KINSHIP RADIO

JUNE, 2026

It's Not Just for Hunters

Following Kinship Radio's inspiring Day for Women with special guest, Laura Story, we invite guys of all ages to a big breakfast and morning of challenge featuring Al Robertson. Kinship Radio's Spearhead Summit for men takes place Saturday morning, August 15, at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato.

As an author and speaker, Al is probably best known as being a member of the Duck Dynasty family. Once a prodigal, he is no stranger to the mountains and valleys of life, and will tell you no one is ever far from hope. From the *Duck Commander Devotional*, Al wrote, "God's will is for all men to be delivered, to be rescued from death, to be saved, and to have an abundant, joyful life with Him for eternity."



Tickets are just $30 and includes a big breakfast, worship, and other speakers. The event wraps up by noon that day. Registration opens Wednesday, June 10th. Listen for more details on Kinship Radio, and visit our website at KinshipRadio.org.

Christmas in July!

By the 4th of July, Christmas will be just 175 days away—time to start your Christmas shopping! We admit, it feels a little early, but when your gifts are going across the ocean, the time is now!

Kinship Radio is partnering with Operation Christmas Child for Christmas in July. We set aside Saturday, July 25, to partner with several churches throughout southern Minnesota and northern Iowa to collect small toys, school supplies, personal care items, clothing, and accessories, then pack them in shoe boxes to send to children in need—children who will also hear the story of Christmas for the first time.

We'll have Christmas music on the air that morning, and our Kinship staff and volunteers will be out collecting the generous gifts you give. Shopping ideas will be posted soon to our website, KinshipRadio.org. Thank you in advance for helping us make it the best Christmas ever!

Familiar Voices, New Team on Kinship Mornings

Kinship bid a bittersweet farewell to long-time on-air host, Beth Crosby, who joined another radio ministry closer to her family. We're most grateful for the years of heartfelt service she gave. As much as we'll miss her, we're grateful she continues to serve in her calling to point people to Christ through Christian radio.

Mornings can be difficult to get started on the right foot; that's true in radio, too. To help Ryan get the day rolling, we're excited to have Kinship's midday host, LaDonna Alvarado, join Ryan in getting your day moving forward in a positive way.



Listener favorites like *The Bible Quiz* and *The Burning Question* may look and sound a little different, but what won't change is Kinship Radio's commitment to encourage you to discover, know, and grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Ryan shares, "I'm looking forward to building on the foundation of involvement and interaction we've already established with our listening family. Having LaDonna join the team ensures that commitment will continue to grow and flourish." LaDonna adds, "God has so blessed this listening family that loves Kinship Radio. We believe there's still a lot more good we can do together in Jesus' name. I'm looking forward to starting each day with that in mind." ▶

LaDonna will move to mornings starting June 15. As she moves to mornings, our middays will welcome a new voice to our roster. We have yet to ink in all the details with our new host at the time of printing this newsletter, but we're close. Assuming everything works as we all hope, her introduction will also happen Monday, June 15.

New Schedule, Deeper Commitment

National research continues to indicate that radio remains the most popular media with the most reach every day across the country. Additional data and experience tell us that in order to keep listeners and attract new listeners, we need to excel at connecting with people and cultivate relationships.

With that in mind, we're making adjustments to our on-air schedule that allows us to do that. On Monday, June 29, *Mornings with Ryan & LaDonna* will expand by one hour to air each weekday from 6:00am–10:00am. Our new host for middays will keep company with you from 10:00am–2:00pm, Eric Johnson will host from 2:00–4:00pm, and Jack Robertson will round out the afternoon and start your evening from 4:00pm–8:00pm.

Some of the teaching and talk programs that normally aired each weekday will now air later in the evening. *Truth for Life* with Alistair Begg moves to 8:00pm, followed by *Focus on the Family* with Jim Daly & John Fuller at 8:30. David Jeremiah with *Turning Point* moves to 9:00pm, *Family Life Today* with Dave & Anne Wilson airs at 9:30, and rounding out the evening is *Haven Today* with Dave Wollen. You will hear several of these same voices throughout the day in sixty second features, along with a reminder of the time of their regular program.

Chris Lemke, Kinship's Executive Director, says, "This is a significant change, one we believe will draw and grow additional listeners. Our objective to connect more with southern Minnesotans and northern Iowans means we need more local presence with our on-air hosts to do so. Kinship Radio will thrive as we have compelling content, meaningful interactions, and cultivate *local* relationships as frequently as possible, and only as we intentionally point listeners to Jesus Christ."

The new schedule will be part of Kinship Radio's new website, also set to launch on June 29. Tracy Jones, Kinship Radio's Operations and Finance Director, comments: "Our current website has run its course. Over time, our website became clunky and difficult to manage. On the new site, information will be easier to find and content will be better organized and easier to read." A huge thanks to our site designers Marty Westra and Jody Staples for their invaluable assistance.

From The Kinship Mailbox

"I originally became a listener of Kinship Radio in 2010 when a dear friend of mine recommended the station to me. I have been listening ever since... Thank you for your excellent schedule of music and programming. I enjoy the Bible study programs and discussions, but I especially enjoy the music. May your station bless many more people as I was blessed."

— Charleen, Plato MN

Headed Toward the Finish Line

It's not the end of the year, but for Kinship Radio it's the end of our fiscal year! As we prepare for the business year ahead, we're making sure this year finishes well and the new year starts on a great note July 1.

For 2025-2026, giving to Kinship Radio is ahead of last year. Praise the Lord! Unfortunately, we had higher than anticipated expenses as well. This was especially true with our transmitting equipment for two of our primary signals.

Still, we could finish the year "in the black" with a strong response in these last days of June. We appreciate the generous support of friends like you who remain faithful in caring for our financial needs. Thank you for praying, and thank you for your special gifts **before June 30** to help us complete this year and begin the next year well.

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Stronger Together Than We Are Apart

Kinship Radio is pleased to partner with our friends at Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge for their annual fall gala on September 22 in Mankato. Teen Challenge is God's gift to teens and young adults, creating new paths of hope and healing for those struggling with addiction. We'll have more to say about Teen Challenge and the priceless work they do. For now, we invite you to reserve September 22 and plan to join us for the Minnesota Teen Challenge Gala on September 22. Learn more when you visit online at www.mntc.org.

Adult & Teen Challenge
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Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:11-12

Not Your Average Music "Camp"

Kinship Radio partners with the Steele County Free Fair to bring you a fantastic night of music on Wednesday, August 19. Jeremy Camp takes the stage to bring the night alive, along with special guests Jon Reddick and Thunderstorm Artis. Doors open at 5:00pm and the concert starts at 6:00. Tickets are available at the Steele County Free Fair website (www.scff.org). Come early and meet some of your favorite Kinship Radio people at the concert.

Picture courtesy of Jeremy Camp's Facebook page profile