

**Dear friends,**

Claire and I were recently going through old tapes and CDs from the days I did a radio program on KGBI in Omaha – quite a long time ago. It began as a twice-weekly program but ended up being as a six-day a week production – 5 daily commentaries and a longer show for the weekend which was usually my interviews with notable Christians from around the



country. I guess it was about 15 years I did radio and so we have quite a “library” of programs which we’re now beginning to bring back as a feature on the updated website of Vital Signs Ministries.

But going through these started me thinking about how profoundly we have been connected to radio in so many other ways. For instance, some of my earliest and fondest memories are listening to KIMN in Denver as I fell in love with rock and roll in its earliest years -- Elvis, the Everly Brothers, Ruby and the Romantics, Roy Orbison, Sam Cooke, and all the doop-wop groups. But, as much as I loved the music, it was the magic of the radio itself that fascinated me most. Indeed, way back in my teen years one of my ambitions was to become a disc jockey on the radio, introducing records and telling stories to people out in that mysterious “radio land” that was beyond the microphone. Come to think of it – I guess, I do a little bit of that with our “When Swing Was King” shows!

But there’s still other radio-oriented memories in our lives like listening to my transistor radio in bed when my parents thought I was asleep. Late at night, I could sometimes tune in to KOMA, a station way down in Oklahoma City. They were playing the very same songs as the ones played by stations in Denver but somehow it was more intriguing to listen to sounds that were generated hundreds of miles away. Cool. And even now, decades later, we are still appreciating radio – not so much for music nowadays but for certain talk radio shows and for sermons by fellows like Stephen Davey and Adrian Rogers.

And here’s one more thing – we love to listen to the old radio shows of the 30’s and 40’s. *The Jack Benny Show* is our favorite but we also like *Dragnet*, *Johnny Dollar*, *Gangbusters*, *Our Miss Brooks*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *The Shadow*, and variety shows hosted by Bing Crosby and Bob Hope. Oh yes; radio may be an old technology but we find ever-new blessings from it. And I bet you do too!

*Denny (for Claire too)*

## Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) The name of the Tonkinese character in *South Pacific* who sings “Bali Hai” and “Happy Talk” was:
  - A) Kim Se
  - B) Bloody Mary
  - C) Sharky
  - D) Nellie
- 2) Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop, and a couple of others were often called...
  - A) The Rat Pack
  - B) The Good Old Boys
  - C) The Boston Beaners
  - D) The Chairman’s Crowd
- 3) Which of these was **NOT** a popular gospel singing group?
  - A) The Blackwood Brothers
  - B) The Blind Boys of Alabama
  - C) The Jordanaires
  - D) Bill Haley & the Comets
- 4) Where in the world is the Great Victoria Desert?
  - A) East Asia
  - B) North Africa
  - C) Australia
  - D) Arizona
- 5) Complete this line from Dave Dudley’s 1963 hit song, “Six days on the road and...
  - A) “I’ll finally be in Memphis.”
  - B) “I’m leaving my baby for good.”
  - C) “I’m gonna’ make it home tonight.”
  - D) “There’s nobody waitin’ for me.”
- 6) Historians argue over which of two weapons deserve the title of “the gun that won the West.” On one side is the Winchester Model 1873 repeating rifle. What is the other?
  - A) The Derringer pistol
  - B) A Colt .45 “Peacemaker”
  - C) The British Whitworth Rifle
  - D) The Navy Double-Barreled Shotgun
- 7) A cartographer would most likely be interested in...
  - A) The human heart
  - B) Forms of transportation
  - C) Ancient civilizations
  - D) Maps and globes
- 8) The two cousins who both worked at the Mayberry gas station in *The Andy Griffith Show* were:
  - A) Gomer & Goober
  - B) Floyd & Barney
  - C) Flip and Harold
  - D) Ernest T. and Jimmy Boy
- 9) We know Archibald Alec Leach by his stage name which is...
  - A) Cary Grant
  - B) Archie Andrews
  - C) Hank Williams
  - D) Bobby Darin
- 10) Who is this music group?
  - A) The Chad Mitchell Trio
  - B) Brighton
  - C) Peter, Paul, & Mary
  - D) The Kingston Trio



11) The singing duo for most of Jimmy Dorsey's big hits was:

- A) Jack Jones & Julie London
- B) Bob Eberly & Helen O'Connell
- C) Billy Eckstein & Lena Horne
- D) Frank Sinatra & Jo Stafford

12) Chapter 6 of Joshua tells how God commanded the children of Israel to march 7 times around a fortified city after which God caused the walls to collapse. That city was:

- A) Babylon
- B) Damascus
- C) Rome
- D) Jericho

13) One of the nicknames for this U.S. state is "Land of Lincoln."

- A) Virginia
- B) Missouri
- C) Illinois
- D) Tennessee

14) The songwriter who gave us "White Christmas," "God Bless America," "There's No Business Like Show Business," "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody" and 1,000 more is:

- A) Cole Porter
- B) Irving Berlin
- C) George Gershwin
- D) Jerome Kern

15) Daniel Defoe's famous 17th Century novel about a castaway on a deserted, uncharted island was...

- A) *Robinson Crusoe*
- B) *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
- C) *Les Miserables*
- D) *Mutiny on the Bounty*

16) What was the end of gangsters Bonnie & Clyde?

- A) They were killed during a bank robbery in Fulton, Missouri in 1938.
- B) Clyde took his own life in 1935 but Bonnie died in prison in 1944.
- C) They escaped a shootout with Treasury agents in 1936 and no one knows what happened to them.
- D) They were ambushed by a posse on a rural Louisiana road in 1934.

17) "I'm getting Sentimental Over You" was the theme song for what trombone-playing bandleader?

- A) Tommy Dorsey
- B) Glenn Miller
- C) Jack Teagarden
- D) Jimmy Dorsey

18) Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner" during which military conflict?

- A) French and Indian War
- B) American Revolution
- C) War of 1812
- D) War of Texas Independence

19) Which of the following celebrities was Ava Gardner **NOT** married to?

- A) Mickey Rooney
- B) Tyrone Power
- C) Artie Shaw
- D) Frank Sinatra

20) The Hawaiian singer of "Tiny Bubbles" was:

- A) Grace Chang
- B) Liam Alvarez
- C) Betty Lynn
- D) Don Ho

21) The songwriter who gave us “Country Roads” and “Rocky Mountain High” was:

- A) Hoyt Axton
- B) Marty Robbins
- C) John Denver
- D) James Taylor

22) In what Christmas song do these words appear – “But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be on your own front door.”

- A) “It's Beginning To Look a Lot Like Christmas”
- B) “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas”
- C) “Silver Bells”
- D) “Winter Wonderland”

23) Where exactly was Abraham Lincoln born?

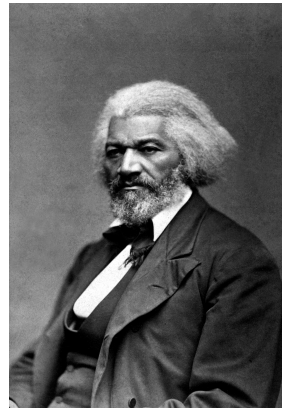
- A) Jeffersonville, Ohio
- B) Hannibal, Missouri
- C) Springfield, Illinois
- D) LaRue County, Kentucky

24) Which of these was **NOT** a movie involving the Beatles?

- A) *Help!*
- B) *To Sir With Love*
- C) *Yellow Submarine*
- D) *A Hard Day's Night*

25) What leading man in Hollywood movies also succeeded in television by starring for 12 years in the series *My Three Sons*?

- A) Fred MacMurray
- B) Audie Murphy
- C) Errol Flynn
- D) Randolph Scott



26) The escaped slave (shown here) who became an influential abolitionist, orator, writer, and Christian reformer was:

- A) John Brown
- B) Hamlin Garland
- C) Frederick Douglass
- D) William Lloyd Garrison

27) The motto of the U.S. Marines is *Semper Fidelis*, a Latin phrase meaning...

- A) “Never Failing”
- B) “Always Faithful”
- C) “Service Forever”
- D) “Never Forsaking”

28) The first satellite launched into space was by the Russians in 1957. The name of that satellite was:

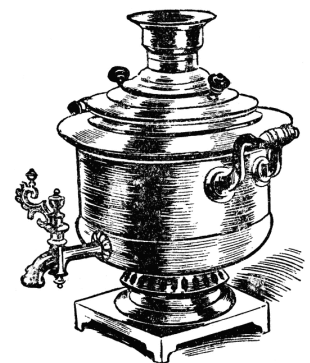
- A) *Khrushchevitski*
- B) *Red Star*
- C) *Telstar*
- D) *Sputnik*

29) Where in the world is the largest chocolate factory?

- A) Wieze, Belgium
- B) Lucerne, Switzerland
- C) Hershey, Pennsylvania
- D) Linz, Austria

30) What is this?

- A) *Ipsa Facto*
- B) *Dulcimer*
- C) *Poirot Tisane*
- D) *Samovar*



## Can You Identify These Celebrities? (Part 1)



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10) Which of these was born Genaro Louis Vitaliano?

## Can You Identify These Celebrities? (Part 2)



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10) Which 3 of these were **NOT**  
born in the United States??

## Proverbs to Ponder

“Beauty begins the moment you decide to be yourself.” (Coco Chanel)

“All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.”  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

“It’s easy to fall in love.  
The hard part is finding someone to catch you.” (Bertrand Russell)

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

“There are two kinds of music. Good music and the other kind.” (Duke Ellington)

“Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction.” (Antoine de Saint-Exupery)

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” (Corrie ten Boom)

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”  
(Martin Luther King Jr.)

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart. I have overcome the world.”  
(Jesus, recorded in John 16:33)

“A ruffled mind makes a restless pillow.” (Charlotte Bronte)

“We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at last a drop which makes it run over; so in a series of kindnesses there is at last one which makes the heart run over.” (Ray Bradbury)

“Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see.” (Helen Keller)

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”  
(Abraham Lincoln)

“Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway.”  
(John Wayne)

## **What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?**

- 1) “I bless the day I found you; I want to stay around you...
- 2) “Start spreadin’ the news. I’m leavin’ today. I want to be a part of it: New York, New York...
- 3) “Today I passed you on the street and my heart fell at your feet...
- 4) “Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed...
- 5) “If a man don’t understand you; if you fly on separate beams, waste no time, make a change. Ride that man right off your range...
- 6) “Well, since my baby left me, I found a new place to dwell...
- 7) “Oh, the weather outside is frightful but the fire is so delightful...
- 8) “But when you’re crying, you bring on the rain so stop your sighing, be happy again...
- 9) “Away from the maddening crowds, we can sing in the glow of a star that I know of where lovers enjoy peace of mind...
- 10) “It’s now or never, come hold me tight. Kiss me my darling, be mine tonight...



**The Answers!**  
**Multiple Choice**

- 1) B
- 2) A
- 3) D
- 4) C
- 5) C
  
- 6) B
- 7) D
- 8) A
- 9) A
- 10) C
  
- 11) B
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- 16) D
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- 22) A
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- 24) B
- 25) A
  
- 26) C
- 27) B
- 28) D
- 29) A
- 30) D

**Can You Identify These Celebrities? (Part 1)**

- 1) Cyd Charisse
- 2) Louis Armstrong
- 3) Ann Sheridan
- 4) Gene Kelly
- 5) Esther Williams
- 6) Danny Thomas
- 7) Sophia Loren
- 8) Jerry Vale
- 9) Jack Paar
- 10) 8 – Jerry Vale

**Can You Identify These Celebrities? (Part 2)**

- 1) Bette Davis
- 2) Spencer Tracy
- 3) Ingrid Bergman
- 4) James Cagney
- 5) Gene Autry
- 6) Van Johnson
- 7) Greer Garson
- 8) Ronald Coleman
- 9) Joan Crawford
- 10) 3, 7, 8 – Bergman born in Sweden... Garson & Coleman born in England

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- 1) "...And so I beg you, let it be me."
  
- 2) "...These vagabond shoes are longing to stray right through the very heart of it: New York, New York."

3) "...I can't help it if I'm still in love with you."

4) "...Be of sin the double cure. Save from wrath and make me pure."

5) "...Rub him out of the roll call and drum him out of your dreams."

6) "...It's down at the end of Lonely Street at Heartbreak Hotel."

7) "...And since we've no place to go; let it snow, let it snow, let it snow."

8) "...Keep on smiling, 'cause when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you."

9) "...Let us leave the confusion and all disillusion behind. Just like birds of a feather, a rainbow together we'll find. Volare."

10) "...Tomorrow will be too late. It's now or never; my love won't wait."