshome.org) and you can listen to the still small voice at [www.cavespringsministries.org](http://www.cavespringsministries.org) – when these web pages are finally restored to working order.*

As you can see, our website is back up. The "Reflective Reverence" station is finally up. It will still take a few days for "Masterly Mix" to come back up, but we have ordered new parts, and friends will help us with reinstalling the cable, so we shall return. The other aspects of Cave Springs Ministries are still functioning, and all our staff and clients are doing fine. God is good.

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December 21, 2012 – our first blog entry ever.

Some of you have been told that we were planning to provide various options for Internet radio listening. After many weeks of hitting our proverbial "heads" against the wall, the logjam has finally broken (and it wasn't in our *heads*, either). Our IT "elves" found the offending line in the code and we now are moving forward. The circumstances seemed to indicate divine intervention, so we give all the credit to God for showing us what the problem was.

Now it is your turn – all we ask *you* to do is receive the blessing!

Our first lineup for the different stations will be *vacation mode*. **Masterly Mix** is sacred music with sermons. **Reflective Reverence** is sacred music with short talks. You can choose between more or less "talking". Regular programming, as detailed on the Radio page, will begin for the first time in January.

Many thanks to Mr. Kurt Kaiser for recently granting permission for us to webcast his music. We are still loading it, but his Christmas music you can enjoy now.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed new year.