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SOUL PURPOSE

THEN, NOW, and ALWAYS

*Reflecting God's Heart for
a Lost & Dying World*

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ON THE COVER:

The year was 1979. Jimmy Carter was President, personal computers hadn't been invented yet, and public access to the Internet was still years away!

But Bob and Molly D'Andrea had a vision from God: start a broadcast network with solely Christian programming. Out of that vision, **Christian Television Network** was born.

From the very beginning, CTN's "soul purpose" was evangelism. Every decision the D'Andreas made was

of all nations. This underscores our firmly held belief that sharing the message of Christ is not just a personal choice but a collective responsibility for every believer.

When we engage people through carefully selected programming, we help lead others to Christ, it also reflects the love and compassion we are called to extend to our neighbors. Reaching out to those in need — spiritually, emotionally, and physically — demonstrates the care that can lead them to explore faith.

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focused on leading others to Christ.

That remains our "soul purpose" even today. There is a lost world that needs hope and biblical truth, and we are committed to providing quality content that points people to the Savior.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 instructs followers of Jesus to spread the word and make disciples

Ultimately, evangelism is about inviting others to experience the joy and freedom that comes from knowing Christ, making it a cornerstone of our faith.

That has always been — and always will be — our "soul purpose."

Thank you for standing with CTN. Your prayers and faithful gifts make it all possible.

A SIT-DOWN WITH BRIAN MORRIS AND PAUL LODATO ABOUT CTN STUDIOS

Recently, **Chris Yates, CTN's Director of Marketing**, sat down with **President of CTN Studios, Brian Morris**, and **Executive Director Paul Lodato**.



BRIAN MORRIS



PAUL LODATO

Brian, why is there a need for CTN Studios?

We stand apart in an entertainment landscape often criticized for recycling stories from decades past, using tired Hollywood narratives. We are dedicated to crafting fresh and original content, including movies, shorts,

and documentaries designed for both theatrical and streaming release. Our desire is to creatively tell the greatest story ever told through the medium of film.

With the popularity of *The Chosen* and *The House of David* and popular Christian movies today, how has that changed the secular media's perspective of Christian stories?

What a great question! There is so much garbage that comes out of Hollywood and families are searching for media that they don't have to apologize to their kids about. I think this has aided in the popularity of Christian content we are seeing. CTN Studios, will be doing our part to fit into this ever-growing sphere of Christian media.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

CONTENDING for the FAITH

As a viewer supported network, Christian Television Network features many different types of programs to reach many different types of viewers.

Some present biblical teaching, and others focus on prophecy and evangelism. There are programs that highlight nutrition and health, and there are broadcasts just for kids. We even have our own overnight live prayer show, *You & Me*.

But one program that is extremely timely is ***Contending for the Faith***. Paul Lodato, the executive producer and host, presents stories of those on the front line defending and redeeming the Judeo-Christian values that this nation was founded upon.



Since 2016, the show has featured many guests who are impacting culture from all walks of life. A highlight was interviewing then-candidate, **President Donald J. Trump**. CTN's founder, Bob

D'Andrea served as guest host on that exciting evening. This exclusive interview was broadcast just one week before the November 2016 election.

CTN STUDIOS INTERVIEW (CONTINUED)

Paul, what projects are you working on at CTN Studios currently?

We currently have four feature-length film opportunities, along with a TV series in the works to be filmed on location in Egypt and Ethiopia.

Any closing thoughts?

We believe God's work done God's way will never lack God's support, and we are praying the Lord will continue to raise up the right people to invest in the mission and vision of the new CTN Studios so that many more lives will be impacted with the Gospel of Jesus!

Learn more about CTN Studios and their exciting upcoming projects at: CTNOnline.com/CTNStudios



You can watch *Contending for the Faith* each week across the Christian Television Network and on all digital media platforms. It airs every Friday Night at 6:30 p.m. EST, or you can livestream at CTNOnline.com or on one of your local CTN affiliates.

GRANDPARENTS: THE SOUL PURPOSE

By Sharon Seward, *Planned Giving Specialist*

I was talking with a grandparent the other day. He reminded me that the job as parents never ends. No matter the age of the child or grandchild, instilling in them a growing love of Jesus continues to go on.

God gave grandparents a life changing ability, when it comes to the level of influence they have with their grandchildren. **The question is, what will you do with your influence?** Are you challenging them to be involved with their church? Is their faith something they own or is it something borrowed?

This summer as you spend time with your grandchildren, we can challenge our grandchildren in ways their parents can't, by asking them the big questions: what will your life become? How will you serve the Lord? How will you invest in a life that is eternal and bigger than yourself?

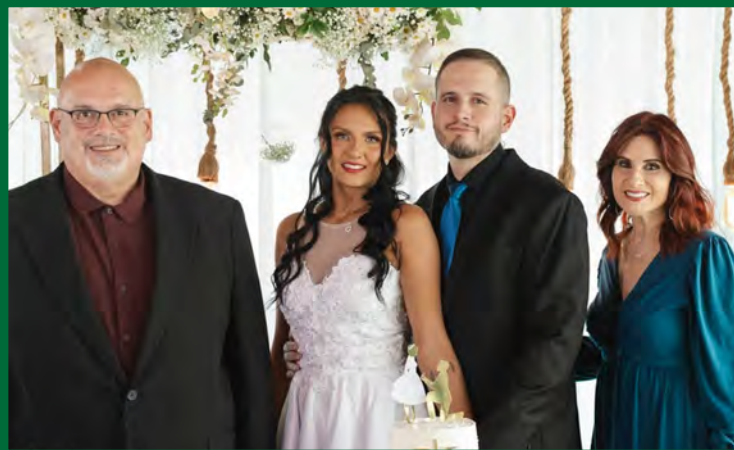
In **Planning Giving** we help answer those questions: how to turn your assets into something that will outlive you and further the kingdom of God. It's all about souls!

For more information, please call me at 1-800-956-7729.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MONICA SCHMELTER



About a year ago, CTN realized we must have a key person to help lead the station managers at our 24 stations across the country. **We needed a special person to lead these leaders, and the perfect fit was Monica Schmelter!**



As Director of Station Managers, Monica has a critical role coordinating events and meeting with pastors and other community leaders across our network.

She is as much the face of CTN as our TV hosts! Monica was a general manager in Nashville for 27 years before coming on board with CTN.

Monica is from Detroit and loves her Wolverines. She has been married for 43 years, with one son and a daughter-in-law and a granddaughter who warms her heart.



When she's not at the station or on a Zoom call, she loves to be at home baking!

She is also the host of **Bridges**, which has been on-air for 27 years with thousands of episodes.

Thank you Monica for everything you do at CTN!

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Channel 376



Channel 117

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