



# KDOR-TV 17



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**Station Newsletter**

KDOR serves Northeastern Oklahoma for the Glory of God to further the reach of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## *Joy In Our Town*

This fall two seasoned hosts from *Tulsa Praise the Lord* were introduced as new hosts of *Joy In Our Town*. Our local viewers are likely already familiar with Pastor Billy Joe Watts from the Rock Church and Pastor Marcus Howard Howard from MyChurch Walk of Faith. Both of these gentlemen were frequent hosts in recent years, appearing on our local productions of *I Will Bless The Lord* as well as *Praise the Lord*. Each lead strong and growing local bodies of believers in Tulsa. We are happy to continue to work with them in the new *Joy In Our Town* format.



**Pastor Billy Joe Watts**  
The ROCK Church - Tulsa, Senior Pastor



**Pastor Marcus Howard**  
MyChurch Walk of Faith, Senior Pastor

KDOR-TV 17's signature program *Joy in Our Town* brings an emphasis on Christian-based solutions to issues in our local communities. *Joy in Our Town* took on some timely and critical community issues within the topics of family, health, youth, minorities and seniors during the final quarter of 2016.

Addressing issues pertaining to health and family was Forrest Cowan, Executive Director of Mend Pregnancy Resource & Medical Clinic. Mr. Cowan discussed many of the health support needs that a woman or couple have when facing an unplanned pregnancy. These range from medical to practical to spiritual, and Mr. Cowan explained in conversation with host Pastor Billy Joe Watts how the needs are frequently quite similar in each situation. Although an unplanned pregnancy may occur at any age, marital status, socioeconomic bracket or level of education, he emphasized that the most common scenario is a young lady near age 22 with some college education and gainfully employed. Often she and the baby's younger and less-educated father are living together, unmarried, and in her mother's home. Often the baby's father is unemployed or underemployed, with little or no motivation to improve himself or to move out of his girlfriend's home.

Mr. Cowan and Pastor Watts discussed some of the root issues that contribute to the problems surrounding unplanned pregnancies. The related issue of abortion is not so much a legal or political matter, but rather has to do with the attack on family and marriage as God intended. Broken-hearted people from broken families have been left with the need for character development and the all-encompassing issue of damaged self-worth and lack of respect for self, others, or even the sanctity of life. Mr. Cowan emphasized the need to develop and mentor young men. Part of the solution is for young men to rise up and work to overcome low self-worth, to respect women and marriage, to grow into responsible men, and to lead and provide as godly husbands and fathers.





***Joy in Our Town (continued)***

When Officer Amley “Popsey” Floyd of the Tulsa Police Department and Jason Law, President and Advocate of Unite My City, recently appeared on *Joy in Our Town*, the conversation actually began in KDOR’s lobby and continued on set in the studio. These gentlemen were both well-acquainted with *Joy In Our Town* host Pastor Billy Joe Watts, and the three of them (along with a few staff members) found time to connect before taping on many of the key concerns and issues related to local community events.



On the *Joy In Our Town* set, Officer Floyd and Mr. Law spoke from their experiences as well as knowledge as our host, Pastor Watts guided the conversation regarding resolving civic unrest and unifying our communities. The need for human-level connections, dialogue aimed at gaining understanding, biblical prayer, and practical kindness are a few of the areas discussed within the realm of effective solutions. All three men spoke about various organized community group efforts that are providing the opportunity to bring people together across cultural and racial divides. They also each said in one way or another that the change happens at the individual level, when one-to-one connections bring about personal understanding and often a change of heart or opinion.

This quarter we made some new connections with great expert guests. Pictured following are the wonderful people who made time to participate in tapings of *Joy in Our Town* and the various issues that were addressed by each guest. We are so grateful to the community leaders who serve our area for partnering with us to keep bringing great information to the KDOR-TV 17 viewers. We absolutely could not do it without them!



**S. Greg Pittman, Atty & CPA**  
**Winters & King**  
FAMILY: Biblical Estate Planning



**Kimberly D. Green, M.Ed. CCC-SLP**  
**Diakonos Group**  
SENIORS: Placement, Socialization and Medicare



**Joy In Our Town—continues** #KDORcommunity #TBNTulsa



**Lisa Bain, Founder & Executive Director**  
**Joy In The Cause**

HEALTH: Discouragement related to chronic diseases  
YOUTH: Kids in Crisis—the realities of their needs



**Chris Campbell, Executive Director, 111 Project**  
FAMILY: Foster family support needs in our area  
YOUTH: Overall orphan/foster care crisis in our community



**Rev. Darell Christopher, Senior Pastor**  
**First Christian Church Tahlequah**  
**Phillips Theological Seminary**  
MINORITIES: The role the Church plays in social justice?



**Gary Sylva, Playwright**  
**The Forgiven Project**  
MINORITIES: Helping Christians to start the healing process when there is social injustice



**Joy in Our Town (continued)**



**Beverly Moore, Community Relations Director  
Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma**

HEALTH: Self Care

YOUTH: Depression and Suicide

**JOY BEVERLY MOORE, COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR  
COUNSELING & RECOVERY SERVICES OF OKLAHOMA**



**Kris Swiatocho, Director  
The Singles Network Ministries**

**Brenda Senter, Care Group Coordinator  
theCHURCH.at, Broken Arrow, OK**

FAMILY: Myths of being single and what the church can do

FAMILY: Loneliness around the holidays

**JOY KRIS SWIATOCHO AND BRENDA SENTER**

**“Toy” Mavis Pearl**



**“Live-in-studio” Mavis Pearl  
Joy In The Cause “Mascot”**



**FACEBOOK PAGE STATS\*:**

Organic Page Likes: 1,598

Content Reach: 22,765

Post Engagement: 1,265

Video Views: 3,632

\*SOURCE: Last 28 days Facebook page Insights

**Social Media: Joy in Connection**



## Community Friends: Joy in Action

*Joy In Our Town* may be the title for our locally produced public affairs program, but it is also a theme for what we do as a representative of TBN here in the Northeastern Oklahoma area. We seek to bring joy to our town and so we are cultivating relationships and putting action to our faith. We want to join those events that promote sharing God’s love, and further the *joy in our town*. By participating in more community events, we strengthen our relationships with partner organizations that are spreading the Gospel and sharing God’s love.



As Bob Goff has stated, “When LOVE is a habit, JOY is a reflex!” Or as Jesus worded it: “They



will know you are my followers by your LOVE for one another!” Bob Goff, author of *Love Does*, has a unique but straightforward message. He essentially shares that each of us by what we do are the Gospel by simply being present and loving others—even the unlovely. Recently he was a keynote speaker for several events in our area. KDOR staff member Barbara Bella visited Asbury UMC in Tulsa to hear Bob Goff and local popular musicians of “Stars Go Dim” fame. Another staffer, Randy Patterson, and his wife enjoyed the Sunday morning version of the service as regular attenders of Asbury UMC.

More recently, Bob Goff was the special keynote speaker for a World Compassion/Unite My City event in town that focused on taking love and joy everywhere! Passionate leaders from World Compassion shared highlights of the ministry’s year in review and plans for the future.



Through relationships developed in her public affairs/guest relations capacity, Barbara Bella was given an invitation for the staff to attend the annual event.

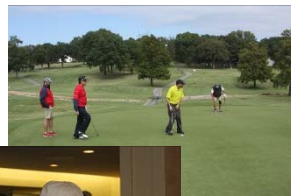
Between reports of lives changed, people helped, and souls saved and the vibrant stories from Bob Goff, there was plenty of joyful inspiration for the 650 in attendance. After the event there was such a spirit of unity, and many stayed for continued connection and networking.



Some familiar faces in the crowd stood out, such as Mollie Myers from World Compassion, who had spearheaded the Unite My City efforts over the prior year. She continues to work with the organization, focusing now more on the missions work and connections.

Bethany Martin, founder of Words of Hallelujah, spends her time promoting random acts of kindness movements here in Tulsa and going overseas to minister to children in places like Honduras. Both ladies and Barbara Bella posed for pictures – first in normal pose and then, at Bethany’s suggestion, in a traditional Bob Goff pose!

*Joy in Our Town* continues to make new connections in the community, bringing a Christian worldview to concerns and issues that impact our area specifically as well as beyond. We love our repeat guests who share our faith and are boldly working to improve the lives of individuals in our town. It had been a while since Forrest Cowan, Executive Director of Mend Medical Clinic and PRC, had been in the KDOR Studio, and the relationship was strengthened by his immediate connection with our new pastor host during pre-taping discussions.



A blessing of ongoing relationships is the partnerships that evolve. Already our host pastor has inquired as to how his church can become more directly involved with the great ministry that occurs through Mend Medical Clinic and PRC. The multiplication of the Kingdom work efforts through such partnership leads to the multiplication of souls redeemed and helped.



Mr. Cowan invited our station to be an honorary sponsor for the annual Norman L. McClain Memorial Golf Fore Life Tournament. KDOR staffer Darrell Highfield served as the event photographer, and KDOR staff members Matt Chouquette, Randy Patterson, and Barbara Bella participated in other aspects of the event. As a sponsor, TBN/KDOR-TV 17 was represented in signage on two golf course holes and received mention throughout the event day programs.



It was great to see so many from area businesses, churches and the community come together to support the cause of providing a Godly alternative for unexpected/unplanned pregnancy.





## Community Outreach — Joy in Giving

In prior years KDOR has joined with Newspring Family Church in Jenks, Oklahoma and Arise Ministries from nearby Edmond, Oklahoma to bring the Jingle Jangle event to Tulsa-area single mothers. This year, the event continued in its original concept at only the Oklahoma City venue, but Machael Loghry, Singles Minister at Newspring Family Church dreamed up a slightly different format for the local version. Rather than a Saturday night service-style meeting, a Saturday morning brunch event was held. Pam Kanaly, Co-Founder of Arise Ministries was the keynote speaker.



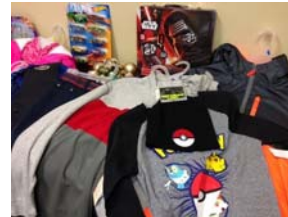
KDOR-TV 17 participated as one of the sponsors with an event table, and gave away TBN books and information. We also provided three main door prizes to be given away from TBN. The single mothers in attendance participated in praise and worship, received ministry from both Mrs. Kanaly and the church singles leaders. All enjoyed a delightful brunch and *everyone* received a gift bag of goodies and resources. Attendees were selected via a drawing to receive the additional donated door-prize blessings. An event photo



shows a winner of one of the KDOR door-prizes is actually hugging the large gift bag she was so excited to receive! What a thrill to know our small efforts make a difference to bring others happiness. JOY!!

Through a Facebook connection with a local partner organization, Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma, we discovered that many of those included on their Holiday Angel Tree were still in need of being adopted for Christmas. Upon contacting Beverly Moore, Community Relations Director, we learned about Tatiana, aged 8 and her 10-year old brother, Jose.

We had the beautiful opportunity to be Christmas Angels to these two young children and set out to shop for items to meet the needs and interests that were provided to us. Each child received a warm winter coat, hat and gloves as part of their Christmas gifts from TBN. Also, each received a 4-piece “dressy” outfit, a few more articles of clothing, and toys fitting their interests were also purchased to brighten their Christmas Day.



After the gifts were wrapped, they sat below our station’s Christmas Tree and in capturing that moment in photos, we noticed that a picture of Brother Paul Crouch appeared to be looking on and smiling so we captured that to share with all. TBN has always been about sharing the Gospel of Jesus and letting people know that God loves them. We hope that these gifts will look even better when under the children’s tree on Christmas morning and that they will sense the love of God whenever they wear or play with their gifts in the days ahead!

## Joy in the Moment

Joy is a gift of the Holy Spirit that is developed as a fruit...evidence of the Spirit’s indwelling a soul submitted to the Lord. Sometimes people think joy is the same as happiness, but it really is a different thing entirely. Happiness is a feeling that can come and go quite willy-nilly. Joy is more a state of being.

A key attribute of joy is a constancy of assurance...sort of an unwavering confidence or positive attitude. Joy is founded on Christ. Christ the ROCK, a firm foundation. Happiness is founded on feelings. Feelings that are often based on everything except truth. Now, there is nothing wrong with happiness or any feeling...God gave us the ability to feel. He is the One who designed us as human beings and declared us to be “good” so there is nothing wrong in our desire for or feelings of happiness. But there is a clear difference between happiness and JOY.

At Christmas the phrase “Joy to the World” is often seen or heard. Jesus came to the world to bring us JOY evermore. The angels and shepherds at his birth told of tidings of Great Joy! Jesus is our Blessed Assurance!

From All of us at TBN in Tulsa, KDOR-TV 17, we wish all our TBN family and Tulsa-area community an abundant and enduring season of JOY!

Merry Christmas!!! JOY TO THE WORLD OUR LORD HAS COME!!!