

WAKW / STAR 99.1

2024 1st Quarter Issues Report

January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

The following is an ongoing list of current important issues for Hamilton County and the surrounding area served by WAKW. New issues, as they come forward, are added and treated in the public affairs programs.

1. PERSONAL FINANCES / CONSUMER ISSUES
2. HEALTH
3. ETHICS AND MORALS
4. DISABILITY
5. WOMEN
6. EDUCATION
7. FAMILY ISSUES / YOUTH / RELIGION
8. RACE RELATIONS
9. SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

Subsequent pages list Public Affairs Programs aired on WAKW/STAR 93.3 this quarter that give significant treatment to Issues.

Focus on the Family 02/12/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Dr. Danny Huerta discusses research that increasingly shows that our culture is in the midst of a mental health epidemic, especially among children and youth with persistent feelings of sadness and hopelessness, anxiety and even suicidal thoughts. Dr. Huerta believes parents can offset these issues by routinely initiating conversations with their children to assess their mental and emotional well-being. He encourages parents to establish a solid spiritual environment in the home to help improve mental health.

STAR Cares 02/25/2024 7:00 am 15:00 min

Radio Host Michael Leach speaks with Dr. John Taylor about how to maximize your health even if you have to take Antibiotics.

STAR Cares 03/24/2024 7:00 am 15:00 min

Radio Host Michael Leach speaks with Counselor, Joannie Debrito about Teen Mental Health Awareness. They discuss guidance on how parents can identify issues, support their children, and obtain help should counseling and/or therapy become necessary.

Ethics and Morals

Focus on the Family 01/05/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Pastor Phil Waldrep shares how to overcome feelings of denial, bitterness, and a need for vengeance, by embracing biblical forgiveness. He discusses the benefits of forgiveness, including relief from the pain of the betrayal, release from the need for retribution, and a healthy sense of detachment from the situation.

Focus on the Family 02/19/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Kristan Hawkins, the president of Students for Life of America, shares inspiring stories about the pro-life movement and gives guidance on how we can speak up for the preborn and vulnerable women.

Disability

Focus on the Family 01/09/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Laura Wifler and Erin Smalley are included among those who are mothers of children with special needs. They share encouragement and guidance on how to navigate parenting through the lens of disabilities, including going to physical therapy or undergoing surgery, coping with a school bully or a difficult diagnosis. They share a reminder that the smallest acts of inclusivity, such as a kind word or a friendly smile, can make all the difference.

Focus on the Family 03/05-03/06/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Laura Perry Smalts shares about her seven-year journey of transitioning and identifying as a male before realizing she was living a lie and then fully embracing her female gender. She tells about her painful experiences living with a self-created identity outside of God's design and incredible plan for her, revealed through her loving parents and other believers. Laura and Dr. Meg Meeker, a pediatrician, speak about the issues surrounding gender confusion in today's culture, offering practical insights, hope, and help.

STAR Cares 03/10/2024 7:00 am 15:00 min

Radio Host Michael Leach speaks with Minister Jonathan Gibson about practical ways to teach kids about the Bible and memorizing Scripture.

Focus on the Family 03/11/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Educator Cynthia Tobias shares practical advice on how to best maximize your student's environment, attitude, time-management, learning style, organizational skills, and mental capacity. She shares how parents can gain better understanding of various schooling options to decide what method of education will be best for their child.

Focus on the Family 03/15/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Adam Holz and Paul Asay from Focus on the Family's Plugged In team discuss how to guide your family to make healthy media choices. They explain what they believe the Bible says about entertainment and how to engage with and teach your kids discernment when it comes to what they are watching and playing.

Focus on the Family 03/25/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Pastor Kevin Thompson shares how to navigate the roads of life through circumstances, situations, and relationships by staying in your lane. By examining what belongs to us, what belongs to others, and what belongs to God, we can get a strong grasp on boundaries and how to apply them in your life.

Family Issues

Focus on the Family 01/03-01/04/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Husband and wife Dave and Ashley Willis help married couples rediscover God's design for a marriage that enables them to be emotionally, spiritually and physically vulnerable and transparent with each other. They share their own love story and describe how love alone is not enough to sustain a lifelong marriage and how couples need to commit to serving and sacrificing for each other.

Focus on the Family 01/08/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

In a discussion based on their book, *The 4 Habits of Joy-Filled Marriages*, Dr. Marcus Warner and Pastor Chris Coursey offer practical guidance for how a husband and wife can work together to experience greater joy in their relationship.

Focus on the Family 01/12/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

NFL Chaplain Jonathan Evans and his wife, Kanika, offer parents practical ideas for effectively leading family devotions.

Focus on the Family 01/18-01/19/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Couple Brad and Marilyn Rhoads openly share their terrible first year of marriage and how God intervened to introduce the concept of grace in their relationship. They discuss how marriage is a picture of the Gospel which helps couples to learn ways to honor their spouse in a more grace-filled, loving manner.

STAR Cares 01/21/2024 7:00 am 15:00 min

Radio Host Michael Leach dialogues with Clinical Psychologist David Hawkins about practical ways for you and your spouse to build and maintain a great marriage.

STAR Cares 02/04/2024 7:00 am 15:00 min

Radio Host Michael Leach dialogues with National Marriage Week Spokesperson, Arlene Pellicane about loving beyond words and rebuilding a culture of marriage. They share tips for strengthening and promoting healthy marriages.

Focus on the Family 02/05/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Married Couple Dave and Ashley Willis discuss how to avoid bad influences on your marriage. They encourage husbands and wives to share as much as possible, rather than have separate bank accounts, hobbies, and even friends. They believe that this will help spouses prioritize one another rather than focus on self.

Focus on the Family 02/13-02/14/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Psychologist and Author Dr. Kevin Leman offers practical suggestions for maintaining a lasting, thriving marriage, including identifying your spouse's key needs, and living a lifestyle of "24/7 intimacy."

STAR Cares 02/18/2024 7:00 am 15:00 min

Radio Host Michael Leach dialogues with Rev. Dr. Vaughn Foster about the importance of intentional relationship building and tips for establishing and strengthening relationships.

Focus on the Family 02/22-02/23/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Married Couple Josh and Katie Walters share the impact that infidelity had on their marriage. They discuss the steps that they took to help them push through the pain and hope against hope to rescue their marriage.

Focus on the Family 02/27-02/28/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Author and Speaker Sabrina Beasley McDonald discusses how couples and single adults can prepare for remarriage and the formation of a stepfamily. She also talks about the unique challenges that couples face in remarriages and stepfamilies.

Focus on the Family 03/04/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Pastor Kevin Thompson explores three primary roles in marriage, including friend, partner, and lover. He explains how spouses can live out those roles optimally by investing in their relationship mentally, emotionally, and physically.

Focus on the Family 03/08/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Pastoral Counselor Chris Coursey shares insight to help in better understanding the role of joy in your marriage, your parenting, and your friendships. He explores the joy center in your brain, how it works, and how to keep it from turning off. As joy overflows into your relationships, you will be able to connect with others in healthy, thriving ways.

Focus on the Family 03/13-03/14/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Married Couple Amber and Guy Lia discuss how common, everyday things from house cleaning and backseat driving to workaholism and lack of intimacy, can provoke anger and tension in marriage. They explain how couples can identify those triggers and deal with them in healthy ways.

Focus on the Family 03/22/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Pastor Ted Cunningham shares humorous stories from life with his spouse to illustrate how laughter is a key component for a thriving and lasting marriage. He explores the emotional, physical, and spiritual benefits of laughter, and encourages listeners to discover their "humor muscle" and flex it on a daily basis.

Focus on the Family 03/26-03/27/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Pastor Sean and Lanette Reed describe their marital journey and God's faithfulness. The Reeds share the importance of being proactive in creating a long-term plan and a Godly legacy for future generations of your family.

Focus on the Family 03/28/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

A guest panel of fathers and sons describes the problem of disengaged dads; men who may be present physically but not emotionally with their families. They encourage dads and sons to be those who will confront societal ills and yet remain tender and compassionate in their relationships.

Youth

Focus on the Family 01/17/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

A guest panel of parents joins Focus Hosts Jim Daly and John Fuller to discuss preparing their children for the teen years and adulthood, providing a biblical perspective on sexuality, peer relationships, and technology.

Focus on the Family 01/29/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min

Author Lucille Williams equips discusses ways to nurture your child's strengths and help them learn to overcome their weaknesses. She shared her story of struggle and challenges as she discovered her own abilities.

Focus on the Family	02/20-02/21/2024	5:00 am	30:00 min
Educator and author Cynthia Tobias offers encouragement and practical advice for the difficult scenarios faced by frustrated parents of strong-willed children, ranging from very young to adult.			
Focus on the Family	03/19-03/20/2024	5:00 am	30:00 min
Panel guests discuss how parents often face the teen years with fear because they often do not fully understand the struggles teens are dealing with. The discussion focused on equipping parents of teens to pray with confidence about dating, peer pressure, social media, prodigals, and more using the power of God's Word.			
<u>Religion</u>			
Focus on the Family	01/01/2024	5:00 am	30:00 min
Wendy Speake, Author of <i>The 40 Day Feast</i> , discusses how to ingest and digest the Word of God in a beneficial way. Through compelling stories and practical help for the growth of one's spiritual life, Wendy shares how to see God's character through the Bible in a new way.			
STAR Cares	01/14/2024	7:00 am	15:00 min
Radio Host Michael Leach and her guest Author, Dr. Joanne Noel discuss practical ways to teach children how to pray and about the power of prayer.			
Focus on the Family	01/26/2024	5:00 am	30:00 min
Pastor Gary Thomas discusses how many Christians assume "pleasure" and "sin" are synonymous and how others define Godly pleasure so narrowly that they drastically minimize the powerful and Holy role that pleasure can play in their lives. He also shares that others feel guilty even thinking about how to build a life of pleasure. Pastor Gary encouraged Christians to embrace a life of true pleasure as a pathway to obedience, worship, and service and provided a theological and inspirational framework to help cultivate the kind of life that pleases God.			
STAR Cares	01/28/2024	7:00 am	15:00 min
Radio Host Michael Leach and Pastor Jerry Savelle provide encouragement and a reminder, that Christians, are all called by God to battle and are destined to be victorious!			
Focus on the Family	02/06-02/07/2024	5:00 am	30:00 min
Dr. Mike Bechtle offers encouragement for Christians who struggle with feelings of inadequacy when it comes to evangelism or guilt for not doing more to share their faith. He explains that there is no one prescribed method that is best and that God can use your unique personality in this area.			
Focus on the Family	02/15/2024	5:00 am	30:00 min
Author and Bible Teacher Lisa Harper shares how the Lord redeemed gut-wrenching disappointments in her life. She encourages believers to see "waiting on God" as the bold stance of a prayerful warrior, not an attitude of defeated pessimism.			

Focus on the Family 02/16/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min
Dr. Gary Chapman reflects on the lessons God has taught him throughout his life through his parents, his wife, and his children. He recalls how he identified the *Five Love Languages* and offers some solid insight on marriage and parenting.

Focus on the Family 03/12/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min
Duck Dynasty's Phil and Al Robertson share that they lived portions of their lives in direct rebellion against God, until they were redeemed by the work of the Holy Spirit. To encourage listeners, they share their testimonies and the simple truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which has led to an incredible family legacy.

Focus on the Family 03/18/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min
Speaker Robyn Dykstra shares about a time when Jesus did the impossible by raising Lazarus from the dead. She discusses how the principles found in that story helped her as she sought to right a wrong that impacted her earthly father, with the help of her Heavenly Father.

Focus on the Family 03/21/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min
Former Trauma Surgeon, Dr. Kathryn Butler described how she saw suffering and death firsthand more times than she could count. She shares how before becoming a Christian, these tragedies led her to question God and to struggle with intense depression. Kathryn also shares about the glimmers of grace that helped her embrace God's sovereignty in times of suffering and loss.

Focus on the Family 03/29/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min
Dr. Tony Evans explains that in the battle between good and evil, Jesus is the winner. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ provides power for victorious living for those who identify with Him, who testify about Him to others, and who love Him more than life itself.

STAR Cares 03/31/2024 7:00 am 15:00 min
Radio Host Michael Leach speaks with Ministry Leader Trish Donohue, as they provide encouragement for those who are feeling overwhelmed. They share reminders that you are not alone and that God's grace and peace will strengthen you when life seems like an unruly combination of responsibilities and relationships.

Race Relations

Focus on the Family 01/15/2024 5:00 am 30:00 min
Pastor Miles McPherson challenges all believers to consider the fact that grouping humans by skin color promotes racism, which hinders the Gospel. He encourages us to treat every person like they truly were created in the image of God.

Social Service Programs

Focus on the Family

01/22-01/23/2024

5:00 am

30:00 min

Priscilla Hurley shares about being recruited to work in the abortion industry before her heart was broken with the realization that precious lives were being taken. Also in this segment, Melissa Ohden shares her story of surviving a saline abortion, against all odds, and later founding the Abortion Survivors Network. Both women now inspire and encourage thousands of people to champion life.

Focus on the Family

01/25/2024

5:00 am

30:00 min

In a discussion centered around her book *Listen, Love, Repeat*, Karen Ehman offers inspiration and practical advice for stepping out of our comfort zone to bless others, particularly those who are lonely, sick or hard to love. Karen shares how we can engage outreach work and serving others with love, kindness, and service.