

Hello My Name Is Marcus Yoars

And I'm the new editor of Charisma. If you're annoyed at me for starting a sentence—worse still, an editor's note (gasp!)—with the word and, I apologize ... but get used to it. Not the poor grammar, mind you, but the slightly different way of communicating.

Charisma has been around awhile—35 years this summer—and, like every successful entity, must continually find ways to inject fresh ideas, perspective and stories into its life stream.

Given that, I'm thrilled to announce some major changes with our magazine that I know you'll like.

1) Nip, Tuck and Print—This issue shows off our major facelift on paper. It's not always kosher to brag about such surgeries (unless you're Joan Rivers), but we honestly think the magazine looks better than ever. We've nipped and tucked, reorganized and restructured to pack more in every issue, making it an easier read for today's active lifestyle. The magazine's main departments aim to do exactly what their titles indicate: inspire, inform and empower. We hope to *inspire* you with stories and images of everyday believers doing remarkable things. We'll *inform* you through *Charisma's* award-winning news stories—delivered in a slightly different manner now—of what the Holy Spirit is doing around the world. And we'll *empower* you with resources, products and teachings that can help you in your spiritual journey.

2) Digital Sunrises—We continue to expand our online horizons with a digital issue that now offers a completely unique reading experience. Flip through the pages onscreen and you'll find feature stories not included in the print version, as well as videos, podcasts, songs, photo galleries and other downloads. If you're missing out on this, sign up at [http://www.charismamagazine.com/digital](#). Trust

me, describing it on paper is like trying to paint a Caribbean sunrise without being there in person.

3) I'll Take a Side of App, Please—Speaking of being present, did I mention we'll also be unveiling our first app this month? Smartphone users can now get Charisma News stories as they break—anytime, anywhere—along with other features from our mobile-friendly environment. We're also working on making *Charisma* available on as many e-reader platforms as possible. That is, if we can keep up with the ever-increasing number of new readers being released.

4) Remodeling the House—With more than 1 million visitors traipsing through last year, is starting to show a little wear and tear—the usual track marks on the carpet and dings on the door. Instead of needlessly tearing down the house, we think a simple remodeling job will do. Look for our Web site to be easier to navigate, more informative and more of a hub for believers than ever.

It's a new day. New editor, new look, new platforms and new ways to communicate. Yet amid all the changes, I'm thankful *Charisma's* vision remains the same. We're still passionate about "Life in the Spirit" (our new tag line) and about telling the story of God at work in His people. In fact, I'm more excited than ever that we get to tell His story in so many new ways. I hope you are too—even if I start a few sentences with *and*.

CONTRIBUTING TO THIS ISSUE ...

Brian Zahnd, founding pastor of Word of Life Church in St. Joseph, Mo., has 1,390 Bob Dylan songs on his iPod. On his

40th birthday he climbed Kilimanjaro. And he drives a Harley-Davidson Road King. Enough said.

Founder and CEO of Community Solutions Consulting Services, **Jeremy Del Rio** discovered “living sacrifice” worship (Rom. 12) because he’s certifiably tone deaf and sings only joyful noise.

A former editor for *Christian Retailing* magazine, Orlando, freelance writer **Lorie Coka** enjoys finding a bargain anytime, anywhere. That’s especially true in the \$1 section at Target.

Writer **Chad Bonham** is from Broken Arrow, Okla. To this day, he maintains that Steven Curtis Chapman’s song “Dancing With the Dinosaur” was inspired by Barney, though he has no conclusive evidence to substantiate that claim.