



Issue and Programs Report

for

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RenewFM, through talking with pastors, community leaders and people with a strong concern for their community, have determined that the following issues are the current issues of highest concern in the area and this report has been created to show how we have addressed these issues.

1. Education

RenewFM believe that a good Biblical education is the foundation of a rewarding and satisfying life (Jesus said that he came to give life and that abundantly!). Education is important because the more knowledgeable we are about God the better equipped we are to make life decisions that will benefit us (and other) in the long-term. We also believe that, in addition to studying God's word, it is important that our children are getting a good education in schools and that our undergraduate and graduate students are being taught unbiased truth in their learning institutions. So we encourage people to stand up for truth and fight for good teachers in educational systems.

2. The Economy & Employment

Due to the current economic recession, families in northeast are experiencing a higher difficulty in being able to acquire a mortgage, find employment and afford health care. We at RenewFM try to provide programming that encourages our listeners to make wise financial decisions through good financial stewardship during these uncertain times and to put their trust in God knowing that he provides for our needs.

3. Family & Marriage

RenewFM understands that no family situation is perfect. We desire to provide programming that addresses all types of issues for struggling families. But our solution to these issues is found in Biblical principles and spiritual wisdom not just in psychologists and self help books. We strongly promote a family first structure of living with a high value put on Biblical marriage.

4. Religious Freedom

We at RenewFM are doing our best to educate people that religious and constitutional freedoms are often an issue in schools and there is a constant struggle to take God out of the schools. RenewFM brings programming that addresses the true heart issues of fear, religious freedom and security.

5. Public Safety

Whether our listeners have to deal with icy roads, blazing fires or windy weather, we want them to be well equipped for anything that could come their way. So we provide programming to deal with some of the safety issues in hopes that it may just save a life one day. That's why it's important to us that listeners be aware of safety hazards within their homes, cars and workplaces.

The following are different types of programming used to address these broadcast issues:

“Around the Town”, is a locally produced program focusing on issues, informing the community and encouraging education that relate to the city and county of license (we receive no financial reimbursement).

“Public Service Announcements” are messages in the public interest disseminated by the media without charge, with the objective of raising awareness, changing public attitudes and behavior towards a social issue.

“Regular Programming” Programs from around the country produced by more than 25 Pastors, teachers and/or ministries. They unquestionably address our broadcast issues on a daily basis.

Education:

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"Regular Programming"

The Word Remains with host George Small of Fitchburg, MA, and is a locally produced, 15 minute daily program expounding the Bible chapter by chapter and verse by verse.

Pastor's Perspective with host Brian Perez, Don Stewart, Brian Broderson and visiting Pastors take live calls addressing questions and comments from listeners. Program airs Monday through Friday 6:00-7:00 pm.

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Title: Surviving the Holidays with your Family

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Greg Smalley, VP of Family Ministries, Focus on the Family

Aired: At 3 pm on November 17th & 18th, 2018 for 18 minutes

Topic: Greg shared tips on how to avoid family conflicts over the holidays. He talked about common things to look out for and how to avoid falling into old patterns. He shared some personal stories and encouraged an attitude of gratitude and of being a servant to our families during these short times we have with them.

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Host: Angelena Chapman

Guest: Starr Rogers, a post-abortive woman

Aired: At 3 pm on December 15th & 16th and December 29th & 30th, 2018 for 17 minutes

Topic: Starr shared her personal story of growing up in an abusive home and how she sought escape in a young marriage. She shared how she had four abortions before she believes she was divinely stopped from having a 5th. She shared how years later she was still not well and not at peace until she sought help from a post-abortion Bible study. She encouraged listeners to seek out counsel and shared all that it had achieved in bringing peace and healing to her life.

“Regular Programming”

New Man, a 5 minute weekday program at 5:00pm. This show focuses on a man's role in society and the family, encouraging them to walk boldly with the Lord. They provide timely resources and interview many who have committed their lives to supporting men.

Proverbs 31 Ministries twice daily at 11:00am & 2:00pm. Proverbs 31 Ministries is a 1 minute program focusing on marriage, family, parenting and motherhood issues. The purpose of the program is advice, instruction and encouragement to women in these varying roles.

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Guest: Pastor Greg Winslow

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