

A Fond Farewell to Open Line

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On Wednesday, April 30, *Open Line* will air its final broadcast. A tribute broadcast, celebrating *Open Line*'s 26 years and Radio Pastor Donald Cole's role as host and "Bible answer man," will air on Monday, April 28.

Listeners are encouraged to call 1-866-626-7234 or visit the [Donald Cole Web Tribute Page](#) to express thanks for the program and for the ministry of Pastor Cole. A binder of these notes and CDs of the compiled audio clips will be presented to Pastor Cole.

Over the years, many of the questions Pastor Cole answered on *Open Line* concerned assurance of salvation. With the widespread need for solid answers on this subject, Moody Publishers has rereleased Pastor Cole's book, *How to Know You're Saved*, available by calling 1-800-678-8612.



Pastor Cole's gentle, honest manner made *Open Line* Bible question-and-answer broadcasts a source of hope for numerous Moody Radio listeners. "He hears them out," says *Open Line* producer Tricia Boyle. "Most of the time, he hears what they're really asking—and then doesn't beat around the bush to give them the answer."

This personal approach to the program stems from Pastor Cole's belief that radio is a one-on-one connection. "He becomes almost their dad, or their grandpa," Boyle says. "He becomes that person that

they look up to for wisdom. He's able to touch their hearts and challenge them. He's been 'that person' for a lot of listeners."

Even young listeners found Pastor Cole could unburden their hearts, often weighed down with heavy (or, entertainingly light) questions. "Over the years, that became an important part of *Open Line*," says Pastor Cole. "I enjoyed talking to them."

From the seemingly insignificant to the seemingly inexplicable, no question was too small, or too big, for a straightforward, biblical answer from Pastor Cole. If the answer was not evident in scriptures, Pastor Cole was never afraid to say, 'I don't know. I'd never thought about it, but I will try to find out.'

Pastor Cole's humility and humor are quickly evident when he meets listeners. "I've walked around campus with him and we don't get more than 15 feet before someone stops him," says Boyle. "We'll walk another 15 feet and someone else stops him...it's very slow going!"

Listeners can still hear Pastor Cole on his weekly news commentary for Moody Radio. He divides his remaining time between his family and the Cole's ministry in Angola, where the family were missionaries from 1948 until 1966. For more information on Pastor Cole and Naomi's ministry in Angola, please visit www.angolaproject.org.

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