

Great American Media 2025 Preview Show

Welcome everyone Welcome to the great American Media 2025 preview Facebook Live event We're so thrilled that you're joining us This is a big night Everybody here is very excited hopefully at home too We're letting everybody just kind of join us live here This is uh we've got movies we've got series to talk about and of course we've got stars from a lot of those movies and series joining us I'm talking about people like Candace Cameron Barre is here Danica McKellar will be joining us Eric Close Cindy Busby Brett Varville best selling author Karen Kingsbury and more We've also got so we got those stars from the movies and from the series but we also have some furry stars as well in anticipation for the great American Rescue Bowl hosted by Beth Stern who's gonna be joining us uh as well and so many of you know this already but great American family And pure flicks truly are the ultimate destination for family friendly and faith based entertainment and none of it would be possible everybody without uh a couple people that I'm gonna highlight right now they're gonna be joining well they're joining me right here uh Bill Abbott who is the president and CEO of Great American Media there he is right there and now you might know Candace Cameron Bray as you know star of 75,000 Christmas movies and other things but she's also chief creative officer Great American media thank you guys for being here It's so good This is very very exciting It is It is great to be here with with both of you and uh you're a gem and we certainly feel so badly for everything you're going through and the challenges that you've had with the fires in your home Uh I'm sure uh uh viewers are well aware of the devastation in the city is just epic It really is and it's it's uh uh we admire you so much because the courage you've shown In your posts and your communication and your ability to give back and think about how other people can benefit from this is really remarkable I mean I don't know how you how you could do it Well I you know I really do feel your support You've reached out Bill's reached out to me several times Candace has been incredibly supportive as well as You know we see great American family Uh I'm gonna get all like commotion They really truly have been a family for those that may not know I I I did lose my house and and everything that I own in this devastation like thousands of other people going through this is so much worse and you guys really have been there for for myself and for so many others and and a big part of tonight as well we'll be talking about that right Candice Yeah we are going to I um It's one of those things we can talk

you know off camera to everyone and it's been so devastating here and yet we're it's such a wonderful community not just great American family but within Los Angeles and um and there's so much hope in that with the city and people and all of us coming together and I would actually just love to pray for our community and for you Cam And I mean I've been praying for you so you've been you've been really covered yes you did yes you did um but I wanted to share a little passage first before I pray and um This one is it's called the cure for anxiety in the Bible and it's in Matthew 6 and um It says therefore I tell you don't worry about your life what you will eat or what you will drink or about your body or what you'll wear Isn't life more than food and the body and more than clothing Consider the birds of the sky They don't sow or reap or gather into barns yet your heavenly Father feeds them Aren't you worth more than they Goes on to say if that's how God clothes the grass of the field which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow won't he do that much more for you you have little faith so don't worry what you will eat or what you will drink or what you will wear For uh Gentiles eagerly seek all these things but your heavenly Father knows that you need them First seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be provided for you And I would just I would just love to pray Well there's so much inspiration can come out of that It's it's a beautiful passage Yeah it really is um so Yeah let me pray I mean I know my my my hope comes from the Lord and so I wanna pray for everyone here today um Lord we you are an incredible God and you know everything that's happening and you know every person um on this earth whether they know you or not and it's so beautiful you are so full of love and mercy and grace and I uh I pray for Cameron and his family pray for the the The loss that they've gone through and and so many people in Los Angeles but also worldwide with other natural disasters and and all the people watching here that may feel a sense of hopelessness or despair feeling lost or homesick Lord you are the ultimate comforter and the Bible says I look to the heavens I look to the hills Where does my hope come from My hope comes from the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth and the Lord hears all who are near to Him So um Lord I pray that all would just ask to hear you We know that you do hear them and they would seek you and know you and that you would provide in comfort We thank you in Jesus' name Amen Amen That was so beautiful Candice Thank you and what a what a a wonderful and meaningful way to start this too So I really appreciate that obviously for we're talking about everybody in the LA area but also around the country that have you

know suffered different disasters in North Carolina within within months of now and and on and on So that goes out to everybody Thank you for being a part of that uh at home with us and um kind of shifting from that Beautiful way no not at all like in a way it's it's like motivating for me it's very empowering and inspiring and you take that in your heart and we're kind of driving forward and it takes us into something that we're doing here tonight um the Salvation Army our good friends at the Salvation Army who are obviously helping everybody uh surviving the wildfire Surviving uh you know in North Carolina surrounding areas months ago with shelter food much needed support so thank you to everybody out there um as well and obviously the the there it is right there um the address on the screen you guys can if you're thinking of ways to help we're gonna be having those um those websites those addresses there for you you can check them out yourself and then also Uh North Shore Animal League America Bill I know you've had a long relationship with this incredible organization uh working with um all of Los Angeles to to find these these displaced animals Some people may not realize we're gonna be talking more about this with Beth Stern Um but through this this mass event of fires and disasters as well here and other areas um you know through the year through the months around the country these animals are displaced and can't find is unspeakable and there are just times when pets get lost in that translation and uh it's a terrible thing but organizations like North Shore are so dedicated toward returning the pets to the home of of the owner and And taking care of them they're they're out there uh fending for themselves and they and North Shore works with specific shelters and rescues in different areas around America so they're they're very effective both like in a in a grand way and also very specifically to the disasters as they come and we've got another address I don't know if it's already popped up and I missed it There it is animalleague.org so check it out and that's a great way to help everybody now as you see And as we're talking about this is Facebook Live it's very interactive we want your contribution we want your comments we want your questions we're gonna be trying to get to as many of those as possible as we had Candice and Bill here and then we're gonna have Danica here and we're gonna have Cindy and Eric and Brett etc so please keep those questions coming through the whole broadcast uh right now we're gonna say some hellos We have Jan in Alabama Jan prayers for you and your family Cameron thank you Donna also praying um for Cameron and all those that lost their homes It's this is this is very kind and Renee in Missouri um It's not kind of scrolling up so

Renee I forgive me for not knowing exactly what you're saying Oh there you go prayers also to everybody here including myself It's very nice Bill from Snowy Panama City Beach Florida What's up Bill Thanks for joining us Uh this is fantastic I love hearing from everybody So keep first of all saying hello Second of all the comments in the comment section Florida yeah it was I mean I was he was he Is that real is he really so OK I wasn't sure I was gonna comment on that I've been in my own little bubble everybody I it's hard for me to know what's happening in and around the country so if I miss something uh please let me know for sure So yeah we've got that big hello So now we're gonna turn it back to you guys and talk to you a little bit about this beautiful preview Bill You've been the driving force behind the success of great American Media We all know it Anybody that knows you Knows that so I have a lot of help we know you do absolutely and a lot of those people are here with us right now um off camera builds the face of it all and and they're really the heart of it all but but really tell everybody a little bit what makes great American media great American family great American media different from the other networks and the other streaming platforms you know I think you just saw it in this open The Candice your prayer the heartfelt thought and the pouring out of affection that people have for our brand really stems from the way you interact with a Facebook live audience or the way you're so well known and so well respected and so intelligent the way you talk about things and put life together and we're here to give people a break from Everything going on in the outside world and we want to be here to support the outside world but at the same time we wanna be faith-based and family friendly and supportive of country and be uplifting inspirational and all the things that are Just so important and so missing really in the entertainment space and so we're very proud of what we're doing and and I think this is a great example of how we're so different It really is and and it's so interesting because I'm not sure I've ever realized that too it's an escape for a lot of people it's a beautiful positive faith based family friendly escape and yet also At the same time very in tune and in touch with what's happening and where people need help so that's a really beautiful balance and that's a great and we we're inspired by that every single day and we are and Candace more than anybody is so focused on those choices and those creative decisions and everything just to present that best possible escape Because if it's not quite at the quality level or it's a mess we take it personally We really feel badly it's it's so true and and working alongside you Bill it's it it really is amazing I don't I've never known a CEO of a

company To literally read every email that you guys send in every email is read and those comments are really taken to heart and it's applied within the movies and the content that we produce and we show you and I mean Bill spearheads all of that and it's really incredible because it means so much to you It means a lot to me and all of us but to have a leader who's willing to listen to everyone and be collaborative in that way to put out the best possible product That people want to see and make those little changes it's kind of unheard of and you would know too you as somebody that's been you know acting in these films with Bill for a long time and producing these films and now you know at the network with Bill so you know different sides of working with them that maybe a lot of people wouldn't and I want to you know shift to your position there chief creative officer Uh and I I'd love to ask sort of how your faith influences the choices that you make on what projects are involved and what Yeah well I've always been in the family friendly space I mean from Full House on it was like I don't know it kind of was chosen for me in a way but it's I've always been raised with faith values it's always been important but as I've gotten older and I've been in this business for Over 40 years I started when I was 5 years but my faith means so much to me and while I haven't I've always been family friendly and not necessarily faith in everything I do The older I get you just realize what's most important in life and how precious life is and so that to me like ramps up the importance of me sharing my faith but also working With a network that isn't afraid to share that and share the values and that's what I love about it so um working with great American family because they're not afraid of it I I get to talk about God freely and even in our movies whereas you know before it just didn't feel as um you know we just wasn't as free to do that so it's important to me as as a woman of faith and I just love it I get a sense of that fearlessness I get a sense of that freedom to to be able to express that Um 2025 is gonna be the fifth anniversary of Great American Christmas Hard to believe I know Here we go everybody We all love great American Christmas What can we expect And we're assembling quite a library I wish you two have contributed quite a bit of fantastic content too And so you know we'll be back with uh we're we're beginning uh Creative process now and working through I don't know what we're allowed to I don't either The good news is whatever you guys share is allowed Well you know what I mean like who's this is true She's the genius behind so much of the content and the creative and so she would be the one to share it not me OK well I'm gonna I'm going to move right along to so many people have been Um

talking about and having the wish for a great American family to be on YouTube TV So if it's OK I'm just going to give a little shout out to everybody out there If this is something that you've asked for that you've talked about that you've noticed uh please do us a favor and reach out to Sundar Pichai who is the CEO of Google yes I looked down at my card to make sure I got the pronunciation right you know I do my best Yeah Sundar at Google.com You can actually um email Sundar directly and put that request in express your your want your need for that to happen on YouTube TV That would be super helpful for all of us as well All right so I've given everybody at home a little bit of time To think of some comments some questions I think we've got some there yeah that's great you know I want everybody to know that when we were setting this up and we're looking at the cards and everything I was like no no no I can see that that's fine That's not too bad now I'm like where are my glasses But I got this I got the we got Alta in West Virginia That's nice and clear Uh Alta says I hope I'm pronouncing your name uh properly Alta we love you Bill And will we ever see you in a movie Oh that is no chance I'll do anything for any viewer any time I don't know if I do that I think what would be the role What would be the role Candace Come on you're the writer here What would be the role we get in there Well we want to make him feel most comfortable so I think naturally you might be the businessman in the office setting that comes in and the boss is laying down the I wanna see I wanna see him at the coffee shop serving like coffee and coco like you know what I mean wear comfortable doing that you know what I mean That's all I just feel like that would be just so like off character I don't know That's my mind working OK Cindy in Kansas thanks for uh reaching out She says Candace will your daughter ever join you in a great American movie soon I listen I would I would love it if Bill says yes Oh I love that idea I would I would absolutely love that and Natasha's been in she was in A Christmas for the Ages which was 2 years ago but I would love to do a movie with Natasha It would be wonderful So we'll see I mean when you talk to each other about that is that something that maybe she brings up to you you bring up to her or is it just she likes her separate you know she's she's so good that she wants to understand That's right yes I get that I yeah she's actually been like Mom you know I'm working on my career for myself and I'm always like come on let's do something together Did you know that when they were younger it was easier to include them and stuff and as they get older it's like oh good luck but I yeah but I very much respect it But I think even as she's getting older

there things might might change you know in that she's just like yeah Mom maybe I will do a movie You're actually a real cool That's I will be with you I love that OK well Candace I know you're coming back later to talk about other projects upcoming projects and some surprises coming Are you kicking me out already Well no you can stay for a you can stay for as long as you want We've got room I'll be back I can't wait to listen to all the guests that you guys have Yeah we have more guests coming up so Candice is going to slide up Be back later everybody So that means that please keep those questions for her coming because she will be back later in the show and right now It's time to mark your calendars Uh don't miss the premiere of For the Love of Chocolate All right there it is right there starring Rhiannon Fish and Jessie Hutch This is amazing premiering on Pure Flicks on Thursday February 6th on Great American Family Saturday February 15th I mean it's a beautiful love story and it revolves around chocolate What's better than that Take a look Today's been fun Yeah it's been perfect I see it too Grammy What Daddy's happy face I just lost my competition partner If anyone you know is interested in joining me for the Masters of Chocolate competition leave a comment down below I'm Ryan Noxson This is Sophie You're in the competition Daddy's working on If I don't find a partner soon there isn't even gonna be a competition What about you Daddy Good morning ladies Coffee with a splash of coconut milk Someone trying to earn some extra credit It's time to see how well you pipe chocolate Look at us team building All the impromptu adventures with my creative partner and all it's been fun You make chocolate now That's just for one more day sweetheart But not forever No it's not that easy I think I actually started to believe that I could have my happily ever after too Maybe you should fight for him I mean it looks sweet We love that movie It is really really special Rhiannon and and just have yeah they do a great job They're the wardrobe is spectacular in the movie It looks great Feels good perfect Valentine's Day movie It's interesting that you say that too for people at home Bill is like involved on all levels like even wardrobe I remember having to send you photos make sure that you approve everything So if it looks good I know you were involved for sure All right you know what else is sweet Are these two we've got Cocoa and Maple These two are senior rescue dogs everybody of course this is to uh to help us kick off Great American rescue ball It's gonna be on February 9th for the third straight year I'm I'm trying to wrangle and talk There's Coco you're so cute Great American rescue ball uh right there February 9th um to In partnership with North Shore Animal League you see that as well to raise

awareness for pet adoptions and help shelter animals find their forever homes build this anybody that knows you anybody that knows you knows this is something that's near and dear to your heart now you've been a champion of the great Rescue Bowl This is your passion project Tell us a little bit about it Well so Super Bowl Sunday how much pregame can you really watch And so on Sunday the 9th uh it's the Super Bowl and we will counter program with our own Super Bowl of uh Pets and rescues who uh need an adoption and who North Shore Animal League does uh just a phenomenal job across the country in taking in so many animals from different disasters and places where they they may have had an unfortunate upbringing and and they get them adopted out and so the Beth Stern who's the host will be joining us is uh is a champion in every way and especially in the work that she does for North Shore and Raising money and she's down there she's out there herself feeding and cleaning cages and litter boxes and all kinds of things that that you would never expect from Beth Sturm She's she's just the best so make a perfect team in this in this venture for sure We love it Let's take a look at this year's furry fun here it is everybody This is the moment we've all been waiting for the moment when one bowl game has the potential to change the lives of families and rescues across the country the moment when a very special group of dogs puppies cats and kittens give it their all to win over our hearts as they make their way toward the ultimate end zone a loving home North Shore Animal League America host this year's adorable matchup between the Sweetie pies and the totally take me homes for what promises to be the most Some bowl event of the year Great American Family welcomes your family to join us for the Great American Rescue Bowl 2025 It just makes you feel happy watching I mean it's just so much fun I love it And now joining us from her home and she's got a big smile on her face is our good friend and host of the great American Rescue Bow There she is Beth Hi great to see you I like that I grabbed I just put my Hand down and grabbed one of our cats and it's the bad cat so I don't know what she's going to do She's so bad No but that makes it fun for us That makes it fun for viewers to see you kind of battling you know like trying to figure it out Answer my question stay with us You know it's the best It'll actually show your incredible skill with these beautiful animals and your interest in them but um tell us a little bit about like I said this is going to be the 3rd great American rescue ball What can people expect Yeah first of all thank you great American family Thank you Bill for having me back It's the highlight of my year It's so much fun I mean adorable puppies cats kittens all

frolicking on a field There is a real game but really the heart of it is is that the amount of adoptions that take place as a result and that's the end game for us It's defined for homes and we're able to showcase the life saving wonderful mission that North Shore Animal League America does on a daily basis It's just I'm so grateful for this platform and for this day every year to just celebrate at adoption It's really special Yeah and they do shelter parties throughout the country which are phenomenal and really help those shelters really clear out that day What's so great is I think there's over almost 100 shelters that are participating this year so that means adoption events Everybody's gonna be watching the rescue bowl all together and hopefully find thousands more homes for all the the pets that need So it's just it's such a feel good heartfelt wonderful and we get to also talk about some incredible adoptions that have taken place this year in our at North Shore So a lot of heart throughout sprinkled throughout the the fun too So it's just it's great for kids It's great for everybody gearing up for right before the Super Bowl Watch us because you're gonna just put you in the best mood Yeah I agree and I love that you highlighted those adoption stories uh for me as somebody watching from home A they're super inspiring B like you say they just make you feel so good and to see What's what's possible So this year if I'm not mistaken there's 3 that you're highlighting Tell us give us a little sneak peek if you can All right I'll tell you about a couple of them There are there were 3 senior cats that had spent so much time at our Bianca's furry friends feline facility at North Shore It's kind of a facility that my husband and I spearheaded to create a cage-free environment for these animals Until they find the forever homes but sometimes some animals don't get adopted that quickly So there were 3 senior um cats that came in Nobody really wanted to adopt them They bonded like you would not believe all 3 of them So there's a really magical um end to their new beginning that I can't wait to share with you on the show And you know but that that room itself is becoming a prototype for across the country you know cage-free environment which is just wonderful I really felt that animals in an environment where they're not caged really showcases who they are and they're in natural sunlight and and people potential adopters get to see their personalities without them being in a dark cage where I would be miserable and I would be hissing at you I wouldn't want anybody's hands coming into My cage So this is just open free space where they're able to bond with each other and and people get to see their personalities And so that's one story and then of course going to the the dogs too that have my heart um there was a puppy mill survivor a rescue

named Zoe and she came to our campus in Port Washington pregnant So there's a Really sweet story with Zoe and her kids her puppies and they're happily ever afters too that are happening right now And that's another one that'll just tug at your heartstrings and just just it just makes you feel so good and it's going to hopefully make people just go to their local shelters and really consider adopting Yes and you look at how cold it is right now on Long Island and You know it's just so difficult for uh animals that don't have homes Yeah I just I fostered so I just took in a pregnant cat who's about to give birth and I can't even imagine her giving birth and literally I think it's 17 degrees right now outside I I she would have died the kittens would have died And she's safe in um Howard's bathroom right now Well it's kind of interesting um because here we go we got a question from Facebook Live I have to tie this in because it's perfect timing to what you were just talking about here Uh is Howard more of a dog or a cat person from Cynthia in California by the way Hey Cynthia Good question Um when Howard and I met we bonded over our love for all animals We had um we got our first animal together was Bianca who was a bulldog and then we opened up our homes to felines So we're equal We're we're dog and cat people all the way Yeah and a tough one to answer Yeah no I hear you That's that's a good answer And how many animals in total are you currently fostering Oh jeez do you even know I'm kind of light right now I think I only have 16 fosters in the house right now 16 2 nursing mommas one about to give birth a few seniors that always need our help um some special um perfectly imperfect I call them some special cases that need extra medical um help So yeah I I know my doors always open Yeah well it's a lot of work Beth so that's amazing It really is You're super inspired it and thank you to great American family for showcasing it and and helping me find homes for those who need Thank you thank you thank you Yeah you're such a good human I gotta tell you Beth you really really are So thanks to you and thanks to North Shore Animal League America as well and all the work In the combination of all and obviously you too Bill with this specifically it's just pretty amazing everybody So Beth thank you very much and everybody at home be sure to tune in Great American Rescue Bowl Like I said that is going to be on Great American Family Sunday February 9 12 p.m. Eastern 11 a.m. Central Don't miss it Thanks again Beth Thanks guys Thanks Beth We'll see you All right everybody shifting gears here a little bit now if you're looking for some more New Year inspiration how about this Average Joe you are gonna love it it's just what you need The film tells the true story of Joe Kennedy high school

football coach who fought for his right to publicly express his faith Why wouldn't he It's pretty amazing It's premiering in just a couple of days Thursday January 23rd on Pure Flicks and here's a little look I've been fighting my whole life So you told me that saying a prayer on the 50 yard line was the thing that was gonna get me in the biggest fight of my life You cannot tell me that God doesn't have a sense of humor I want you to play in the locker room Do you not see how absurd this is Nobody cared for 7 years Now they do I made a promise to God God and I can't let him down I believe they violated your rights These cases can take years to litigate and there's no guarantee a judge is going to rule in your favor Are you up for that kind of fight You're appealing to the Supreme Court I can't stop Not now It's been 3 years of our lives turned completely upside down Will you finish this with me Cause I can't do it without you Joining us from his home in Oregon is the star of Average Joe It's so fun for me to be watching your face as we're showing the trailer and watching yourself go There he is everybody Please welcome Ericlo Welcome Eric Hey Cameron Bill good to see you Yeah good to see you too Now Bill I know that that you're a big fan of Eric in this movie Uh tell us a little bit about like your heart connection to both Well you know this movie is so special for us It's a multidimensional movie with so many different stories Lines it's not just about the prayer or the Supreme Court or that fight It's about so many other things that Eric you play the character so beautifully and you are able to take each situation whether it's his home life or his coaching career or what it could mean the future is very very uh and much in question as you go as the character goes through the fight And it's uh it's a lot about the fight certainly but it's a lot about the implications of the fight and you just do a tremendous job with it Thank you Yeah well it was a great script too that I I that I got to work with and then under the you know the direction of Harold Cron he was amazing Was that was that the main thing Eric that this story what was it about it I mean obviously the script you already alluded to but what was it about this character maybe that made you want to take on this challenge Well you know I always say I love redemption stories and this and as Bill noted it's there's so many different themes in this film Um but that's one of them to know coach's life what it was like as a as a young child and it's a really important aspect of the story that you understand where he came from and where he ended up And it's also a love story It's a you know it's about coach and his wife Denise and how the strength of their love um helped them survive this and do this together with you know with God at the center of it you know obviously that their faith is what gave them

the strength to do it And I I was incredibly inspired by by his story Yeah you know Eric the elements of faith family and country are so prevalent throughout this story It's just the perfect perfect movie for pure flicks and your performance was uh was just tremendous again Yeah and I you know I've always been proud to be an American and it just was that just added to it I was very proud to do this film I was grateful and thankful to do it People at home including myself watching right now you know I've seen you in a lot of different things man you you've you've been just incredible through the years Nashville without a trace I'm thinking suits The truth is the list is too long you know what I mean like I can keep going which is a beautiful thing and it's you know obviously you're very good at what you do um But what was Christmas movies too a couple of Christmas movies Thank you very much Bill Can't forget those But what was it I mean so for people at home who may not realize right we play these roles that are fictional sometimes and then every once in a while you get a role that comes along that's based on a real life true person So how was that different for you and was there any added pressure in that Well yeah I I if I guess if there's any pressure it's wanting to honor coach's story and um you know not not to mess it up And because you know you know I come in I'm there for a few weeks and my job's over but this It was his life and he poured everything into it It almost broke his you know his marriage up and and he lost his job and and you know it was he but he stayed the course He didn't give up and he just and um I was so inspired by that and I just thought you know I the pressure is I want to honor this man's story and do and do the best I can Um and obviously to to do the you know to honor the script as well the story but he's a and he's a great guy and and so is Denise They're just such a cool couple and To know that they that that this happened to them and and that they had this victory in the end was so inspiring to me Well I'm sure they were thrilled that you we were the one that were chosen to play them I'm sure uh I'm gonna ask this to both if you don't mind Bill and Eric as well like how do the movie's themes of faith and also personal conviction how how do they resonate with both of you Well you know I think in life you learn more from adversity sometimes than you do from good times and Adversity and perseverance are just all throughout every minute of this movie again whether it be uh personally or professionally for for Coach Kennedy and that comes through so well it's such a great lesson I think for and and you can draw so much inspiration from that because we all have challenges every day Life is hard and you know as you know and uh uh you're going to have your ups and downs that

is inevitable So you wanna hit you just weigh in on that as well I think it's uh it's very personal for you Bill Bill and I talked about that the other day and you know that we we learned from the the challenging times in our life and and brother I know you're going through it right now I've been there too and I know how how tough that can be so my heart's with you pal um and everybody else down there Wow Um but yeah it was uh It's just it's just one of those the themes in this story just resonated so much with me but coach You know he he was lost at at an early time in his life and he didn't have the guidance he needed and and he was just grasping for different things and then he ended up in the Marines and he and then he he he tapped into something there and this and deep inside him there was this integrity that he didn't know he had And and then the the the element that was missing is that you know was his faith in God and in Christ And once that came it solidified everything to set him on this course And and but he went through a lot of really big challenges in his life but he rose to the occasion um not alone you know he had the support of Denise and obviously the Lord So that ties me in nicely to uh Lisa's question from Kentucky We're going to the Facebook live questions now uh by the way that was a that was a great answer and I think it'll kind of tie into this nicely How do you balance faith in Hollywood Um that's a you know I get asked that question a lot And and one of the cool things is I've I've met a lot of people of faith in in Hollywood Even I I'll tell you a story real quick cause I I don't wanna take up all the time but early in my career I was I had I was getting ready to get married and I got this movie of the week and I shot it in San Diego And I remember sitting down at lunch and this was like one of my first jobs and it was with Tiffany Amber Tiessen and I was sitting at lunch and I just I bowed my head and I prayed over my meal And when I looked up the guy sitting across me was the director of photography and he looked at me and he goes Hey brother And it was such an amazing moment because I didn't know what was gonna happen I didn't know if I was gonna look up and people would be looking at me cross-eyed like why is that guy praying And and right away I knew you know I wasn't alone in the industry and I've I've met a lot of wonderful people in the business and that um have faith in God which is super cool Well you're an amazing man for all that you do but sharing your story and your faith as well We appreciate you man Thank you so much for joining us Thank you Cameron Thank you Bill Thank you Eric All right well be sure everybody catch Ericlose in Average Joe It's premiering January 23rd which is in just a couple of days so we'll be looking out for it on Pure Flicks everybody Now

speaking of Pure Flicks uh we've got to talk about Pure Flix Premium uh which is dedicated to delivering movies and shows to celebrate faith and family as we all know but Pure Flix Premium just gives you just that little bit more Bill I'd love to ask you to talk a little bit about what people can get What more features what can what can they expect if they get this subscription Pure Flix premium So we want to deliver an immersive experience for the viewer and really give them all of the additional content that they might not get just from you know the typical streaming service So it's a lot of interaction with the team It's a lot of interaction with talent it's a lot of the ability to see behind the scenes what we're really made of what we're all about the fabric of the business the company And where we believe the entertainment business uh uh has a purpose and is values based and will never let you down and some of the thinking that goes into that uh the good and the hard and and we just like those candid conversations and then we have conversations with talent all the time and we'll do early previews of content and uh it's a lot of fun and we're and we're it's a work in progress we launched this in September and we've been we're so Excited and appreciative of the support we've gotten because it's been tremendous and and so we just wanna make it great though for our subscribers that's that's our only goal and that's that's your main motivation always has been that's for sure So if you haven't already Pure Flex Premium everybody there's the information right there uh there's the web address so you can check it out Uh thanks Bill for that for that explanation and we're gonna um move along here I don't know if you can feel it Bill or people at home can feel it But it's buzzing around here because Cindy Busby is joining us I feel like there's action happening there's some buzz happening behind the scenes here everyone uh she's the newest cast member on When Hope Calls She's arrived she's coming in the studio It's all happening very exciting and here's a sneak peek Check it out So what takes you all to Brookfield We're visiting my daughter Maggie Maggie she's lovely Do you live there I'm going back I used to work for a young woman who runs an orphanage Now I just go back and work whenever she needs me Is that Lilian Lilian Walsh You've both heard about her She's good friends with our daughter Oh how do you know about her I don't I have some personal business with her Oh Oh you just about missed it We we almost had our executive producer like on camera much to her dismay She's like turning beet red behind the scenes This is this is Facebook Live and we're rolling with everything which makes it all that exciting Well let's get let's get Cindy Busby in here in the shot here Welcome welcome You look fantastic Thank

you so much Yeah this looks amazing obviously we you know all of us love this series You're the newest member Tell us a little bit what it was like stepping into this role for you in this already uh Fantastic cast Honestly it was such a dream come true getting to shoot with the cast returning cast and new cast and getting to bring Nora to life was so incredible She's such a force and she just brings such great new energy and And I just know that the show is such a big fan favorite and the hopefuls and the Hardys are just going to love it It's everything that we love about TV It's hopeful It's exciting There's action There's romance It's all the things that you want to see and such a phenomenal cast as well Bill what about you I mean obviously you're You know this is one of your babies as well So what what are you especially excited for here when Hope calls season two We have the dream team and and uh led by Cindy we were just so thrilled that you're able to make this work and play the role and uh I've had the the you know the the pleasure of seeing the episodes already so I can tell you you are phenomenal and uh viewers are going to love you in this role and everything that you do is just so organic and natural and plays well in the In the time period and you were uh uh we're we're just thrilled to have you and Christopher Russell who's your your co-star is is fantastic as is uh yeah yeah and so that was my first time seeing some of it they don't know that you're the last to see it I still don't understand that Yeah we we we we obviously we make these projects and we we enjoy them and we love them and we have these memories and we take selfies on set and then we do a little bit with something called ADR where we do a little like voice over fixing some of the audio problems so we see little snippets but those aren't even finished And then we don't see anything until you do so we're all in it together in a way right It's like a rule I wanted to send somebody so the producer was like No you cannot send you want to they'll be like no those actors on social media on the whole time so we mentioned Bill mentioned Christopher Russell obviously I'm really sorry that you had to work with somebody so unattractive and difficult to work He's one of the most incredible humans on the planet Tell me about what it was like reuniting with so Chris Russell and I have worked together This is our 5th time and it was absolutely incredible He's one of my dearest closest friends He's truly one of the most talented people I've ever worked with and the most prepared He truly is just he shows up He knows everybody's like lines and he knows everything and I'm like wait what What's happening But yeah and he's I mean he's OK looking and he goes he's Nick Bateman Nick Bateman is also in the series they actually had this funny thing going on

where Chris Russell would always do like videos on set and be like everyone Nick Bateman would be like what Trevor Donovan Jessie Hutch and Jessie Hutch I mean the whole thing is ridiculous to do I know I'm so sorry It's going to be so tough for you We got to bring in Sarah Fisher Well we got clip number one You've already got a little tease and we did this for you We get to see a second clip so you get to see a little bit more of the series that you're in I can't wait Take a look everybody Um excuse me I hate to see you have an accident Oh Thank you Anytime Well what's coming up for you I see you shaking your head I see you kind of grinning a little bit It's just so sweet I know right It feels so good And and so then you know for instance even if Cindy has seen a little bit of that when she was doing our little voiceover thing that we call ADR but the music and the finishing touches you don't get the whole essence of it until you see it right it looks OK let's go to some Facebook questions You keep them coming everybody I keep To remind you all obviously we'll do our best to get to your questions We've got Elaine in Iowa Cindy what's it like wearing those amazing period pieces It is so fun so fun I will say however the shoes aren't terribly comfortable um but but the the dresses are amazing and yeah it was it was it was really fun to wear all the layers and like every morning I would get Dress and it was like goodbye Cindy hello Nora and uh yeah it was and our costume department was incredible A lot of the costumes were handmade and they they really put a lot of effort into it which was great Sometimes as actress you get the question about what's it like and what your preparation to get into a character and a lot of times you know you don't necessarily hear that but if wardrobe is very very specific yes it can completely As soon as you put it on you're already like there isn't that true The first day I put on the costume with my hair and my makeup in my trailer and I was like OK we're doing this and I looked at myself and I honestly I felt quite emotional because it just felt like here she is It was it was really cool and you see that in the performance too It was you definitely feel like a shift in the energy It was great So Jennifer in Maryland wants to know this is a great question Do you have to watch season one to understand season two Great question So uh season one was a long time ago now uh so you know we had some changes in in casting and some different characters in different characters out Uh we had a Christmas movie in 2021 that bridged the gap between season one and season two It's not an ongoing story as part of the Chris movie is not an ongoing story It's a part one and a part two that's available on Pure Flicks now but it sets up at least the world within season 1 to season 2 and Uh you do not have to watch

the the straight answer is no you don't have to watch season one Certainly the background is always helpful though Yeah let's watch it anyway I just like you said it's been a while yeah a lot of returning incredible characters but it's good that you don't have to I think that's that's very wise Elaine in Iowa this might be your second question already Elaine uh when is the premiere of season two She says I'm so excited Bill is that information that we have at this time You're about to have it OK we're gonna make you stay Uh yeah we uh we will make that uh they're uh they're going to shoot uh daggers at me if I say it right now So uh we will say it at the at the end of well OK All right so uh April 3rd uh we will be launching the series on uh on Pure Flex and then it will be on Great American Family on Sunday April 7th So we are extremely excited about that and uh viewers will just absolutely love it and they're holding up 6 because I can't add a Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday and get to the right numbers So it's the 3rd on on Uh Pure Flicks and the 6th on Great American Family I have my dates written down so you're doing great you know what I mean Like I just have to look down you know what I mean That's your allowed I can't read that You're allowed You're allowed Cindy You're amazing It's so great to see you For those that don't know I've gotten so much uh you know love and support um about about the house and the LA fires I don't even know if you know Bill uh Cindy It was less than a half a mile from me and and so uh I know your house was spared but I know you know many people that were affected uh directly and indirectly by this and I can see you tearing up so I don't wanna go there but I love you and thank you for your support as well OK glad you guys are doing well You're back in your house now which is amazing OK fantastic um and again everybody I wanna remind you all to keep the Facebook questions coming Uh and don't forget Candice will be back to answer some of those uh along with our next guest another leading lady that we adore that I've had the pleasure of working with the one and only Danica McKellar So if you're in the mood for something cozy right now you should all know that uh the Winter Palace Co-starring Neil Bledsoe is currently streaming on Pure Flicks but plus her latest film Grounded co-starring Trevor Donovan he's getting a lot of play right now shot in Kentucky I didn't know that Good for them Uh that's set to premiere later this year and what we're gonna do right now is take a quick look at Grounded Jake Annie Mae just Annie I saw you at church earlier I didn't see you Well did hightail it out of there as soon as the service ended Oh yeah well I told my grandma I needed some fresh air What are you doing here Uh just bringing these chess pads to

my mom You know I mean are you here for the weekend or I thought she lived in Cincinnati I actually moved back a few months ago Wow I had no idea Oh my turn What are you doing here I'm just visiting How long you planning on staying Actually a few months at least I'm waiting for a call to get rehired by the airline that bought mine out Sounds like you hit a bit of turbulence Yeah I guess that's a good way to put it So you have any backup plans you know in case they don't call Uh I don't know I I maybe something in hospitality Thanks for the vote of confidence I should probably deliver these before my mom calls a search party But You coming Yeah And now joining us live here she is everybody the amazing Danica McKellar That was so sweet Danica hi Hi nice to see you It was awkward It was awkward My character is not happy and not happy to be there and even though it's beautiful there not happy to be running into Trevor Donovan my uh my once best friend but a strange since then and uh yeah super awkward It's funny So I'll let you guys in a little secret I like to be shot from my left side of my face Actually you might you both might know that um and for that you know it's like let's do it on my right side because I'm just like not happy in this scene Oh yeah it's done Well done That's interesting How did you like watching yourself from your not the side that you believe I think you'd be the only person that believes is not your good side I feel like for the movie as a whole it's better even though of course of course that was a scene that was shown of course for this um but yeah it's that can you believe how beautiful it was there I mean the trees It was like So Angela Correll who wrote the book Grounded that this movie is based on she knew she said this is the week we need to shoot outside because that's when it's going to be at its height and it was um and it's just the whole movie is gorgeous like that We shot this movie was mostly outside It's mostly just bursting The trees are bursting with color um shooting in Kentucky was such a treat And especially in October when it was looking like that we know we know otherwise as well don't we Danica We know we know shooting like you know winter movies in the summer and summer movies in the winter so it was perfect It looked beautiful It was perfect for once you know what's so great about you and Trevor you're taking your games to like 3 levels above where you've ever been Both of you individually and together you're just so special and the roles that you've played for us and Trevor you look at him in the Reagan movie and and in Little Women that we did this Christmas did a fantastic job And uh it's it's you guys are still continuing to grow and emerge and get better every day Thank you so much It was great It was the first time I'd worked with him in a

movie as co-stars well at any movie really We had done we had hosted the Movie Guide Awards last year together That was the first time we worked together It was on a stage and and so it was great to finally get to work with him So let's get into uh grounded a little bit Tell us a bit more about the actual movie and the story and what drew you to it So this is my first truly faith-based movie Um I did Cinderella Christmas ball this past year and we got to mention God a couple times but this one this is the first movie where I mean I pray in the movie twice And what I love about that is that like I'm my scene partner is real like You know like I'm actually like with my scene partner praying and and I'm to be hey God we're gonna do this scene again And I just it's a lot of fun What's kind of different because it hit me like midway through shooting I was like I was like oh my gosh wait a minute I'm actually praying to the real God right now like in the scene It's wild Anyway but there's so much about this movie that I love It was it was that element It was it was getting to work with Trevor for the first time and Kentucky and Angela is of course amazing the author of the book She was so sweet She came to set all the time Although there's a million questions on Facebook Live so I know we we've got more for you here as well but let's just make sure we get to some of these Uh we got Tina in Arkansas who who says Danica is it true that Candace Cammbare gave you your first Bible Yes There it is right here What a what a great question considering it's right behind you That's beautiful Uh Akira doesn't say where Akira's from but she says Danica I absolutely loved your last movie a Cinderella Christmas Ball Are you feeling more comfortable now with filming movies that involve a lot of dancing Yes that's my favorite hobby and I love it and I love the production value that it adds to the movies and Cameron I know you like to dance too so maybe one of these days we'll get to do one Yeah that would be amazing I'm a little rusty I'm not gonna lie You've been keeping up on it a lot better than me You're in the best shape of anybody I know Well thank you Well said Bill I try We'll see how that how that translates into like dance ability but you know we can we can do a lot of You're in the air There you go That's right In a lot of jumps OK Kristen in Australia she says when we see Cameron and Danica together again in another movie I hope so Good day We sure hope so would love that I'm the line is very long to be your uh your co-star so wow it's very difficult to you have to sneak in there Danica Danica is the list is Danica for sure Who do I got to talk to Wait I think you're both here That's right That's right This is how it is though for like you know we we've known each other a lot of us you know Candice Danica Trevor Cindy etc for for

many many years and and many of us have worked together in different things and when you know Danica produces things Canice obviously produces Things and and so on and we try to think of our friends and people that we would like to work with and then we pitch Bill and see how it goes and we try to like see you know but this is how things kind of have an essence of how they come together and then sometimes people's schedules don't align so we got to work around that but we try you know like has been said earlier in this uh this Facebook Live Bill reads every email So what you guys need if you want to see me and Cameron together email say hey If if Bill gets enough of those emails it'll happen right I hope YouTube TV reads their emails That's right exactly right we're gonna come back to that in a minute Um one more question for Danica before we have to uh to move on here a little bit Bobby in Miami and you alluded to this a little bit already Danica but more about what was it like co-starring with Trevor Oh yes oh it was a blast and he's such a pro We've both been in the business forever and I felt I was I was actually really surprised I don't want I don't wanna take this the wrong way but he's so much smarter than he looks He's you're right he has this persona He's allowed to say that about himself I don't know if you're allowed to say that Because he looks so attractive because he looks like he the way he presents himself was like this cool model guy right who's also of course a great actor but he was so sharp Like he was just it was so fun to talk with him about themes through the movie and scenes and how we could hit things And I was just I was blown away I was blown away and such a joy to work with him and to collaborate Um anyway so yes it was it was fantastic It was like we'd worked together many many times before even though we hadn't That's what that's what you that's what you dream for in this This is like you really do when you when you obviously you've known him for a while but when you start working with somebody that's what you that's what you want that's that comfort and that trust and that connection and uh and you guys clearly have it so uh whatever you were doing was working Thank you I hope I get to do it with you soon Yes again I I look forward to that OK Danica you're amazing Everybody loves you including us and thank you for taking the time I'm so grateful to you both Thank you Thank you I was told one of my questions was gonna be what it's like working with Bill for all these years I didn't get to answer that question So I'm going to answer it now It's been an amazing dream There's nobody in show business like Bill Abbott nobody at all The loyalty to to us the loyalty to his viewers the loyalty to Genre to faith family and country There's nobody else anywhere in this

business like you Bill and I think I truly thank God for you every day to get to work with you to be a collaborator in any way shape or form Thank you for the continuing opportunities Well the privilege is ours Danica so thank you That's really well said Danica And and a personal thank you to you for all the times that you reached out to me in this I'm gonna keep reaching out to camera I think about you all the time every day I'm like I wonder how he's doing Danica's trying to send me something you know as I'm sure to help me feel better because I literally have you know nothing to my name at this point and I'm like I won't do it I can't I can't give you my address so don't take it personally I just thought I want you to you're just so generous so thank you lots of love OK All right everybody at home the Winter Palace is uh streaming right now on Pure Flicks and uh also look out for of course Grounded which is as we alluded to premiering later this year and coming up next Karen Kingsbury the New York Times best selling author and queen of inspirational fiction has brought her beloved novel Someone like you to life as a movie so take a look at the trailer Life can feel serene and then a single rock breaks the surface Sending ripples through all of time I'm so sorry Dawson you deserve to know London was an in vitro baby We couldn't get pregnant otherwise The procedure gave us two embryos saying London might have a sibling Hi Uh can we talk Who are you Do I look like London Yeah I want to know everything about her You love hiking here This is incredible Are you in love with her You can't bring her back man I could stay here forever She always wanted me to find someone like you That was a really beautiful trailer right there everybody spectacular That is the gold standard yeah it really is shot beautifully and written beautifully and there we're now we're welcoming from her home Karen Kingsbury Thank you for joining us there she is and you are the gold standard So good to be here So good to see you What's it like watching your your work like that just seeing a little I mean I'm sure you've seen more uh but at the same time it was like we're just here talking about how stunning and beautiful seeing your words turn into those beautiful images What's that like for you Well this was the very first time that we did a Karen Kingsbury Productions movie so we opened our own production company and it really was Cameron it was surreal Like you know you're you're watching you're there I was at Video Village the whole time every but what was special is that any touch any like detail I got to have a voice in that So what you're seeing is really the the movie that God put on my heart to begin with and that's and that's really unbelievable feeling It yeah it really do it must be and I and correct me if I

get this wrong but you've written over 70 books is that accurate Yeah over 70 novels Yeah I have I love writing books but boy this this was like the best thing I loved making a movie Yeah congratulations on this being the first one part of your your production company That's very very exciting Karen's books are so good that they're hard to make into 12 hour movie is that right And and we had a movie called The Bridge It was a beautiful story that Karen wrote and it was so complex and there were so many characters and situations and events within it We had to turn it into a two part Movie and and uh you know the fans didn't love it because they had to wait many months to see part two right Oh yeah yeah but that's how brilliant you are So this film is fantastic for a lot of reasons and I'm gonna uh touch on just one another one and that is it was a family affair Uh how was your director on this there Karen Yeah director is our oldest son Tyler Russell and you know he was going to be a director either way Cameron And for me I felt like what a blessing And I asked him I said I mean I'm gonna make a movie I know you're going to be a director like you're phenomenal He was already directing and I said you know this would be something you would just pray about and do And I know it's a lot of pressure You know there's all that you know well that's your mom That's your son you know the knuckle baby all that stuff But the truth is he is so talented and we were very blessed to have him on set It was it was me really stepping out of the way and letting him do what he's supposed to do The performances he got out of that cast were spectacular He did a fantastic job Yeah thank you so much That I mean we they all wrote letters afterwards They just like put this In your file I mean it was you know I mean Lynn Collins you know we have we had Robin Lively Bart Johnson These are some really veteran actors you know Scott Reeves and it was phenomenal to hear from them that they like this was my favorite acting experience Like you pulled things out of me I didn't know I had So that was that was special And we got a little behind the scenes uh information here that on set he actually called you by your first name instead of mom is that right That's right Exactly He in fact he really took charge of the set There are 150 you know cast crew whatever various numbers different days but uh he would pray before each like you know like a minute or two but it was like I know time is money but for him it was like if we don't pray we won't have time to finish it It won't work So he would pray and uh then it would be like you might want to tell that to Karen or check with Karen but it was never mom Yeah that's that's uh keeping things which I really appreciate it It's also pretty impressive Sarah Fisher played both

London and Andy Talk to that a little bit Yeah so we got this wig and it was like a \$5000 wig but we still even then felt like it looked best when she had like a beanie or something just kind of like or like it was a little messier But I'm telling you that girl she's phenomenal and she would put on like a different tone a different laugh different sweat like the way she walked was different more put together as Andy and is London a lot more carefree And it was like she she could just find that person And play it and we were all and we were amazed watching it come to life We knew it was something special And and Bill what are some of the movie's themes that that resonate with you and that you think really what you think are gonna resonate with the viewers Uh this is all about hope and redemption and that inspiration that you take again from really hard times in life and you figure it out and you move forward and that's what we all have to do and then that is just so prevalent when in this movie and the romance and the love and the drama and the passion and The the relationships with the parents and how to deal with your kids when to tell them certain things when not to tell them certain things it's just a great uh it's really a journey And and on that note uh Karen what what's it like for you I know this isn't your first time seeing your words uh you know turn into these beautiful images before but what's it like for you You you've written this you you've seen them you've felt them in your mind as you're putting them on the paper and then all of a sudden they're up there and you got somebody like me or another actor kind of saying them and maybe a little different than you would have imagined but what is it like sort of adjusting to that transition Well I let that be because sometimes you know you learn something from the actor that you didn't realize was even in the character and that was a special process I enjoyed that a lot But you know Cameron it's people like you who have experienced such great loss and and everybody has that moment at some point in their life You know it might not have been a fire but it might have been you know something else the loss of a loved one And I think one of the messages that even still when I watch someone like you it lands on me And I think I think one of those messages is that in time with faith and with the love of people around you with God you know it's gonna be OK And it's a hard message It took it takes the whole movie for us to get to the place where the parents can say we're gonna be OK That is the message that I still take away from someone like you and it's the one that I know viewers are gonna love and take away from it as well That is it's I'm just feeling that in my heart right now That's everything It's it's it's everything to know that with our with our faith and our support from others

um that you know we will be OK and and it's also OK to grieve and to feel and to go through things and and recognize emotions as they come up but also know that we're gonna be OK and you put that message out there we're grateful for that thank you Karen We got some people at home that also want to chime in a little bit uh Leah I think from Minnesota says hey Karen You're my favorite author and I found out about this live because of you so what's next for you Well we are actually uh hoping to start filming in April We haven't made an official announcement but this is a good place right Might as well say it here but a movie called To the Moon and Back and it is based on my book by the same name uh and it's inspired by the true events of the Oklahoma City bombing So don't know if there's ever been a movie like that and really the message there is that God is not the reason for the hard things the bad things that happened but he is the rescue That's a beautiful way to say that Laura in South Carolina wants to know on that note actually how your faith shapes the stories that you tell Yeah well to me um you know my faith in Christ is everything He is truly like Lord and Savior and so it's an adventure to go through life always kind of having a conversation with him like You know about decisions I ask him for wisdom and for favor because you can't make a movie really without that honestly I mean no matter whether you believe or not like it's so much easier to write a book I can control everything from weather to casting you know plots locations but I certainly have none of that no control on a movie Anything could go wrong and it didn't and everything went right on this So for me uh when I'm writing You know stories that are told well will always have a physical intellectual and emotional element But I have the privilege of also including a spiritual element whether people are running away from God or or toward him It's just a part of the story and I think that's what makes um you know my stories deeper that I get to include that and it's just a reflection of what I believe Well people obviously are responding to it um us included so thank you for taking the time tonight Thank you for sharing this um everybody uh there it is right here Here's the outro Someone like you excuse me premiering on Pure Flex February 20th Our great American Family February 22nd again thank you so much Karen for joining us Thank you for having me and thank you so much Bill I appreciate you so much You're so proud to be with you Karen and to be working with you You're best Thank you All right everybody moving right along we're gonna talk um about some amazing people and then some amazing um shows that highlight those amazing people we're talking about the Los Angeles Fire Department right now and

and obviously how devastating the fires have been and just personally so thankful for the first responders for the the fire department Um for the Salvation Army um as well and if you're looking to help there you go right there um SoCal.salvation Army.org Uh just incredible work not not only here you know obviously we're emphasizing maybe the LA fires um because they're a little bit more current but like we've alluded to through the show so many disasters all around the country and and Salvation Army is always there without a doubt So please if you have it in your heart if you have it in your means in any way possible to help donate and contribute for sure and that brings me to something I'm especially excited for um that's the return of county rescue Uh the series just shines a spotlight on those amazing those first responders that I talked about who much like those working tirelessly in LA right now as we speak are uh to navigate the challenges of the jobs while managing the struggles that they face at home as well and it's just such a beautiful beautiful journey for these first responders and the challenges they face and here's a quick look everybody I Oh OK seriously with the look what's going on We've been able to spend almost all day every day together for 15 years I blew it You're finally sick of me I used to think we'd actually get sick of each other but it never happened What have I love working with you And coming home to you and doing movie marathons with you Everything You're my best friend I agree That's what's going on Mm Oh Oh To And it's touching moments like those that we love this series as well as uh one of the series leads here he is He's joining us from his home in Indiana I believe Brett Varville there he is with a big smile on his face Thanks for joining us Brett Good to see you Thanks for having me guys Absolutely Now I'll ask I'll start by asking both of you this this like you know obviously you can get from from that clip and for many people that have seen this it's such a touching series but Bill and and Brett like what what do you love about this series I don't know how much time you have left on the I can't collect all of my thoughts Do your best There's so much There is so much I love I'll I'll say this uh to start it off It really does start with the people for me Uh the team that has been assembled to create this show has become a family to me Uh the the love that I have for my castmates uh the showrunners the the crew that we get to work with They're just some of the most dear and special people to me and so they they make it possible uh but the fact that we are part of a medical drama show that incorporates the faith element I think is something that sets us sets us apart from everybody else because there I mean how many medical dramas have there been Tons of

ERs and first responder type shows but many of them lacking the faith element And so the fact that we can bring that in because it's it's a pivotal conversation I think for these first responders and you just we've been talking about it all night these these first responders who are working tirelessly right now to save people's homes and lives and they have to go home and deal with that you know after it's all said and done and so we get to honor them and I think that's something that's just really cool to bring the faith element Uh to be a part of a show that highlights EMTs is something that's truly special Bill do you wanna weigh in on that I mean you know the the whole that whole world you see them you you see people that are saving lives and doing an amazing I could never do it What's even harder that a lot of times you don't see which this show gives you some insight into is there's a whole other cycle there It's not just about that one incident It's about the whole cycle and how that impacts your life and your psyche and your thinking and how important faith is in that journey And then the ensemble cast brings that out so well because you're all so tight and so close because you need to be and the chemistry is just phenomenal I'm just sitting here thinking about you talking about this and and and you know what stands out for you but what what you love about the series and it and I just see so many different elements of of you know of overcoming adversity of of journey of faith of country of family and all the projects that you choose to be on Great American Family on Pure Flicks and it's it's just it's just amazing because it really does cover a a beautiful array of positivity of transformation and like I said faith family country so it's a fantastic thing and coming back to you Brett here like Captain Andy Talk a little bit about how his role reflects the overall message the show's overall message of just that of faith and unity So Andy is a special guy I love him to death Um I've had I mean just the greatest joy bringing him to life these last two seasons and um the thing that you saw in season one was he was very much the lighthearted uh cartoon almost of the group He was he's very much just there to bring some levity um but at at his core he was constantly about bringing everybody together The the group at the EMT station is his family And uh and you see that even strengthened in season two and and and his role specifically with not only the fact that he is a Christian but the fact that he sees these these people as his family unity is such a vital part of that when you're talking about an EMT station you're you're going to war you know in in some cases with these people you have to trust them they have to trust you and they they have to know that you have your your your back and And so to see uh to see

everybody come together in in life's greatest moments and in life's darkest moments uh requires everybody to be one and I think that's something that's a message our society needs right now in our country um uh and it's something that families can even latch onto and and realize that that we serve a God who loves us and wants to walk alongside life with us and we can do it together as one family And in many ways you've done that together uh as a as a cast uh we we've talked already tonight and in many different ways that people have been overcoming adversity and and and through you know real life and then also stories and and Bill I know there's something you wanted to make sure make sure we we spoke about uh that this cast and the show and the network has had to deal with yeah we lost uh an integral part of a series and incredibly talented actor Uh Keller Fornes who was is uh he says he's just such a wonderful human being and I know the cast being so close knit uh really felt that and and uh took that very hard obviously and then so did we at the network and we will dedicate season two to him uh and and do something very special that uh that is is reflective of his approach and his life and and honors that I love that I mean thank you for mentioning that and also to the to the cast obviously that was um there for each other through through that difficulty and and again You know we we're we're not afraid of sharing the challenges but also the solution right So we're we're we're here talking about these difficulties and also coming together as a family and coming together as a nation if it makes sense uh with our faith and and our connections So um that's very much of what we're talking about Here tonight and transforming it into positivity and deepening our inner qualities and our connection with God and faith So thank you for sharing that as well and I want to make sure that we have time to talk to you about another project that's pretty amazing that you starred in and directed right Disciples in the Moonlight It's streaming now on Pure Flick So tell us about that as well Brett Uh so Disciples in the Moonlight is a passion project of mine It's been uh heavy on my heart for the better part of a decade and I've often called it my love letter to the church Um I think we're living in a time and in a day and age where we have to realize what's happening around us and with all of the chaos that we've been talking about tonight that Um you know like we we lost Keller and we love him dearly and that hurts when you experience these types of things What do you do Where do you go And I wanted to make a movie about the source of hope and the source of truth and it's found in the word of God and it's found only in the Holy Bible in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ And so uh my team and I we set out to make this thrilling

heist movie experience um that will be sure to entertain people but drive you to the question what if the Bible was illegal What would you do If it was taken away from you how how closely do you hold it to your heart How much do you live your life by it And and so it's it's a movie that focuses on these seven Christians who have to smuggle the Bible into underground churches in in a version of America where the Bible has been outlawed and the government is after them Yeah and you know in this time when you know Ronald Reagan said freedom is you know one generation away from from extinction and and certainly uh we've seen the the Bible being under attack and religious and free speech being under attack and so it's such a poignant uh message and story and Pure Flix has a number of these God's Not Dead is also uh just a a great uh uh 5 movies of of a similar with a lot of the similar themes Yeah thank you for sharing that both of you that um yeah that was very moving here you talk about it and good for you to take that sort of uh take that on yourself by uh starring and directing in that great story we uh we do have um Facebook Live questions piling up for you probably for both of you but we only have so much time so uh we're gonna go to uh Joe Elaine Um who's asking our spiritual stories about creation fall redemption and restoration and we can see so much of that story in the movies that you make Is that intentional or just part of a good formula for movie making I guess that's more geared towards you I can tell you uh uh one thing Brett is not is formulaic Uh he is as creative uh As as anybody can be and there's always a purpose and a reason and that's why we love working with you and wanna work with you a lot more here moving forward you're appreciate it man Hey Brett well we appreciate you Thank you for taking time joining us and uh congratulations on everything you have in your life I really mean that you All right everybody uh Disciples in the Moonlight as I mentioned is now streaming on Pure Flicks and keep an eye out for the premiere dates of County Rescue season 2 That is coming soon as well All right as a reminder Candace Cameron Barre is making her way back to answer your Facebook questions and share some exciting news as well about some upcoming projects this year uh but first We're gonna bring it back into some chocolate everybody calling it all romantics for the love of chocolate starring Rhiannon Fish and Jessie Hutch We talked about a little bit already but starts streaming on Pure Flicks February 6th and February 15th and so we're gonna take a little look another look at for the love of chocolate Today's some fun Yeah it's been perfect I see it too Grammy What Daddy's happy face I just lost my competition partner If anyone you know is interested in joining me for the

Masters of Chocolate competition leave a comment down below I'm Ryan Noxon This is Sophie You're in the competition Daddy's working on If I don't find a partner soon there isn't even gonna be a competition What about you Daddy Good morning ladies Coffee with a splash of coconut milk Someone trying to earn some extra credit It's time to see how well you pipe chocolate Look at us team building all the impromptu adventures with my creative partner and it's been fun You make chocolate now That's just for one more day sweetheart But not forever No it's not that easy I think I actually started to believe that I could have my happily ever after too Maybe you should fight for it Oh yeah no it's good She is the beloved queen of great American family and adored by fans around the world Look at her She's so she's so humble Look at that smile We love her so much Welcome back everybody Candice Cameron Hi you've been watching Have you been enjoying it I've been really enjoying it There's so many great movies and I've of course seen many of the things that you guys get to see coming up and I'm just excited about it OK well we're going to talk about something else that I know you're excited about because we talked a lot about it when we were working together end of last year Ainsley McGregor Mysteries Yeah we've got some exciting news So first before we kind of get into this next installment let's just talk about the character uh Ainsley What what is it about her Because we actually talked a little bit about this um well we did on set when we were working together but yeah what about Ainsley is is I don't know it kind of drives you or motivates you Well I yeah I love I love the relationships in the Ainsley McGregor mysteries which of course in this second installment you just get to see more and more of because there's only been one movie and I know there have been some longtime fans where you fall in love with other characters and You know you're just waiting to develop those relationships so what I love about Ainsley she's a criminologist and so she's very thoughtful and intentional about um what what she sees what she does and and I like that part of her it's like you just kind of always see the wheels turning And then she has this brother that's the sheriff and played by Robin Dunn who's just wonderful I adore working with him and some of you might know Robin He's been in so many movies He was also in my previous mystery series a couple of times but when we were casting the brother I knew immediately I'm like it has to be Robin Dunn because Robin played a potential love interest in a different movie of mine And I was like we can't move on with Robin because he reminds me of my brother Like this isn't going to work as a love interest Every time we watch it

we say it I know So when we developed the Ainsley McGregor mystery series I was like Robin Dunn has to play my brother It's a difference doesn't it like the energy you have with an actor If you've got that like brotherly like brother sister energy it's like yeah so I just love it and um and then Aaron Ashmore he plays my love interest Jake in this but I just love the cast of characters and we have a a book club Ainsley owns a store called Bless Your Arts and it's kind of like I would say an Etsy in person meaning everyone has their own little shop that they develop or you know a type of craft or a product and then everyone sets up their own little booth and Ainslie owns that store so it is a real community store which invites in lots of people and Hence the mystery and lots of mysteries as well So a case for the yarn maker this is the 2nd installment What can you tell us about it Yeah so you really get to see a lot of the characters from Bless Your Arts develop more And um in this installment Mrs Weedon has a childhood friend that has become like the Martha Stewart of knitting She is very famous Her cashmere is amazing and she comes back to our to our little town And of Sweet River and something happens upon her arrival that isn't very good so the mystery ensues and because she was part of this community at one time It's like all of our there's some suspects that that are in bless your arts and our book club that were like did did Mrs Wheaton have a like was she holding a grudge against her old friend So it so I like that you get to see the development of these characters But that's as a viewer that's what makes it fun when all of a sudden these unexpected you know suspects become expected suspects and then you never know All right let's take a look We got a clip Today's no fun Yeah it's been perfect Thanks for coming by on such short notice I aced ladders in the academy I hear that our celebrity will be in attendance Yep and her whole entourage I can't believe she asked for a private green room You don't get the title the Martha Stewart of knitting for nothing Ms Mitchum welcome I was told there would be a private room for me to wait in Ms Mitcham has requested that she remain in here until you're ready for her to make her speech Not a problem She's about as friendly as a bramble bush Without further ado I would like to invite our very special guest speaker Sweet River's very own Who got goosebumps from the music Am I just like a sucker for that or that was really good That was a great actions within that clip though are so beautifully done and perfectly timed and that makes so such a big difference The art of editing Well you don't give yourself near Both of you are involved in like I'm I'm sure every level of the production including pretty much turned things over when you have the pro here OK

thank you Yes it's a lot of decisions in that I love doing this so I do produce these movies as well from start to finish So from script development um I don't write it but you're developing it along the way and then into full production and that is also with my company so I love doing this I've been in this business a really long time so this is a very natural extension for me to not only act but I don't know after working with me Cam you might know like I just I like to do all the things I mean you have no idea Like that's such a massive understatement Like I don't even know how to put that into words I mean you're I've never seen somebody wear more hats so yes you do like to do I like I like the creative development of it so it's really I love putting these together and then of course you know guided by the Great American team and it's it's a it's just a great collaboration can make that type of leap and have that type of You do a really fantastic job at the beginning of the show we talked a little bit about this being 2025 being you know the fifth anniversary of Great American Christmas Uh what can you tell us anything that we can excited about looking at because I'm like what can I tell you we are having Christmas movies and a big reveal I know what can we reveal because there's some fun things I would love to reveal I don't we reveal it Do you want to OK guys want me to do it and I are back together again We're gonna do another Christmas movie We are we're going to do a sequel to our Christmas movie that we that just aired last year of the two of you is that you're serving the audience The audience love that movie You wouldn't be saying you wouldn't want to do it If you didn't get that type of reaction but you know what the reaction was so positive I loved it loved the two of you together I appreciate that the story I was so happy to hear that too because when I you know when we worked together there was an instant kind of like just dynamic that we had that was very comfortable and trusting and I think there was a great connection we've known each other a long time but you never know And so you you you hope you really do like you make these movies and of course you know there's a there's a selfish aspect to making them but then also you hope so badly that people at home are going to enjoy it and connect with it and you want them to and when they did that just made me so happy and then when you said there's gonna be another one and just took it to the next level so I'm so excited I was hoping that Cameron wasn't putting on his best acting face and lying when I'm like we're working together again Oh great Oh no we talked about it I was like yeah no I'd love to I'd love to do another you know movie together No are you kidding me It was amazing right away I knew we had a great time and I think that all the

viewers all the feedback you guys saw that um in the movie and enjoyed it So yeah we're coming back and we're gonna do a sequel and that'll be my first sequel Ever for a Christmas movie I've never done a sequel so there you go I mean you've done about 72,000 more movies than I have but still like so that says a lot more than me saying it But really that I was gonna I was gonna add that that that's my first sequel for a Christmas movie for sure yeah so I'm excited Alright I just I'll be involved in the writing and the character development I'll call you later You play the writer so that's right that's true I always I'm like I want you to be involved You really do That's amazing So this is the time that we're going to begin to wrap things up everybody and I think I can speak on behalf of everybody just to say Thank you so much for joining us tonight but for being part of Great American Family uh Pure flicks all of it for watching these beautiful movies and series and supporting uh everything that we're doing here I love how I'm including myself we're doing mostly these two but it's it really it really does mean so much and on a personal level I do I do wanna say Uh thank you for just the amazing amount of support and positivity and love and prayers from all of you for myself and for my family but for the thousands of people going through so many challenges right now it it means the world I I I really mean that like it makes such a difference to feel that and I wish that for everybody else going through challenges as well and I know you guys are spreading your love and prayers for all all those going through The devastation um out here on on the West Coast so thank you so much and to Salvation Army for the amazing work that they're doing to the North Shore Animal League America for helping um pets obviously that are have been displaced through all this So just so so much gratitude in all of this in all of the challenges and adversity that that we've all been through we've all been through different versions of adversity and challenges Um really to be able to transform it and have that connection and and and and bring our faith and our family uh through that it makes all the difference So thank you everybody um I do oh I I'm supposed to say thanks to you too too so thank you to yes yes and all this great content The only way is to Yeah exactly right So I also wanna say uh uh you know for so many we we alluded to this a little bit earlier but for those that wanna see great American Family on YouTube TV uh please continue to email uh Sundar Pichai the CEO of Google uh contacted at uh Sundar at Google.com and there it is right there S U D A R S U N D A R at Google.com and uh please just request that It would uh it would make a difference It always does It always does everybody And don't forget to check out Pure Flix Premium

We spoke about all that's included in that upgrade of subscription It's a wonderful community offering trusted entertainment centered around faith and family of course um so you've seen the movies you've seen the actors you've heard us talking about it And now we get to say enjoy them Tunne in check them all out from all of us here great American family and Pure Flicks we just wanna say thank you so much for joining us and we will see you soon We'll be back everybody Thank you