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KTIS

*Serving Christ
for 50 Years*

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1998 KTIS STAFF



Mary Althaus
Secretary



Lisa Barry
Kids' Choice



Jon Engen
Station Manager

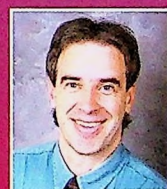


Chris Gage
News Director



Dale Hilden
Announcer

Our Mission
The purpose of Northwestern Radio is to lead people to Christ and to nurture believers in their spiritual growth through Christ-centered media.



Joel Holtz
Announcer



Chuck Knapp
DayBrightener



Paulette Kutzler
Announcer



Kerry Liebelt
Homeward Bound



Diane Madison
Administrative Assistant



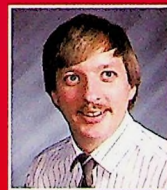
Steve Mylander
Announcer



Marilyn Ryon
Operations Director



Brian Steele
Announcer



Rod Thannum
Cblef Engineer



Dale Thiessen
Announcer

1932

Dr. William B. Riley, Northwestern's founder and first president, is intrigued by radio's potential for the school.



W. B. Riley
President
1902-1947

1938

In a conversation with Loren Bridges (first KTIS manager



1945-58) at Medicine Lake conference grounds, Riley says, "Well, if the Lord wants us to have a station, what's



money?" Bridges begins research and inquiries in Washington, D.C.

Loren Bridges

1939-45

Germans develop process for recording on magnetic tape which eventually replaces the phonograph records for radio recording (Old-Fashioned Revival Hour program on record).



1941

United States enters WWII. Bridges soon puts radio on hold and joins Marines.

1945

Construction permit is filed with FCC (Dec.).

1947

Riley is taken home to Glory (Dec.) and his mantle falls on Billy Graham.



Billy F. Graham
President
1948-1952

Memorial Hall



1948

• Construction permit is granted (Apr.) and equipment ordered. • With money needed, President Graham challenges students in chapel. • First offering is \$1,100 and pledges total nearly \$40,000.

1949

Students complete construction at tower site (Jan.).

Testing begins from studio in Memorial Hall (Feb.).

KTIS AM signs on at 900, Feb. 7



Grantsburg, Wisc., church hosts first KTIS rally (Apr.).

KTIS FM signs on at 105.9, May 17

V. Raymond Edman's "The Disciplines of Life" is premium for first letter week (Aug.).

KTIS begins live remote coverage of Billy Graham's Boston Crusade (Dec.).



Dr. J. Edwin Hartill, "Bible Nuggets"



Dr. Harry Stam, "Resting Time"

Voice of Northwestern Schools

1950s

Longest KTIS remote broadcast covered New England Composers Conference (Mar.).

FM changed to 98.5, closer to center of dial and coverage more akin to 900 AM. Bridges notes listener response to FM as "phenomenal, far beyond expectation for this newest form of radio transmission."



Richard A. Elvee, President
1953-57



Curtis B. Akenson
President
1957-1965



Forrest Boyd, "900 Club"



Paul Reynolds, "Let's Sing"



Spencer Bower
Radio manager
1958-1966

Mid-America's Inspirational Network

1960s

Stereophonic radio broadcasting begins in U.S.

1962-65

KTIS receives School Bell awards for best education series by a non-profit



Paul Ramseyer
KTIS Manager
1967-1980

KTIS Ladies
Trio and accompanist



William B. Bernsten
President
1965-1984



Cornie Keur
Radio Director
1961-1980

KTIS through the years

1967

First major fundraiser is launched June 25 to raise \$50,000 for a new transmitter, studio equipment and tower power project.

KTIS FM converts to stereo. United Press International audio service is added. "Phone Forum" debuts.

1969

Young World Day at KTIS

Good News When You Need It Most

1971

KTIS moves to Nazareth Hall Feb. 24 • Last shift at Loring Park studio • Bill Western signs on in Nazareth, losing only 2 1/2 minutes in air time



1973

KTIS receives annual Award of Merit from NRB

1974

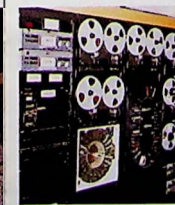
25th anniversary celebration at First Baptist, Minneapolis FM programming extends to 24-hour day

Metro bus signs advertise KTIS.



1977

Programming moves to automation



1978



Brad Walton
"Light in the Night"

1979



Ernie Rischer
"A Cup of Cold Water"

Wayne Pederson
KTIS Manager
1980-1992



1982

NRB names KTIS "Radio Station of the Year"



1984

Mel Johnson given NRB's Award of Merit in recognition of his 30 years of broadcasting to youth

Donald O. Ericksen
President
1985-1997



1985

KTIS begins satellite broadcast July 1

1986

KTIS receives UPI first place award



1989

KTIS AM power increased to 25,000 watts

Your Inspirational Choice

1991

KTIS FM moves to 1,000 ft. Tower in Shoreview, increases to 100,000 watts



Don Rupp
KTIS Manager
1992-1998

Live at the State Fair is a long-standing annual treat.

1994

Christmas With Dignity debuts.

1996



KTIS covers Billy Graham Metrodome Crusade.

1997

Wesley R. Willis
President
1997-



Jon Engen
KTIS Manager
1998-

2000s

Compact disc's, mini disc's and digital audio tape take the lead in how music and programs come to us, and now we are venturing into the world of hard drive storage systems. Confusing? To many! Exciting? To say the least! It all translates into getting the message of God's love to the KTIS family in the best possible, most economical way. Our future shines brightly with the hope of the coming Savior and the richness of our walk as we wait for His return.

—Jon Engen,
KTIS Manager

Our goal at Northwestern Radio is to continue to minister and reach out to this generation and the next. Pray that we would have the vision and wisdom to make appropriate decisions that will allow us to reach more people for Jesus through quality Christian media.

—Wayne Pederson,
Executive Vice President for Radio

For 50 years God has richly blessed the ministry of Northwestern Radio. And our vision for the future includes expanding that ministry to unserved and underserved communities. We have committed ourselves, through radio and other media, to pursue aggressively our mission "to lead people to Christ and to nurture believers in their spiritual growth through Christ-centered media."

—Dr. Wesley Willis,
President of
Northwestern College and Radio

"The Apostle Paul had his encounter with the Lord on the road to Damascus; I had my encounter with the Lord on Highway 100," Quips Rose Totino of Totino Pizza fame.

Although today [1989] she is a multi-millionaire, there was a time when Rose's financial burdens seemed overwhelming. Then one morning while driving her car she heard the call of God—on KTIS radio.

It was an April morning in 1965, shortly after Rose and her husband, Jim Totino, had bypassed retirement and sunk their life savings of \$50,000 into a frozen food business at the urging of friends. Their investment was gone, along with a \$100,000 loan, and the business was floundering. "It was a desperate time," recalls Rose. "It was a dark hour of the soul."

Jim had suggested declaring bankruptcy, an idea that went against the grain of Rose's hard-working Italian immigrant upbringing. As she drove down Highway 100 on the way to work, Rose's mind was filled with despair. "I just happened to be fumbling with my car radio," she says. "I turned to a station where a man was talking with a mellow voice [John Jess]. He was saying that God loved me enough to give me His Son—that He had died in my place for my sins and if I accepted Him into my heart, I could know I would go to heaven



Rose's DAMASCUS ROAD

even if I died the next morning."

Although Rose had grown up in a dedicated Catholic family and knew God existed, she knew only a God shrouded in traditions, a distant figure impossible to reach, even after faithful confessions to the priest and works of atonement. "The God I knew was not a God of love but of fear," she recalls. "I questioned His love because I would have to pay for every sin in this life and the next—how can you experience the joy and the love of God under that bondage? I knew that Jesus suffered and died and opened the gates of heaven but that was for the saints—what were my chances?"

The message that her sins could be

forgiven just by asking "was music to my soul," she says.

So, "I pulled off the road, and I accepted Christ."

Rose recalls a sudden sense of assurance, and a surge of joy. Suddenly, the business—and the investment—weren't cause for concern. Rose gave the problem over to a more adept problem-handler—Jesus Christ. "I turned the whole thing over to Him. I told Him, 'You do all the worrying, and I'll do all the work!'"

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Rose Totino died June 21, 1994. She was 79 years old. To her death was a victory, not a defeat. During the previous few weeks the doctors had been treating Mrs. Totino for a tumor found in the brain. She had completed 6 of 12 radiation treatments before pneumonia set in. After the final report by the medical team, they gathered in a circle around Rose and the chief doctor prayed. It was a beautiful experience. Rose Totino's tremendous testimony was an inspiration to all—even to the last moments in the hospital room with the family gathered. Her cheerfulness was uplifting amidst the sorrow. The presence of the Lord they served filled the room with a peaceful spirit. She wanted her homegoing to be a party.