



WNZR's Annual "Lifeline" Fundraiser Returns

Written by Henry Shobert



The 2023 edition of WNZR's annual fundraiser, Lifeline, began on March 29 and continued until April 3 in an attempt to raise \$65,000. Lifeline is WNZR's primary source of funding and is vital to the sustainability of the station. Lifeline's theme for this year was, "God is in This Story," which is based on the song by Katy Nichole and Big Daddy Weave.

Marcy Rinehart, WNZR station manager, discussed the station and why she believes that Lifeline is so important. She explained, "WNZR is a listener-supported radio ministry of MVNU. We get a small budget through the university, but our funds come mainly through the listeners. It is so helpful because it sustains us throughout the whole year so we can be there for our listeners 24/7/365."

She continued, discussing the relationship between the station and the community, saying, "Our ministry is a partnership between us and the community. We could not do what we do year-round without our faithful donors." She also noted that WNZR ensures that donors will see where their funds are going and the impact they are having. She said, "We put a list of needs on our website of where we are going to spend our funds. They go to the office manager, assistant station manager, and then our students who work over breaks when all the others are gone. It is not about the money; it is about giving our students this incredible experience to connect and experience the power of Christian radio."

Director of broadcasting and co-host of WNZR's "Afternoon Drive," Joe Rinehart, expressed his gratitude for what Lifeline has brought and continues to bring to the station. In his and Marcy's press release earlier this month, he said, "Your support helps us stay focused on what we're all about – broadcasting an uplifting message that encourages listeners and families every day. Your partnership is also an investment in our students to develop their communication skills and discover purpose in their lives." He also added, "I am full of gratitude because, once again, our listeners have sent a strong message that they believe in WNZR and how we strive to serve them. It lets our students know that they are loved and valued. Our team worked well together this year, and Marcy and I are blessed to guide and mentor them."

The students involved in Lifeline also expressed their thanks for the experience of Lifeline and the chance to grow as a team. Senior Zoe Bricker said, "My Lifeline experience this year was nothing short of amazing. I love the season of Lifeline because this is the time of year when the staff grows closer." She continued, "The Communications department is so tight-knit, and some of my very best friends are from here. I am grateful for Joe and Marcy's leadership during this time as well."

The entire station was ecstatic when the goal was met and expressed their thankfulness to the donors who helped them meet the goal. Marcy said, "I am so thankful for the incredible and faithful support of our donors. Their partnership in our radio ministry allows us to broadcast and minister to the community throughout the year. Thanks to everyone that joined us during Lifeline to share stories of God's faithfulness. Thank you for being a part of our story!"

As of April 5, Lifeline has brought in a total of over \$73,670!



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Encountering our Faith

by Morgan Mills



With the spring semester coming to an end, it is not surprising that many students are on the receiving end of a never-ending to-do list. One event on campus that continues to relieve students of their burnout is the annual student revival. This community- and Christ-centered celebration focuses on both new and returning students and their walk with God during a stressful period in the semester. For many, this is a time to rest in the knowledge that our God is guiding us through our toughest moments. Joseph Hurst recounted his past years attending student revival as well as his senior year, saying, “Each service has brought something different, but each of them has been filled with the peaceful and faithful presence of Christ in some of the most beautiful ways.”

Multiple students have shown courage by sharing how God has been in their stories as well as other powerful messages, such as learning how to find wonder in Christ. The student revival also teaches students how to incorporate God into their daily life, even for just an hour or two. “I have learned that when I don’t make space for God during my day amid even the most stressful of semesters, then I begin to find myself drowning, and only God can pull me up, dry me off, and fill my cup fully,” Hurst confided when asked how the revival fortified his faith.

Hurst also explained the factor he thought made the revival successful each year during his time here — our community. “Many supportive students and faculty and people love to show fellowship and worship together. There have been reflections of that all week with large groups praying together during the services and many people congregating afterward in fellowship.

MVNU is a space where students can create and foster connections that will last a lifetime. Student revival works towards this goal while creating space for Christ to join them as well. The revival services featured invigorating musical performances, and the discourse detailed forging a personal relationship with Christ. Afterward, the community came together in a stirring display of renewed fellowship.



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Justice Talk Highlights Various Perspectives on Masculinity

by Faith West



Mount Vernon Nazarene University’s Justice Project aims to discuss prevalent social issues from a biblical perspective and never shies away from tough topics. This year, discussions have ranged from food insecurity to pornography and, most recently, biblical manhood. While explaining the selection process for this topic, Justice Project student director Kiera “KJ” Jones mentioned that the original discussion was meant to center around gender roles, but the Justice Project leadership team ultimately decided to focus on biblical manhood due to the prevalence of the term “toxic masculinity” in the media today. Jones also emphasized that the team wanted this talk to be different than those in the past, so they set out to select a unique panel.

Jones recalled that while selecting the panel, the team sought to answer the question, “Who would we know through campus relations that would have different ideas about the topic?” Hank Spaulding, director of the Justice Project, suggested that the panel include a coach or representative from athletics to appeal to student-athletes. Jones also stated, “We always desire to have someone from the School of Christian Ministries to give biblical evidence or add to the conversation in a theological sense.” With these parameters in mind, the team developed a panel consisting of David Schrappe, Doug VanNest, Jeff Styer, Kyle Meyers, Zach Ganzberg, and Tommy Lobdell.

“It was just cool to have such different perspectives on what manhood can look like,” Jones remarked. This wide variety of opinions also drew in many students from various areas of campus. Jones explained that even if people only attended to see one person, it was great to have them in that space, adding to the conversation. “I think having the different perspectives also accomplished the goal of just widening people’s horizon of the topic,” Jones stated, “Even if they don’t agree with a certain point of view, they were able to hear a different point of view.” This, she explained, is the ultimate goal of the Justice Project.

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