

A “Classic beginning”



Wow, BBN! Fifty years! Congratulations on staying the course and keeping the faith. So I guess I was about twelve when BBN first started. God had already prepared the way before me to be a part of this momentous occasion.

In 1984 my husband, Ron, and I moved to Virginia Beach for Ron’s work. I had just graduated from Bob Jones University with a master’s degree in speech interpretation.

In the spring of 1985, I traveled with a high school singing group from Greenbrier Christian Academy, as they took their Easter program to several churches. In one of those churches, the president of BBN, Lowell Davey, was in the audience. He approached me and asked if I would audition for a new program he wanted to start called “*Christian Classics*.”

I said I would love to, and the rest is history. While I was still pregnant with my baby girl, I recorded my first book for *Christian Classics*. It was called *Granny Brand*, and I had worked on editing the book for my speech teacher, Mrs. Betty Panosian, after completing work on my graduate recital. I had no idea when I worked on that story that it would be the first of over a hundred Christian books I would read on the radio over the course of 25-plus years. While I no longer record books for *Christian Classics*, I have been told that if they played every book I had recorded, it would take ten years to get through all of them!

My favorite memories of this time at BBN include the wonderful people I worked with when I would go into the studio in Chesapeake, VA, to record: Harold Richards, Vic Gregory, Steven Brown, Hank Farrior, and others, many of whom are still at BBN or in Glory.

Another wonderful memory is the letters I have received over the years from listeners of all ages, walks of life, and physical challenges. I recently received a letter in Braille from a blind student that listens to the program. But the most amazing letter I received was from the son of a lady that faithfully listened to *Christian Classics*. He shared in his letter that it was very possible that I was the last voice his dear mom heard on earth before she saw Jesus face to face. When I read that, my eyes just filled with tears at that thought. To know that something I LOVE to do could become a blessing to others is one of my life’s greatest joys!

I am so thankful to Lowell Davey and BBN for giving me the opportunity to share in this wonderful ministry. Happy 50th, BBN!



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