The newsletter of Good News Broadcasting | Winter 2026

sounding out





WELCOME

to the Winter 2026 edition of Sounding Out!

I want to say thanks to everyone who responded so generously to the letter I sent earlier in the summer. Your generosity was hugely encouraging, and I am very grateful for your support.

Sadly, we continue to operate at a significant monthly deficit. Back in 2021, we found ourselves in a similar position, and God provided in a truly remarkable way through two legacies, which have sustained the ministry ever since. As I mentioned in my summer letter, the next 18 months will be pivotal for us. The board will soon need to make some critical decisions about the year ahead and are meeting soon to discuss the options.

Whatever the future holds I am still passionate about teaching the Bible through media. I love this ministry and the work we do! I would really value your prayers at this time, and would love you to join me and the staff team for a special prayer meeting.

Despite our money troubles I am very excited about the growing opportunities we have in Malawi. Please read all about it on page 6.

We have produced a Christmas tract this year. Containing a short gospel message, it's ideal to pop inside your Christmas cards to unbelieving friends and family or to make available in your church.



If you'd like copies then please order before 16th December to ensure delivery before Christmas. They are free of charge but donations to cover printing and posting costs would be welcome.

And, as always, we continue to produce Biblical teaching programmes each week, reaching listeners across the UK and beyond!

Tom

MINISTRY PARTNERS LIVE

PLEASE JOIN US AT A SPECIAL MEETING TO PRAY FOR THE MINISTRY OF GOOD NEWS BROADCASTING

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 7.30PM

ZOOM MEETING ID 910 262 9144. NO PASSCODE REQUIRED.

CURRENT PROGRAMMES

WORD ALIVE



On *Word Alive* Tom has just come to the end of a three-part series on the subject of doubt.

Taking three characters from the New Testament he has looked at doubting the evidence (Thomas), doubts due to experience (John the Baptist) and doubts of assurance (Peter).

If you've ever had doubts about your faith, and surely most of us have at some time, then these programmes are well worth a listen. Perhaps you could share them with someone you know who is struggling right now.

All *Word Alive* programmes are available on our website and as a podcast.

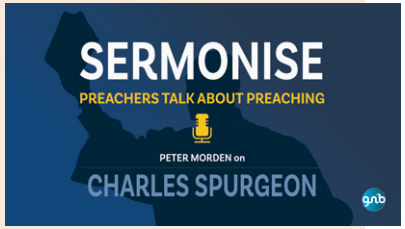
BIBLE FOCUS



We were glad to welcome Neville Patterson, Chairman of the Board, back to the GNB studio recently. He kindly recorded a week of programmes for *Bible Focus*. Senses of Wonder: sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch.

Listen online at gnba.net/programmes or subscribe to the *Bible Focus* podcast.

SERMONISE



Sermonise has taken a slightly different direction lately looking at preachers from the past. On the latest episode Peter Morden, Principal of Bristol Baptist College, talks to Tom about the preaching of the 'prince of preachers', Charles Spurgeon. It's fascinating stuff.

Find *Sermonise* through our website or your podcast app. We are also gradually making all episodes available on our YouTube channel.

Remembering

Dave McCormick



In June, we were saddened to hear that former GNB Chair of Finance, Dave McCormick, had passed away.

For many years after relinquishing his role on the board, Dave was still of invaluable help to Good News Broadcasting, most notably during our two years without a Finance Administrator.

GNB Chairman, Neville Patterson, writes:

David McCormick was a quiet, faithful Christian whose life spoke far louder than words ever could. He was a loyal friend, a regular and committed member of his church, and someone who served the Lord faithfully behind the scenes.

David generously used his accounting skills and gave up his time to support many Christian ministries, including GNB. He never sought recognition or praise; he simply saw a need and faithfully met it. His humility, integrity and willingness to serve were a real blessing to so many.

Outside of church, David was a devoted Manchester United supporter and had a surprisingly broad taste in music. He enjoyed rock bands but the David I remember best is the one who would quietly drive me to and from GNB board meetings with the soothing sounds of Classic FM filling the car. Those journeys reflected something of David himself—calm, steady, thoughtful and dependable.

David was a kind, caring and generous family man who touched many lives through simple acts of faithfulness and service. He leaves behind an example of a life lived for Christ with humility and grace.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but we do not grieve without hope. David trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we rejoice in the promise that he is now in the presence of the Saviour he loved and faithfully served.

GNB staff and board members were glad to be able to attend Dave's funeral and thanksgiving services in July and to thank God for his life and service.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."
Matthew 25:23

Ways to give

Whether you've been supporting us for years or you're just discovering what we do, your generosity is what keeps our doors open and our mission moving forward - every gift is important. Thank you!

We know everyone has their favourite way to give but here's a complete guide of all the ways you can donate to GNB. Choose whichever way works best for you!

DIGITAL GIVING

Use one of these fast, secure platforms.

- gnba.net/donate/make-one-off-gift/. You can give via PayPal account, or choose 'Donate with Debit or Credit Card'.
- GoodHub
- Stewardship
- CAF (Charity Aid Foundation)

BANK TRANSFER

If you use online banking this is a great way to make one-off gifts or set up a regular Standing Order. You'll need some or all of these bank details...

Bank: Unity Trust Bank
Account name: The Good News Broadcasting Association (GB) Ltd Reg
Account number: 20081724 Sort Code: 60-83-01 Charity number: 275115
Swift code (BIC): NWBKGB2L IBAN: GB93NWBK60023571418024

BY PHONE

Give us a call during office hours and we can take a card payment securely over the phone 01777 817138.

BY POST

Prefer the traditional route? Write a cheque payable to Good News Broadcasting and post it directly to our mailing address:

Good News Broadcasting, Wilsons House, Wilsons Park, Manchester M40 8WN

LEAVE A LEGACY

Would you consider remembering Good News Broadcasting in your will? For many years GNB has benefited from unexpected legacies often at times of great need. Please contact us for more information or visit gnba.net/legacy/.



RADIO LISTENING CLUBS
AN UPDATE!

Our gift of radios and Bible-teaching programmes has been the inspiration to transform Christian discipleship in the Evangelical Bible College of Malawi and beyond!

Though literacy has risen in recent years, there is a declining reading culture in Malawi. There is also limited access to affordable study resources for believers. Radios, however, remain one of the most accessible communication tools across the country. It's no surprise then that the radios and Bible teaching we sent to EBCoM have been so warmly received.

In July, we heard from our partners 'on the ground' in this project, Zambesi Mission, that the students are greatly benefiting from the Radio Listening Clubs in many ways.

There are three clubs, each with 15 students, which meet every Tuesday as an extra curricular activity. The students listen to one of the programmes and then discuss the teaching together. We hear that the messages are helping the students in their personal growth and understanding and that the programmes are helpfully supplementing the teaching they receive in their classes.

Not only do the students wish to continue with these groups but many of them now want to set up Radio Listening Clubs in their own churches and among the youth in Malawi. In fact, they are already receiving training. The photo, *(bottom, right)*, shows Gift Mphongolo teaching how to lead a Bible study group using the listening club model.

The obvious and easiest response to this encouraging feedback was to send a further seven radios to EBCoM. This would help fulfil their desire to see ten Listening Clubs established by 2027. In the summer we gave those visiting GNB's exhibition at Keswick the opportunity to sponsor a radio and all seven were sponsored!

ZM Director, Mike McCabe, delivered these radios in person to the Bible college in September along with SD cards containing enough *Word Alive* programmes to last a year *(photo top, left)*. The students were extremely excited to receive them!

Though finances at Good News Broadcasting are, at present and humanly speaking, uncertain, we want to step out in faith and use the limited resources we have to continue to expand this project - it seems that God is greatly blessing it. Will you help us in the next phase as we launch ...

PRESS PLAY IN MALAWI

We understand that language is currently a limiting factor to the expansion of the Listening Clubs. Though English is the official language of Malawi, Chichewa is most widely spoken. Some students currently rely on their group leaders to translate the programmes in order that they can engage in the study and discussion.

We want to make our audio content as accessible as possible to every student and to people everywhere in Malawi as these newly trained pastors go to serve in new communities.

We want to produce a Chichewa version of *Word Alive*.

Over the last few months we have reached out to Megavoice International who assure us that to do this is entirely possible. However, it does come at considerable cost.

At present your giving supports the work that goes into making a weekly *Word Alive* programme in English: Tom's preparation and study time; recording; editing; and of course the cost of broadcasting it in the UK and around the world. With some light editing and at relatively little extra







cost we can prepare these same programmes for use in the Listening Clubs. However, to remake these programmes in Chichewa would be an entirely additional cost.

We estimate that the cost to provide a year's supply of *Word Alive* programmes in Chichewa would be around £7000.

Megavoice has many years experience producing audio Bibles and Christian content in 1000s of languages. We are confident they can turn our transcripts into sound Bible-teaching programmes in the Chichewa language which will be a great blessing to the people of Malawi.

If you would like to help fund these programmes you can give in all the usual ways detailed on page 3.

Please pray that God's word would have a deep and lasting impact on the lives of the students and the Malawian people they are reaching.



BLAST FROM THE PAST!



TOM RECENTLY INTERVIEWED LONG-TIME FRIEND OF GOOD NEWS BROADCASTING, AND SERMONISE GUEST, DOUG BARNETT ...

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I grew up in a wartime situation in the East End of London. My parents would have said they were Christians, but we never went to church. I became a Christian through the Ministry of Young Life campaign at one of their house parties. Later, in the Royal Navy, I met Richard, who had a massive influence on my life. He taught me to love the Bible, read the Bible, share the Bible and to be a good witness wherever I went in the world.

You have been involved in Christian ministry for decades. Where did it begin?

Richard and I were in Kingston, Jamaica one time. We met a group of believers there and they invited us to go to a local hospital where they would often give a word from the Bible. The group split up all around the different hospital wards. This left me and one other local man. On a ladies' ward, he said out of the blue, 'I've got a surprise for you all - we have a visiting preacher'. I suddenly realised he meant me! I'd never preached before. I turned in my Bible to a verse I had underlined in red - Romans 1:16 'I'm not ashamed of the gospel for it's the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes... ' and I began to share with the ladies how it had transformed my life and how it could transform their lives. After we left I sensed the Spirit of God saying into my heart, 'Doug, this is what I have prepared your life for, and this is going to be your future'.

How did you get involved with GNB?

Director of GNB, Derek Stringer, invited me to record some Bible Focus messages and also to take part in a number of the Conferences. I enjoyed the challenge that these presented in terms of preaching and teaching the Bible but I was also personally enriched and refreshed myself.

Do you still think GNB is needed today?

GNB is vitally important because radio reaches people in nations not friendly towards the Gospel. It is impossible to imprison airwaves! In addition it reaches out to listeners who may, for various reasons, be unable to attend church on a regular basis or even not at all, and brings Biblical ministry through the exposition and explanation of Scripture. It refreshes, uplifts and encourages growth and a heartfelt devotion to the Lord of Scripture. GNB needs our prayers and deserves our practical support.

HOW TO AVOID INHERITANCE TAX

"The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance." Psalm 16:6 (NIV)

At first glance, it might appear that King David is taking a moment in this psalm to celebrate his wealth and financial security. Back in the book of Joshua, the Israelites entered the Promised Land which was divided into portions among the tribes. To have boundary lines fall in pleasant places meant having a good portion of land – land that could provide for your family, sustain your livelihood and give you something to pass on to future generations.

David describes his inheritance as delightful. But David isn't boasting about how much land or wealth he has. To understand what he really means, we need to look at the verse immediately before: "LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure." (v.5)

David sees his inheritance as the Lord Himself. God is his greatest possession, his source of satisfaction and his reason for contentment. The language David uses is rich with Promised Land imagery. Portion and lot both refer to an allotted inheritance. Do you see the satisfaction David has in God? I find David's contentment personally challenging.

We live in a society where so much revolves around people's portions: the money they have, the property they own, the boundaries they establish and the inheritance they hope to receive. It's easy to become caught up in the pursuit of earthly things, believing that having more will ultimately satisfy us. But David reminds us that our greatest inheritance isn't something we can accumulate or purchase. It's found in God Himself.

We too have access to this same incredible inheritance, through Christ, and it's not going to be taxed when we die either!

Tom Ward

PRAYER DIARY

	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SUNDAY	Thank God for His faithfulness to GNB.	Pray that God would speak through *Word Alive* today.	Please pray for the wise use of funds in difficult times.	Pray that God would bless our Easter programmes.
MONDAY	Pray that God would provide the finances GNB needs.	Pray that more listeners would become supporters.	Pray for Camila in the day to day admin and finance work.	Pray for Mel as she produces *Sounding Out* this month.
TUESDAY	Please pray for wisdom for Tom and the directors.	Pray for Eamonn teaching, producing and editing.	Pray for new opportunities to share about the work of GNB.	Thank God for our Ministry Partners.
WEDNESDAY	Pray for the expansion of the Radio Listening Clubs.	Please pray for more subscribers to our podcasts.	Pray for Tom's preparation and preaching.	Pray we'd be able to increase our social media presence.
THURSDAY	Pray for Tom, for help in the day to day decisions.	Pray for more guests for the *Sermonise* podcast.	Please pray again for funds to sustain the ministry.	Thank God for Zambesi Mission working with us.
FRIDAY	Pray for funds for the *Press Play* appeal.	Please pray for financial stablility for the year ahead.	Pray that *Word Alive* would be used as it airs across Africa.	Pray for God's wisdom for Tom as he directs GNB.
SATURDAY	Thank God for all the programmes aired each week.	Pray for the EBCoM students establishing Listening Clubs.	Pray that our listenership would grow on Premier Radio.	Thank God for using GNB to send out His word.

Rejoice always, pray continually... 1 Thessalonians 5:16,17

RADIO GUIDE

Premier Christian Radio
Digital Radio: DAB Premier
TV: Freeview 725 or Sky 0123
Radio: MW 1305, 1332, 1413, 1566
Word Alive: Sunday 6.30am

Trans World Radio
TV: Radioplayer App on Amazon Firestick, Sky Q, Sky Glass, Sky Stream
Word Alive: Saturday 6.00am, Sunday 6.00pm

Branch FM
Radio: 101.8 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays from 12 noon

Hope FM
Radio: 90.1 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 7.30am

Gospel 4 Grampian
Internet: www.g4g.org.uk

Blessed Radio
Internet: www.zeno.fm/radio/blessed-radio-uk
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm

Radio North
Radio: 846 AM
Bible Focus: Weekdays 8.45am

Radio Star Country
Radio: MW 981
Word Alive: Wednesday 5.30pm

Konnect Radio
Radio: 846 AM
The Everlasting Way

Flame CCR
Radio: MW 1521 or Internet DAB
GNBA Show: Weekdays 10.35am

C.O.G. Grand Radio
Internet: www.coggrandradiouk.org
Word Alive: Wednesday 8.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays 7.00pm

Cross Rhythms
Radio: 101.8 FM (Stoke), and 96.3 FM (Plymouth)
The Everlasting Way: Saturday and Sunday breakfast shows from 7.00am

Genesis Christian Radio
Internet: www.genesischristianradio.org
Word Alive: Weekdays 6.32am, 1.31pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays 4.00am, 9.15am and 4.00pm

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