

April 10, 2023

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

WVOG's program format consists of client religious programs, which address social and moral issues.

The management staff consisting of Fred P. Westenberger, CEO; Eric Westenberger, General Manager, and Chris Westenberger, Program Director, have determined by a wide range of sources the following list of community problems.

Our information on community issues/problems is from a variety of different sources. This includes, but is not limited to, local and national programs, public service announcements, and a coalition between WVOG and the Louisiana Department of Social Services in the form of a local adoption campaign.

It is felt by the management staff that sufficient input has been achieved to determine this Issues and Programs List.

WVOG-AM 600  
(Metairie, LA)

Religion – "Focus on the Family"

Family – "Focus on the Family"

Politics – "Focus on the Family"

"Focus on the Family" 9:30am & 11:00am

Various National & local PSA's



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**Issues and Programs**  
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Jobs and Finances:

Monday-Saturday, January – April 2023 – WVOG aired a financial advice program hosted by Steve B. Lucks, “Safe Money Retirement”. This program series helped our listeners understand how to make the most out of their jobs as well as how to stretch their retirement fund after the work is over.

Monday/Tuesday, March 20-21, 2023 – WVOG aired a two-part series to help our listeners who felt the need to leave the medical industry- specifically the abortion industry. “Experiencing God’s Mercy after Leaving the Abortion Industry” aired to guide our listeners through the difficult transition and the guilt that follows having participated in such an industry. Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Director, described her dramatic transition from the abortion industry to pro-life advocacy, and the immense need from others who need the same help during this political and industrial change.

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 – Personal finance writer Matt Bell hosted “God-Honoring Money Habits for Kids” to guide our listeners concerning how to talk to their kids about money and how to handle finances in a wise, God-honoring manner. Matt told his story of financial self-destruction as a young man and the way it led him to a transformative relationship with Christ and a lifelong involvement in the financial industry.

Health:

Monday, April 3, 2023 – WVOG ran the program “Seeing God through My Son’s Autism” to give our listeners advice through a now common journey of an “Autism Diagnosis”. Sometimes a difficult season of life can make us wonder if God really cares. Emily Colson shared a very dark time in her life when she was a house-bound single mom of a child with autism. Colson learned to see her son’s autism in a positive way and recognized how God is using her son to bless others. When we value human beings because they are created in God’s image, it changes our perspective on children born with special needs.

Friday, March 3, 2023 – In the marriage vows, our listeners pledged to cherish their spouse ‘in sickness and in health’ but what if that sickness lasts for over a decade? On “Love in the Midst of Alzheimer’s”, our listeners were offered an inspiring story from a man who learned many “love lessons” from his wife – as she declined for several years from early-onset Alzheimer’s. He learned how to create a good life for them despite health crises and encouraged our listeners with wonderful tips of how to create a good “new normal” for their lives too.

Religion:

Monday – Friday, January – April 2023 – WVOG aired “Southwest Radio Church” hosted by Larry Spargamino and Jerry Guiltner. This show discusses current trends in Christianity and the church abroad. Various guest speakers and religious experts speak with Hutchings about how the current church is impacted by the world trends.

Monday - Friday, January – April 2023 – Les Feldick on “Through the Bible” teaches Biblical truths and guides our listeners through basic truth theology.

Wednesday/Thursday, March 8-9, 2023 – “Accepting My True Identity in Christ” aired to encourage our listeners to be firm in who they are despite the curveballs the world and culture throws at them. Even those who are most hostile to Christianity can find hope in Christ! This two-part series told of one woman’s journey from a world of feminism and homosexuality into the embrace of God’s love. Too often, many Christians have become known for judging people rather than loving them. This profound story of hope and saving grace helped our listeners to better understand how to meet the needs of others and reach them with God’s love.

Family Breakdown:

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – Rick’s world was turned upside down when he discovered evidence of his wife’s affair. But then, he heard God speak truth into his heart. “Overcoming the Betrayal of an Affair” aired to inform our listeners how to recover from infidelity and encourage them that it is possible if both spouses have willing hearts. Infidelity is an epidemic in our culture as one or both spouses seek to satisfy their own personal desires, lusts, and perceived needs. Rick felt the need to encourage others in the arduous steps of reconciling and holding the family together after this form of tragic betrayal.

Monday -Friday, January – April 2023 – “New Life Live!” aired each weekday to help our community navigate the hardest of interpersonal, personality, and family issues. Steve Arterburn and his varying co-hosts offered their professional counseling expertise to numerous callers each day to bring unity and restoration to families.

Politics:

Monday - Friday, January – April 2023 – WVOG runs a 5-minute program called “Bible News in Focus”. This program focuses on day-by-day politics and current events that directly affect the world through a Biblical worldview.

Monday, January 16, 2023 – In today’s multi-cultural society, we can no longer live “mono-cultural” lives. Pastor David Ireland urges Christians to embrace people from different races, ethnic groups, and political sways, and to seek to love the whole world as God does. “Reaching Across Cultural Divides” was a two part series about racial unity. Our listeners were asked “Would they rather tolerate someone’s cultural and racial differences or learn to accept them?” Pastor Ireland shared how Christians could learn to connect and communicate cross-culturally through friendship and forgiveness.