WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

YESTERDAY I TALKED ABOUT SONG LYRICS. OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD FIRSTHAND HOW MUSIC HAS A MINISTRY OF IT'S OWN. SONGS HAVE A WAY OF REACHING US NOT ONLY INTELLECTUALLY BUT EMOTIONALLY AS WELL. CONSIDER THIS LISTENER RESPONSE A COUPLE SATURDAYS AGO WHEN RICH FRISCHKORN WAS HOSTING THE SONG REQUEST TIME.

[JEFF – WHJL 88.1 MERRILL] Morning Rich...I just wanted to leave you a note on the songs this morning...what a lineup of heavy hitters! I was working on an old lawn mower in the garage and when you played the Cathedrals a little earlier I about had to sit down and make some rain of my own. That said, I'm really enjoying the program this morning. Bless all you folks there and have a great weekend!

I MENTIONED I HAVE OBSERVED THE IMPACT MUSIC MAKES IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE LISTENING "OVER THE YEARS". TODAY IS AN ANNIVERSARY FOR SOME OF OUR STAFF, INCLUDING MYSELF. MY FIRST DAY AT WRVM WAS ON JULY 1, 1996; 25 YEARS AGO. SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY IN SOME RESPECTS. AND TODAY IS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY FOR OUR CHIEF ENGINEER, ALAN KILGORE. HE BEGAN ON THIS DATE IN 2001. WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT HAS BEEN TO BE ABLE TO SERVE THE LORD, AND YOU, HERE AT WRVM FOR ALL OF THESE YEARS.

THIS SUMMER IS ACTUALLY ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR ME, OF SORTS. I FIRST GOT INVOLVED WITH CHRISTIAN RADIO THE SUMMER OF 1971; 50 YEARS AGO. I BEGAN AS A VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCER AT A BRAND NEW CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION THAT STARTED BROADCASTING NEAR MY HOMETOWN OF ALBION, MI. IT WAS THE SUMMER BEFORE MY SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. GOD USED THAT TO SHOW ME HIS PLAN FOR MY LIFE. I WENT ON TO STUDY AT MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE IN THEIR COMMUNICATIONS BROADCASTING MAJOR. SAILOR SAM WAS ONE OF MY INSTRUCTORS. FOLLOWING HIS LEADING HAS LED ME TO NUMEROUS STATES AND RADIO STATIONS. I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING. THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE THAN THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL.

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR RADIO PARTNERS WHO HAVE SO FAITHFULLY SUPPORTED THIS RADIO MINISTRY OVER THE YEARS. NEVER DISCOUNT THE PART YOU PLAY IN WHAT GOD IS DOING THROUGH THESE BROADCAST STATIONS.

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